

### Jane Cutts Shares Birthday Honors

RALEIGH — Seventy Meredith College students and faculty members whose birthdays occur in September and October were guests of honor at special birthday tables in the college dining hall Wednesday evening.

These monthly parties are an activity of the social committee of the Baptist Student Union, of which Rosalind Knott of Oxford, social vice president, is chairman.

The guests' tables were decorated with candlelit cakes and placecards favors in the Halloween motif, and the student body wished them Happy Birthday in song. Betty Jo Smith of High Point presented a program of vocal music during the dinner. The honor guests included Jane Cutts of Stovall.

Mr. Lanier was a captain in World War I and later was commissioned major in the Officers Reserve Corps. His body lies in Arlington National Cemetery. (To Be Continued)

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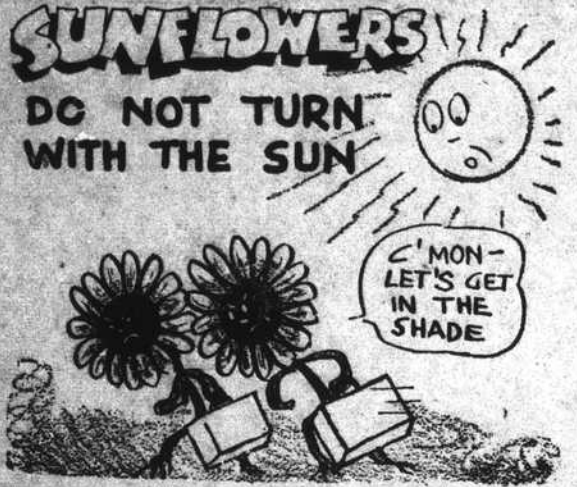
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### GRANVILLE'S DISTINGUISHED BAR

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Sidney W. Minor and his son, William H. Hicks.

Mr. Hicks was a major on the staff of Governor Kitchen and attorney for Granville County. He was a frequent contributor to the press, mostly on historical subjects, and had written a history of Granville County but died before he could have it published.

Alexander J. Feild  
1864-1942

Alexander Jones Feild was born in Warren County, March 9, 1864, and died in New York January 7, 1942. He was a grandson of Thomas Blount Littlejohn, who once owned the land on which Oxford is built, and so a nephew of James T. Littlejohn mentioned earlier in this article.

Mr. Feild attended Horner School and was graduated by the University of North Carolina in 1885. He read law under Robert Watson Winston, and in 1888 began the practice of his profession in Oxford in partnership with Beverly S. Royster. He was private secretary of Governor W. W. Kitchen and editor and publisher of the State Journal at Raleigh. Later he served under President Woodrow Wilson at Washington as attorney for the United States Shipping Board. In New York he was associated with the law firm of Davis, Auerback & Gornell, and at the time of his death was attorney for the Episcopal Church Mission House in that city.

Beverly S. Royster  
1865-1929

Beverly Sampson Royster was born in the Williamsboro section of Vance (then Granville) County January 17, 1865, and died at Oxford November 16, 1929. After attending schools near his home and the Horner Academy at Henderson, Mr. Royster came to Oxford and for a while was a clerk for and afterward a partner of the late John G. Hall, druggist. He read law under Robert Watson Winston and was admitted to practice in 1888. He continued actively in his profession in Oxford until his last sickness.

For a short while in his earlier days at the bar he was associated with Alexander J. Feild and later with his brother-in-law Franklin P. Hobgood, Jr., and still later with L. C. Edwards, and then with his son, B. S. Royster, Jr.

Mr. Royster was mayor of Oxford for several terms. He was active in politics as well as in fraternal and military organizations. He became head of the Masonic order and at the same time of the Odd Fellows in North Carolina. At the time of his death he was national head of the Woodmen of the World. In the military world he rose to the head of the North Carolina National Guard, having served at two different periods as adjutant general of that body.

Mr. Royster left three sons, Beverly S. Royster, Royall H. Royster, and Thomas S. Royster, all of whom followed in the profession of their father and will be mentioned further on in this article.

Henry M. Shaw

Henry M. Shaw was a son of Capt. W. E. Shaw of Henderson, who was a non-resident associate of the son in the practice of law in Oxford. Mr. Shaw was born just after the close of the Civil War. He lived in Oxford for many years and was at one time grand master of the Odd Fellows of the state. In addition to his law practice he was the proprietor of the Hemshaw Hosiery Mill here and was connected with the buggy business when that business was Oxford's most important manufacturing industry. Mr. Shaw moved to Tampa, Fla., in 1925, and died there April 18, 1926.

Walter P. Stradley  
1867-1944

Walter P. Stradley was born December 26, 1867, in Wake County, son of the Rev. Joshua A. Stradley of Oxford, and his wife, the former Miss Mary Fowler of Wake County. He was educated at the Horner School and Wake Forest College and studied law at Harvard University. He went west and his services as an exceptionally eloquent orator were utilized as an elector in California in one of the presidential campaigns of Grover Cleveland. After returning to his old home town he became town clerk, an office he filled most efficiently for many years immediately preceding his death.

