

### Taws Buys Horton House, Mass. Ave.; To Move in June

Edward T. Taws, Jr., has bought the I. Foy Horton house at 855 E. Massachusetts Ave., it was announced this week by Resort Realty Co. which handled the transaction.

Mr. Taws, president of Fletcher—textile machinery parts manufacturing firm on the Carthage road—plans to take possession of the property June 1. His marriage in April to Ann Poindexter of Aberdeen has been announced.

Mr. Horton, former owner of the property, is now associated with the Premiere Furniture Co. in Thomasville. The house is occupied at present by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lassiter.

Mr. Taws is now living in a house on the Harry Vale estate on Young's Road.

#### BAPTIST CENTER

Dedication of the new Baptist Center at Woman's College has been set for May 1. The center, to cost \$87,000, is being constructed near the campus. It will meet the needs of some 600 Baptist students at NC and will be the first Baptist center built in North Carolina for the specific activities of college students. The college is at Greensboro.

### W. Southern Pines School News

**Tournament Changed**  
The annual District Tournament was switched to March 17, 18 and 19, due to the unexpected weather conditions last week.

The three-day dribble derby will be held in Berkley High School's gymnasium in Aberdeen.

The Jackets will play Red Springs in the opening rounds to-night (Thursday) in the third game which should start around 8:30 p. m.

West Southern Pines (1959 district champs) is seeking to annex its fourth straight title. If victorious, the local five will earn the right to defend their 1959 state title at Greensboro, in the spacious A&T College gymnasium.

#### NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Establishment of eight \$500 scholarships, to be awarded to seniors regularly enrolled in a North Carolina Public School, was announced Thursday at the North Carolina Education Association convention being held at Asheville this week. The scholarships are to be given by E. E. "Jack" Carter, president and founder of National School and Industrial Corp., Raleigh. They will be awarded each year during the next four years. First awards will be made in June, 1961.



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### Gilmore, to Leave Sunday for Europe, Explains European Interest in N. C.

Voit Gilmore, who is taking off this Sunday, primed with North Carolina salestalk for another business get-together with some of the industrialists of Europe, believes that two things in particular lie at the back of that continent's interest in the opportunities offered by the Tarheel State.

These are: (1) the fact that with prosperity in England and West Germany, especially at a pitch, there is a good deal of venture capital in both Europe and England available and that, like all ventures, whether in business or in anything else, it is a poor idea to keep all the eggs in one basket. With the communist menace and the shadow of possible troubles always at the back of their minds, the lure of investing capital in something a little farther away from the Old World, is strong among foreign businessmen.

(2) The other appeal is that of North Carolina itself, with its newly developed ports, its interesting "Research Triangle," its generally warm and welcoming attitude towards new business.

"This whole idea," says Gilmore, "goes back, in my mind at least, to the day last June when I met the German businessman who had been sent over here by the German-American Chamber of Commerce. Several foreign firms were already operating in the state, notably Enka, Hudson Hosier near Charlotte, and Roger and Gallet, the famous French firm, makers of soap and perfume and other toiletries. Reports sent back by them were fine, the German and those who sent him, believed much greater development

of such enterprise was possible and certainly, they thought, highly desirable.

This was the start of the plan that was presented to the governor and developed into the state-sponsored tour of the Tarheel industrialists in Europe and Britain last summer. Now some of the same people are going on a follow-up tour of the same ground. An office will be set up in Zurich, with William Kirk, assistant to William P. Saunders, director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, to coordinate and guide their efforts, and teams of three men will revisit the places where they went before. As "captain" of the team that last summer visited Paris, Zurich and Munich, Gilmore will check back to these three towns, seeing again some of those previously contacted, ready with fresh details and more information about whatever they might like to take up.

Said Gilmore: "Since this thing started, around 325 foreign businessmen have shown a special interest in North Carolina opportunities. Now is the time for a real person-to-person follow-up and more detailed contacts."

Mrs. Gilmore is going along, too, this time. The Gilmores will leave Saturday, flying to Munich. There, after four days of business meetings, they will hire a car and drive up into Switzerland's ski country for the weekend. Then on to Zurich and more concentrated work for him before they fly to Paris on the last lap of the trip. They expect to be away about two weeks.

### Agriculture Important to Economy of County; Conservation Program Noted

By WALTER I. FIELDS  
Manager, Moore County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office

I know that it is not necessary to emphasize the importance of agriculture to the economy of Moore county. But there are many people to whom the importance of agriculture in our nation's economy needs to be spelled out.

Yes, agriculture is vital to America. Believe it or not, agriculture is the biggest buyer, seller and borrower in the United States. When farmers have the ready cash with which to make necessary purchases, they buy farm supplies worth fourteen billion dollars every year. This is to say nothing of the purchases they make that do not fall in the category of farm supplies, like automobiles, T. V. sets, etc. The inventory of farmer-owned machinery alone is greater than the total assets of the American steel industry. In fact, agriculture's equipment evaluation totals five times that of the auto industry and this does not include the value of land and livestock.

I could go on with concrete examples of the importance of agriculture to our nation's economy. To begin with, although farmers only make up twelve per cent of our total population, an additional twenty-four per cent of our population is directly employed in the transportation, processing, or otherwise handling of farm commodities. This means that, nationwide, more than one-third of our population is directly dependent upon agriculture for a

livelihood and, of course, in North Carolina the ratio is much higher because of our great dependence upon production and manufacture of tobacco and because of our production of cotton and manufacture of textiles.

Well, so much for that. I just have to expound on that subject occasionally in defense of the small amount of federal help farmers receive when compared with all other segments of our economy.

