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## METHODISTS TO HOLD HOME COMING AND RALLY SUNDAY

Members of the local Methodist Church and Sunday School are looking forward to observing Sunday, September 22, as Home Coming and Rally Day, according to the pastor, Rev. E. R. Clegg, who said Wednesday, that the occasion promises to be one of real fellowship and that all indications point toward a large attendance.

The Rev. T. M. Grant, superintendent of the Rocky Mount district, will be the featured speaker at the eleven o'clock hour and will preside at the quarterly conference to be held immediately after this service.

Following the conference, a barbecue and picnic dinner will be served on the grounds.

All members of the Church and Sunday School are invited to attend.

## Veterans Should Contact VA Office In Greenville

Application forms for use by Amputee Veterans of World War II in obtaining cars at government expense are now available at the Veterans Administration Contact Office in Greenville, according to announcement made today by James D. Walters, Contact Representative, in charge of the office.

VA is charged with the responsibility of administering the new \$30,000,000 program set up by Public Law 668 to provide automobiles or other conveyances for disabled World War II Veterans who are entitled to compensation for the loss, or loss of use, of one or both legs at or above the ankle.

Full information is available at the VA Contact Office which is located in the National Guard Armory at the corner of 2nd & Evans Streets in Greenville.

Veterans throughout this area are invited to make use of this VA Office, not only in this connection, but also in matters pertaining to the Veterans Administration, such as, pensions, educational benefits, medical care, hospitalization, and insurance.

## News Regarding Mashburn Family

With the desire of sharing recent news regarding our friends, the Mashburns, with mutual friends of the community we print in part a letter received from The Rev. G. B. Mashburn, of Black Mountain, Wednesday:

"Enclosed find check to renew my subscription to your valuable paper—it is more treasured now than ever; for it brings me news of those I love there.

"The Mrs. and I are getting adjusted to our new way of life; but honestly, it is harder to retire than it is to continue to work. I still have a flock (chickens) to look after. They furnish me with plenty of eggs, and we have some nice fryers—others coming on. This flock never gives me any back talk!

"You should run up to see us sometime. We sit in our 'easy chair' facing the Blue Ridge Assembly, these cool evenings and watch the leaves changing into a riot of beautiful colors; or the clouds wrapping themselves around the shoulders of Old High Top, and look at the last rays of the sun as it kisses the valleys 'good night.' Looking on all these, we still dream of those we left and love even now—and will until the shadows gather around us, and we lie down for dreams—eternally."

## Activities Of Local Church Organizations

**Loyal Woman's Class, Christian.**  
Mrs. L. E. Flowers was hostess Friday evening to the Loyal Woman's Class of the Christian Church, which was decorated with mixed arrangements of fall flowers.

Mrs. Louise Harris presided and the devotional was conducted by Mrs. L. E. Turnage.

Following adjournment the hostess served iced fruit juice and cookies.

**Episcopal**  
Mrs. W. R. Burnett presided and conducted the devotional at the meeting of the Episcopal Auxiliary held in the home of Mrs. R. C. Copenhaver, Monday afternoon. A report from the chairman of the nominating committee, Mrs. C. Hubert Joyner, was given, followed by an announcement from Mrs. Burnett that material on World Community they held in November in conjunction with other local churches had been received.

A resolution of the meeting was passed by the church by Henry Van Dusen with the chapter headed Mrs. J. W. Payne, program chairman. The meeting was adjourned with prayer and hymns.

## Farmville Kiwanis Club Active Group

At the Farmville Kiwanis Club's weekly supper meeting in its new quarters in the Farmville High School building Monday night, R. R. (Ballroad) Bennett, former Pitt county farm agent and now a tobacco specialist with State College, made an interesting talk about competition in tobacco growing in various countries, especially Australia and China.

