

# BIRTHS

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Saint Agnes Hospital has listed the following births between November 16 and December 1:

- A boy to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Reid of Wendell on the 16th of November.
- A girl to Mr. and Mrs. George Flagg, of Raleigh, on the 17th of November.
- A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Danzell Williamson, of Raleigh, on the 20th of November.
- A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watson, of Raleigh, on the 22nd of November.
- A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Utley, of Clayton, on the 22nd of November.

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**CUB SCOUT PACK PRESENTS THANKSGIVING BASKET** — Cub Scout Pack No. 193 presented Mrs. Allen M. Gill of 228 E. Hazlett Street a Thanksgiving basket on Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Gill was born in Johnston County on April 18, 1882 and is a member of the Rush Memorial Church, Rev. W. D. Carson is pastor. Reading from left to right are: James Sanders, James D. Binton, Jr., who is presenting the basket to Mrs. Gill; Mrs. Mable Sanders, Den Mother, Mrs. Gill, David Rickenburg and Mrs. Pearl Jackson Den Mother.

## Improved Methods & Good Management Help This Farmer To Gross 40 G's A Yr.

**SPRING HOPE** — Percy Richardson of Spring Hope who knows what it is to struggle against low yields and crop failures, now grosses close to \$40,000 a year through improved farming methods and good management, says Negro State Agent R. E. Jones of the North Carolina Extension Service.

And Mr. Richardson and his family live in a \$30,000 brick bungalow built in 1955 after years of saving and dreaming. Now he and his wife are concentrating on the education of their children—Gloria and Percy, Jr. After that they plan to retire.

"It'll be time to retire," says Mr. Richardson who has been farming for more than 40 years. He started out as a youngster with his parents on their farm. After he became of age, he gradually took over operation and management of the farm and enlarged it. In addition to the 450 acres the family now owns, it rents 65. This gives the Richardsons 515 acres of cropland and 348 of pastures and woodland.

Last year the Richardsons produced more than 50,000 pounds of tobacco, 35 bales of cotton, a quantity of corn, a number of hogs, and more than 2,000 dozen eggs, says State Agent Jones.

But Mr. Richardson has known the time when his crop production was not much more than half what it was in 1958. Those were the years when he struggled so hard against low yields and crop failures without much success.

Even so, he and Mrs. Richardson kept careful records and studied ways of increasing efficiency and lowering operating costs. This led him to shift from mules to tractor power and to take over steps to reduce expenses.

In relatively recent years he has been placing increased emphasis on better production methods. In this effort, he has had the advice and encouragement of his county agent, William F. Wright.

Among other things, Mr. Richardson now has his soil tested from time to time and applies fertilizer according to the actual needs of his land. He also plants improved varieties of tobacco, cotton, and corn, rotates his crops, fumigates his tobacco against diseases, and controls insects in his crops with careful applications of insecticides.

Through these and other methods, the farmer has increased his tobacco yield from 1,200 to 1,500 pounds per acre; his cotton from three-fourths of a bale to a bale and a fourth per acre; and his corn output, from 30 to 50 bushels per acre.

In the past Mr. Richardson grew corn mostly for market. Now he is feeding it to hogs. Encouraged by Mr. Wright and Assistant County Agent Paul Thompson, he has acquired six-meal-type sows. In the future, he hopes to market more than 100 hogs a year.

His success with crops has made his farm a kind of model for many of his neighbors who drop by frequently to observe his methods. And the home demonstration agent, Mrs. Margaret H. Wade, often includes the Richardson home in her homemakers tour schedule.

Above all else, Mrs. Richardson likes to show the visiting groups her home-freezer and point out that the family produced just about everything in it, including several pounds of golden butter from their Jersey cow.

"The Richardsons have set an outstanding example in live-at-home, as well as in improved farming and sound management," says State Agent Jones. "They are a good example for Nash County and for all of North Carolina," he declares.

## DEAR SALLY

BY SALLY SHAW

**DEAR SALLY:** One of the girls in our sorority, without any warning to the rest of us, eloped with her fiancé. Of course, we knew they were planning to be married some time in the near future and it had been our intention to give a shower for her as soon as we knew the definite date of the wedding. Now we're wondering if it would still be all right for us to give a shower for her, even though she's already married. **SORORITY SISTERS.**

**DEAR SORORITY SISTERS:** Certainly this is all right. A shower is just as much fun, and the gifts are just as welcome, to a girl after she is married as before.