One of our programs, the Agricultural Conservation Program, is termed a farm program although this is no more correct than it would be to call our defense program a program for soldiers.

We have just finished our initial sign-up period under the 1960 ACP. However, I would like to bring out to all farmers the fact that we can still take requests for spring practices. As of today, we have approximately 242 farms which have already requested help in establishing soil and water conservation practices that are badly needed in Moore county. I think this is a good start because last year we had only 350 farms participating in the program for the entire year.

We are hoping this year to get at least 800 farms in the program. We are continually trying to get new farms in the program since the objective of our conservation program is to encourage conservation that would not otherwise be accomplished and to make farmers conservation-conscious to the extent that eventually cost share assistance will not be necessary.

### Industrial Education Centers in N. C. Offering Trade and Technical Courses

Eighteen Industrial Education Centers are planned for North Carolina to offer trade and technical courses designed to provide the practical and theoretical training needed to secure employment and advancement in selected fields of work.

C. E. Powers, guidance director of the Moore County school system, has been visiting some of the existing centers in operation in North Carolina and says he was impressed with the educational needs of youth and adults that are being met by their schools.

Burlington, Durham and Jamestown are the closest centers to this area at the present, but future plans include centers to be located at Sanford and Asheville. Examples of the types of training offered by these centers are Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Auto Mechanics, Drafting, Electronics-Radio and Television, Industrial Chemistry, Machine Shop, Sheet Metal, Knitter Fixing, Tool and Die Making, Service Station Management, Secretarial and Nursing.

These courses are open to adults and high school graduates in this section and are open to

high school age students near the centers.

The length of the technical courses range from 540 to 1,080 hours of laboratory and classroom instruction and can be completed in one or two years depending on whether a student attends three or six hours per day. The cost ranges from \$3.75 to \$10 per month.

Any interested student or adult seeking additional information should contact the guidance office in Carthage or counselors in the schools of the county system which includes all schools of the county except those of the separate administrative units at Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

#### FOOD COSTS

Total expenditures for food in the United States have risen along with consumer income, though at a slower rate. Food expenditures as a percentage of income have decreased from 26.9 per cent in 1957 to an estimated 20.8 per cent in 1959. A bag of food that cost the average worker six hours' labor in 1933 costs him only three and three-fourths hours of labor today.

### 3 Ribbons Won In Orchid Show

Mrs. Karl Bridges of Carolina Orchids, Inc., on Midland Road, returned Wednesday from the Central Florida Orchid Show at Orlando, Fla., with two blue ribbons and a red ribbon won by entries from Carolina Orchids.

She was accompanied on the trip by her daughter, Diana, and Mrs. Richard Frye.

One of the two first-placing blue ribbons was won for having the best white orchid in the show and the other for the best symbidium.

The red ribbon was for second best phalaenopsis.

### Farm Life Sets Alumni Banquet

The annual Farm Life Alumni banquet will be held in the school cafeteria on Saturday, March 26, at 7 p. m. Registration will begin at 6 in the school auditorium. A barbecued chicken supper will be prepared and served by the Home Economics girls.

All alumni are invited to attend and enjoy the evening. Reservations may be sent to Mrs. Buna McLeod, Route 3, Carthage.

### Revival Starts At Vass Sunday

Revival services will begin at the Vass Methodist Church on Sunday, March 20, at 7:30 p. m. Services will be held each night through Friday, March 25.

The Rev. Brooks Patton of Page Memorial Methodist Church in Aberdeen will be the guest speaker and will lead the congregational singing.

The public is invited.

#### BOOK FAIR

The state-wide observance of National Library Week, April 3-9, will be featured by the first non-commercial Book and Author Fair ever held in the southeast. The fair will be set up in the new Greensboro War Memorial Coliseum and will display 5,000 books. Opening speaker for the event will be cartoonist Walt Kelly, creator of the comic strip character, Pogo. Mrs. L. Richardson Preyer, Greensboro, is state chairman.

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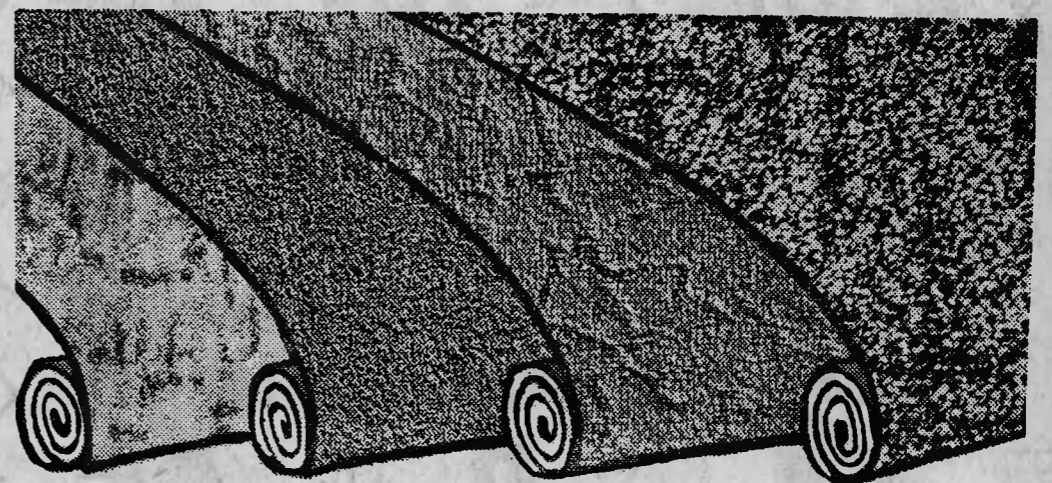
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