

### FSA To Help Small Farmers Hindered By Lack of Capital

#### Applicants For Farm Loans Should Submit Request Immediately

Small farmers whose plans for 1941 operations are being handicapped by lack of capital may still apply for Farm Security Administration Loans, according to R. E. Dunning, FSA supervisor for Washington County.

Mr. Dunning said today that applications for loans from government funds set up for the fiscal year ending June 30 should be submitted at the earliest opportunity. He pointed out that no loan can be made unless there is time for the farmer and himself to work out the seasonal farm and home management plan which must accompany each credit advance.

"Every spring we have to turn away eligible farmers because they apply too late for the necessary plans to be drawn up," Mr. Dunning said. "Farm Security Administration has found that real security for the government's investment, as well as all lasting benefits for the farmer, come from business-like and planned-out operation of a farm, not from the cash advanced to meet temporary needs."

FSA extends limited credit for the purchase of tools, seed, feed, fertilizer, livestock and other supplies and equipment needed for successful operation of a family-type farm. The loans are also made to neighborhood

### Field Day Exercises At Creswell Monday

Creswell—Field Day Exercises, sponsored by the Creswell Parent-Teacher Association, afforded a full and enjoyable day for patrons and friends of the school throughout the district last Monday.

The baby parade started the events at 10:30 in the morning. Beautifully decorated floats were occupied by the entrants in the baby contest and their sponsors and the candidates for beauty queen and king. The floats were preceded in the parade by the band, which gave a concert just prior to lunch.

Following the lunch hour, the flower show was visited and then Estelle Ayers and Harry Barnes, Jr., were crowned queen and king, respectively. Norma Davenport and Jimmy Hopkins, runners-up in the contest, were attendants.

Little Patricia Ann Tucker and C. N. Davenport, III, were crowned baby queen and king. Little Kitty Dillon Norman and Roy Alexander came in second in this contest.

Mrs. E. S. Woodley reports about \$90 cleared on the sale of drinks, hot dogs, lunches, and on the various contests.

Groups of farmers who can purchase and use heavy farm machinery or pure-bred sires cooperatively.

Farmers in Washington County should apply in person at his office in the Leggett Building, Plymouth. Office hours are from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; and from 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Saturday.

### CLASS PRESIDENT



Miss Ida Ruth Knowles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Knowles, of Roper, who served the junior class as president at East Carolina Teachers College during the past term, was recently reelected to serve as president of the senior class for 1942. She also led the figures at the annual junior-senior dance held there recently.

### Senior Class Night Program Given in Creswell Monday

#### "Through the Portals" Presentation Well Received By Large Audience

Creswell—The class night program, entitled "Through the Portals," was presented by the Creswell High School seniors in the auditorium last Monday evening to a full house.

The title was suggested by three white portals, on which were inscribed "Yesterday," "Today," and "Tomorrow." The side trellis of each of the portals was beautifully entwined with rambler roses. Shrubs and spring flowers formed a background for the enchanted garden in which the portals stood at the left, center and right.

As the curtain rose, Thelma Stillman, as "Pan," was seen sleeping on a seat in this lovely garden. Too soon her slumbers were aroused by the seniors—the girls wearing evening dresses in pastel shades and the young men white flannels and blue coats—singing melodious songs.

Edna Rae Spruill had her presentation of the class history made vivid by the appearing through the portals of "Yesterday" of children from the school entrance age through junior high school age, exemplifying the development of the class in school life. Seniors in caps and gowns, entering through the portals of "Today," brought the listeners to the present time.

Billy Wells Bateman, discovering a rolled scroll upon his entrance to the garden, unrolls it and reads, as he finds inscribed thereon the last will and testament of the seniors to the juniors.

Selma Stillman, the goddess of early spring, brought color and spirit to the already beautiful scene.

Margaret Davis, prophetess, with her magic, rolled back the years and revealed the future for each of her classmates.

An entertaining interlude in the program was furnished by Marjorie Bateman, Myra Phelps, and Velma Furlough demonstrating with nimble grace and charming poise a dance depicting the airy movement of nymphs.

Music for the occasion was furnished by J. C. Gatlin, Jr., Billy Hatfield and Billy Wells Bateman.

Concluding the program, Louis Davenport, senior warden, presented to Heber Allgood, junior warden, who accepted it in the name of the junior class, the key to seniority.

Following the program, Louis Davenport presented to the school a clock as a gift from the departing class. It was accepted by Principal A. T. Brooks.

The stage decorations, which were unusually pretty, were made by Louis Davenport, Leland Barber, Billy Wells Bateman, Billy Hatfield, Henry, Jr., Barnes, Marjorie Bateman, Velma Furlough, Thelma Stillman and J. C. Gatlin, Jr.

### Cherry School News Of General Interest

Cherry—The Cherry Lunch Room opened on March 14, with Mrs. Esther Barnes supervising, Mrs. Bessie Spruill and Mrs. Maude Clifton assisting. Sixty free lunches have been served daily since. The lunches served to date have amounted to \$42.24, and exchange lunches have come to \$82.40 in evaluation. A total of 3,646 lunches have been served.

The lunch room is sponsored by the Cherry Parent-Teacher Association, and operated with WPA assistance. Utensils and tableware were contributed by patrons and friends. A garden has been planted, and preparations are being made for canning during the summer.