Alexander S. Lanier  
1869-1942

Alexander Sidney Lanier was born August 3, 1869, and died in Washington, D. C., April 6, 1942. He was a son of that great lawyer M. V. Lanier and so a brother of Thornwell Lanier. Most of his practice was done first in Richmond, Va., then for the United States government in Washington and as assistant to the attorney general of the Philippines. His opinion on a knotty legal question which delayed for some years the building of the railroad to Dickerson is said by some to have opened the way for the completion of that important

### Top Corn Yields To Earn Prizes

Bonds with Maturity Value Of \$400 To Be Awarded In Contests

Highest corn yields will win North Carolina farmers' savings bonds with a maturity value of \$400 in the State's 1950 corn contest. The highest official yield in recent years was 148 bushels per acre, according to Dr. E. R. Collins, extension agronomist at State College.

Collins says that yields of 125 to 140 bushels usually win the district contests, and sometimes even the state competition. He explains that only harvested and weighed yields will be accepted for entry in the contest, and that shocked or harvested corn cannot be entered.

Farmers desiring to enter the contest should be careful to see that their acre of corn is harvested by a committee representing agricultural agencies and businessmen, with a chairman from outside the county. The acre must be measured by a county surveyor, a licensed surveyor, or a person recommended by the county PMA chairman.

Yields above 148 bushels can be disqualified by the state committee unless a member of the committee is present at the harvest. Certification of any yield may be disqualified for non-compliance in regard to any regulation.

Farmers making an estimated yield may determine the moisture content of their corn by sending one pint of shelled corn in a sealed container to Clyde Corther, Ricks Hall, State College, Raleigh.

The North Carolina Foundation Seed Producers, Inc., is making available \$100 in bonds to the highest producer on one acre of land in the state. In addition, a \$100 bond will be awarded to the highest producer in each of three areas.

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### Use Phosphate With Alfalfa at Planting

Annual topdressings will hardly be needed if alfalfa is fertilized with enough phosphorus at planting time, in the opinion of W. W. Woodhouse, Jr., soil scientist with the North Carolina Experiment Station. Phosphorus, potassium and nitrogen are the three main elements needed in fertilizing new alfalfa.

The reason phosphate lasts a long time, says Woodhouse, is that it does not leach out of the soil as does potash. Neither do the plants take up more phosphorus than they can use efficiently.

Woodhouse has conducted several tests in which original application of phosphorus was still boosting alfalfa yields three to five years later. In one such test, three different plots were treated in 1943 with "no phosphorus," "40 pounds of phosphorus" and "160 pounds of phosphorus" per acre. Five years later, in 1948, the yield of hay from these plots were 5,863, 6,283 and 7,009 pounds per acre, respectively.

These results, says Woodhouse, suggest the practice of applying a high rate of phosphorus at seeding and then maintaining this with occasional light top dressings.

As with many other plants, alfalfa is very sensitive to the phosphorus level during the time it is becoming established. The young seedlings seem to get a big boost from this material.

Woodhouse recommends using from 700 to 1,000 pounds of a 2-12-12 fertilizer per acre in starting alfalfa. Between 25 and 35 pounds of

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### Bulletin Issued On Growing Lawns

Up-to-date information on lawns is contained in a new State College Extension Service bulletin issued this week. Written by John H. Harris, extension horticultural specialist, and Douglas S. Chamblee, research agronomist, the 16-page pamphlet gives advice on fertilizing, seeding and managing lawns.

Single copies of the publication—Circular No. 292, "Carolina Lawns"—are free on request, and can be had from either the county farm agent or the home demonstration agent. Copies may also be obtained by writing to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

Harris and Chamblee give a list of lawn grasses recommended for various zones in North Carolina. The grasses, all of which are described, include common Bermuda, Kentucky bluegrass, carpet grass, centipede grass, tall fescue, African Bermuda and manila grass.

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The authors also offer detailed suggestions on preparation of land, fertilization, seeding, watering and mowing. They give special instructions on overseeding with Italian ryegrass for winter lawn.

Weeds cause serious losses in seeding alfalfa. Some of the most serious weed pests of alfalfa include chickweed, ragged robin or bachelor's button, and various annual grasses.

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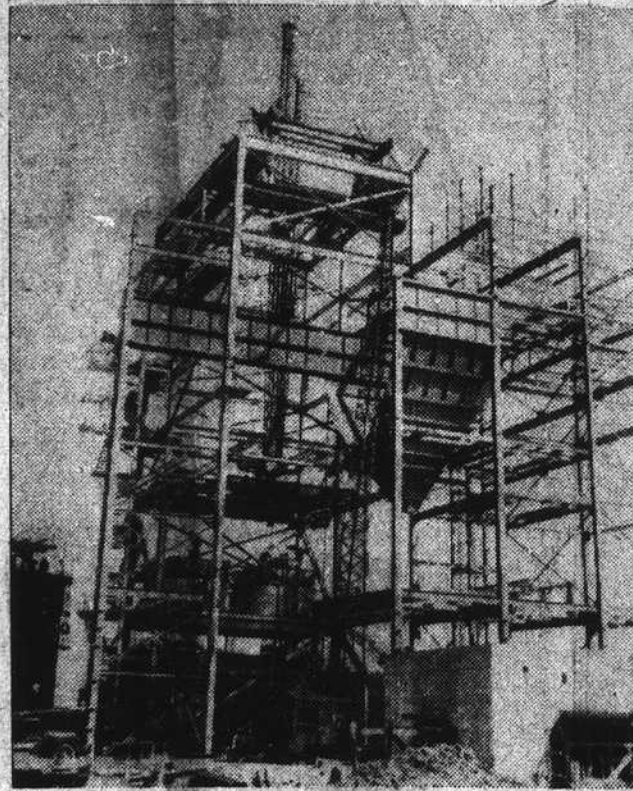
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