

## Mrs. Rollins, 81, Still Delights In Making Quilts

Mrs. W. J. Rollins, who is affectionately known as "Mammy" Rollins, was honored at a birthday dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. R. LeRoy Rollins and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Rollins at the home of the latter. Mrs. Rollins was 81 August 4.

A barbecued chicken dinner was served picnic style on the lawn to 25 guests. Attending from out of town were Mrs. Mattie Swain and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Swain and son, Charles, of Plymouth, Wiley Dildy of Jacksonville and Tommy Rollins of Wilson.

Five of her six children who are living were present. They were Mrs. Mattie Swain, Mrs. Bennett R. Fields, LeRoy, Rufus and M. W. Rollins. The other son, Clinton of Raleigh, was on the Georgia tobacco market and his family was unable to attend on account of the polio epidemic.

Still active and spry, Mrs. Rollins does her own cooking and housework, raises 15 to 20 fryers and some layers the year round, works some with flowers and finds time to piece quilts and sew. One of her birthday gifts was a length of dress material, which the giver told her she would get someone to make into a dress. Mrs. Rollins insisted that would not be necessary since she still can make most of her clothes.

Her sight permits her to go without glasses except when she is working or sewing and she has a good laugh when people talk about false teeth, never having worn them herself.

Baby quilts made from scraps two to three inches large are a specialty. Each new baby in the family or neighborhood becomes the proud owner of one of "Mammy" Rollins' quilts. Although she has never kept an account of the number of quilt covers made, her skillful fingers have turned out 200 or more. She has completed 20 for one family here.

Some time ago she stopped crocheting and knitting since they require observation of each stitch. Sewing, she explains, does not necessitate looking at it all the time.

Born on a farm near Bethel, the daughter of George and Addie H. House, Addie House lived there until her marriage to W. J. Rollins, a saw mill operator, on May 30, 1883. A friend once compared Methodist preachers to saw mill operators, saying that they never knew one year where they might be next year. Until they moved to Farmville in January, 1911, those lines could have been applied to the Rollinses since Greenville, Pollockville, Bethel and other towns had been their residence.

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Her memory is very keen and she vividly recalls the hardships of the reconstruction period in which she was born. At that time people did not realize the hardships which they were undergoing but looking back in later years Mrs. Rollins says they could see them. Money was pitifully scarce. Her grandmother kept a chestful of Confederate money, perhaps thinking, as a number of other citizens did, that it would eventually come into use again.

With stores full of ready-made clothes and piece goods, it is difficult now to understand how dear and valuable even a calico dress was. In the 60's it was customary for several friends and relatives to each give a new baby a name and a dress.

Speaking of spinning, the octogenarian says she was not very good in this work but did learn to make plow lines and ropes for other farm uses. The first sewing machine in the community was owned by her mother. It did not have a bobbin winder and was hand operated. After another model was acquired, she was allowed to make doll clothes on the old one.

In talking to Mrs. Rollins one would not realize that she never went to school more than two or three terms of no more than three months in length. Reading and spelling were her favorite subjects in school and by reading she has acquired most of her knowledge. She still reads a variety of books, papers and magazines.

Textbooks in the 70's were hard to obtain and generally were city books that some neighbors had on hand and would lend. Histories were especially dull and uninteresting. Only very wealthy farmers who had no more than one or two children were able to send them to boarding schools.

Other Bethel residents knew Mrs. Rollins as Nolie, a nickname which she derived from a middle name, Elizabeth. Her name in Farmville was Rollins and she was known as "Mammy" Rollins. She has a watch, one of her possessions, and a chain of beads which she wears around her neck.

## Now, Hold It!



Anita Simons of New York, member of the U. S. Olympic women's gymnastic team, strikes a graceful pose under the watchful eyes of Coach Roberta Bonniwell of Philadelphia. Other members of the team look on during training session at the Southlands College Women's Center, London.

## At The Kiwanis Club

Judge Walter Sheppard of Snow Hill, a former resident of Farmville and one who is still considered as belonging to this community, gave an excellent talk on Communism Monday night when he addressed the Kiwanis club as the guest of Seth Barrow, who had charge of the program.

Introduced by Sam D. Bundy, Mr. Sheppard reviewed the history of Communism, stating that it was founded in 1848 by Karl Marx, whose "Communist Manifesto" was the text book of Communism until Lenin and Stalin modified the meaning of Communism about 30 years ago.

