

### Mrs. Harper Campaigning

SOUTHPORT—Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, said this week that she considers membership on the State Board of Education to be one of the most important duties of that office. She pointed out that the lieutenant governor is one of three ex-officio members of the education body — the state treasurer and the superintendent of education being the other two. All are voting members of the Board of Education.

"Education is the biggest business in which the state of North Carolina is engaged," said Mrs. Harper, "and the product turned out by our schools is our most valuable commodity. I will consider it a special opportunity for service to be a member of this body."

"I believe that it is of major importance for the presiding officer of one of our legislative branches to have intimate knowledge of the programs and goals of the State Department of Public Instruction," she said, "and I would consider my membership on the State Board of Education to be a great advantage in my purpose to do everything possible to make the public education system of North Carolina the best in the nation."

"Whenever I have accepted appointment to commissions or committees, I have taken my responsibilities seriously," declared the woman candidate for lieutenant governor. "If I become eligible for membership on the Board of Education, I will attend its sessions and will use the knowledge I gain as a board member to help implement an effective legislative program in the State Senate."

Mrs. Harper is continuing her plan to carry her campaign into all sections of North Carolina. After being in the central part of the state last week in Sanford, Greensboro and Pittsboro, this week, she heads west for meetings in Kings Mountain, Shelby and Morganton.

### Dixie Classic Fair Looking For Giant Pumpkins

WINSTON-SALEM — If anyone thinks he can raise big pumpkins, the Dixie Classic Fair wants to hear from him.

For the fourth year the fair will stage its pumpkin contest, awarding premiums for the largest, smallest, prettiest, best decorated and the one exhibited by the oldest grower.

The judging will be opening day of this year's fair, Tuesday, October 8. Ornamental gourds will also be judged and awarded premiums.

There is a minimum of \$100 awaiting the grower of the largest pumpkin, plus 50 cents for every pound over 100 pounds. If it weighs more than last year's champion, the fair will pay an additional \$1 for each pound over.

The 1967 grand champion was a pumpkin to behold.

Deep, rich orange in color, it weighed 282 pounds and had a circumference of almost seven feet.

The grower of this autumn behemoth was Kenneth Jenkins of Germantown. He received a check for \$205, which included \$28 for weighing that number of pounds more than the 254-pound champion in 1966.

Since January the fair has been offering free seeds to prospective growers who would like to enter this year's contest. These are of the Big Max strain, and Albert Voss, in charge of distribution, guarantees they will grow big pumpkins. Voss will mail the seeds on request through April 30, but any exhibitor may use his own seeds if he desires.

In the other pumpkin categories, the fair will pay

valuable premiums. The smallest pumpkin (by weight) receives \$25. Ten premiums, ranging from \$15 to \$3.50, will be paid to the prettiest pumpkins. The eight best decorated ones will be paid on a scale of \$15 down to \$1.

The oldest exhibitor will receive 50 cents per pound, regardless of the pumpkin's weight. To be eligible for this category, each exhibitor must state his birth date on the entry blank. If the oldest exhibitor also has the largest pumpkin, the next oldest will receive the prize.

All exhibitors must send in their entry blanks by September 2 to be eligible for the judging.

This year's pumpkin contest has been named for W. G. White, for many years a prominent grocer in Winston-Salem.

The Ornamental Gourd Contest will contain five categories for which premiums will be awarded. These are small and large specimens, gourd with the longest handle, most unusual shape and most decorative display.

Entry blanks are required and are obtainable from the fair office, Box 7525, Reynolda Station. Blanks must be returned by September 21.

#### Good Advice

If you are wrong, you can't afford to argue and if you are right, what's the use?

—Republican, Toronto, Kan.

#### A Matter Of Fitness

Two reasons why women don't wear last year's gowns: they don't want to and they can't.

—Cuneo (Iowa) Topics.



"CHEVY SHOW"—The Chevrolet Hemisphere Show at SIX FLAGS Over Georgia is pictured above. The "Chevy Show," sponsored by the Chevrolet Division of General Motors, will be presented in the U. S. A. section of the 276-acre family entertainment center located on U. S. Interstate 20, west of Atlanta. This is one of the new "rides" at SIX FLAGS which will premiere on April 13 with the opening of the park's second season.

