

### Sixth Annual N. F. A. Day At Oxford, Sunday

Oxford, Dec. 18. — Governor R. Gregg Cherry will be guest speaker at the sixth annual New Farmers of America Day at the Colored Orphanage here on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 2 p. m. Superintendent T. A. Hamme stated today.

Since 1941, on their annual visitations to the Colored Orphanage, New Farmers of America have given to the home more than \$22,000 in cash and bonds, Hamme said, adding that the group of North Carolina high school vocational agriculture students under the direction of S. B. Simmons, supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in Negro Schools, are supporting the current \$300,000 Building Fund Drive of the Orphanage.

There are 96 Negro vocational agriculture teachers in North Carolina and for the past five years their major extra-curricular undertaking has been to make tangible contribu-

tion to the Colored Orphanage, which draws its support largely through voluntary gifts from North Carolina citizens.

The NFA organization has approved a suggestion that their contributions in cash and bonds be used toward the erection of a vocational building as a memorial on the Orphanage campus to the late George Washington Carver, noted Negro scientist. With that as their objective, the hundreds of students scattered through North Carolina will send their representations here Sunday to hear an address by Governor Cherry and to personally present their gifts.

In connection with the presentation ceremony, the Orphanage students will present their annual Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Beecher W. Williamson.

Bachelors are fellows that looked before they jumped.

The wiser a man grows the less he talks and the more he says.



THE COUNTRY DOCTOR—HIS TRIBE IS VANISHING

Fast fading from the American scene is the country doctor. The ranks of these hardy men who have contributed so much to the rich heritage of the American medical profession, are growing smaller every year. As the old timers die or retire, few young doctors move in to take their places, since most modern medical school graduates establish in urban centers. With the shortage of rural doctors now a definite menace to the health of farm families, the State Medical Care Commission has put forth a plan which offers a solution to the problem. The Good Health Association has undertaken to acquaint the people of the state with the Medical Care plan and the urgent need for its adoption.

### Star of Bethlehem Phenomenon of Age

The Star of Bethlehem has been the subject of extensive research and discussion.

Modern astronomers have considered several natural phenomenon theories without attaching too much weight to any such hypothesis.

Skeptics regard the whole thing as mere invention, colored with Oriental imagery, designed to honor Christ; and faith accepts the star as the supernatural phenomenon which proclaimed the birth of Jesus.

The first chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew, begins:

"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham . . ."

And confirming Bethlehem as the city of David, the angel of the Lord declared:

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOUR which is CHRIST the Lord." St. Luke 2:11.

Considering tradition, which accepts that King David's shield formed a six-pointed star, the Star of Bethlehem appropriately

" . . . stood over where the young Child was." St. Matthew 2:9.

A man with too many irons in the fire will probably let the fire go out.

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### Christmas Trees, Cribs and Ceppi

Christmas trees and cribs, within respective spheres of influence, provide focal points for observances of the season.

Various legends claim to tell the story of the first Christmas tree; actually, evergreen decorations were so closely associated with pagan celebrations that they were banned by many ecclesiastics of the early church.

According to literature, the first Christmas tree was set up at Strasburg, Germany, in 1604; even then, the cry rose against heathen customs and, as late as 1851, the Rev. Henry Schwan was severely criticized for setting up a Christmas tree in his church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the pope to present a tableau of the nativity scene. This first crib, set at Greccio, Italy, in 1223, was an immediate sensation; the renaissance endowed the cribs with ornate pageantry and, modernly, the crib is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the tree is to America and northern lands.

Eighteenth century Italians were fond of a fantastic decoration called the Cappel, Pyramidal in construction, the Ceppi were made on a framework of lathes with transverse shelves rising to three or four stories, depending on the over-all size of the Ceppo.

The whole thing was covered with colored paper, tufts, tassels, fringes, tiny pine cones, and little flags; a manger scene was represented on the lowest shelf, while the upper ones were covered with small gifts, etc.; wax tapers were placed along the sides and a large gilt cone ornamented the top. Although the original designer probably never saw a Christmas tree, the Ceppo—aided by a little imagination—bridges the gap between Christmas cribs and trees.

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