

## Home Demonstration Clubs To Study Foreign Countries

### Births

Twenty-eight foreign countries will be studied by the 28 Haywood County Home Demonstration Clubs during 1956 along with their regular programs and project work. Information on the foreign countries will be discussed at club programs and utilized in a special International Relations Booth at this year's HDC Achievement Days program at the Armory, to be held in the fall.

Countries to be studied are: Argentina—Good Neighbors; Belgium—Crabtree-Iron Duff; Brazil—Maggie; Bolivia—Ratcliffe Cove; Canada—Fines Creek; Chile—Thickety; China—McKimmon; Colombia—Happy Homemakers; Costa Rica—Waynesville Homemakers.

Ecuador—Saunook; Egypt—Dellwood; El Salvador—Jonathan; Greece—Cecil; Guatemala—Beaverdam; Haiti—Canton Homemakers; India—South Clyde; Indonesia—Clyde; Israel—Francis Cove; Mexico—Upper Crabtree; Nicaragua—Lake Junaluska; Norway—Morning Star; Panama—West Canton; Paraguay—Merry Homemakers; Peru—Bethel; Sweden—White Oak; Turkey—Allens Creek; United Kingdom—Fairview; Venezuela—Lakeside.

### Tuscola Garden Club Hears Virgil Holloway

Virgil Holloway, Haywood County farm agent, was the speaker at a meeting of the Tuscola Garden Club Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Wallace Ward. He was introduced by Mrs. Mack Setzer and spoke on the planting of vegetable gardens and the control of insects and vegetable diseases. Mrs. Everett McElroy presided during the business session. Prior to the meeting luncheon was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. M. L. Eggen.

Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Texas produce about 12 per cent of the nation's hogs.

### District One Nurses To Meet In Asheville

The North Carolina State Nurses' Association, District One, will meet at St. Joseph's Hospital, Asheville, on Wednesday, February 8, at 4 p.m. The program will be on Personal Relations with Theodore G. Ford of Enka as the principal speaker. All registered nurses are invited.



MORNING... Trim, slim but carefully molded is George Carmel's spring suit in mid-night navy shantung weave worsted, with braid trim.



NOON... Shape is built into the figure-molded dress of Adele Simpson's costume in black-and-white star embroidered jacquard, with loose coat.



NIGHT... Sculptured with shirring is Nettie Rosenstein's black peau de sole dinner dress, slim in line, but oh so shapely. One pink rose provides accent.

## New Note Of Culture Comes To Washington

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Capitalites are taking their position as citizens of a world capital seriously, introducing a new note of culture, sophistication and elegance long lacking in a city of such international prominence. We still have our mad rush of cocktail parties, but they're now six-to-eight affairs and much dressier. Society however is veering more to the grand-ball and white-tie-reception type of entertaining, with concerts, recitals, art exhibits and gala theatrical openings increasingly popular. More invitations are by engraved white cards instead of over the telephone. (I recall one hostess who used to send them by telegram). And when they say black

tie, men wear black tie and dinner jackets instead of business suits. When they say white tie they put on boiled shirts and tails and the ladies dress in the most glittering silks and satins, expensive furs and fabulous jewels. At one spectacular ball one saw enough diamonds to light up the Washington monument. Mrs. Merriweather Post's diamonds were magnificent but the pear-shaped emeralds accompanying them were most spectacular. Mrs. Robert Guggenheim, wife of the former U. S. ambassador to Portugal, wore diamonds that were dimmed by her 456 carat, deep blue oblong sapphire pendant said to be the world's largest. Even the Russians here are catching the spirit, giving their

first formal black tie affair at the embassy since World War II. It was also the first strictly cultural affair. The widely-acclaimed pianist Emil Gilels, who gave an exciting recital, was the first of his country's artists to visit the United States since 1921. The ambassador and men of the embassy wore formal attire instead of the usual heavily-braided uniforms worn at Soviet shindigs in the past, and Mrs. Zaroubin, the ambassador's wife, was very elegant in a sleek gray satin evening gown topped by a lush fox stole. Even the luncheons are getting fancier. The affair honoring Guatemala's Castillo-Armas and his wife one midday during their recent visit was a gourmet meal for 100 in the beautiful Pan American Union's Hall of the Americas, complete with four kinds of wine, and music furnished by the Air Force Symphonette.

## North Carolina Needs Better Balanced Farming

(BULLETIN: The following article is reprinted from the latest issue of the University of North Carolina News Letter.)

Space does not permit a lengthy discussion of agricultural needs in North Carolina. The State College of Agriculture, chiefly through its Extension Service, and the State Department of Agriculture, both separately and cooperatively, are constantly pointing out our agricultural strength and weakness and are spending millions of dollars each year in efforts to improve agriculture and rural life. There are many fine things already present in North Carolina's agriculture. Tremendous gains have been made in the state in the past and gains will continue to be made.