Edgar Barrett had as his guests the boys of his "safety patrol" for school children. They reported that no accident has occurred to the youngsters during the past year. Barrett's guests included Rodney Edwards, Albert Cannon, Paschall Barrett, Bob Smith, Roy Moore and Howard Murphy.

Secretary Seth Barrow reported that the recent street carnival in Farmville, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, netted \$1,450. This was earmarked for the Underprivileged Child Fund. The club will assist some boys and girls to go through college.

Ed Rawl, president of the Greenville Kiwanis Club, was a special guest and spoke briefly, congratulating the Farmville Club for its influential and helpful activities. Albert Lewis was a visitor.

The Smithfield Club will put on the program next Monday night.

The Club resolved to cooperate in the sale of season tickets for the school's athletic events.

President Charley Hotchkiss presided. The club, organized in February, 1945, now has 45 members.—The Reflector.

## Harry Burke To Be Manager Pitt Fair

The Pitt County Fair opens on Monday, October 21, under the new management of Harry J. Burke, who announces that he hopes to give the Fair the biggest, cleanest and most entertainment midway ever, and that all indications point to the best exhibits ever shown at a Pitt County Fair.

J. H. Moble of Winterville, who is in charge of Department A (agricultural products) last year, will again have charge of that department.

W. E. Little, vocational teacher at Grimesland, will have charge of Department E, (junior department).

Miss Verona Lee Joyner, county home demonstration agent, will be superintendent in charge of Department H, (householdings).

Miss Lillian Hines, assistant county home demonstration agent, will be in charge of Department F, (4-H Clubs).

Dr. John L. Winstead, president, and the other officers and members of the Pitt County Fair Association, are doing their best to give Pitt and the surrounding counties an agricultural fair which will be a credit to the community.

## Check Cotton Grade When Marketing It

Farmers cannot afford to sell their cotton this year without knowing its grade and staple, because of the great differences in price for cotton of varying grades.

Dan F. Holler of State College, Extension cotton marketing specialist, says that farmers in one-variety sections, whose cotton is graded at the Government classing office in Raleigh under the terms of the Smith-Doxey Act, should by all means wait for the "green" card before they market any of their cotton.

The card will be returned by the classing office in a few days, and it will carry information as to the length of the staple, grade of the cotton, and also its loss value.

Because of the large differences in price between grades, Holler suggests that farmers pick their cotton only when dry, just as free of trash as possible, and before weather damage has occurred in the field.

He also calls attention to the need for getting the cotton in the best possible condition before it is carried to the gin. About one bale in every five that was ginned in North Carolina last year was damaged because of rough preparation and this cost the farmers many hundreds of thousands of dollars loss.

And here's another suggestion from Holler: "Don't set the ginner to speed up his operations and gin your cotton closely. You may think that you will gain a few pounds of cotton, but you will lose a lot more in the gin. The value of the cotton is in the gin, not in the field."

Pitt County farmers had 400 bales of cotton marketed against last year's total of 300 bales. The loss of one bale was reported by a farmer who did not have his animals treated.

## Football Schedule For Games To Be Played in N. C., 20-28

Friday, September 20  
App. School vs. Guilford, at New-pert news, Va.  
W. C. T. C. vs. High Point, at High Point (night).

Saturday, 21  
Newberry vs. A.S.T.C. at Boone, Y.M.I. vs. Catawba, at Lexington, Va.  
A.C.C. vs. Lenior-Rhyme, at Hickory.

Erskine vs. Davidson, at Davidson.  
Thursday, 26  
A.C.C. vs. Elon, at Elon.

Friday, 27  
Boston College vs. Wake Forest, at Boston (night).

Saturday, 28  
E.C.T.C. vs. Pres. Junior College, at Greenville.  
N. C. State vs. Duke, at Raleigh.  
Va. Tech vs. Carolina, at Chapel Hill.

Emory and Henry vs. Guilford, at Greensboro.  
Milligan vs. High Point, at Johnson City, Tenn.  
Erskine vs. Lenior-Rhyme, at Hickory.

