

Suitcase Stuff

By "Skink" Browning

Mrs. Sallie Blaine of Fayetteville says that she is going to start the New Year off right, by changing enemies to friends. Her resolution is to visit all the people who reportedly don't like her and even if she is invited out of the house, she intends to remain until differences are straightened out.

Ella Sue Falson of Raleigh, resolves to return to a resolution that she made 20 years ago, but failed to keep—"To marry only for love." She has since married three times. Her next wedding is Jan. 1, 1959.

Peter (Little Peter) Williams III of Raleigh, is convalescing at the Veterans' Hospital in Durham. Walter Browning, Sr. is out again after a brief illness. Ditto for James (Jelly) Bridges. Mable Rankins' snow-wrenched ankle put her on crutches. John Owens' Saturday night's brawl put him on the road.

Dr. Rudolph Graves of Greenville, N. C. was in town this week sporting a new slick battleship gray '59 Cadillac.

Big cities have many problems, and clearing the streets of snow is one of them. Raleigh still has its problem.

Paragraph from the manuscript of a prominent Negro educator: "Don't say we didn't tell you that our hierarchical leadership would be pressured by the 'powers that be' to take it easy, to stop following the leadership you have elevated out of your own ranks; and to fall back into the patronage-seeking attitude prevailing in days before we affiliated with NEA and decided to grow up professionally."

The evidence is everywhere visible throughout the state that many with the shortest vision, with the least progressive outlook, with the most expressed fears of taking professional risk, are gaining in popularity. This is an ominous sign and needs to be read for its true meaning. Their tribe should not increase in influence at a time when forward vision, progressive outlook, and professional commitment are the least common denominators of needed progress.

Parts of Raleigh were once a big grape vineyard and many kids worked there to earn school money. Even today, many old timers refer to the area around Posie Street, Pattle Street, Pugh Street, Jamaica Street and Grape Street as the "Vineyard."

Brookford Baptist Church in Hickory is for white people; but Mrs. Bessie Well, a Negro school teacher at Plato Price School in Charlotte is director of the choir. Her predecessor was a Negro. Recently a Negro minister taught a class of 26 whites a course in "Evangelism," and was invited to return.

The ARC Club in Greensboro has opened under new management. A great holiday attraction is scheduled for each holiday night.

Newspaperman Alexander Barnes, will attend the Omega Conclave in Cleveland, Ohio during the holidays, which will be a short trip for the most travelled "troubadour" in the Carolinas—one hundred-thousand miles a year.

Principal M. L. Wilson and wife of Selma were among the Christmas shoppers seen in Raleigh over the weekend.

Julie Lee:

Veteran Blues Singer Dies

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (AP)—Julie Lee, 53, blues singer, whose "You Gotta Give Me What You Got" and "King Size Papa" sold more than a half million records under the Capitol label, was found dead here in her apartment early Monday morning by a maid.

The entertainer whose career began during prohibition days had been on her job at the Hi-Life Club in downtown K. C. two nights before her death. She had complained recently of feeling exhausted.

Cheerful and robust, Miss Lee was legion among those who frequented night spots here. For 20 years she appeared exclusively (except for some out-of-town engagements) at Milton's on the South Side.

Julie came to Kansas City from Doonville, Mo., her native home. She attended Lincoln High School and started out both singing and playing the piano.

Her brother who died a few weeks ago in Los Angeles was George E. Lee, famed band leader which produced such jazz greats as Count Basie, Hot Lips Paige, Chuck Berry, Busi Moten, Ben Webster and Lester Young.

Miss Lee won nationwide acclaim when in 1949 she and Baby Love, local drummer, were entertainers on the White House Correspondents annual dinner where former President Truman, Alben Barkley, then Vice-President and several Supreme Court Justices were guests.

The funeral service was held at Fazio Baptist Church, the Rev. D. A. Holmes, pastor, bringing the eulogy for the noted singer.

She was married formerly to Frank Duncan known as a player and later manager of the K. C. Monarchs ball team. Survivors include a son, Frank Duncan, Jr., and two grandchildren who live in Detroit.

101 STUDENTS ON VIRGINIA STATE'S ROLL OF HONOR

PETERSBURG, Va. — One hundred and one students were on the Honor Roll at Virginia State College for the second semester of the 1957-58 school year. It was announced recently by Miss J. Louise Barrett, registrar. Of this number, two received straight A averages.

In order to qualify for the Honor Roll, a student must have an overall average of at least 3.00 or "B."

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AKA'S NOW — These cords at A&T College were last week initiated into the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority via Alpha Phi Chapter. They are from left to right: Misses Wilhelmina Harrison, Philadelphia, Pa.; Velma Kearney, Henderson; Carrie Goodwin, Hamlet; Maxine Zachary, Hertford, and Barbara Lennon, Whiteville.

