

## Negro Home Demonstration News

By MRS. ONNIE S. CHARLTON, County Negro Home Economics Agent

On June 5, the people of our county honored J. B. Small, who will retire June 30, as our County Agricultural Agent. The column this week is written by Mrs. L. B. Coston, Home Demonstration Council Reporter, who relates some events in Mr. Small's life.

After a long, useful and successful career as Educator and Farm Agent, John B. Small is stepping aside, having completed twenty-one years of service as Farm Agent of Chowan County. It is co-workers and many friends all the event with deep regret. He was not a great talker but a great worker. When he was at work as agent, he was active in community and church activities. He kept busy and held respect and admiration of all the people.

He is a native of Bertie County where he received his elementary and high school education. He was reared on a farm and was well acquainted with the unnecessary labor and hardship that farmers endured in that day. His studies having revealed to him the easier and more profitable way of operating a farm, he was determined to help others find it also.

Just at the time he would have entered college, he was called to serve in the U. S. Army in World War I. There he served overseas one year and was actually on the field in conflict with the Germans when news of the Armistice reached them. (What a relief that must have been). After being discharged from the Army he resumed his education by entering A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C. From there he received his BS degree in Agriculture.

His first assignment was as Vocational Teacher in the Berry O'Kelley High School, Method, N. C. After two years there with the feeling that greater preparation would enable him to render greater service, he went to Iowa State College and obtained a degree in Agricultural Education. He also did further study at Iowa State and Hampton Institute. He was then employed at A. and T. College to teach Horticulture and Superintendent of the greenhouse. From there he was called to the Principalship of Gibsonville High School, Gibsonville, N. C. He worked three years as principal. In 1933 he accepted the position as County Agent of Chowan and Perquimans Counties with headquarters in Edenton. For six years he served in that manner. In 1944 he was made a full time agent of Chowan County and served in that capacity until his retirement.

The first thing he did when he came on the job was to visit every church and Sunday School throughout the two counties. He introduced himself to the people and let them know that he had come to help them improve their standard of living. He organized the children in every community in 4-H clubs and the

adults in adult clubs. The adult clubs included both men and women. He presented his program in such a manner that it was readily accepted by the men, women and children. He began by telling them, "That you don't have to have a lot of money to make improvements, but make what you have look better."

For twenty-one years he stressed these projects to improve farm family living: The year-around garden; the family milk cow; improved breed of livestock and poultry; permanent and temporary pastures; sanitation (purer drinking water, control of flies and mosquitoes); fruit trees production; improved home and surroundings, and to plant improved seeds and smaller acreage with more fertilizer and better cultivation and drainage. One of the greatest things he taught was families and neighbors working together. Not only did he teach us, but he took us on tours and to district and state meetings, so that we would have a chance to hear and see some of the things he had been talking about, from others who were also interested in farm and home improvements.

To look at the picture of the county twenty-one years ago and the picture today one could hardly believe that so much progress could be made in increasing the economic level of income and standard of living among the farmers of Chowan County.

As Mr. Small travels throughout the county today, he can look with pleasure upon many of the improvements. His labor has not been in vain.

He has a very lovely family. In 1929 he married Miss Nellie Lillian Bond, a childhood sweetheart, also a native of Bertie County who was then employed in the Tarboro City School system. She holds a BS degree from State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, N. C., and is now teaching in the public school system of Bertie County.

The couple made their home in Greensboro where Mr. Small was then employed at A. and T. College. Their four children were born in Greensboro. On August 15, 1933, he moved his family to Edenton where the oldest girl, Rosalind, entered Edenton High School in the second grade. The youngest girl, Linelle was a beginner in the first grade. The two boys, John B. and Angus, had not reached school age. All four of the children completed their high school education in Edenton.

After high school, Mrs. Rosalind Small Knight received her BS degree in public school music from Hampton Institute. She did further study at New York University, New York City, and is now employed as director of music and in charge of the band at the Thomas Hunter High School, Mathews, Virginia.

Mrs. Linelle Small Burton, RN, attended Hampton Institute and the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va. She holds a BS

## Newlywed



**MRS. THEODORIC BLAND SMITH, JR.**  
Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Frances Randolph de Sander of Hampton, Virginia, to Theodor Bland Smith, Jr., of Edenton. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mrs. Katharine C. de Sander of Hampton, Va., and Almand C. de Sander of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodor Bland Smith of Edenton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Earl Lewis on May 27th in Lawrenceville, Va. Mrs. Smith was graduated from Hampton High School and attended Chowan College at Murfreesboro. Mr. Smith was graduated from Edenton High School and Chowan College.

