

# NEWS OF RONDA

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell and Miss Patsy Ruth Myers visited Mrs. R. E. Darnell and her little granddaughter, Louise Smith, at Benham Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. B. Hulcher spent the week-end at her home in Wilkesboro. She and Mr. Hulcher attended the Duke-Carolina game at Chapel Hill on Saturday.

Rev. J. M. Wright was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mastin Sunday.

Mr. Gorman Johnson spent the week-end at his home in North Wilkesboro.

Miss Lillian Linney visited relatives at Wilkesboro over the week-end.

Mr. Ernest F. Edwards visited his sister, Mrs. Walter Holland, near Statesville, recently.

Mrs. William Booth spent last week-end at her home in China Grove.

The Ronda Road Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ethel Watts on Friday afternoon, November 29.

We were glad to have Mrs. John Harris and Misses Louise Eury and Ruby Dockery with us in Sunday school at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Friends of Mr. M. C. Jones will be glad to learn that he was able to return home from Wilkes hospital in North Wilkesboro Sunday afternoon, and he seems to be getting along very nicely. He suffered a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital last Friday night.

Rev. J. M. Wright, of Union Grove, filled his regular appointments at Ronda Baptist church Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The school here is progressing nicely considering the crowded condition of the school. More than six hundred boys and girls have already enrolled—and still

they keep coming. More room is badly needed.

Miss Jennie Harris was a week-end visitor in the home of her father, Mr. Ed Harris, at Wilkesboro.

The Ronda Road Sewing club met in the home of Mrs. W. E. Sale on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Five members were present. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Harvey Church has returned from a week's visit with her sisters, Mrs. Walter Holland and Mrs. John H. Rickert, and friends in and near Statesville. While there Mrs. Church attended the unveiling and presentation of a marker commemorating the site of Fort Dobbs by the Society of Daughters of Colonial Wars of North Carolina. She also attended a tea given by the Fort Dobbs chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the home of Mrs. L. P. Henkle in Statesville.

Please remember that Rev. Dwight B. Mullis, of Jonesville, will preach at Ronda Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a.m. and you are cordially invited to be present.

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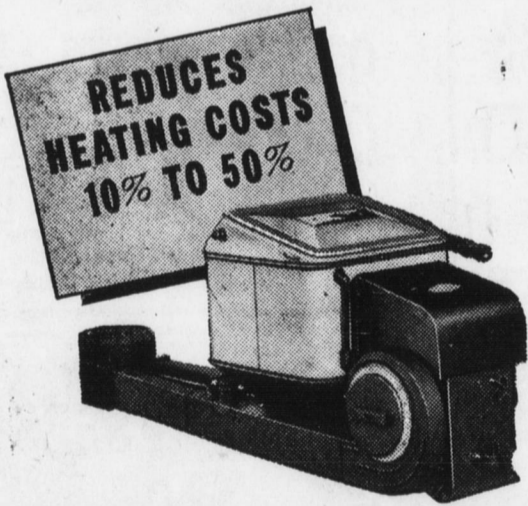
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# RURAL TRENDS



### WE ARE STILL FARMERS

Until we Americans learn to stop selling the farmer short, there is no other hope than that of even greater insecurity than we have today.

Should we have the courage to face the fact, however, there is a grand and glorious future ahead for the American people.

It took a little more than a generation to get into the mess we are in at the present. It will take about the same time to get out. The question is whether or not the American people have the courage to try. Twenty-five to thirty years seem a long time, yet the years pass quickly if we are all busy.

The first thing that must be understood by everyone is that our problem is a fundamental one. It has two parts: First, for a generation we have put industrial efficiency above human values. The result has been the destruction of the security and well-being of our people. Second, we have forgotten in our mad race for industrial efficiency that America is still primarily an agricultural nation.

Our policy for the past generation has been that of taxing agriculture for the benefit of industry. Year after year, the American farmer has sacrificed one-third of his income to the cause of industry. Today his taxes are increasing in order that greater relief and social protection be provided in the cities. Legislators, politicians and the like have used every special privilege they could think of to develop industry at the expense of agriculture.

Doesn't it seem silly to tax our biggest investment for the benefit of a smaller one? Based on money value, one-third of all the property used to produce goods is invested in agriculture. This is a greater investment than we have in all the manufacturing plants in the nation combined. If forestry and timber products, which come from rural communities, are included with agriculture, the combined total represents more than half the investment devoted by this country to producing the things which the American people consume.

Our industrial spree not only worked a hardship on farmers, but it has also taught some of them bad habits. It was termed "the application of technology to agriculture." The result was cash crop commercial farming, which usually meant a one-crop system such as corn, for example. As in industry, everything went fine as long as there was an adequate market. Suddenly this market disappeared. That created surpluses. Heavy fixed investments in agricultural machinery and over-valued real estate soon brought havoc to the cash crop farmer. Finally, so many farms were being lost by foreclosure that the situation changed from an economic to a social problem.

The result was a surge of plans to relieve the agricultural crisis. The remedy, like most brought forth under such conditions of crisis in a given part of the country, was proposed on the basis of the needs of the farm group yelling the loudest rather than on fundamentals, or the best interest of agriculture as a whole.

The fundamental problem is not surplus, not soil depletion, not farm tenancy. These are only symptoms which will disappear when a cure is effected.

The real difficulty with agriculture is that the American people and their government have overlooked the fact that the economic policies of our nation must be based upon agriculture, because we are still an agricultural nation. All other economic activity should be treated as secondary to agriculture and should be geared to a sound agricultural economy.

A generation of progress in this direction will bring permanent national security.

### SIX MARRIAGE PERMITS ARE ISSUED AT DOBSON

Six marriage license have been issued by the register of deeds at Dobson during the past week. Those obtaining license were: Fred Hinson to Miss Essie Hayes, both of State Road; Connie Denny, Pilot Mountain, to Miss Lola Venable, Mount Airy; Frank Cave to Miss Naomi Cave, both of Dobson; Harding Jester to Miss Myrtle Whitaker, both of East Bend; Marlin Clifton to Miss Mae Creed, both of Mount Airy; Claude Botoms, Pinnacle, to Miss Ella Bledsoe, Dobson.

### SCOLDING THE WAITER

Grandfather was slowly walking along the sidewalk, and Billie, aged four, was about twenty paces behind, trudging along on little fat legs.

"Why don't you wait for me?" he called, aggrieved.

"I'm waiting for you," replied Grandfather, slowing up a bit and turning around.

"Well, said the panting youngster, "you aren't waitin' very fast!"

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