## Easter Services Slated

By Father Joseph Lash

The latest renovations within the interior of St. Ann's Catholic Church will be the atmosphere in which this year's Easter mass will be celebrated. And to make matters better correlated this year for Holy Week the mass of Holy Thursday will be the first to be celebrated in this environment which should remind us more fully of the original mass offered by Jesus Christ, Himself, some 1935

years ago. The only words which convey the awesome majesty of Holy Week are "death" and "life." These are the two words which are the key to the liturgy which we celebrate this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We might rightfully say that this whole drama of death and life began in the Garden of Eden, not Edenton, with man's first sin. And we should all, by now, know that sin

is death. Man was dead, but not hopelessly so. Man had the promise—the promise that a Messiah would come to release him from the chambers of death, which is sin. But with the coming of Holy Saturday, the night of anticipation, death in sin is behind us; life is before us in Him Who promised us: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Because of all this, if there had been no Resurrection, there would be no Catholic Church today. In fact, there would be no semblance of Christianity and the very name of Christ would bring nothing but a jeer that would re-echo down through the corridors of time! Why?

Because shortly before His death, He flung this challenge to His hecklers: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will rebuild it." They understood the challenge clearly.

Christ, therefore, would either arise on the third day and prove He is truly God or He would have gone down in history as the greatest fraud and imposter of all time. But the fact stands that He did arise and that is why we exult with Christ on this day as the victor over defeat, as the triumphant Redeemer over sin, and as the new life over death.

Christ indeed from death is risen. Alleluia!

### At St. Ann's Mass Schedule

Father Joseph J. Lash, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church, announces the following schedule of masses:

Thursday, 7 P. M. (Adoration after mass until 10 P. M.); Saturday, 11:15 P. M. (Paschal Vigil leading into midnight mass); Sunday, midnight and 8 (midnight mass will be celebrated in Latin).

Confessions: Thursday, 5 to 6. Saturday, 4 to 5. At All Souls' in Columbia: Sunday, 10 A. M.; Liturgical Function, Friday, 5:30 P. M. Confessions, Friday, 4 to 5.

Life, with some people, is a slow motion performance, waiting for the grim reaper to arrive.

### New Wheat Variety Announced

The new wheat variety developed for North Carolina by North Carolina State University fully merits its being called a Golden Grain.

Gov. Dan K. Moore has revealed that the new wheat, named Blueboy by NCSU scientists, will bring an additional \$10,000,000 annually in income to North Carolina farmers by 1970.

The governor made the statement at the 1968 meeting of the N. C. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Raleigh.

The governor called the new wheat an "outstanding contribution" to North Carolina agriculture.

His statement was the first report of the wheat's income value in future years and was prepared by research officers at North Carolina State University.

Blueboy was developed at N. C. State and was released last year. The first year results were more dramatic than the research

scientists had anticipated. It is expected to increase acre yields from 31 to 50 bushels on a statewide basis.

Dr. Charles F. Murphy, crop scientist at N. C. State, developed the new wheat variety.

