

### Essay Contest Held In High Schools

Burlington, Nov. 26.—The Keesler Memorial Essay contest will again be sponsored in the high schools of the state in the spring of 1938 by the North Carolina Building and Loan league, D. R. Fonville of this city, chairman of the Keesler Memorial committee, announced today. "The league sponsors this contest annually," Mr. Fonville stated, "and last year some 12,000 high school students participated. The Keesler Memorial fund was created some six years ago as a memorial to the late E. L. Keesler of Charlotte, a pioneer in building and loan in the state and in the South. The proceeds of the fund are expended in the essay contest, the purpose of which is to create interest in thrift and home-ownership among the young people of the state."

The contest this year will be limited to the junior and senior classes, and will culminate in district contests held in the seven league districts rather than in a final contest held at the state league convention as heretofore. School eliminations will be held during the week of Feb. 14-19; the school winners then compete in a county contest, held in March; and the county winners compete in a district contest, held at the time and place of the district meetings of the league, probably in April. The contests in the seven districts of the league will be the final contests. Total prize money of \$210.00 will be divided equally among the seven districts. Mr. Fonville stated, with the winner of first prize in each district receiving a cash award of \$30.00 provided by the Keesler fund. Winners of 2nd and 3rd places will receive cash prizes provided by the respective districts. School and coun-

### Hassell Christian Church Home-coming On Nov. 28

The Christian Church at Hassell will have its annual home-coming Sunday, November 28. Rev. J. M. Perry will preach at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 p. m. There will be special music at both services. All members are requested to bring well-filled baskets. Dinner will be served on the ground. All friends and neighbors are cordially invited.

### Farmers Receive 23 Per Cent More Cash

A 23 per cent increase in the cash income of North Carolina farmers during the January-September period of this year over the same period a year ago has been noted by crop statisticians.

In a report to the N. C. State College extension service, the federal bureau of agricultural economics pointed out that the total cash income during the first nine months of 1937 was \$117,389,000.

The first nine months of 1936 brought North Carolina farmers a cash income of \$95,786,000.

Through September, 1937, the respective contest winners will receive prizes offered by local associations. County chairmen are now being appointed among building and loan officials throughout the state to handle the contest in their respective counties, and a complete list will be announced later. Serving with Mr. Fonville, who is secretary of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Burlington, on the Keesler Memorial Committee are A. S. Keister, director of the Gate City Building and Loan association, Greensboro, and C. B. Miller, secretary of the Albemarle Building & Loan association, Albemarle.

### Several Million of Pine Seedlings Are Ready for Planting

#### Interested Persons Urged to Make Plans Now For Tree Stock

Mr. P. W. Tillman, district forester at Rocky Mount, announces that for the fall of 1937 and spring of 1938 two and a half million tree seedlings are available at the State Forest Nursery, near Clayton, N. C., which is operated by the Forestry Division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

The district forester urges that those who are interested in forest tree planting make their plans now to apply for the planting stock. Applications and announcements of the terms of distribution are available at the district forester's office at the above address, or from the state forester at Raleigh. The applications are filled in the order they are received until the supply is exhausted.

Hunters, campers, woodcutters and any other persons frequenting the woods are requested to be careful with their smoking. Remember, there is a law forbidding the starting of any fire without securing a written permit from the N. C. Forest Service. You may burn up someone's future crop of trees that they have just planted and destroy their natural crop also.

Plans are underway to double the capacity of the State Forest Nursery for next year so that 5 million trees will be available for the fall of 1938 and spring of 1939.

The species of trees now growing at the nursery consist of loblolly or old field pine, longleaf pine, shortleaf pine, black locust, white ash and slash pine. The slash pine is not a native tree of North Carolina and its planting is recommended only in an experimental way in most of the counties of the State.

Over 215 million forest trees were planted in the United States last year on Federal forest land and the southeastern states distributed 56 million trees to private individuals from state nurseries.

### Cotton Ginnings Small In County

Martin County farmers ginned more cotton during the last eleven days of November than they did during all the season prior to that time, according to a report just released by the Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce through its agent, Mr. Luther Harrison, of Jamesville. Ginnings, however, are running considerably behind those of a year ago, the report showing that only 1,388 bales of cotton had been ginned up to the first of this month from the 1937 crop as compared with 2,669 bales ginned up to the same time a year ago from the 1936 crop.

The harvesting of the cotton crop was delayed, no doubt, by the rush surrounding tobacco marketing, but apparently the crop in this county is not as large as it was a year ago.

It is also apparent that some cotton land was turned into tobacco, but while this county was decreasing its cotton, the nation came through with a record crop, late government estimates placing it at eighteen and one-quarter million bales.

port said, farmers of this State received \$87,685,000 from the sale of principal crops, \$17,699,000 from the sale of livestock and livestock products, and \$12,005,000 in government AAA payments.

