



TWO NORTH CAROLINIANS, J. E. McIntire (left) of Mars Hill High School, and S. P. Teague (right) of Landis High School, are shown here being congratulated by Irving A. Duffy, vice president of Ford Motor Company and general manager of the Tractor and Implement Division, at a reception for 25 vocational agriculture teachers who received the Honorary American Farmer degree Tuesday, October 16, at the Future Farmers of America convention in Kansas City, Mo. Later that evening, McIntire and Teague received special tribute at a Ford recognition dinner for 900 vocational agriculture instructors.

Among the accomplishments which led to Mr. McIntire's selection for this high honor are the following, during the past five years at Mars Hill High School.

His chapter has won 24 out of 31 Federation banners, has had at least two teams each year in State competition, having won two first places in the State and two third places; also one team — livestock judging — in the National Contest, which won the Silver Plaque (2nd place). Twenty-two boys have received the State Farmer degree and one the American Farmer degree.

These accomplishments, added to the many others during the years since 1929, gave him this high rating to be selected as one of the 25 Vocational Agriculture teachers in the entire United States to receive the highest honor which could come to him, The Honorary American Farmer Degree.

### THE USE OF STEEL TRAPS

Most Americans who possess furs, in the form of clothing, rugs, or otherwise, are probably unaware of the method used to trap and kill many of the fur-bearing animals who provide these expensive items for the American market.

an organization in Washington, designed to outlaw the use of steel traps, claims that the use of such traps is inhumane and cruel. To back up their argument, they have distributed pictures showing animals, both large and small, with one paw caught in a steel trap, which have been allowed to remain trapped and die of starvation, or exposure, after days of struggle and pain.

One picture shows the foot of a muskrat caught in a steel trap after it had been gnawed off by

the trapped animal, which means that the muskrat endured this pain to free himself from the trap.

The cruel method of trapping fur-bearing animals now in use today is certainly undesirable, and obviously obsolete. In an age of enlightenment and scientific achievement, there is little doubt but that a humane trap could be constructed which would be acceptable to commercial trappers and able to do the desired job in a humane manner.

### NO VACATION

Traverse City, Mich. — The Cloyd Taylor family recently started out on a five-week vacation trip to Mexico. The youngest boy, developing chicken pox, was left behind. Then, a very connecting road, the car burned out. The family had to buy a new car, but because all the rivers and streams were flooded, Mexican temperatures dropped to 11 above and \$50 worth of color film was taken blank because the camera lens was open all the time.

## WE DEDICATE THIS TEMPLE

By Rev. Ernest E. Emurian

"Preaching is in our blood," Ernest Emurian said to his new congregation. "We almost have to preach and sing in our family in self-defense." Following that first service in his new appointment, the Elm Avenue Methodist Church, in Portsmouth, Virginia, the first Sunday in November, 1947, the thirty-five year old minister explained his opening statement to some of the Church officers. "My paternal grandfather, Rev. Krikor B. Emurian, was a Protestant minister for over forty years in a little village in Asia Minor where my father was born. A native of Armenia, he lived and labored among his people during a long and fruitful ministry. Mother's grandfather, on her mother's side, Rev. Albert G. Rullifson, came over to America from England and founded the famous Bowery Mission in New York City, serving as the first president of its Board of Trustees. Her father, Rev. Harutune Jenanyan, came over from Armenia and studied at Union Seminary, New York, before returning with his Philadelphia bride, to become a pioneer preacher, missionary and educator among his people in Asia Minor. In fact, mother herself was born in a school her father founded, St. Paul's Institute, in Tarsus. Father is an honored Presbyterian minister, while my brother has been, for many years, the Minister of Music in leading Baptist Churches. Around our home we say that all this must Mother a 'United Brethren'."

Ernest had been writing hymns off and on for several years, although he had been rebuffed when he went to Princeton Seminary in New Jersey after graduating from the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, in 1934. His faculty advisor had looked askance at him when he said, "I want to learn how to write hymns," as if to imply, "Who do you think you are? Ray Palmer or Reginald Heber?" But, undaunted, he had merely postponed his writing for two years. Then one evening, while still a bachelor and residing with his parents in Norfolk, where father and son served adjoining Methodist and Presbyterian parishes, while mother was preparing supper, he sat at the piano and wrote the words and music of a hymn of higher patriotism, "I vow to thee, my conscience." Others had followed at the rate of one or two a year.

But, during the spring of 1948, as his people were becoming more enthusiastic about their new church, and rallying to the support of the minister and church officials, Ernest was inspired to sit down at his desk in the parsonage, located then at 1514 Prentiss Avenue, and write a dedicatory hymn for the new Sanctuary. "I plan to write a hymn to be sung to the tune 'Aurelia,'" he said to his wife, Margaret, "and I want to write four stanzas. First, we dedicate the building to God the Father, then to Christ the Son, next to the Holy Spirit, and finally to all three persons in the Trinity." With that in mind, he began to write:

We dedicate this temple, O Father, unto Thee,  
The God of ancient ages  
And ages yet to be;  
That here our hearts may worship,  
And here our songs ascend  
In loving adoration  
And praise that knows no end.

The new hymn was sung at the opening services in the handsome new church on Easter of 1949 and again when the structure was dedicated free of debt on Easter of 1951. Since then a new parsonage has been built and paid for, an educational annex purchased and equipped and the church has taken on new life in every department, becoming a vital factor in the religious and cultural life of the city. The pastor was honored by being chosen Portsmouth's "First Citizen" in

1953, in recognition of his contributions to many phases of the city's life.

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Miss Shirley Lucille Daniels

### Miss Shirley Daniels, Ray Waldroupe Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Daniels of Hampton, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Lucille to Ray Waldroupe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weyman Waldroupe of Hot Springs.

Mr. Waldroupe, formerly of Hot Springs, is now residing in Newport News, Va. He graduated from the Apprentice School of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, where he is now employed.

The wedding will be held in Hampton on November 22.

### With Our Boys In Service

Munich, Germany — Benjamin H. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Roberts, Route 3, Marshall, recently was promoted to specialist third class while serving with the 11th Airborne Division in Germany.

Specialist Roberts, a gunner in Company F of the division's 503d Infantry Regiment, entered the Army in May 1955 and completed basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Roberts attended Walnut High School.

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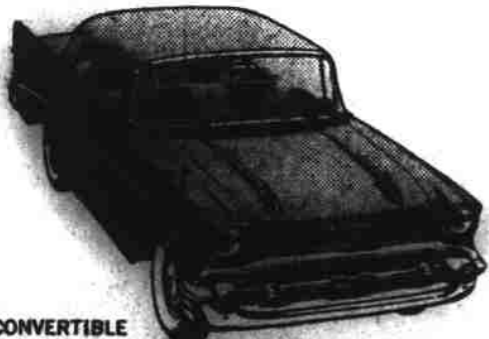
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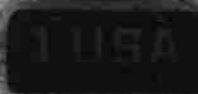
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