

**Building And Loan Groups Will Gather**

Durham, March 12. The ten district groups of the North Carolina Building and Loan League have arranged dates for holding their group meetings, according to an announcement by W. A. Biggs of this city, President of the State League. President Biggs plans to attend each of the group meetings. The first district group will hold the first meeting in Goldsboro at the Goldsboro Hotel, Monday evening, March 23. Following is the schedule for the other group meetings: Group 2, the Community House, Tarboro, Tuesday evening, March 24; Group 3, Cape Fear Hotel, Wilmington, Wednesday evening, March 25; Group 4, Durham, Thursday, March 26; Group 5, Lexington, Friday, March 27; Group 6, First Baptist Church, Southern Pines, Monday evening, March 30; Group 7, Concord, Tuesday, March 31; Group 8, Carheim Hotel, Lenoir, Wednesday evening, April 1; Group 9, Hotel Charles, Shelby, Thursday evening, April 2; Group 10, Cool Springs High School Auditorium, Forest City, Friday evening, April 3.

**Bethel High School And Community News**

Mr. David Farthing who has been misspelled for a few days is able to be out again. Mr. John Ward took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Farthing Sunday. Mr. Roby Vines made a business trip to Cove Creek Saturday to do some surveying. Mr. Gordon Winkler of Boone spent the week-end with his wife, one of the grade teachers in Bethel High School. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. O'Neal carried their daughter, Miss Belle, to Boone Saturday to receive her music lesson. Mr. Perry Farthing made a business trip to Chalkville, Va., Saturday. Mr. C. M. Dickson made a talk to the Sunday School at the Baptist Church Sunday on the subject, "The Knot-Strangling and Camel-Swallowing Christian." Mr. Carter Farthing who has charge of the state prison camps near Boone, spent the week-end with home folks. On Saturday night, March 14, a Junior-Senior reception was held in the Bethel High School building. This being St. Patrick's day occasion, the typical color scheme of green and white was used. Edward Clay, president of the Junior class and toastmaster, presented a very fitting toast to which Buster Wilson responded in a very appreciative manner. The toastmaster added to the occasion by numerous witty jokes. The color scheme was carried out in a very delicious luncheon which was served by the Juniors. Next was string music and some readings, all of which was very much enjoyed. It is reported that the Seniors were most delightfully entertained and that the Juniors are looking forward toward St. Patrick's day a year hence. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swift of Cove Creek visited Mrs. Swift's mother, Mrs. W. Y. Farthing, Sunday evening.

**NOVEL DECREE**

**N. J. Judge Hands Down Ruling Against Mother**



NEWARK, N. J. Above is Judge Robert Grosman, who rules that Mrs. Mabel Eaton of Bloomfield should not have the custody of her two children, following divorce, because she was rearing them as communists and atheists.

**Blowing Rock High School News**

**The Senior Play**  
The Senior class will present their play "He Couldn't Take It," on Saturday night, March 21, in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock. The admission is only 10 and 20 cents. Miss Luda Coffey and Miss Evelyn Brown will furnish vocal and instrumental selections for your entertainment. We promise you two hours of whole-souled fun. The characters are as follows: Coleman Barry, George Suddreth; Mrs. Barry, Mary Moody; Leo Barry, Jay Gaston; Carol Summers, Francis Pitts; Faith Truesdale, Grace Hartley; Ruth Holloway, Helen Green; Jeanette Harcourt, Alberta Green; Simpson Dean, Ronald Elrod; Byron Summers, Dillard Elrod; Libby Summers, Pearl Elrod; Wyle Summers, Johnnie Lertz; Malcolm, Norman Pitts; Chusa Lee, Pinkney Greer.

**Silverstone News**

Sunday school is progressing nicely at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church—99 per cent. Glad to see Brother Roy Eggers and family all back as he has been out this winter on account of Mrs. Eggers illness. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Greer has a very sick child at this time. Mr. C. C. Lawrence is able to be out plowing his oxen again, we are glad to note. Mrs. Charlie Lawrence is much improved. Born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Wilson, a son. Mr. R. M. Greene has bought land of Coy Reed in Silverstone. Mr. and Mrs. Will Anderson were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Anderson. Selmer and Bill Eggers were visiting at Mr. Don Horton's and others Saturday. Mr. Charlie Guy has traded for part of the Chero Green farm on Rich Mountain. The writer has been brought up a G.O.P., but wants to take his hat off to men like your board for the stand they are taking for the right. Hope to see no more slot machines, or wine in our county. Stand by the man that is for right—Democrats or Republicans.