Briefly, it appears that the chief remedies lie in the following areas: In the first place, better farming and better living and better citizenship would result from further increases in the percentage of farm operators who own their homes and farms. This is true especially for the tobacco and cotton belts, where the great bulk of tenancy occurs and where the results of tenancy are chiefly found, such as the lack of livestock, food crops, and gardens. In other words, there is the lack of a balanced agriculture and true farming. Cropping is not farming in the better sense of the word. Cropper tenants are not farmers. They are croppers. They are principally a substitute for hired labor. Some tenancy is desirable and indispensable. There is too much farm tenancy in eastern North Carolina.

It is not likely that North Carolina will rank much better in farm income per farm until our farms somehow or other increase in size. For the last several years our farms have ranged from 65 to 68 acres in size. Apparently we have reached the irreducible minimum. Throughout the United States the size of farms is on the increase and has been for a number of years. North Carolina farms have steadily grown smaller, until the present size was reached some 15 years ago. Since then there has been little or no change. This, seemingly, is almost an irremediable situation. Suppose the 100,000 smallest farmers of the state should move to town or somehow or other should disappear. Suppose the land that they now cultivate should be taken over by the remaining two-thirds of our farmers. The cultivated acreage of the 170,000 remaining farms would increase by only six or seven acres. North Carolina would still rank near the bottom in size of farms both cultivated or total acres. If the premise that larger farms are necessary for better income and better living, then the possibility of achieving these larger farms looks rather remote. Some gain might be made from clearing more land and thus adding to the cultivated acreage, yet when it is recalled that there has been no increase in the total cultivated acreage of North Carolina in the last 100 years, it is unlikely that there will be any significant increase in the immediate years ahead.

A third remedy lies in achieving a better balance between crops and livestock—what Dr. Clarence Poe calls "Two Arm Farming." Gains are being made in this area but vast improvement must be made before even reasonable balance is achieved. It is not recommended that North Carolina become primarily a livestock state. It is likely that crops will continue to dominate livestock, especially so long as tobacco occupies the enviable position that it now occupies and has

occupied for a number of years. Unfortunately, there is no relationship between tobacco and livestock such as there is between most other crops and livestock. Livestock is totally independent of tobacco, and vice versa. We do have livestock resources far beyond those being utilized at the present time.

Perhaps the best opportunity for additional income for farmers, for industrial development, and for retained wealth lies in producing on the farm and in the factory a far larger share of the food consumed in North Carolina. It is almost unbelievable that a state so dominantly agricultural should be so totally dependent upon the other states for the very food that it eats. It appears peculiar indeed that North Carolina with a farm population ratio two and a half times the average for the United States, with the second largest number of farms, and with the natural resources that we claim to have, and apparently do have, should be fed by other states. We should at least feed ourselves, and it appears that we could produce surpluses to send to other states. It is not claimed that we should be self-fed in all respects. It is claimed that there should be at least a balance in the export and import of food and feed. There are many things that North Carolina must import. Food is not one of them.

### Barbers Protest

BECKLEY, W. Va. (AP)—Local No. 975 of the Journeyman Barbers Assn. has gone on the war path against back porch barbering in two counties. The local refers to other than full-time barbers in shops, who are handy with scissors and shears and who cut hair on home calls in the coal fields. Families with eight or nine children can get their locks shorn at an economy-sized bargain rate and keep a barbering man busy for a good part of a day. The journeymen protest that they must take physical examinations, submit to blood tests, obtain state and local licenses and maintain shops, while the back porchers aren't so inconvenienced.

Algeria has a 620-mile coastline facing France.

## Red Envoys Hit High C In Parties

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Dr. Howard Mitchell, conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra and a select group of Washington's music lovers have been guests at the Soviet Embassy, where entertaining has been on a high-C plateau in recent months.

The big clambakes for the masses when hot polo in workaday garb drained the bars of vodka and devastated the lavish buffets, are beginning to give way to small white-tie dinners and highbrow musicales followed by very refined late supper parties. Earlier in the social season there was the recital given by Russia's top pianist, the talented Emile Gilels. Conductor Mitchell and some of the capital's big wigs and diplomats who never before set foot inside the embassy were among the carefully invited guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Georgi Zaroubin. The guests were enthusiastic and showed their appreciation with applause and sincere bravos.

Then there was the recital given by David Oistrakh, noted Russian violinist, who is on a tour of this country. Oistrakh, who played his Stradivarius for a little less than an hour, so enchanted the 100 guests they rushed up not only to shake his hand but to ask for his autograph and tell him they hoped he would return some day. Someone even presented the musician's very pleased wife with a huge bouquet of pink roses for her husband. Besides the ambassadors of France, Canada, Bolivia, India, Israel and South Africa and representatives from the embassies of several other nations, there was a sprinkling of U. S. State Department and other government officials.

The ambassador and his wife are also getting out to more parties and staying later. They're also seemingly becoming more clothes-conscious. The ambassador, a handsome man, has been doffing the rather grim bemedaled and braid-trimmed black dress uniform he wore at embassy functions for the impeccable black-and-white-tie dress customarily worn at social affairs in Washington by other male members of Embassy Row.

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