

## THE LOW DOWN from HICKORY GROVE

I picked up a Pacific Rural Press—it was telling about a questionnaire for the farmers. It is headed, "U. S. Dept. of Agriculture—Bureau of Agricultural Economics—Budget Bureau No. 40-4414." The paper says if you like humor, don't miss this pamphlet. Send for it, to 2082 Center Street, Berkeley 1, Calif.



Jo Serra

The questions cover everything except whether a farmer and his wife wash behind their ears. The Govt. wants to know how many card parties each farmer attended last year. How many picnics. How many close friends does he have, and their names, and to what church do they belong, likewise, himself. How often does he visit them. What does he do when he does visit. Is the house tidy. How many dances per annum.

The above is just a few samples, and a starter. One other question is, "To what ETHNIC group do you belong?" Ethnic had me stumped. I looked it up in the dictionary—I am still stumped. But as near as I can tell she looks like the farmer and his wife a heathen in the first place, and not beat around the bush with 5 pages of comic questions, printed on paper about which the Govt. says we have a shortage.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the people of Justice Community and others of Franklin County for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy and love during the recent illness and death of our brother and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bowden and Family.

So far, after two and a half years of war, all the American armed forces together have suffered only seventy-five cases of total blindness.

## COMMENCEMENT AT FRANKLINTON HIGH SCHOOL

The commencement at Franklinton will begin Friday evening, May 12, at eight o'clock, with the presentation of the Junior-Senior play, "A Ready-Made Family." The public is assured a night of excellent entertainment by attending this play.

The following schedule of programs has been announced by W. P. Morton, Superintendent:

Monday morning, May 15, at ten o'clock, the Elementary Declaration and Reading Contests.

Friday morning, May 19, at ten o'clock, the High School Declaration and Reading Contests.

Sunday evening, May 21, at eight o'clock, the Baccalaureate Sermon. Reverend A. R. Bachelor, of Richmond, Virginia, will deliver the sermon. Special music will be furnished by the Franklinton church choir under the direction of Reverend Bruce Hartsell.

Wednesday morning, May 24, at ten o'clock, eighth grade exercises.

Wednesday evening, May 24, at eight o'clock, the senior class night program, "The Lights of

the Seniors." Thursday evening, May 25, the graduation of the Seniors. Dr. Carlyle Campbell, President of Meredith College, will address the graduates. Special music will be furnished by Reverend Bruce Hartsell and by the Girls' High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Bruce Hartsell.

### LOUISBURG GARDEN CLUB

The May meeting of the Louisburg Garden Club was held at the home of the President, Mrs. E. S. Ford, and was made of especial interest because of the "Still Life Pictures" brought by each member who attended.

The arrangements of seasonal flowers were designed to be suitable for use in a bedroom, and were exquisite and artistic in color and detail, with a variety of spring blossoms shown. The display was studied and admired at the end of the program of the afternoon. A large arrangement on the piano, designed by Mrs. Ford, was especially beautiful with its skillful combination of peonies, tulips, and syringas in tones of yellow, pink and white.

The program opened with a description by Mrs. W. C. Perry of the way to "Grow Your Own

Vases," these vases being made from gourds which had been shaped inside a plaster of Paris mould. The cages for pet crickets carried by Chinese ladies were also described.

Mrs. Ford talked about "Flower Arranging," and gave the several simple rules for beauty which must be followed to accomplish the pleasing balance and distinction necessary for a satisfying result.

Two poems—"Spring Miracle" and "The Dreams will Wake"—were read by Mrs. Patten.

The club was happy to have Mrs. Mary Foster Button, mother of Mrs. W. C. Perry, as a guest at the meeting.

A list of suggestions for the care of cut flowers were presented to each one present by Mrs. Ford.

In the past two years Tech. Sergeant Arthur Grigsby of the Antiaircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, North Carolina, has snapped over five thousand pictures for the Army, but has never allowed anyone to take a picture of him.

### PICNIC SUPPER

On Thursday, May 4, 1944, Mrs. W. D. Jackson entertained the members of the School Daze staff and her Shortband Class at her home 210 North Main St. The picnic supper consisted of ham, tomato, and pimento cheese sandwiches, pickle, potato chips, devil eggs, cookies, and coca cola. After supper all went to the show. Those present were: Edith Wiggins, Doris Cottrell, Edith Holmes, Martha Ray Matthews, Myrtle Wrenn, Catherine Wheeler, Hazel Kemp, Maurine Thomas, Beth Beasley, Sarah Hardwick, Janice Perry, Suzanne Jernigan, Mae Bell, Nancy Griffin, Miss Marjorie Gardner, Miss Eugenia Boyd, Mrs. Alice Uzzell, Sam Beasley, Walter Hall, V. A. Peoples, Frank Reavis, Willie Robertson, Julian Lewis, Bill Herman, Jim King, Jack Cooper, Carl Watkins, Douglas Strickland, and Mrs. Jackson. They all had a very nice time.

A merry host makes merry guests.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### Morale is a Lot of little things

You hear a lot of talk about morale these days... but have you found many people who knew exactly what "morale" was?

Well, I was thumbing through my scrap book the other day, and I came on this verse I'd like to pass on to you...

It's the lift you get from a friendly smile...  
A brand new hat in a jaunty style...  
A letter from home that the post-man brings...  
Morale is a lot of little things.

Isn't it so? Morale is just a lot of little things. A flower in your button hole, a word of greeting,

an occasional refreshing glass of beer with friends.

From where I sit, if we take care to preserve these little friendly things that boost morale, we'll be doing a lot to help our country in its time of crisis.

And we'll boost morale among our soldiers at the front, too. Because it's these "important little things" that they look forward to returning to.

Joe Marsh

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A grand little fellow—today busy with his toys and play—tomorrow a man doing a man's work in the bright new world of tomorrow.

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