

**Farmers' Meetings Held This Week**

Important meetings for Moore County farmers were held in the courthouse at Carthage Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Members of the Moore County artificial breeders' cooperative gathered at 7 p. m. Monday to

hear a financial report for the year 1954 and elect four directors. At 7:30 p. m., R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, was the speaker.

At 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, four specialists from State College at Raleigh conducted a poultry school for growers of the county. Wednesday morning, also at 9:30, the county's annual livestock school was conducted, featuring general and panel discussions of livestock problems.

The State College speakers and their topics were: C. F. Parrish, in charge of poultry extension, "Outlook for Broilers, Eggs and Turkeys for 1955"; R. S. Dearstyn, head of the poultry department, "Poultry Diseases"; W. G. Andrews, poultry specialist, "Laying Hens for Egg Production"; and W. C. Mills, Jr., turkey specialist, "Turkey Production." Time was provided to ask questions for the specialists to answer.

The first hour of the livestock school was taken up with discussing current livestock problems. Subjects discussed included: how to increase farm income with livestock, feeding of beef cattle, feeder calf sales, meat type hogs and the place of sheep on North Carolina farms. During the second hour, there was a panel discussion on production and marketing of beef cattle, sheep and hogs.

**DRIVING SKILLS TESTED**

Winter weather and road conditions are made of the stuff that tries men's driving skills, declares Safety Director C. A. Speed, of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. Two primary tests must be repeated again and again, ability to see and ability to stop. To avoid failing either of these tests, equipment must be well maintained and driving skill must be at its best. Windshield wiper blades should clear windshields of rain and snow without smearing. Defrosters must be working to prevent crusting of the windshield. All lights must be functioning properly. Speed must be reduced and plenty of space must be allowed between moving vehicles. Brakes should be applied with a light pumping action. Tire chains should be used when snow and ice conditions warrant.

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**NEW RECORDS AT Hayes Book Shop**

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ROB SPELLER AND MARTA PHILLIPS

**Rob Speller, Local High School Grad, Featured Durham TV Dance Program**

Robert Speller, Jr., talented young dancer who formerly lived in Pinehurst and attended Southern Pines High school, is making weekly television appearances over WTVD—Durham's Channel 11—on the "Dance Jockeys" program, Tuesdays at 4:15. Several local residents have seen and enjoyed his appearances which began January 25.

He graduated from Southern Pines school last June, and is now attending Duke University and teaching at the Speller Dance Studios in Durham. Appearing with him on television is Marta Phillips, one of the studio instructors. Guest stars—singers, musicians and other dancers—will

also appear with them from time to time.

Miss Phillips has appeared in night clubs and hotels in New York and elsewhere. She was the featured dancer in the Broadway musical, "Mexican Hayride."

Rob Speller is a member of the Duke marching band. He has appeared in theatres and night clubs in New York and the Carolinas, and has choreographed and directed the dances for professional stage shows and for amateur productions.

He appeared at the New York World's fair as a youngster and in his early teens he was the dancing lead in the "Sky High Varieties" of the Westchester Country Club in New York.

**Holidays Awarded High School Pupils For Scholastic Record In 2nd Quarter**

Holidays and half-holidays have been earned by Southern Pines High School students with sufficiently high grades in scholastic subjects and citizenship during the second quarter of the 1954-'55 school year.

"E holidays"—a full holiday of their own choosing, after clearance with the school office—were earned by the following students who made E's on their academic subjects and B or better in citizenship: Bobby Cline, Bill Marley, Jimmy McDonald, John Chappell, Ray Daeke, Lucy McDaniel, Anike Verhoeff, Joan Howarth, Thomas Vann, Nancy Traylor, Anzy Sherman, Louise McDonald, John McConnell, Philip Guin, George Reams, Gail Bradford, Carol Staples, Beth Turner and Kay Davis. "S holidays"—a half day taken last Friday—were won by the following pupils who averaged S on their academic subjects and also made B or better on citizenship: Patricia Blasco, Norma Bowles, James Collins, Jerry Daeke, Kathryn Dwight, James Menzel, Betty Morris, Dorothy Newton, Garland Pierce, Paul Probst, Emery Smith, Anthony Spinello, Patti Woodell, Jean Safford, Betty Jo Britt, James Humphrey, David McCallum, Frances Nall, George Patterson, Julian Pleasants.

