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**ROCKFISH NEWS**  
 By Mrs. A. A. McInnis.  
 Guests in the home of Mrs. Ellen Jones during the Thanksgiving holidays are W. H. Bishop of Jacksonville, Florida, Mrs. Webb Newsome and daughters, Peggy and Rebecca, of Roanoke, Va., Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Hanby of Lincolnton, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lefler of Albemarle, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson and daughters, Joanne and Carolyn of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Watson and family and Mrs. J. J. Cobb of Parkton.  
 A. W. Wood, Mrs. F. P. Bethea, Mrs. M. G. Ray, Sr., Mrs. John Ray and Mrs. Mary McInnis attended the funeral of Mrs. G. W. Livingston at Lumber Bridke last Monday a. m.  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gore of Raeford were Rockfish visitors Monday p. m.  
 E. T. Brock of the fourth grade, Rockfish school, was absent this week on account of mumps.  
 The ladies of Circle No. 2, Galatia church, Rockfish community, sent two comforts to the orphans of Barium Springs as a Thanksgiving gift.  
 Watch for the announcement of the next meeting of the newly organized club at Rockfish, which will meet the second week in December.  
 Mrs. K. P. Ritter was substitute teacher for Mrs. Milton Capps last Monday, Mrs. Capps was absent on account of illness of her little daughter, Dayne.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Koonce and baby son of Raeford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koonce and family last Sunday.  
 Mrs. P. C. English and family visited her mother, Mrs. Pearl Howell of Raeford last Sunday.  
 Mrs. Manley Grooms spent the past week end at Bonnie Doone with her son, Howard Grooms, who was right sick at that time.

**Tar Heel Farmers Buy New Machinery**  
 North Carolina farmers bought more new farm machinery during 1947 than in any previous year, says Moyle S. Williams, Farm Management specialist for the State College Extension Service.  
 Not only is this machinery better adapted to farm work than ever before but manufacturers are giving more attention to the power and machinery requirements of small farms, Mr. Williams said. New type farm tractors and machines of small size should be available in considerable numbers next year, he stated.  
 The number of tractors on farms in the United States on January 1, 1947, was about 117 per cent greater than the average during 1935-39, the specialist said. Comparable figures for number of horses and mules show a decline of 36 per cent.  
 In North Carolina, the number of tractors increased 145 per cent from 1940 to 1945. For the same period, however, the number of horses and mules decreased less than 1 per cent. Since figures for the United States show only a 57 per cent increase in the number of tractors and 18 per cent decrease in the number of horses and mules during 1940-45, it is certain that the number of tractors in North Carolina has increased tremendously since 1945, Mr. Williams said.  
 Conditions in recent years have increased the advantage of mechanical power over horse and mule power, he said. It is true that it costs more to operate tractors now than before the war, but this increase has been less than the increase in costs of keeping work animals. Prices on new tractors and tires are now about 113 above the 1935-39 average. Prices of gasoline have increased about 15 per cent. The per head cost of keeping horses and mules in 1947 with farm feeds, labor, and other items valued at current rates is about double the pre-war costs.

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**Thanksgiving Week Is Busy For Hunters**  
 Raleigh, Nov. 25—Thanksgiving week is a busy time for North Carolina hunters. By the time Tar Heels are starting to move drowsily away from the traditional turkey dinner on Thursday, the 1947-48 seasons for practically all game species the State offers will be in high gear.  
 Species on which the seasons are opening during the week are quail, rabbit, wild turkey, and ruffed grouse. The week also brings the second open period of the split season for squirrels in 31 counties.  
 First arrival of the week, on Monday, November 24, was the wild turkey season in the Roanoke River area—Bertie, Halifax, Martin, Northampton, and Washington counties. In that section the season runs through January 15. In the 16 other counties which have a turkey season, the opening comes on Thanksgiving Day, and the close on January 1 in 11 of the counties and on January 15 in the others.  
 Thanksgiving Day also brings in the other seasons. The quail and rabbit seasons throughout the State will extend through January 31. Twenty-seven eastern counties will observe lay days on these species, with hunting permitted only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. In a number of these counties, incidentally, lay days will go into effect on other species for which six-day-a-week hunting was permitted during the earlier part of the season.  
 Hunters are advised to check the regulations carefully to avoid violations. Copies of the regulations may be obtained from fish and game protectors, or from the Wildlife Resources Commission at Raleigh.

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