An operetta, "The Magic Beanstalk," was presented in the Cherry school on April 22. Children of the entire school took part. The story was of Jack and the beanstalk, and the characters were as follows: Jack, Jimmie Spruill, his mother, Doris Rae Barnes; Gypsy Ann, Nina Gibbs; Foomies, the magician, Horace Lee Ambrose; Juliana, the cow, Aubrey Spruill and Carl Spruill; the announcer, Phil Spruill; the ogre, Parker Phelps; Captain Kidd, Webb Furlough; clown, Wilson Davenport.

A large crowd attended and thoroughly enjoyed the program, each of the children taking part deserving special mention for their excellent portrayal of the characterizations.

### ROPER

Mrs. Frank A. Lasley, Jr., of Staunton, Va., came to Roper for the graduation of her sister, Hattie Marie Bray, last week. Mrs. Lasley returned home the latter part of the week after visiting her parents and relatives here. She was accompanied home by Miss Hattie Marie Bray.

Potter Dixon, of Windsor, and Mr. Gonder, of Elizabeth City, spent the week-end with Mrs. G. W. Dixon.

N. W. Blount, of Norfolk, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Spruill and Mrs. Mattie White Sunday afternoon. Joe White returned with Mr. Blount to Norfolk, where he has secured a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Furlough spent Thursday in Creswell with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weaver, of Maryland, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wentz, Mrs. C. J. Ainsley and Mrs. Jasper Swain spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Asby in Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Benton, Mrs. Sarah E. Leary and B. M. Leary, of Norfolk, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hooker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mauldin and children, of Portsmouth, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards and children, Mrs. Effie Edwards, of Norfolk, attended the funeral of their brother and uncle, Mr. Luther Hassell, here Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Harrison, of

### Strawberry Fields Offer Employment To Jobless In May

#### Shortage of Pickers Make Available Work for Many In This County

Numbers of Washington County workers can get jobs in the strawberry harvest fields, since the shortage of strawberry pickers in the Chad bourn, Wallace and Mount Olive areas for the season of about five weeks, starting probably the last of April and continuing until the last of May, has caused C. W. E. Pittman, farm placement supervisor for the Employment Service Division of the State UCC, to issue a call over eastern North Carolina for recruits for this work.

Rates of pay will be from 1 1/2 to 2 cents a quart, the growers furnishing daily transportation for nearby workers and supplying transportation to the work at the beginning of the season and back home at the end for those further away. Growers supply quarters, usually vacant tenant houses or temporary shelters, cookstoves and beds or bunks for workers from a distance. Workers are expected to

Williamston, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sexton, Mrs. J. W. Sexton and sons, Marion and Gordon Sexton, were Sunday guests of Mrs. H. E. Clifton in Creswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Phelps spent Sunday in Pinetown and also attended services at the Holiness church.

There will be a Mother's Day program at the Roper Holiness Church Sunday night, May 11, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

furnish their own cooking utensils, dishes and blankets.

Jobs in other crops can be furnished workers who wish to remain in the sections after the strawberry season ends, Mr. Pittman states.

C. W. Bazemore, Manager of the Williamston Employment office, serving this area, states that those interested in the jobs in this immediate area are asked to contact the Employment office representative who will be in Plymouth at the Courthouse on Thursday of each week from 10:00 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

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### Writes Firemen Letter of Thanks

A letter of appreciation to the Plymouth Fire Department has been received by officials from J. H. Riddick, who lives about three miles from town, for the work of the firemen in going to his home and helping him to control a blaze that had started around the chimney of his house. The letter follows:

"I desire to sincerely express to you my thanks for your services in helping me to extinguish the fire in my home last Thursday evening, April 24. Had it not been for your quick and efficient service, I would have lost my home.

"May I suggest to the citizenship of Plymouth and community that the excellent fire department of Plymouth deserves the cooperation and support of every person in the entire community.

"I wish to assure you that I shall make every effort to support your fine organization with my moral support, as well as otherwise."

### HOSTESS AT BRIDGE LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

Miss Nellie Tarkenton and Miss Katherine Brandon entertained at six tables of bridge Friday evening at the home of Mrs. J. C. Swain. Attractive arrangements of spring flowers decorated the home. Each bridge table was centered with small baskets filled with flowers in pastel colors. The dining table was centered with a miniature may pole scene and during the refreshment hour candle-light furnished the illumination. Every guest was presented a dainty corsage.

Mrs. E. A. Harper compiled high score and was presented a prize. The traveling prize went to Mrs. H. E. Harrison and Mrs. H. E. Beam received the draw prize.

Punch was served during the game and sundaes, cake and coffee were served upon the arrival of the guests. Those playing were Mesdames L. W. Zeigler, M. W. Spruill, C. E. Ayers, H. E. Harrison, George Curry, E. A. Harper, R. P. Hammond, S. T. Rose, George Barden, H. E. Beam, C. J. Norman, B. G. Campbell, R. W. Johnston, Zeno Syon, C. C. Hardison, A. J. Byrd, R. B. Trotman, W. A. Davidson, W. L. Whitley, J. C. Swain, E. W. Furgurson, H. H. McLean, and Misses Ruth McLemore, Ella Harper and Ethel Perry.

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