

## John H. Pope Talks About Farm Meeting Held At State Capital

### Stress Laid on Tenancy and Soil; Small Farmer Considered

John H. Pope, FSA Supervisor for Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties, brought home some interesting sidelights from the joint meeting of Extension and Farm Security workers which he attended last week in Raleigh.

At this meeting, which lasted from Tuesday through Friday, some 300 county agents and other extension workers and 100 FSA county supervisors heard a number of farm leaders and took part in round-table discussions, the purpose of which was to help them to do a better job for the communities they serve in 1933.

Mr. Pope said the discussions centered around the theme, "Rebuilding North Carolina's Rural Life" and special emphasis was laid on farm tenancy and soil conservation. He stated that he was favorably impressed with the fact that the farm leaders whom he met and heard are so thoroughly sold on the idea of making the way easier for tenants and small farmers to help themselves to improve their lot, and in that way to improve conditions generally in the South.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey, for instance, said "we will not lift North Carolina to the high level it ought to occupy until we touch the tenant farmer . . ."

Dr. Will W. Alexander, of Washington, D. C., Administrator of the Farm Security Administration, traced historically the gradual advance of democracy in the South and showed how little attention was given, until recently, in both literature and government to the rank and file. A native of the South, and a close student of Southern life, Dr. Alexander spoke of the over-emphasis which the earlier writers and most of the early statesmen placed upon slave owners to the neglect of a large portion of the people of the region.

The South, Mr. Pope quotes the Administrator as saying, has been pictured as a land of slavery and colonial plantations, when as a matter of fact only 30 per cent of the white families of the South owned slaves and for every plantation there were hundreds of small farms and humble cabins. From these the bulk of our native white population has descended.

We have not yet learned enough of the non-slave owning Southerner of whom Walter Hines Page, in his "Letters" was one of the first to write, Dr. Alexander said. Then, too, below that middle class group mentioned by Page was another large group, still more neglected, most of whom have never known the better things of life. According to the inaugural message of a South Carolina governor as early as 1856, there were "more than 50,000 white South Carolinians in poverty."

Mr. Pope gave only the high spots of the remarks of Dr. Alexander, who pointed out that for a period of nearly 200 years all the governors

in one Southern state came from about 16 families and that as late as 1880 the record shows an amazing number of people in the South who could not read and write. The coming into power of a new and more representative group of statesmen in the person of such leaders as Vardaman, of Mississippi, Tillman of South Carolina, the Taylors of Tennessee and others, improved the situation as to education, but the problems we are working with today among our low income groups reaches back, without a doubt, to those early days when schools for all did not exist, and to that long period when little or no opportunity was given the poorer people to learn the skills so much needed today in building their own farm houses and in making other needed improvements. The French farmers, with little or no more money than our Southern farmers, have better houses. "But they have skills that we have lost, skills that we must regain," Mr. Pope quotes Dr. Alexander as saying.

It is a matter of statistical fact that the big industrial centers of the country, due to low birth rate, are failing to replenish their populations from within and the deficit in the cities is being made up from the farming sections, particularly the rural south. It is, therefore, of immense concern to the whole nation that more attention be given to the health of our rural people, that we reach more and more of them through practical education and that we help them recapture their skills. Dr. Alexander told the supervisors, adding that the reason North Carolina has gotten along so much better than other Southern states is that this state has had a stronger and more dominant element of the middle class of which Page wrote and which used its influence earlier for better education.

### Timely Questions On Farm Answered

**Question:** What causes early hatched pullets to fall off in production when there are no signs of molt or disease?

**Answer:** This winter pause in production is often encountered when early hatched pullets have been producing heavily. The birds are just resting and will undoubtedly soon swing back into heavy egg yields. Give them normal care, keeping a well-balanced mash before them at all times and practice rigid sanitation. Watch the flock for a neck molt and, if this occurs, feed a wet mash to hasten production.

**Question:** How can I keep my hams from souring?

**Answer:** Strict sanitation in handling the animals both before and after killing is necessary to prevent this spoilage. Do not overheat the animals before killing and be sure to bleed the animals well after killing. All animal heat should be out of the meat before curing. Scald all curing vessels and boil all water used in the brine. Each piece of meat should be rubbed with salt before curing and, if brine cured, the brine should be examined every few days. When smoking, hang the meat six to eight feet above the fire.

**Question:** What is a good ration to give a calf six months old that has been abruptly taken from its

## Queen of Billiards In Edenton Friday



Miss Ruth McGinnis of Honesdale, Pa., world's greatest woman pocket billiard player, will play a special match game with one of Edenton's leading men players and demonstrate her skill as a fancy and trick shot artist at Chappell's Billiard Parlor tomorrow (Friday) night. Miss McGinnis has previously put on an exhibition before an Edenton audience, and on Friday night will perform at 10 o'clock.

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**Answer:** The winter ration of a six-month old heifer should consist largely of a good leafy green colored legume hay. Usually two to three pounds daily is sufficient. A good grain ration is composed of three parts, by weight, of cracked yellow corn, one part of crushed oats, and one part of wheat bran. Salt should be placed in the stall so that the calf can get it when desired and fresh water should be offered at least twice a day. In addition to the feed it is important that the calf be provided with a well bedded stall so that it can keep comfortable.

### MRS. EVANS HONORED

Mrs. Herman Freeman and Mrs. Walter Evans were joint hostesses of a miscellaneous shower at the home of the latter, near Merry Hill, on Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Spurgeon Evans, a recent bride.

About eighty guests called during the evening, and Mrs. Evans received many lovely gifts.

The hostesses served a delicious sweet course.

When Frank Jones, of Chicago, tried to flirt with a girl on the street, she knocked him down, had him arrested, and he was fined \$50.

### 100 PER CENT STUDENTS

Five students in the seventh grade of Merry Hill school, of which Miss Mittie Phelps, is teacher, averaged 100 per cent in their studies for the past month.

Those on the honor list were: Rachel Coward, Frances Phelps, Starkey Coward, Frank Cobb and Eloise Andrews.

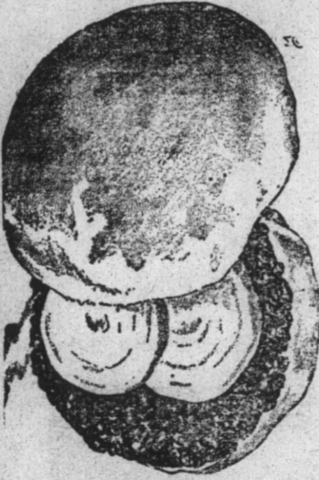


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## ROCKY HOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Bunch, of Edenton, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bunch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller, from Winfall, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Stallings, of Edenton, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bunch, of Edenton, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bunch Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli T. Byrum and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bagley, near Hertford, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Edith Bunch has returned to her home from Norfolk, Va., where she visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parrish and sons, of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. Ellen White and Miss Lizzie White.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parrish visited Mrs. Corrie Bunch, at River View, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Elsie Bunch has returned to her home from Franklin, Va., where she visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bunch visited Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Evans Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Leary is sick. Mrs. R. W. Leary, Sr., visited Mrs. L. S. Byrum, in Edenton, Thursday afternoon.

### WALTER OAKY APPOINTED ATTORNEY-OF TRADE BOARD

Friends in this section are pleased to know that Walter H. Oaky, Jr., of Hertford, judge of Perquimans

County Recorder's appointed as special attorney for the Federal mission.

Judge Oaky, it is reported, cracked down during the last session of his rule to improve his stand against the greatly reduced of Perquimans County.

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