

### R. L. Harris Has Able Record of Service In State

#### Is Recognized As a Leading Candidate for Post of Lieutenant Governor

Attention of the readers of this paper is called to the advertisement of R. L. Harris, of Roxboro, leading candidate for the Democratic nomination as Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina.

Mr. Harris' record of private and public service to his state offers an impressive catalogue of tasks well done, reflecting credit to himself and to those with whom he has worked. For five successive terms, 1927 to 1935, he represented the people of his native Person County in the House, and in 1933 he was honored by being chosen speaker of the House without opposition.

As speaker he was universally regarded as a fair and capable presiding officer. Mr. Harris, who is not a lawyer, but a successful business man and cotton manufacturer, presided over an assembly which was largely composed of lawyers. He won their respect and admiration, just as he has won and held the respect and admiration of all people with whom he has come in contact during an active life.

By gubernatorial appointment he

is a member of the State Textbook Commission and the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Tubercular Sanatorium. In the work of both groups he is actively and vitally interested. During his service in the House, in addition to being speaker, he was chairman of the Appropriations committee in 1931 and chairman of the Education committee in 1935. He has served as a member of the Advisory Budget Commission and is now a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Harris was married to Miss Katherine Long in 1913. They have three sons and three daughters who are an honor to the name they bear. This family finds much pleasure in simple living and friendly neighborliness.

In public and private life Mr. Harris has sought always to be true to himself and to his fellow men, and in so doing he has become a representative of the finest type which democracy can produce.

He lives on the same lot on which he was born, and for the past 25 years has been treasurer of the Roxboro cotton mills. He is a director of the Peoples bank and of the Roxboro Building and Loan association. In all these fields of private endeavor he has achieved an enviable reputation for business knowledge and leadership.

An average of 1.12 per cent persons were killed in each of the 839 fatal accidents last year in North Carolina.

### Charles Comedian's Beauty Chorus



Pictured above are The Adorables, beauty dancing chorus, who will appear in Williamston Tuesday night, May 21, for one performance only with Charles Comedians Musical Show, "Hip, Hip, Hooray."

vice for this purpose is a tax on the things themselves, namely, high net incomes and excess profits."

Both Tom Cheek, president of the Oklahoma Farmers Union, and Dr. M. F. Dickinson, president of the Arkansas Farmers Union, told the committee that in paying full parity on the domestically consumed portion of the cotton crop it is necessary to protect the family-sized farms. Mr. Cheek stated that "there are 483,257 farm families who have produced 2 bales or less on the average for the last 10 years, and another 763,459 producing not more than 5 bales. Under the provisions of the Farmer Union Cotton Income Certificate bill, \$3-3434, these families would be paid full parity on their entire output."

The bill provides a progressive scale-down in the value of the income certificates on that part of a farm's production which is in excess of 5 bales. This is done in order to raise the income of the small farmers and to prevent them from being forced out of commercial production.

Dr. Dickinson pointed out that the average income of sharecroppers in the south "ranges from \$37 to \$87 a year." If these small farmers received parity on only a flat percent-

### 500 Robeson Rural Families Apply For Electric Service

O. P. Owens, assistant Robeson County farm agent, says 500 rural families have applied for electric service from the Lumbee River Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Thirty-five fatal accidents in North Carolina last year involved cars being driven on the wrong side of the road.

age of their output, the same as the large farmers, their annual incomes would continue at below-subsistence levels. No income or excess-profits tax, it was stated, could assure the family-sized farms a reasonable share of the domestic market and prevent their elimination.

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### U. S. Cotton Week Set For May 17-25

Cotton is North Carolina's No. 2 cash crop; cotton is one of the necessities of life; cotton is the most versatile and widely used of all fibers. That is why Miss Willie N. Hunter, extension clothing specialist of N. C. State College, urges people of the State to support National Cotton Week, the producer-consumer event which will be celebrated May 17-25.

"This annual campaign is held to stimulate increased consumption of cotton goods, and this year merchants of all types, individual and chain store, are planning special window displays and bargains in cotton goods during the nine-day period," Miss Hunter declared.

The Southeastern Chain Store Council, through its North Carolina representative, P. D. May, is taking an active part in the campaign in this State, and in the North Carolina Cotton Council, of which T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, is leader, has heartily endorsed the event.

Miss Hunter points out that cotton contributes something useful from infancy throughout life of every person. The infant's first clothes are cotton, and of whatever age, "we wear and use cotton in some form or another."

Other specialists of State College point out that this year, above all others, increased domestic consumption of cotton will be vital to Tar Heel farmers. The European war has cut off export markets, and with tobacco allotments restricting production of North Carolina's No. 1 cash crop, scores of farmers are return-

### Interesting Bits Of Business In the U.S.

Two biggest mail-order houses report that in spite of poor start in April they have at least an even chance of maintaining their record of 17 straight months of "better than previous year" sales. Department store sales are improving after post-Easter slump, in spite of a still tardy spring. That tardy spring, though, has sustained carloadings, mainly because coal has been moving in greater quantity than usual at this season, and last week loadings were 13.1 per cent ahead of the same period of 1939—and the shippers' advisory boards expect the second quarter loadings to top last year's second quarter by 18.1%. duPont Chemical company is now deriving 40 per cent of its total sales from 12 new lines brought out since the depression's start in 1929—employing 7,000 more men in making them—and the prices on these lines have been reduced an average of 40 per cent in the last 10 years.

At least one person was injured in 78.4 per cent of the 8,170 reported traffic accidents in North Carolina last year.

ing to cotton as a source of major income.

Among the uses of cotton listed by Miss Hunter are: Clothing and accessories; curtains, bed linens, and other household necessities; ropes, nets, twines, tents, awnings, belts for machinery, sails, surgical dressings, explosives, photographic films, celluloid products, and various by-products such as livestock feed.

### Full Parity Asked For Cotton Farmers

Washington, D. C.—Though endorsing the general principles of the Cotton Income Certificate Plan, Secretary Wallace sent a letter to the hearing of the House Sub-Committee on Agriculture objecting to the special safeguards provided for family-sized farms.

Wallace, on previous occasions, had supported the basic principles of the Income Certificate plan, but this is the first time that he has either mentioned or objected to the safeguards set up for family-sized farms. Wallace asserted that the "effect of the scaled-down provisions would be to foster the adoption of less efficient production units." He added, "the equitable and non-discriminatory de-

### FOR STATE SENATOR

I regret to find it impossible to see every Democrat voter in the Second Senatorial District before the Primary. Since I cannot, I take this means of appealing for their votes on May 25, and promise, if elected, to use the benefit of my several years' experience in the State Legislature to the best possible advantage to the people of the District and will appreciate any support given me.

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