Carson-Newman vs. W.C.T.C., at Bristol.

## Criminal Intent

Raleigh, Sept. 19.—In at least four instances stones have been used this season—presumably to increase the weight of tobacco piles on the warehouse floors, according to C. D. Bacon, superintendent of the State Agriculture Department's Weights and Measures Division.

Although refusing to give the name of the warehouse, or the town in which it is situated, Bacon asserted that a warehouse operator reported finding rocks in four baskets. Bacon said the rocks varied in weight from six to 15 pounds each.

He said no warrants have been drawn, pending other violations, adding that he had no definite information as to who placed the stones in the baskets.

Conviction of this weight violation carries a fine of \$5,500, 30 days to a year in jail, or both, according to Bacon.

## Corn Yields Are Easily Estimated

An easy method of estimating corn yields has been prepared by Dr. Emerson Collins, in charge of Extension Agronomy at State College. By the use of this method farmers can make a study of exactly what they are doing in corn production and why yields per acre are not as large as they should be.

The plan is to weigh the shucked corn on fifty running feet of row at about five or six places in the field to get average conditions. Then multiply the weight of corn for the fifty feet by a certain factor, depending on the yield of the row, and this gives the bushels of corn per acre.

Dr. Collins took into consideration the fact that field corn is rather high in moisture as compared with commercial corn and other such matters in determining the "factor" to give bushels per acre from pounds of shucked corn per fifty feet of row.

Here are the factors: Multiply the weight of shucked corn from fifty running feet of row by 316 inches for 42 inch rows; 2.95 for 45 inch rows; 2.76 for four foot rows; 2.81 for five foot rows; and 1.84 for six foot rows. The answer is bushels per acre.

Every farmer should get some yield calculations in his own because he will make valuable discoveries. First, he will discover that it takes many plants per acre to produce large yields, but if plants are increased, much larger amounts of plant food are needed. This calls for narrower rows than usual, closer spacing in the drill, and much more fertilizer per acre. If he is growing a hybrid, he will find that there are no barren plants and that every plant does its best. Counting ears per fifty feet of running row and weighing it teaches valuable lessons. Try it.

## FINAL RITES FOR MRS. MARGIE JONES

Funeral services for Mrs. Margie Jones, 63, who died at her home in Hopewell, Va., Friday, September 13, following a brief illness, were held from the Farmville Funeral Home, Saturday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock, with the Rev. Z. B. Cox, pastor of the Christian Church, in charge. Interment was made in the family cemetery near Ayden.

Surviving are four sons: Lawrence, Wiley and Claude of Hopewell, Va.; James Jones of Woodfield; five daughters: Miss Beatrice Jones, Mrs. James Braxton, and Mrs. Miss of Hopewell, Mrs. Leola Carr of Farmville; Mrs. Ernest Condit of Macdonald; a brother, L. Nelson.

THE AMERICAN WAY  
St. Peter—And here is your golden rule.

Newly Arrived American—How do you get around?

Jack Lynn, former district agent of the State College Extension Service, writes from Germany that what the U. S. Zone of occupation needs is about 100 good county agents.

## Farmville Tobacco Market News

(Sam D. Bundy, Supervisor)

The action of the Warehouse Association Marketing Committee last week-end in cutting the sales times to three hours each day caused one of the greatest tobacco blocks in the history of auction sales on the local market. Sufficient amount of tobacco was on the warehouse floors for two days sales at the regular selling time of five hours per day and more was coming in to be sold. As usual, however, the warehousemen on the Farmville Market rose to the occasion and with the excellent cooperation that is always displayed here, the block was broken by Wednesday and activities were going forward smoothly.

The new schedule is backing up the sales approximately two days and is increasing the pressure from the producers' end. It is now certain that grading work and marketing of tobacco must be slowed down because the selling time has been reduced 40 per cent and some damaged tobacco is making its appearance on the warehouse floors. No official announcement has been made about the continuation of the new selling schedule; but it is likely that it will be maintained during a greater part, if not during the remainder of the marketing season.