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SHARPSHOOTERS — The Rifle Team of the Air Force ROTC unit at A&T College, Greensboro, with victories over similar units from Tennessee, A&I University and Tuskegee Institute, lost a close match to Catholic University, Washington, D. C. last week. Composing the team are from left to right: Maj. Fred L. Allen, in charge of the AFROTC; Capt. L. Hubbard; Gene Zachary, Hertford; Walter Bryan, Tryon; Robert Murrow, Washington, D. C.; Charles Richardson, Washington, D. C.; James Kennedy, Black Mountain; and T-Sgt. J. Ware, team coach. The team meets North Carolina State College at Raleigh, this weekend.



IN A&T PLAY — A dramatic scene from "Night Must Fall," produced at A&T College, Greensboro, last week by the Richard B. Harrison Players of the college show main characters from left to right: Alonzo Stevens, Greensboro, as Dan; Flora Martin, Sharon, Pa., as Olivia Grayne; Myrtle Brown, Gastonia, as Mrs. Bramson; Agnes Wright, Greensboro, as Mrs. Terrence; Nettie Jackson, Greensboro, as Nurse Libby and Catherine Hinson, Greensboro, as maid.

Capacity Audience Witnesses The 'Living Madonnas' In NC

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Farm Income Picture For '59 Looks Bright

Governor Luther B. Hodges at his recent Farm Advisory Committee meeting made a cautious prediction that North Carolina's per capita income for 1958 will jump one or two places in the national ratings as a result of the state's expected farm income boost.

"If you going to make a cautious guess that we will move up from one to two places in the per capita income scale," he said after hearing several glowing reports from members representing various areas of the state. A sharp drop in tobacco income last year was principally responsible for a drop in per capita income that placed the state 45th in the nation.

The governor heard members of his farm advisory committee report that things generally are looking up, that morale of farm people generally is better than in several years.

Tobacco income has risen sharply after last year's downward plunge. Income from poultry and livestock continues to advance.

Dr. D. W. Colvard, dean of the N. C. State College School of Ag-

riculture and chairman of the advisory committee, told the governor that figures indicate the state's farm income has recovered most of last year's drop and will be back close to \$1 billion again this year.

Hodges said he was very much encouraged by the state's economic condition "more so than I was 90 days ago."

The encouraging reports on farm income, he added, made good news because "we here in North Carolina are so terribly dependent on agriculture."

The governor also had praise for Colvard and other members of the State College School of Agriculture administration for their forward step in reorganizing the curriculum of the school to meet rapidly changing conditions in the farm economy. The governor said the new curriculum plan is the "most encouraging thing I have seen happen."

Under the new educational program students may specialize in either agricultural science, agricultural business, or agricultural technology, with a major in any of various specialties.

State College Hints

BY RUTH CURRENT

For safety's sake, remember these safety hints for Christmas. The National Safety Council says do not hand metal foil "icicles" over wires or tree lights. Use flame resistant icicles and tinsel on your Christmas tree.

Do keep your Christmas tree in water or sand from the time you bring it home. Make a fresh sawing cut across trunk base before setting it up. Place the tree in a water-containing holder and fill it daily. Remove dry tree from premises immediately after holidays.

For disposal of gift wrappings, keep a waste basket handy. Don't attach too many light strings to one outlet; be certain the insulation is not worn or sockets loose. A blown fuse is the signal of a dangerous overload on wiring. Use the right size fuses. Never use a penny in fuse socket.

Don't use lighted candles on Christmas tree or with other decorations. Place the tree well away from the fireplace or other location where it is exposed to smolder or strong heat. Also keep flammable wrappings away from heat.

Avoid non-approved electrical toys for children. Purchase toys that are suitable for the child's strength and ability. Avoid sharp edged tools, poorly made stunts, ill-balanced mobile toys which may topple easily, highly inflammable costumes, shooting toys, pinching or cutting objects stuffed animals for small children that contain glass or button eyes.

Use these guides to plan a safe as well as a Merry Christmas! The "Nicklas for Know-How" program has brought in almost one million dollars for agricultural research since it was started in 1952.

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Poultry Inspectors Are Needed

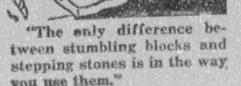
The U. S. Department of Agriculture is in need of poultry inspectors to work in poultry processing plants in North Carolina and other southeastern states.

Dr. J. K. Keim, Atlanta, in charge of the Agricultural Marketing Service's poultry inspection work in the Southeast, reports after January 1 all poultry meat and poultry products moving in interstate commerce must be federally inspected, which has created a need for poultry inspectors.

A large number of applicants already have qualified for these positions, but there are still a number of openings in North Carolina and nearby states, Keim said. The positions are of Civil Service GS-5 grade, with a beginning salary of \$4,040 annually.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Civil Service Announcement No. 5-83-4, which explains the duties of poultry inspectors and necessary qualifications, and an application form, from the Board of Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Room 322, 50 Seventh Street, N. E., Atlanta 23, Ga. Civil Service application card forms, OPA-A, also are available at post offices.

Applicants who qualify on the basis of their qualifications and a written examination are placed on a Civil Service eligible list for employment. Since there will be a continuing need for inspectors, Dr. Keim said no closing date for receiving applications has been set.



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