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ROCKFISH NEWS

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis.

Rockfish Grange held a very interesting meeting at the community house Monday night. One new member was received and officers were elected for the coming year. Phil Johnson was elected Worthy Master.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams and family of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Blue of Luriburg visited D. P. Andrews and family last Sunday.

Miss Gabrilla Dove of Willow Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barnard and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnard of Port Royal, S. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dove the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnson of Benson spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Barbour.

Mrs. Janie McGougan and daughter Miss Vera McGougan, and Miss Elva McGougan of Lumber Bridge, visited in Rockfish last Thursday.

Fred English of Morganton is spending the Christmas Holidays with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. English.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McInns and children of Raeford, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Smith and daughter of Maxton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Newton and children of Lakerim. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds and baby son of Lakerim and Mr. and Mrs. James Wood and children of Raeford spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Pickett and baby son, Ronnie, were guests of F. A. Wright and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yeagan and children, Miss Muriel Browning and James Wright of Raleigh spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Brock.

Mrs. S. L. Long and Miss Etta Mae Dees spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rivers and family of Hartsville, S. C. Mrs. Longs niece, Miss Christine Rivers, returned with her for a few days visit.

William Gibson has recovered from injuries received when he fell from a horse recently. He came home from the hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Camejo and daughters, Misses Gay and Nancy of Carolina Beach spent several days with relatives here and at Montrose during the Christmas Season.

This Community was saddened last week by the death of J. T. Townsend of Fayetteville. Mr. Townsend was a native of Rockfish but spent some years in Raleigh, and for a good many years he had lived in Fayetteville. He will be greatly missed by a host of friends and relatives, here and in Fayetteville.

Mr. F. P. Johnson, Worthy Master of Rockfish Grange was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Gibson Sunday P. M.

Mrs. F. P. Bethea visited her niece Mrs. Herman Koonce and family of Wayside Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Brock and family of Raeford were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Brock Christmas day.

There was no preaching service at Galatia Sunday, the pastor being away for the holidays. College students of the church gave an interesting program for the congregation Tuesday night of this week, which was enjoyed very much.

Holly with berries was very scarce in this part of the county this year.

'Pin Money' Began As New Year Gift

'Pin money' is a New Year's expression. It all started back in the time of the royal Stuarts of England when gift-giving on New Year's day was in fashion. Gloves were considered appropriate gifts for most people, but if a gentleman had saved a little "extra," he gave the money to his wife or sweetheart for pins which were very expensive at that time. The popular "pin money" phrase in our language has survived both the expensive pin and the New Year gift-giving custom.



Six New Year's days in a year? Certainly—absurd as it sounds it's true. Here they are:

1. January 1.
 2. In that part of the Occident wherein the Greek Orthodox faith prevails January 1 falls upon our January 13.
 3. A traditional Chinese New Year's celebration starts February 8 and lasts to February 13.
 4. If you happened in on the country of Siam, April 1, you'd find a great ceremonial festivity underway—nothing less, in fact, than New Year's.
 5. In Arabia, the Mohammedan New Year's is celebrated September 4.
 6. September 10 is New Year's in the ancient country of Abyssinia.
- New Year's day has been observed for the last 500 years. Nearly everywhere and at all periods it has been day of rejoicing.

Methuselah's Life Had Longest Span

Methuselah, the Hebrew patriarch who lived 969 years, has become synonymous with Father Time because he lived longer than any other man in recorded history. Notwithstanding Methuselah's direct descent from Seth—the third son of Adam and Eve, born after Cain had slain Abel—and the fact that he was the grandfather of Noah, it has been said longevity is Methuselah's only claim to history's commemoration; and even this claim seems to hang by a slender thread, considering that longevity was the rule rather than the exception among the patriarchs. The fifth chapter of Genesis records that Adam lived a total of 930 years; Seth reached the age of 912, and Enos—the son of Seth—died at 905. Cainen lived 910 years, Mahalaleel attained the age of 895, and Jared—grandfather of Methuselah—lived 962 years, only seven years less than his grandson's record. Enoch, Methuselah's father, seems to have been the exception to the rule—since he died at the age of 365.

Mexicans Bury The Old Clock

To observe the death of the old year, many Mexican families observe the "old clock" on New Year's Eve by placing a black box surrounded by lighted candles on the living room table. A small clock is placed on top of this casket. The clock lays in state until midnight, then it is stopped, placed in the casket and buried in the garden.