The Farmville Tobacco Market through Friday, September 18, sold 10,561,418 pounds of tobacco for \$5,400,951.60. Since the three hours limitation came on, i.e. for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the market sold 1,368,232 pounds for \$681,912.46. The total poundage for the season through Wednesday of this week was 11,944,640, which brought producers the gross sum of \$6,082,864.06, for an average of slightly over \$51.00 per hundred.

It is the opinion of most observers on the market that with the congested conditions now being relieved and tobacco being marketed on a limited basis that prices will show an appreciable rise in the near future. Farmers are urged to grade their tobacco carefully, keep it in good condition, and to market it gradually. Farmville continues its fine reputation of the past in being the "Steadfast Market in the State."

Farmers Urged To  
Vaccinate Hogs Against  
Cholera Outbreaks

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—Farmers were warned today to guard against the danger of outbreaks of hog cholera in the hazardous months of early fall.

This is one of the seasons of greatest danger from hog cholera, the American Foundation for Animal Health declared, and livestock men were advised to keep a close watch on their swine droves and have all pigs vaccinated early.

Vaccination, along with sound sanitation practices and proper feeding, constitute the best safeguards for a sure pig crop, the Foundation pointed out.

Because infection can be spread by a hog coming down with cholera, even before pronounced symptoms appear, hog raisers were urged to keep a close watch on their droves for signs of fever, loss of appetite, or weakness.

"If evidence of illness appears, suspect cholera first," the Foundation statement said, "and have a veterinarian make a diagnosis at once."

"In the meantime, if pigs have not been vaccinated, it is wise to have this done immediately, making sure, first, that they are in condition to receive the immunization."

"If cholera does break out in the neighborhood, quarantine for at least two weeks any new livestock brought to the farm. And if it occurs on the farm, notify neighbors so they can take precautionary measures."

## More Items On Decontrol List

Raleigh, Sept. 17.—OPA has issued another list of items suspended indefinitely from price control, either because of their insignificance in the cost of living, or because present and expected supplies are enough to satisfy demands.

The list includes the following items:  
Baby carriages, strollers and walkers; dry batteries; fountain pens and mechanical pencils and sets; razor blades, excepting electric razors. (All the foregoing were suspended because of ample supplies.)

Hand operated lawn mowers; motor scooters; sun glasses; scythes; hand operated insecticide sprayers and dusting; floor coverings made principally of fiber, glass, jute, hemp or straw; comforters, except down or feather-filled comforters; high chair, play yard, basket and nursery seat.

OPA Seeks \$33,946  
From Car Dealers

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—Alleged overcharging in used car sales resulted in suits for \$33,946.70 being filed against five North Carolina dealers during the past four weeks, John H. Paylor, OPA District enforcement attorney, said today.

"With new car production still far below what we had expected, and with hundreds of thousands of returning servicemen needing cars for business, observance of ceiling prices is more important than ever," Paylor said. He urged all buyers of used cars to report overcharges to their local Price Control Board, so that appropriate action could be taken to secure refunds from the sellers.

Almost two-thirds of the farms in the country are now in soil conservation districts.

About 20 percent of North Carolina's cotton was lowered in grade last season because of rough preparation. Let's pick it dry and free of trash, and carry it to the gin in the proper condition.

Coach W. C. Harrell's high school football team will play Ayden in Farmville, Friday, Sept. 20 at 8:00 for the opening game of both teams. This will be the first time that either school has played since 1941. The admission will be 50c for adults and 25c for school children.

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The Farmville schedule is as follows:  
Sept. 20, Ayden in Farmville.  
Sept. 27, Farmville in Plymouth.  
Oct. 4, Farmville in Mount Olive.  
Oct. 11, open.  
Oct. 18, Farmville in Ayden.  
Oct. 25, Selma in Farmville.  
Nov. 1, Farmville in Smithfield.  
Nov. 8, Tarboro B team in Farmville.  
Nov. 15, open.