The speaker analyzed the meaning of Communism and, without any high pressure talk or propaganda, outlined the threat to this country of the Soviet-inspired doctrine.

Dr. D. L. Moore of Greenville was a visiting Kiwanian. Tommy Lang was the guest of Bernice Turnage. John Parker, vice president, gave an account of the divisional meeting at Wrightsville Beach last Friday. Farmville was represented by 13 members and had the largest number of any club in the division with the exception of Wilmington. Those in attendance were: Louis Williams, John Parker, Hubert Joyner, Edgar Barrett, Dr. Frank Harris, Pratt Gaskins, George Allen, Lewis Allen, Ted Albritton, Seth Barrow, Ernest Pettaway, Sam Bundy and Jim Hockaday.

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## MISS RUTH PARKER ATTENDS CONFERENCE OF TEACHERS

Miss Ruth Parker, a member of the Farmville high school faculty, was among the more than 100 vocational home economics teachers from the eastern part of the state who met in Greenville last week for their annual conference.

An outstanding personality of the meeting was the guest speaker, Dr. Edgar Finck, superintendent of Tom's River School in New Jersey, who summarized achievements of his school in family life education, for which Tom's River has received much recognition.

Many phases of the home economics program were discussed and much valuable information was obtained by all who attended.

Polka and waltz were popular and along with the others of that time Mrs. Rollins became fond of the polka. If her muscles would allow, she would still dance today.

Four gates which open from neighbors' yards into hers attest something of Mrs. Rollins' neighborliness. Her neighbors drop in at any time and always find her with a minute to talk. Perhaps it is her interest in others and their joys and sorrows which has helped keep her so young in spirit and thought.

In number of years of membership, Mrs. Rollins is probably the oldest member of the Farmville Methodist church, joining the church in childhood. She formerly attended the Women's Society of Christian Service, in which she holds a life membership, regularly and occasionally goes to their meetings and to Circle K.

Until forced by ill health some years ago to withdraw her membership, she belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star.

## Band Committee Is Seeking Instruments

The committee in charge of making plans for the establishment of a band in the Farmville school met in the municipal building Monday night, appointed a committee to make a survey of what instruments will be made available by local citizens, and decided to ask each of the 17 organizations participating in the movement how much they can contribute. After this has been done, private solicitation will be made to raise the remainder of the funds required for the band.

\$5,000 has been set as the minimum sum needed. Bill Garner was named chairman of the committee which will obtain the instruments. Sam Bundy and Curtis Flanagan are serving with him on the committee.

## FIVE PERMITS ISSUED IN JULY FOR BUILDING HOMES

Permits for the construction of 15 new residences were issued last month by the town clerk's office. Permits also were issued: Herbert M. Moore, residence, \$3,000; Willis Gray Allen, Jr., residence, \$3,500; Mrs. Albert Lewis, beauty parlor and storage room, \$2,000; Carlin, residence, \$2,000; Carlin, residence, \$2,000; Johnnie Blalock, residence, \$2,000; Joe F. Gregory, residence, \$4,000.

June permits were as follows: Edison Moore, residence, \$10,000; R. E. Fields, private garage and store room, \$400; Mrs. Ruth K. Johnson, remodeling shop, \$2,000; Bennett Gorham, residence, \$500; Chandler's, Inc., remodeling store, \$805.50; W. T. Hobgood, residence, \$5,000.

## Whoa, Gall!

The very latest in craze fashions is modeled here by Dorothy Malone movie feature player. The white shirt is of heavy, rough weave, with a wide collar, and the yoke has a decorative pattern of beige and white stripes. The shirt is white with a decorative pattern of beige and white stripes.

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## Soldier, Killed At Anzio In 1944, Is To Be Buried At Fountain

The body of Pfc. William E. Dozier, 28, who was killed in action at Anzio, Italy, April 24, 1944, will arrive here this afternoon (Friday) for final burial in the family cemetery near Fountain.

No military rites will be held at the funeral but regular services will be conducted at the home in Fountain Sunday afternoon at 3:30. The Rev. R. L. West, pastor of the Fountain Baptist church, of which he was a member, will be in charge. The body will remain at the Farmville Funeral home until the hour of the funeral.

