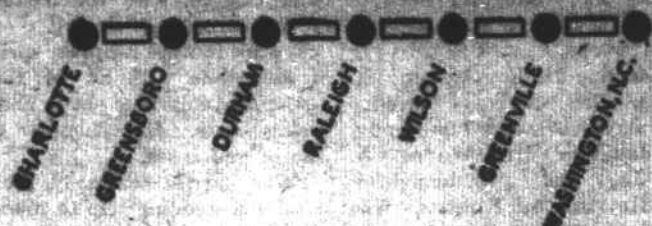


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### At The Rotary Club

President Johnnie Newborn was in charge of Rotary program Tuesday evening and gave an interesting report on the Mayville Charter Night program which he attended, carrying the best wishes of the aggressive Farmville club.

John Lewis was called upon to present Chester Outland, an ex-G. I., who spoke on the housing problem, which, directly or indirectly, is of prime importance and of deep concern to every family. Chester told of the plan whereby former servicemen are able to obtain prefabricated houses from Newport News, Va., buildings formerly used by the Government. Chester explained, however, that the houses had to be paid for, torn down, moved to Farmville, and reassembled on a lot furnished by the former serviceman. When governmental red tape has been added to all these factors, the homeless ex-G. I. becomes so exasperated he almost wishes he were back in service. One of the big problems is the acquisition of a lot at a figure within the veteran's means. Most of the building sites have sky-rocketed since the housing shortage became so acute. Chester asked the Rotarians to aid the fellows in their search for a place to live.

Always anxious to render help where help is needed, the Rotarians adopted a motion to help with this problem. President Johnnie presented this to the Service Committee and charged its members that this was, indeed, a wonderful opportunity to render service.

Charlie Raspberry, attendance chairman, reported 100 per cent attendance for the previous meeting.

Visiting the club were E. Faust Johnson, Wes Gooding and Larry Davis, Rotarians from Ayden. Bert Barrow Warren was the guest of his father, Chester Outland was the guest of P. K. Ewell.

Dewey Fuquay, for the second week in succession, won the attendance prize.

Irvin Morgan, general chairman of the anniversary celebration, asked that chairman of all committees meet with him Friday night.

### BIRD CLUB NOTES

At the meeting of the Bird Club, Saturday morning, Walter Burgess read from Senator Josiah Bailey's article, "The Song of the Cardinal," which appeared in the March "Progressive Farmer" as a tribute to the late Senator, who wrote it a number of years ago describing spring and her approach.

"And Spring shall blow her clarion o'er the dreaming earth—Shelley. The cardinal's high and joyous call breaks the silence of winter. The white-throat trills a wistful winter song. Wrens and bluebirds are calling. Robins come in flocks and silent, shortly to pair off and sing their love songs before the break of dawn and far into the dusk. The mockingbird is singing. The bluebird is nesting. We hear the field sparrow's evensong of praise, as simple and true as the prayer of a little child.

"The vireo comes, then the Carolina chickadee. In the skies swallows are racing and calling in sheer joy. We hear once more the magic flute of the wood robin. The silent kingbird is once again building his nest above the water, ever watchful of the circling fish hawk. The peewee sounds his plaintive note. The heron takes his eastward flight at dawn and into the sunset's rosy depths at dusk. Blackbirds are chattering in the rushes. The family of warblers arrives. Over the ponds purple martins are dipping.

"Bob white is signaling to his nesting mate that all is well. The dolorous whippoorwill is calling. The catbird comes with gentle song and at last the scarlet tanager with summer in his throat.

"All is set upon the earth, in the air above and the waters beneath. It is the pageant of awakening, of return, of revival, of procreation and creation. And the cardinal is prophet, harbinger, and herald thereof, appropriately clad and fittingly equipped in voice and in spirit."

Richard Manning, of Williamston, was a guest.

A racket, wherever else it may be, is an enterprise that returns profits without making a fair contribution to human life.

### BALLANTRAE CLUB

Mrs. J. E. Tarnage, Sr., presiding over the club's study of other countries, talked about Japan and illustrated her talk with pictures of the condition of the country after the war. These pictures were taken by her son, Lester Earl, who was stationed in Japan for several months.

Mrs. Howard Mays presided over the meeting, which opened with the singing of "Sweet and Low," Monday afternoon. A report on how much had been done toward erecting a clubhouse was given.

Mrs. Fred T. Langford, county home agent, gave hints on DDT and its use in relation to health and home sanitation for the program. In the absence of the home beautification leader, Mrs. Langford made a talk on this subject.

Mrs. Elvin W. Mills, the hostess, served sandwiches, nuts, cranberry and coca colas during the social period. Guests were Mrs. Ruel Tyson of Greenville, and Miss Myrtle Flanagan. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Hudson were welcomed as new members.

### Ga. Court Forces Talmadge To Step Down As Governor

Atlanta, Ga., March 19 — The State Supreme Court rejected claims of Herman Talmadge today as governor of Georgia, and the ousted champion of white supremacy yielded to Lieut.-Gov. H. E. Thompson with a vow to take his case to the people.

The high court, in an historic, 3-to-2 decision, voided the legislature's election of young Talmadge in place of his late father, Eugene Talmadge, who died 23 days before inauguration.

"Such attempted election," said the court, "was a void act, which did not confer upon him any right or title to the office of governor."

The court held that when Talmadge died, there was no legal successor to Gov. Ellis Arnall, and declared Arnall held over. When he resigned voluntarily Jan. 18, 1947, the court continued, executive authority passed to the lieutenant-governor.

The decision came nine weeks to the day after Talmadge seized physical control of the executive offices and governor's mansion with state troopers and National Guard officers. It ended a period of unprecedented turmoil in which two rivals contended for control of Georgia's government.

Talmadge then told reporters: "In all political questions the court of last resort is the people of Georgia. This question will be carried to the court of last resort."

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When you discuss this subject with your sons, brothers, husbands or friends who may be considering an Army career, bear in mind the advantages offered by a 3-year enlistment. Among them are the choice of branch of service and of overseas theater where openings exist, and the opportunity for thorough training in valuable skills.

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