Three rats will eat as much grain as two laying hens.

Certified Seed Output Increases During 1948

Because certified seed producers have done a good job in '48, North Carolina farmers are assured of a good supply of planting seed for virtually all crops during the coming year, says Dr. R. P. Moore of State College.

Dr. Moore is director in charge of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, which handles the seed certification in the State.

Producers of certified cotton and hybrid corn seed more than doubled their output in 1948 as compared with 1947, says Dr. Moore. A total of 230,075 bushels of cotton seed were approved for certification, whereas the total last year was only 110,460 bushels. Certification of hybrid corn seed jumped from 68,128 bushels in 1948.

For tobacco, a decrease of about 4,000 pounds of seed was shown in the output during the past year. The total was 18,425 pounds in 1947 and 14,705 pounds in 1948.

A decrease was also noted in the number of bushels of soybean seed approved for certification. In 1947 the total was 63,815 bushels; in

1948 it was 27,455. Similarly, the sweet potato total declined from 23,656 bushels in 1947 to 12,314 bushels in 1948.

Production of Irish potato seed, however, increased from 24,085 to 73,525 bushels. The small grain total increased slightly, from 116,981 bushels in 1947 to 118,821 bushels in 1948. Especially noticeable was the increase in production of certified barley seed.

Farmers who buy certified seed, says Dr. Moore, are assured of getting the best seed available. Producers are required to use special foundation stock and meet careful requirements in production. Fields are inspected during the growing season by trained personnel. With each bag of seed bought, the purchaser receives a grower's guarantee.

Net farm income in 1948 is likely to be below the 1947 level. So, the drop will be the first in 10 years.

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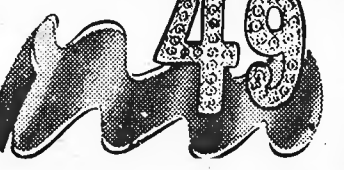
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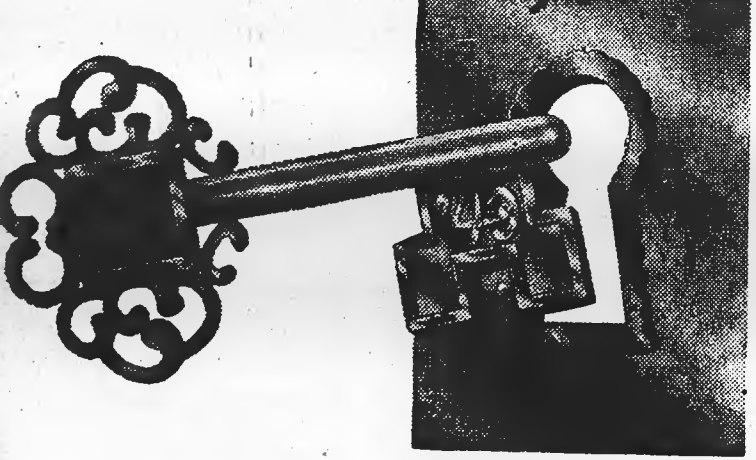
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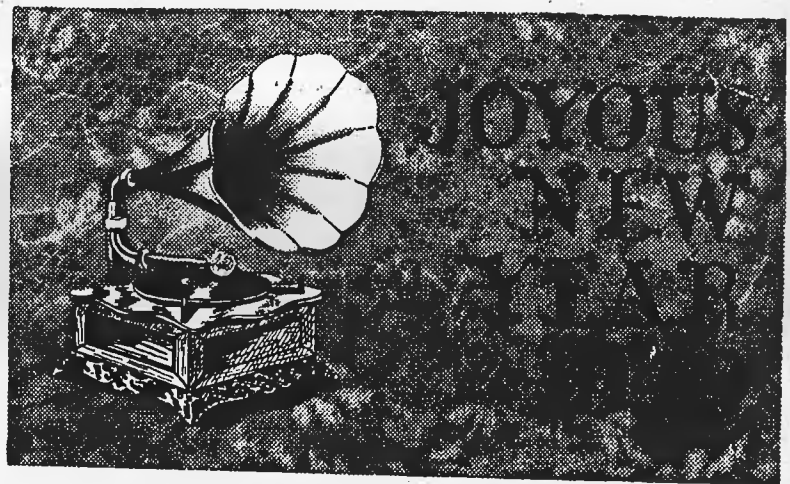
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Carl Morris