Also: James Prim, John Ray, Barbara Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Barbara Williams, Ann Morris, Lynn Van Benschoten, Betty Weatherspoon, Lillian Clark, Jo Ann Grey, Jean Haney, Sally Locke, Roger Verhoeff, Ruth Williams, Phyllis Garzik, Alice Covell, Patty Britt, John Van Benschoten, David Prim, John Ormsby, Jerry Healy, Jack Carter, Bill McDonald, Joanne Goodwin, Grace Dupree, Gail Given, Carolyn Lockey, Judy Parker and Carolyn Smith.

Miss Leimone's 10th grade home room, with an attendance during the quarter of 95.5 per cent also was awarded a half holiday for best home room attendance, to be taken on a Friday afternoon chosen by school officials.

**Bids Asked On Paving In Moore**

The State Highway Commission on Tuesday called for bids on 25 projects involving 246,999 miles of road improvements in 23 counties, including Moore.

The letting will be held February 22 in Raleigh. The Highway Commissioners will meet Thursday, February 24, in Raleigh to review the low bids received before the work is actually let to contract.

The Moore County project is: 5.35 miles of paving from a point on NC 705 at Randolph County line, southwest to Montgomery County line; and from a point on a paved county road near Spies northeast to end of pavement and known as Brown Mill Road.

**Carthage Polio Drive Well Over Quota of \$1,000**

The Carthage March of Dimes surpassed its \$1,000 quota by the deadline date of January 31 and Co-Chairmen Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sabiston went on to roll up almost \$300 more. This week they reported they have "a little bit more" in sight.

Monday, they sent a check for \$1,297.89 to the chapter treasurer, C. H. Bowman, at Southern Pines. Still to come in are a few additional gifts which have been promised and coin containers in stores.

Mrs. Sabiston had special praise for the work done at the Pinckney school, to which an even \$100 was credited. Actually, the collection came to \$99.38, but an interested friend added 62 cents more. The collection at Pinckney, headed by R. O. Taylor, represented the major part of the Negro contribution to the drive, as school children collected at their homes and turned in the results in their classrooms.

At Carthage Fabrics Corporation, where Mrs. Webb Davis was drive chairman, employees and management turned in the total of \$210.57. At the Carthage school, flu and other sickness, occasioning on some days a more than 50 per cent absence, took their toll. Collection in the high school totaled \$17.98, in the elementary school \$84.80.

Weekend collections in the theatre brought in about \$25, despite the flu and three conflicting basketball games. The rest came in through personal solicitation. The co-chairmen expect to reach a total of \$1,350.

**Mrs. Ashburn, 30 Dies; Rites Held**

Mrs. Myrtle Ashburn, 30, wife of Ralph Ashburn of near Carthage, died Tuesday night after several months illness.

Surviving are her husband; one son, Edgar Ashburn, and one daughter, Nancy Ashburn, both of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marsh of Route 2, Carthage; two sisters, Mrs. Eugene Whitaker of Route 2, Carthage and Mrs. Ralph Blue Taylor of Derby, RFD; one brother, Bobby E. Marsh of Route 2, Carthage; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dennis of Route 2, Carthage; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. John Marsh of Cameron. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Red Branch Baptist Church near Carthage. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**Harnett Planning Centennial Fete**

A tentative date of the week of October 10 has been set for holding the Harnett County Centennial Celebration, it has been announced by Mrs. N. S. Atkins, secretary of the Harnett County Historical society.

At the same time it was announced that a meeting of representatives of various civic and religious groups in the county will be held at the courthouse in Lillington today (Friday) at 7:30 p. m., to go over details of the proposed Centennial and to elect officers for the centennial committee.

Leon McDonald of Olivia is currently chairman of the committee having been named to that post by the county board of commissioners last year.

There were indications however that McDonald might resign from the post in favor of someone more accessible in connection with the centennial.

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