**Schaub Gives Details Of New Farm Program**

Soil conservation grants of 15 or 20 million dollars probably will be paid North Carolina farmers this year under the new farm program. The exact amount, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, will depend largely upon the number of farmers entering the program and the amount of land on which grants are to be paid. Although no contracts will be signed, as under the old AAA, farmers will be paid for devoting part of their land to soil-building or soil-conserving crops, he explained. The three major objectives of the soil conservation and domestic allotment act are: Conservation of the soil through wise use of the land. This will also check the overproduction of soil-depleting cash crops. Re-establishment and maintenance of farm income at a "fair level." Protection of consumers by assuring adequate supplies of food, feed, and other farm commodities now and in the future. With these objectives, said the dean, the new program will have a broader significance than the old AAA, although it may not limit cash crops as effectively as was done before. Farmers who qualify for payments this year will be required to have an acreage of soil-conserving crops, or land devoted to some other conservation practice, equal to at least 20 per cent. of the acres in soil-depleting crops. And he must not have an acreage of depleting crops this year greater than his base acreage for these crops. The bases and normal average yields for cotton, tobacco, and peanuts will be the same as established for 1936 under the old AAA. Bases for other depleting crops will be worked out on a fair and equitable basis by the Secretary of Agriculture, Dean Schaub said. Cotton, tobacco, corn, wheat, peanuts, truck, and the like are classified as soil-depleting crops. Soil-conserving crops include forest trees, legumes, hays, and pasture grasses. Part of the soil conservation grant to each farm will be a moderate soil-maintenance payment, probably 75 cents an acre, on land planted to soil-building or conserving crops. Fields already in these crops, and on which the crops are maintained in 1936, will qualify for these payments as well as fields where these crops are planted this year for the first time in several years. The other part of the grant will be a diversion payment on land shifted from depleting crops to soil-building or conserving crops. A diversion payment of six cents a pound on the average production of land thus taken out of cotton has been recommended. The recommended tobacco payment is at least five cents a pound, but in no event less than the rate per pound on cotton. For peanuts, the recommended rate is 1 1/2 cents a pound, but in no case less than 25 per cent. of the rate for cotton. Diversion payments on other soil-depleting crops will be fixed later, Dean Schaub stated. The maximum amount of cotton land on which diversion payments will be made for shifting to soil-building or conserving crops is 40 per cent. of the base acreage. The maximum diversion on which tobacco payments will be made is 30 per cent. of the base, and the maximum for peanuts is 20 per cent. of the base, the dean pointed out. No diversion payments will be made on food and feed crops if the farmer, in diverting land in these crops to soil improvement, reduces his food and feed production below the amount needed on his farm.

**Upper Meat Camp News**

Mr. W. A. Proffit celebrated his fiftieth birthday Sunday, March 15, with a heavily loaded table filled with all kinds of good things to eat, and after all were satisfied there could have been taken up more than twelve baskets full. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Winebarger, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Byers, Boone; Mrs. Carrie Ragan and Mrs. Clyde Moretz of Deep Gap; Mrs. T. L. Moretz and Mrs. Ola Watson, also of Deep Gap and their children, also Mr. Gurdy Barnes, Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Winebarger and children, Mrs. Winebarger being their only daughter. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Proffit, the father and mother of Mr. W. A. Proffit, were present, they being 76 and 74 years old, respectively. All seemed to enjoy the occasion to the fullest. Mr. Cale Moretz has returned to Meat Camp from Pennsylvania and will operate his mother's farm this year. Mr. Ronda Moretz from Newton visited with his mother and Mr. Cale Moretz Sunday. Aunt Ellen Moretz, widow of the late J. L. Moretz, who is nearly ninety years old, is stout and hale. She has been a wonderful woman. Mr. Caleb Winebarger, who has been real sick, has improved a great deal. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Greene spent Sunday visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winebarger's. Misses Epsie Greene and Flossie Moody spent the week-end with Mr. Albert Winebarger. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Winebarger of Boone, spent the week-end with Mr. Caleb Winebarger, his father.

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