Coach Harrell has been drilling the following boys since August 15 and they are reported to be in good form and spirits.  
Backfield: Jackie Willis, Crite Hilliard, Thurman Joyner, Edward Allen, Claude Tyson, Harry Albritton, Bobbie Brock, Frank Dupree, Bobbie Smith.  
Ends: Bobbie Russell, Robert Rollins, Ferd Satterthwaite, Joe Smith.  
Tackles: Billy Gregory, Tommy Ramey, Charles Joyner, Wilbert Morris, Raymond Cannon.  
Guards: Cedric Davis, Jay Flanagan, Carl Creech, Wilbur Bennett.  
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## SUGAR

Spare Stamp No. 49—good for 5 pounds—expires Sept. 30.  
Spare Stamp No. 51—good for 5 pounds—expires Dec. 30.  
Spare Stamps No. 9 and No. 10—each good for 5 pounds.

CANNING SUGAR—expires Oct. 31st.

## Eight-Week Course Poultry Production

Raleigh, September 19.—An intensive eight-week short course in poultry production has been arranged at North Carolina State College between October 7 and November 29, it was announced by Edward W. Ruggles, director of the college Extension Division.

Present college facilities make it necessary to limit registration to 25 students, Ruggles said, indicating that the first 25 applications from qualified students will be accepted. Requirements for entrance are that the applicant be at least 16 years of age and have a good common school education. There are "just a few" places now left for the course, the director said.

Registration will take place in room 216, Ricks Hall, on the college campus, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m., Monday, October 7.

Specific subjects to be covered during the course, which will be taught by some of the college's top ranking poultry experts, include the following:

Incubation and brooding, three lectures and four laboratory hours weekly; rearing chickens, two lectures and two laboratory hours weekly; preparation and grading of poultry products, three lectures and two laboratory hours weekly; poultry breeding, two lectures and two laboratory hours weekly; prevention of poultry diseases and identification of common poultry diseases, three lectures weekly.

Privileges of the GI Bill of Rights will be available to poultry short course students.

## MEAT OUTLOOK RATHER ANEMIC

Raleigh, Sept. 19.—Southern fried chicken is going to be more prominently displayed on home and institutional menus than ever before, according to the N. C. Agriculture Department's Market News Bureau, which released the following red meat figures:

Hogs slaughter for the week ended September 7 was estimated at 166,000 head, 75 per cent below the 656,000 head slaughtered during the preceding week and 66 per cent below the 475,000 head for the same week in 1945.

Slaughter cattle under Federal inspection for the past week was estimated at 70,000 head, about 71 per cent below the 300,000 head a week earlier and 75 per cent below the 289,000 head a year ago. Beef production was calculated at 83,000,000 pounds, compared with 142,000,000 pounds the preceding week.

Calf slaughter was estimated at 43 per cent below last week and 50 per cent below the corresponding week last year, while sheep and lamb slaughter was 32 per cent below that for the preceding week and 28 per cent below that of the same week in 1945.

## Polio Quarantine Is Rescinded

Raleigh.—The State Board of Health has rescinded its order of June 12 requiring out-of-state children from poliomyelitis affected areas to undergo quarantine before entering North Carolina.

Effectively immediately, the State of Florida and 26 counties in Alabama and Texas previously specified need no longer be considered as epidemic areas.

It's a good thing we don't have to hold elections on the kind of weather we want.