Private Dozier entered military service April 10, 1943, at Fort Dix, N. J., and received his training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He was serving with Company C, 30th Infantry, at the time he was killed.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Olive Dozier of Fountain; two brothers, C. L. Dozier of Snow Hill and J. L. Dozier of Fountain; four sisters, Mrs. R. L. Price of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. J. L. Peelle, Miss Emma Dozier and Miss Nannie Pat Dozier of Fountain.

## Farmville, In Fourth Place, Plays League Leaders, This Week

Frank Pearce's single in the top half of the ninth inning drove in two runs and gave Farmville a 6-4 victory over Pinetops, in a Bright Belt league game played Saturday afternoon in Pinetops.

Sunday's game between the same two teams was called in the fourth inning on account of rain. Farmville, at that time, was leading 2-0.

Farmville, now in fourth place, will have a chance this week end to close the gap between fourth and top places. The locals play Macclesfield, league leader, here Saturday and at Macclesfield Sunday.

League standings are:  
Team W L Pct.  
Macclesfield 23 9 .743  
Pinetops 19 11 .638  
Saratoga 17 13 .567  
Farmville 17 14 .548  
Walstonburg 10 23 .303  
Elm City 8 24 .250

Shirley, who pitched Saturday's victory, leads the hurlers with eight victories against two defeats. Still has one victory to his credit; Mowborn, four victories and three losses; Rouse, one and one; and Fulp, no wins against three defeats.

Han, who had four hits in the Saturday game, led the batters with an average of .348. Other batting averages are: Wheeler, .304; Corbett, .300; Stell, .295; Shirley, .294; Rogers, .278; Beamon, .264; Pearce, .245; Wood, .230; Fulp, .231; Mowborn, .214; Morgan, .090.

## GROWERS LOSE MILLION EACH YEAR IN BARN FIRES

Tobacco barn fires in North Carolina last year destroyed 688 barns containing 535,327 sticks of tobacco at a loss to growers of more than one million dollars, according to R. R. Bennett, tobacco specialist for the State College Extension Service.

The figures were taken from the "Tobacco Barn Fire Loss Summary," which was recently completed and printed by the Extension Service. In 1946, the summary showed that 1,412 barns were burned at a cost to the growers of slightly more than two million dollars.

The summary, now available to the public in printed form, is a result of reports obtained directly from county agents in the counties where barns were burned. Visits to individual farms provided information as to the cause of the fires as well as the makes and types of heating units being used in the barns that were lost.

Falling sticks and leaves were listed as the main cause of the fires, with building materials too close to flues or heater running a close second. Other causes listed included: Overfiring, defective flues and furnace, carelessness, defective wiring, improper installation of curing units. Flooding of oil, explosions, lack of operating experience and others.

Other features of the folder include recommendations for reducing fire losses and fuel costs for various curing units being used throughout the state.

Copies of the folder may be obtained by contacting your local county agent or writing to the Agricultural Editor at State College. Be sure to ask for Extension Folder No. 79, entitled "Tobacco Barn Fire Loss Summary."

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## No Polio Here But Playground And Pool Are Closed By Town

Charles McAndrews, Jr., four-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McAndrews of Greenville, is the first person in Pitt county to be stricken with polio this year. A Greenville physician Sunday diagnosed the illness as polio and the youngster was immediately taken to Duke hospital. Authorities there confirmed the findings of the Greenville doctor.

Rumors that the child now has meningitis have been branded as incorrect by the Pitt County Health department. There is no cause for alarm, state officials of the department, who explained that each summer usually sees one or more cases of the disease developing in the county.

Greenville's swimming pool, Teen Age club and playgrounds have been ordered closed by Mayor Jack Boyd. Theater and baseball managers are not selling tickets to children under 16 years old.

The swimming pool and playground in Farmville were closed last week. The recreation center at the playground, operated by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, has also been closed.

The theater has not closed its doors to those under 16. The Ministerial association has taken no action on restricting attendance at Sunday School since three members of the association are out of town.

Most parents, however, are keeping their children confined to their home neighborhood or are preventing them from making any new contacts.

## At The Rotary Club

Manly Liles had charge of the program at the Rotary club Tuesday night and made a talk on the income tax law, explaining benefits individuals would receive under the 1948 law.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Camp Charles near Bailey and to invite the Rotary Annex. Rotarians and their wives are requested to assemble at the school building August 13 at 5 o'clock.