**DEAR SALLY:** Last week one of my girl friends and I made a date to see a certain movie together on the following Saturday night. Then a boy phoned me and asked me to go to a dance with him that same night, so I called my girl friend and broke my date with her. She asked kind of huffy about it and, in fact, hasn't spoken to me since. I think she's being very unreasonable about the whole thing. Don't you? **IRENE.**

**DEAR IRENE:** If you'll stop long enough to think this through very carefully, maybe you'll realize that no thought, feel, honorable, considerate person will ever cancel a date with one friend in order to go out with another.

**DEAR SALLY:** This will probably sound like a pretty funny one to you. I've been married to my wife for, three years now and I her parents. Up to now I've been calling them Mr. and Mrs., but still don't know how to address since I'm really one of the family, this sounds so formal and stilted. I get along with them wonderfully and I'd certainly appreciate any suggestions you may have regarding this. **COLIN.**

**DEAR COLIN:** Since your parents-in-law are the persons most concerned, and since you get along with them so wonderfully, why don't you ask them how they'd like to be addressed by you? They're sure to have a better answer than I can give you.

**DEAR SALLY:** A woman in my card club is getting under my skin. I've known her for a long time, know for sure that she was born in the same year that I was — which makes her exactly 43 years old. Yet she keeps saying that life will soon be beginning for her, inferring that she's approaching forty. This irks me. I've about decided to embarrass her to her face the next time she tells this. How about this? **MATTIE.**

**DEAR MATTIE:** What satisfaction will you really get out of embarrassing a woman who's only doing what countless other poor, deluded women try to do — clutching at youth with all her might. If people who rib about their age knew how little others care, they'd save themselves lots of time and energy. Sooner or later, the truth will out!

**DEAR SALLY:** My girl friend and I are both 18 and we want very much to get married soon. The trouble is our families. We're both the youngest in our families, and we're afraid that our parents are going to hit the ceiling when we tell them our plans to be married. I guess there are plenty of other teen-agers who have this same sort of problem with unreasonable parents. What should we do? **PETE.**

**DEAR PETE:** I'm sure that 18 doesn't seem so young to you as it does to your parents and to me, and I'm just as

sure that if I should suggest your postponing marriage for awhile, you would immediately classify me as fuddy-duddy. So I'll skip that and suggest that you both go first to your girl's parents, and then to yours, and have a good, clear-headed talk with them. Among the 6 of you, you should come up with some good idea of what is proper and wise to do.

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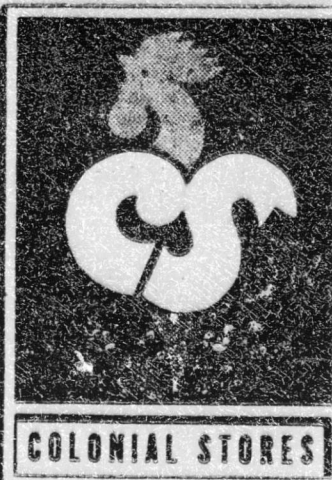
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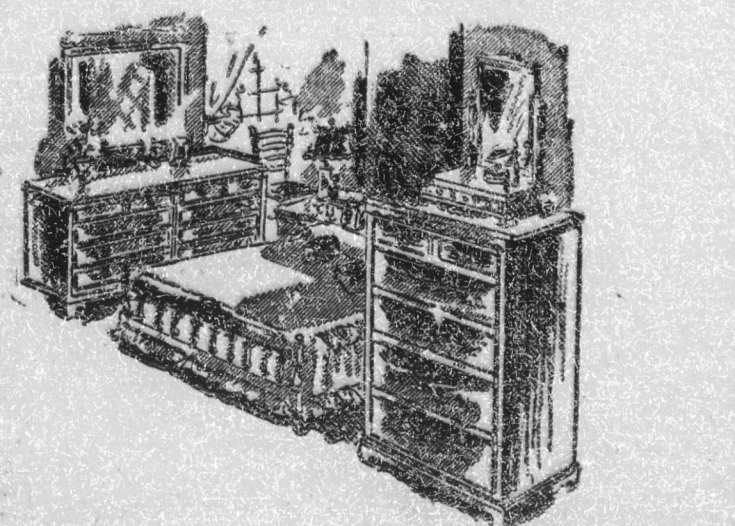
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