## WALLACE TO KEEP TRAP CLOSED UNTIL PEACE CONFERENCE ENDS

### At The Rotary Club

John Lewis, at program leader at the Rotary Club, Tuesday evening, spoke on the topic, "Know Your School," Mr. Lewis, a school trustee, was well informed on this subject and among other matters of interest told of a revaluation of the school property, made recently for the purpose of obtaining adequate insurance coverage. The speaker also called attention to the urgent need of a new colored school, and gave the present enrollment of students in Farmville schools as 728 white and 695 colored. In closing, the speaker made a plea to fellow Rotarians for their support in activities tending toward betterment of both schools.

In developing his school program further, Mr. Lewis presented D. H. Conley, county superintendent, who spoke on "Education as a Business," stating that modern schools are engaged in the food, accounting and transportation business as well as in teaching. Mr. Conley pointed out the fact that it is the specific duty of every citizen to safeguard the school children and to report promptly any circumstance that might tend toward endangering their lives or characters. The county superintendent commended the county and town school boards and the Parent-Teacher associations throughout the county for their splendid work and cooperation. He stated that the school debt amounting to more than \$68,000 should be retired by 1961.

The attendance prize was won by George Creekmur.

Visiting Rotarians were: Joe Jordan, of Raleigh; Herbert Acton, of Danville, Ky.; Connor Eagles, Dr. B. McK. Johnson and Supt. Conley, of Greenville.

Mr. Truman took two decisive steps in short order late today:

1. He arranged for a gag on Wallace for the duration of the Paris Peace Conference. Coincidentally, it may last through much of the Congressional campaign as well.

2. He got from Secretary of War Patterson and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal a joint letter completely disavowing any such "thinking" as Wallace referred to, and had his aides release it to newsmen immediately without comment.

The text of the letter follows: "In the letter of Secretary of Commerce Wallace dated July 23, published in the newspapers this morning, the statement is made that 'a school of military thinking' is advocating a preventive war, an attack on Russia now before Russia has atomic bombs."

"There is no basis for this statement. There is no such military thinking in the War and Navy departments. We know of no responsible officers in the Army or Navy who has ever advocated or even suggested a policy or plan of attacking Russia."

Mr. Truman apparently told Wallace emphatically that he stands four-square behind Secretary of State Byrnes and the methods Byrnes is pursuing, which Wallace criticized.

Wallace, who favors more conciliatory treatment of Russia and who has expressed fear that present policies may lead to war, told reporters:

"Confident of Peace"  
"The President is very confident of peace with Russia."

Wallace returned a terse "no" to a question designed to pin down definitely whether the President had told him he must leave the Cabinet if he could not keep quiet.

Whatever the give-and-take between the two, it took two hours and 23 minutes.

And Wallace's agreement to "make no public statements or speeches" made it certain that there will be no voice with Wallace's official standing raised against Byrnes' policies during the present critical phase of diplomacy. To that extent it was a victory for the Byrnes camp.

In another sense it constitutes only a truce, however, for Wallace will be free to resume his fight when the Paris conference ends.

The terms of the agreement were embodied in one sentence pencilled on a piece of paper and obviously drafted in consultation with the President. Wallace read it to reporters with a grin:

"The President and the Secretary of Commerce had a most detailed and friendly discussion after which the Secretary reached the conclusion he would make no public statements or speeches until the conference in Paris is concluded."

## TOBACCO LABOR URGENTLY NEEDED

In an interview with Frank E. Brooks, of the U. S. Employment Service, today, Mr. Brooks stated that there is a serious shortage of labor in the local tobacco processing plants, and requests that landlords and farm owners release as many male workers as can be spared at present to relieve the situation.

A recent survey indicates that most of the male workers in the town of Farmville are now employed, hence an appeal is being made to the people in the rural areas.

Mrs. Mary Lee McAllister of State College is the new district home demonstration agent for the twenty counties of the Southeastern District, succeeding Miss Vera Stanton.

There never was a wife that liked her lot.—John Davis, 1862.

A timely warning increases the pulling power of the temptation.

Crop reporters say that the U. S. will have only 4 turkeys this year where it had 10 last year. Uncertainty of feed supplies is blamed for the drop.