The attendance prize, given by O. G. Spell, was won by C. L. Langley.

## PRODUCTION OF HOGS OFFERS GOOD PROFITS

North Carolina farmers seeking an additional source of income might well consider hog production, believes Moyle S. Williams, farm management specialist at State College, who says the price outlook is very favorable and the prospect for increased feed supplies are very strong.

Mr. Williams said that according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the 1948 spring pig crop totaled about 51 million head, 3 per cent less than in 1947 and the smallest since 1941. Prospects indicate smaller 1948 fall pig crop.

The farm management specialist said hog prices have been low as compared with cattle prices. But it appears likely, he continued, that hog prices will advance relative to cattle in the next few months, as cattle slaughter increases and hog slaughter declines seasonally.

Pointing out that corn yields in North Carolina have jumped considerably in the past five years, Mr. Williams said one of the most profitable ways to market that corn is through hogs, provided the hogs are raised efficiently. Many Tar Heel growers, he stated, have failed to realize the profits they should because of the small number of pigs saved per litter. The goal should be an average of at least eight pigs saved per litter.

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### Smirking Killer



A confessed partner in the killing of six persons during a two week crime orgy in Ohio and Michigan, Robert M. Daniels smirks in his cell, Ohio, jail cell, and boasts, "I got my share (of the victims)." "Yes, I'm famous," and "Come to my last supper, fellas; I'll show you how to eat." Daniels' partner in the brutal murders, John C. West, 22, was shot to death at a road-block near Van Wert, Ohio, when police intercepted an auto-carrier truck the pair had stolen after shooting the driver in cold blood. Cruellest act of the "mad-dog" pair was the grudge-killing of Ohio prison farm superintendent John Niebel, his wife and daughter at Mansfield, Ohio. Both criminals were paroled of the Mansfield reformatory. "Give me credit for the Niebels," Daniels boasted to newsmen.

Coming events cast their shadows before. . . This is the sincere hope of those in the community who Tuesday welcomed the news that border markets opened with record breaking prices being paid for tobacco. These same people remember that the opening date in the Eastern North Carolina belt is less than two weeks away.

Warehousemen are working feverishly to get their houses in tip-top shape for the opening auction on Thursday, August 19, and growers are striving anxiously to have a part of their crop ready for the "great day." Sales, however, will be light for at least two weeks after the local market opens.

The trend toward record breaking prices began two weeks ago when sales were started on the Georgia and Florida markets. It continued northward, and those who know something of tobacco marketing problems see nothing within the immediate future to stem the high price tide.

Between four and five million pounds were sold on border markets Tuesday, with the bulk of the offerings ranging in price from \$58 to \$65 per hundred pounds.

On opening day last year the same markets sold four million pounds for an average of \$48.88 per hundred. The season's average, however, notched to \$42.47.

Inferior and medium grades predominated on all warehouse floors and prices on these grades topped all marks in many years.

Another encouraging feature of the opening was the presence of export buyers, whose withdrawal last year was partly responsible for the mid-season slump in averages. Bulk of the purchases were the result of brisk bidding throughout the day by domestic buyers.

Costs of producing the crop hit an all-time high this season, but most farmers believe the total income this year will approach last year's, despite the acreage cut of 23 per cent and dry weather in May and June that prevented the golden weed from growing as it should.

Few piles were bought by the Fine-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation and farmers, generally appeared satisfied with prices the money crop was bringing.

W. F. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, said he was surprised at the heavy offering of poor quality tobacco.

Growers in this section can profit by another of the observations by Mr. Hedrick, who stated that farmers reduced their income by not keeping green tobacco from being mixed with the better grades.

The United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture report most grades were \$4.00 and \$3.00 on the various grades. The greater increases were for greenish cutters, up \$10.00, fair green lugs, up to \$10.50, and low lemon and orange lugs, up \$11.00 and \$15.00. The smallest advance was for poorest thin smudges, which increased only \$1.00. Extreme prices ranged from \$2.00 a hundred pounds for poorest thin smudges, which carries no support price, to \$70.00 a hundred pounds for fine lemon cutters.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS ISSUED

The following announcements have been received here:  
"Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reid White announce the marriage of their daughter, Jessie Reid, to Mr. Milton Lyman Eason, Junior, Wednesday, the fourth of August, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, Christian Church, Williamston, North Carolina.  
The newly-weds will reside in Farmville.

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