



"HAM" JOHNSON PROMOTED—L. R. "Ham" Johnson, former county agent for Johnston County in North Carolina was recently promoted to district agent for the A&T College Extension Service. He has moved to Greensboro and will supervise Extension work in 18 counties in the western section of the state. Johnson assumed the Johnston County position in 1944 and distinguished himself there by initiating in 1947 the famed Ham and Egg Show which this year saw the prized ham sell for nearly \$300. A 1937 graduate of A&T College, he replaces J. W. Jeffries, recently retired.

City Rose Show Set For May 23

The Raleigh Rose Society has selected Saturday, May 23, as the date for its 11th annual Raleigh Rose Show. It was announced by J. C. Richard, Jr., Society president.

Top quality roses will be exhibited in the State Capital Life Insurance Company building, opposite College Union on Hillsboro Street, Richard said, and any and all rose fanciers are welcome to compete.

"The building is considered ideal," Richard commented, "because of its proximity to the Raleigh Rose Gardens at the Little Theater and the convenient parking facilities. Also, the exhibit hall will be air conditioned to assure the preservation of specimen quality in the rose exhibits throughout the show."

C. L. Norton will have over-all responsibility for staging the show,

Richard said, Norton today announced that he had appointed eleven committee chairman to assist him with the preparations. They are:

Dr. G. R. Lucas, staging; Dr. Matt C. Raymond, registration; John S. Rhodes, schedule; Mrs. John Norwood, entries and classification; Dr. Glenn Randall, judges; Ellen Goe, arrangements; Jack Riley, publicity; Mrs. M. B. Prescott, hostess; Col. W. W. Brier, preparation; Mrs. Raymond Murray, tabulation and clerks; and Col. Russell G. Broadus, awards.

Norton stated that details of the forthcoming show will be announced as the committees complete their preparations.

The annual competition is open to all amateur rose growers, regardless of locality or whether they are members of the Raleigh Rose Society.

"Festival Of Living" Underway At A & T

GREENSBORO — The month long Festival of Living Series, a concentrated cultural program now underway at A and T College is being conducted this year along the theme "North Carolina - The Tar Heel State."

The program which opened last Thursday, April 9 with a panel discussion on the theme of the observance has featured the annual Rededication service, a religious program and the annual spring concert by the A and T College Male Chorus both on last Sunday and on Monday, the A and T College debate team met Duke University of Durham.

Other features scheduled for the observance include: a Faculty Arts Concert at 10 a. m., and a Moravian Culture Program, featuring the Salem College Choir at 8 p. m., both on Tuesday, April 21.

Robert McFerrin, noted baritone will appear in concert on Wednesday evening, April 22.

A Chalm Clinic will be conducted for three days, Thursday, April 23 through Saturday, April 25. Madame Lillian Evanti, prominent concert singer and native North Carolinian, is guest clinician.

Other features for that weekend include: a formal dinner for women students at 6 p. m., and a jazz concert and dance by Lou Donaldson, a 1946 graduate of the college, and His All Stars at 8 p. m., both Saturday.

Dr. Flemmie Kittrell, chairman, Department of Home Eco-

nomics at Howard University, Washington, D. C., will deliver the main address at the annual observance of Women's Day on Sunday, April 27. She will speak in the Harrison Auditorium beginning at 11 a. m. A College Family Tea will be held that afternoon beginning at 5:30 p. m.

North Carolina history will be emphasized at a special program set for Tuesday, April 28 at 10 a. m. A skit, "Famous Negroes in North Carolina" will be presented at that hour. Later that afternoon the U. S. Air Force Band will be presented in concert.

A program on Quaker culture, featuring the Guilford College Choir, will be presented on Thursday evening, April 30 at 8 o'clock.

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Durham Business College Holds Annual Parent Day Exercises

DURHAM — Annual Parent Day exercises were held at Durham Business College, on Sunday afternoon, at 3 p. m. The principle speaker for the occasion was the Reverend J. S. Smith Jr., pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Durham.

Reverend Smith received his early educational training in the public schools of Raleigh, graduating from Washington High School of that city in 1945. He received the A. B. degree in religious education from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte.

Following his graduation he

served as Traveling Fellow for the Department of Life Work of the Presbyterian Church Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia, Pa. After completing a year's work with the Board, he returned to Johnson C. Smith, where he received the B. D. degree.