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degree in Public Health Education and is now on the Public Health Staff in Washington, D. C. John B. Small, Jr., holds a BS degree in Science from St. Augustine College, Raleigh and is employed in the Bethel High School, Bethel, N. C., as Science and Mathematics teacher and assistant coach.

Angus D. Small is now a student in Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. Mr. Small was president of the PTA for many years, a past Master Mason of the John R. Paige Lodge of Edenton. A Shriner and a member of the Phi Sigma Fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Small affiliated themselves with the Providence Baptist Church after moving to Edenton where their children were brought up as active members in the Sunday School and church. Both girls played for the Sunday School Choir. He is now superintendent of the Sunday School.

All of us in the county appreciate the educational service Mr. Small has rendered our country. We wish him many years of health and happiness.

## John Holmes Honored At Methodist Church

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al books have been received.

The library will be administered by Mrs. Hollowell and the Library Committee recently elected by the Fourth Quarterly Conference. Members of the committee are: Mrs. Hollowell, Mrs. J. J. Ross, Milton Bass, Mrs. Gerald D. James, Mrs. Robert S. Marsh and Erwin Griffin, Jr. Mrs. Ralph Blades has kindly offered assistance in the technical detail of catalogue work. Books going into the library will have the approval of the Library Committee. This group will circulate among church members lists of books suitable for admission to the library for church use. Memorial books will be one of the means of continuing growth of the church's book collection.

It is hoped that the entire Edenton community may benefit from the John A. Holmes Library. Its use will not be restricted to the membership of the Edenton Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church extends an invitation to all who know and love Mr. Holmes to be present next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

## New Books Arrive At Local Library

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Name the Day; Hayraff, Too Near the Throne; Koch, Let It Rain; Vetter, The Questions Girls Ask; Waldman, Basketball Scandal; Goleman, Rockets At Dawn; DeLeeuw, The Goat Who Ate Flowers; Garthwaite, Mystery of Skull-Cap Island; Turngren, Mystery Haunts the Fair; Wibberley, John Barry, Father of the Navy; Robinson, In A Scout's Boots; Williamson, Jacobin's Daughter; Mason, Yours With Love Kate; Gage, Secret of Crossbone Hill; Hall, Romance at Courtesy Bend; Dunning, The Seminole Trail; and McGuire, Glimpses Into The Long Ago.

**Adult Books**  
Malamud, The Magic Barrel; Glibreth, How To Be A Father; Blanton, Now or Never; Norkyke, The Truth About Texas; Barrymaine, The Peter Townsend Story; Tolbert, The Staked Plain; Goodwin, Science Book of Space Travel; Horan, Seek Out and Destroy; Wilson, The Middle Age of Mrs. Eliot; Stewart, Nine Coaches Waiting; Delmar, Breeze from Camelot; Caldwell, Dear and Glorious Physician; Buck, Command the Morning; Gallico, Mrs. Arris Goes To Paris; Thurber, The Years with Ross; Jane-way, The Third Choice; Schnabel, Anne Frank, A Portrait of Courage; Houston, Cottonwoods Grow Tall; Parrish, The Lucky One; Gerson, Daughter of Eve; Ostenson, A Man Had Tall Sons; Jones, The Pistol.

## Engaged



BETTY ROWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Rowell of Edenton announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty, to Louis Barnes Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Allen of Emporia, Va. Miss Rowell will be graduated from the DePaul Hospital School of Nursing, Norfolk, Va., in September. Mr. Allen, a graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Va., is assistant agriculture county agent for Princess Anne. The wedding is planned for September 6 in Edenton.

## Mrs. Ricks Honored At Jaycee Meeting

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year in North Carolina, an outstanding honor bestowed upon you. You have every right to be proud of this distinction, and Edenton people in general are also proud that you have been thus honored. Naming you the polio mother of the year reflects your courage, fortitude and determina-

## Henry Jenkins Dies From Heart Attack

Henry Carter Jenkins, 65, died Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock in Veterans Hospital, Durham, after an illness of 10 days. He was enroute to the hospital to undergo an operation and 10 blocks away from the hospital he suffered a heart attack and died shortly after arriving at the hospital. He was a native of Bertie County but lived in Edenton 20 years. He was employed by the Hughes-Parker Hardware Company. He was a veteran of World War I, a member of the Edenton Baptist Church and Ed Bond Post of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Anne Speight Jenkins; a brother, Fred Jenkins, of Roxobel, and a stepson, Will Speight Bond. Funeral services were held at Willford Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, officiated and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

**MASONS MEET TONIGHT**  
A stated communication of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Ernest J. Ward, Jr., master, urges a full attendance.

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