This meant a 14 per cent increase in cash income aside from any AAA payments received.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### EPISCOPAL

Rev. E. F. Moseley, Rector  
First Sunday in Advent  
Holy Communion, 8 a. m.  
Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
**ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON**  
Church School, 10 a. m.  
Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.  
Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

### CHRISTIAN

Rev. John L. Goff, Pastor  
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m.  
Evening services, 7:30. The pastor will speak at both services.  
Mission study class, Monday afternoon, 4 p. m.  
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.  
Christian Endeavor, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

The offering for religious education for the Southeastern Area will be taken at the Bible School hour. The entire promotional work of this area is dependent upon this offering. Superintendent J. C. Manning is anxious to see this offering representative.

### PRESBYTERIAN

Williamston Church School, 9:45 a. m.  
Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m.  
Bear Grass Church School, 9:45 a. m.  
Young People's meeting, 6 p. m.  
Worship service and sermon, 7 p. m.  
Roberson's Chapel Church School, 3 p. m.  
Harrison's Church School, 1:30 p. m.  
Poplar Point Church School, 1:30 p. m.  
Prison Camp services, 6 p. m.  
Let us show our gratitude to Almighty God for the season's blessings by attending church this Sunday.

### BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m.  
B. T. U., 6:30 p. m.  
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.  
We want to complete our offering to the orphanage this Sunday. The response has been good, everyone should enjoy this opportunity for expressing thanks.

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### Skewarkey Masons To Hold Contest

Starting this week Skewarkey Lodge Masons are holding their fourth annual attendance contest. Grand Master J. C. Manning stated today that there was already much interest in the event. The contest continues through most of February, the losers to entertain the winners at a supper in early March. Divided into two groups, "Blues" and "Whites," the Masons will be captained in the contest by Ed Moseley and R. H. Goodmon who will be assisted by Lieutenants S. H. Grimes and L. B. Wynne.

The names of the "Blues" are: J. C. Anderson, W. H. Booker, F. U. Barnes, J. Daniel Biggs, S. R. Biggs, J. H. Bailey, L. M. Brown, M. L. Barnes, C. B. Clark, R. L. Coburn, T. C. Cook, W. B. Daniel, W. H. Everett, Dallas Frank, Sam Getsinger, L. H. Gurganus, H. C. Green, Bill Harrison, L. B. Harrison, C. A. Harrison, Henry D. Harrison, K. P. Lindsley, J. A. Manning.

W. C. Manning, Sr., Irving Margolis, James C. Manning, R. L. Perry, Maylon Price, J. U. Peele, John T. Price, J. E. Pope, H. O. Peele, A. T. Perry, G. A. Peele, C. C. Parker, Ralph Parker, C. B. Roebuck, J. S. Rhodes, H. T. Roberson, Theo. Roberson, Carter Studdert, R. H. Smith, J. L. Spencer, D. L. Speight, E. F. Thomas, K. D. Worrell, S. P. Woolford.

The names of the "Whites": H. B.

Allen, Paul Bailey, Jack Biggs, J. W. Bland, J. E. Boykin, Tom Brandon, S. S. Brown, O. G. Carson, C. D. Carstarphen, Hubert Coburn, B. S. Courtney, E. P. Cunningham, D. E. Darden, Charles Davenport, W. E. Dunn, J. E. Eason, J. H. Edmondson, John T. Edmondson, Jack Frank, John W. Green, N. C. Green, C. J. Griffin, R. T. Griffin.

G. P. Hall, George Harris, Jr., N. K. Harrison, H. G. Horton, Bob Leggett, L. P. Lindsley, John W. Manning, W. C. Manning, Jr., J. O. Manning, F. J. Margolis, J. C. Norris, E. S. Peel, W. G. Peel, Luther Peel, B. F. Perry, Z. T. Piephoff, J. H. Saunders, V. G. Spivey, F. C. Stalling, J. G. Staton, H. T. Taylor, M. D. Wilson, J. D. Woolard.

### Will Hold Meetings To Explain Setup

The effects of low farm income on the land, on the owners, and on consumers will be among subjects discussed at community meetings to be held in Martin County, early next month, announces Farm Agent T. B. Brandon.

These meetings will be held to explain details of the 1938 conservation program to the growers and to point out reasons why a farm program is needed to stabilize agriculture.

The program has two main objectives: to raise farm income by stabilizing production, and to build up and conserve the soil so as to

provide for the future welfare of both growers and consumers, he stated.

It has been pointed out that when crops are over-produced, surpluses pile up and farm income goes down. Farmers are unable to buy as much as formerly, and business in general slacks off.

Unemployment in cities that inevitably accompanies business depressions means less city consumer buying power for farm products, and prices received by farmers are pushed down still further.

Under the pinch of low income, farmers in the past have been forced to overcrop their soil by keeping every possible acre in cash crops in a futile effort to make enough to meet necessary expenses.

On the other hand, when farm prices have gone extremely high, farmers were induced to plant all the cash crops they could to take advantage of the high prices.

All this has increased the speed of soil exhaustion and erosion, until millions of acres of once fertile land have been run down and abandoned. Other millions of acres, though not yet abandoned, are not producing profitable crops.

The conservation program is designed to avert these troubles by stabilizing agriculture so as to keep farm income at a fair level.

Active pallbearers were J. M. Brown, Chester Davenport, Noah Oakley, C. E. Brown, L. E. Dail and M. T. Whitehurst.

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