Later, he attended McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and received the M. A. degree.

Reverend Smith was called to Durham, September, 1953, with wide and varied experience in many fields of work in the Presbyterian Church. At different times he

has held the following positions: Moderator of Catawba and Yadkin Presbyteries, Financial Secretary of Catawba Presbytery.

At present, he is serving as the Director of the Westminster Foundation at North Carolina College, Financial Clerk of Yadkin Presbytery, Chairman of Youth Evangelism of Catawba Synod, and a member of the Christian Education Committee of Yadkin Presbytery.

Some two-hundred parents and students participated in the affair. Music was rendered by the college choir under the direction of Mrs. R. G. Reeves.

Farm Family Paves Way For New Home By Building Up Fertility Of Land

OAKLAND, Tenn. — By building up the fertility of their land, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Johnson of Oakland, Tenn., paved the way for the recent construction of a modern home.

They and their five children have moved out of the old overcrowded farm house of their tenant-farming days into a new nine-room home built with a loan from the Farmers Home Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The Johnsons are likely to have no difficulty repaying the four percent, 33-year loan, because they have increased their crop yields 300 percent by building up the fertility of their once poor farm.

Also, there will be another schoolteacher in the family. A daughter will join Mrs. Johnson who has been teaching for several years. Mother and daughter will graduate this spring from Lane College. All the children have finished high school.

But Mr. Johnson, a veteran of World War I, isn't counting too much on schoolteacher pay. He is depending mainly upon the increased productivity of the Johnson's land.

Shortly after they began buying 120 acres eight years ago, he applied to their Soil Conservation District for help in developing a sound soil and water conservation program for the low-yield farm. A conservationist assigned to the district helped him map his land, determining how best the slopes and level land should be used.

With further help from Farmers Home County Supervisor James M. Nunnally and Negro County Agent James C. Gregory, the Johnsons developed a system of crop rotation, seeded cover crops in the fall and turned them under in spring, had their soil tested for plant food deficiencies, and applied fertilizer accordingly.

The cotton yield gradually rose from 250 pounds of lint per acre to 1,000 pounds; corn output increased from 18 to 52 bushels per acre, and their weedy pastures were converted into good grazing for their Duroc and Poland China hogs and Hereford cattle.

This year they expect to sell 26 calves and 50 hogs. "We would like to level off at 40 brood cows and six sows, and cut back on our 24 acres of cotton," says Mr. Johnson.

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He and Mrs. Johnson married in 1931 and started farming 10 acres as sharecroppers. At the end of five years, they started renting, having raised two mules from a mare his father gave them.

In 1939 they paid down on 80 acres, but it was too wooded to cultivate. So they continued renting, moving to a 120-acre farm. Twelve years later they began buying the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson wanted to pay for the farm and tractor before building a home, but the children were getting larger, and the old house was just too overcrowded.

Unable to get the credit they needed from conventional sources, they applied to Farmers Home which refinanced their farm purchase, increasing their total indebtedness by \$7,000 — enough with some of their own labor to build their modern brick home.

The members of the family are proud of their new home. They spruce it up every morning before they go to the field to plow, chop, or harvest cotton, corn, sorghum, or other crops.

"We all work hard," says Mr. Johnson. "We can pick a bale of

Improperly Placed Fertilizers Can Damage Cotton Root System

Now is the time to help prevent those cotton bolls and squares from shedding this summer.

The bolls and squares shed because of a poor root system, says Dr. Emerson Collins, in charge of agronomy extension at N. C. State College. One of the main reasons for a poor root system is the improper placement of fertilizer when the cotton is planted.

When fertilizer is placed directly under the seed, Dr. Collins says, the seed, the young seedlings and the tap root of the plant can be damaged. Once the tap root is damaged or destroyed, the cotton plant must depend on the small fibrous or side roots.

These side roots are often damaged, too, by farmers cultivating too deeply.

"We don't mind the work," Mr. Johnson. "Our new house makes it worthwhile."

"So you see," Dr. Collins added, "it's not surprising that cotton plants shed some of their bolls and squares when the soil gets a little dry. The plants simply do not have enough roots to keep going."

The way to correct the situation, he said, is to place the fertilizer in two bands, two and one-half inches to each side and one inch below

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