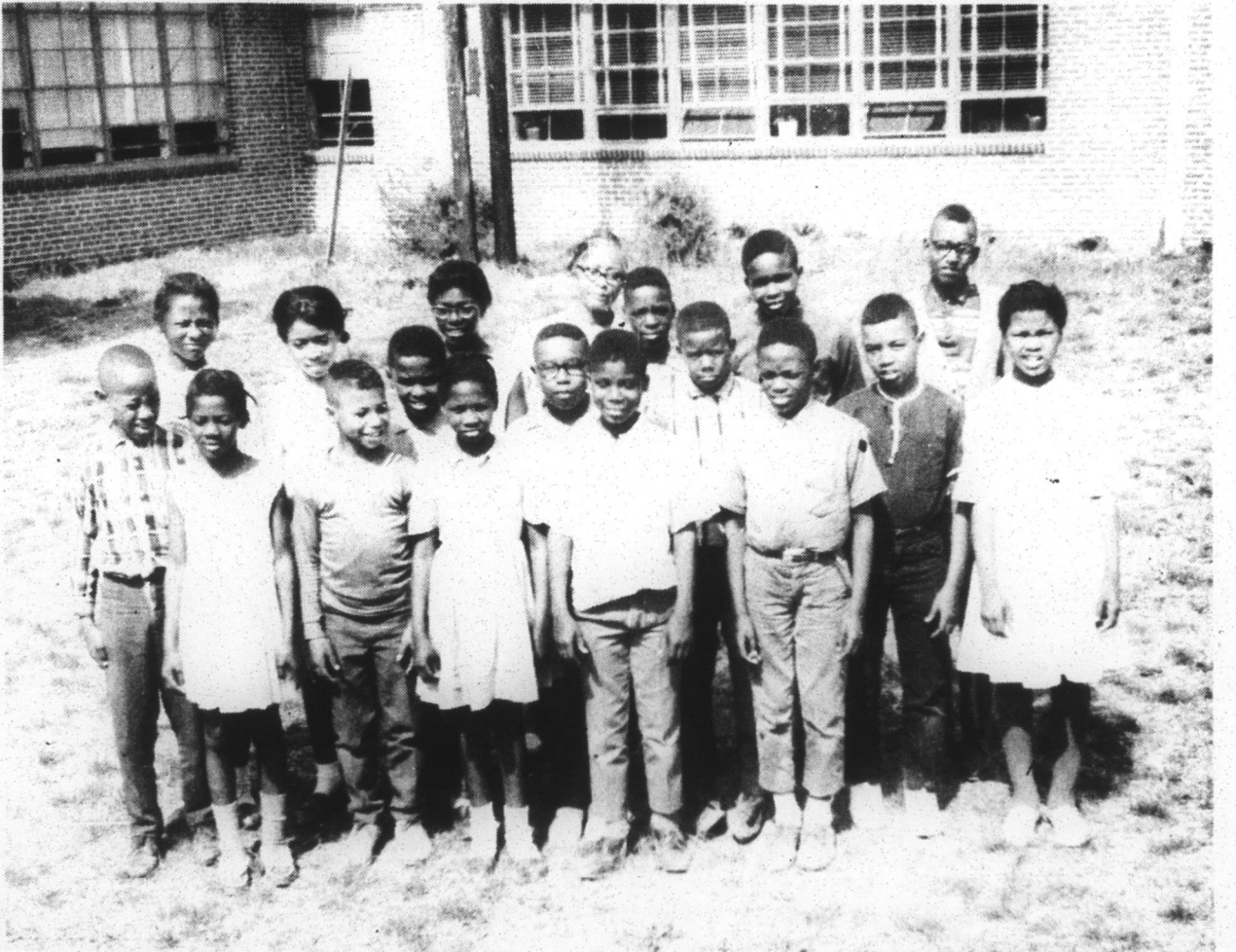
One farmer who grew Blueboy last year for seed increase, W. A. McFarland of Durham, made a yield of 100.9 bushels per acre on a five-acre field.

Blueboy is a soft red winter wheat and will stand up under heavy fertilization to produce high yields.

Dr. Roy Lovvorn, director of agricultural research at State, reports that about 60,000 acres of Blueboy were planted last fall and are expected to be harvested this summer, providing an abundance of seed for the 1969 crop.

The first year's increase in income by Blueboy, based on commercial wheat prices, is predicted to be upwards of \$1.5 million, the scientists report.

With seed available to



PERFECT ATTENDANCE—Last Friday, the 19 members of Mrs. W. H. Creecy's fifth grade at White Oak School completed a complete school month of perfect attendance. Mrs. Creecy said it was her first experience in 37 years of teaching to have an entire class go a full month without an absence. As luck would have it, two of the students were out with an illness Tuesday when the photographer arrived. The other 17, along with Mrs. Creecy, are shown here. First row, left to right: Hilda Boyce, Michael Taylor, Beverly Boyce, Wilter Leary, Perlie Cofield, James Copeland and Susan Taylor. Second row, same order: Henry Privott, Arthur Norfleet, Elbert Mabein, Milton Elliott and Charles Roberts. Third row, Janet Parks, Mary Jones, Julia Riddick, Calvin Dillard and Truluck Bootwright.



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