

ROCKFISH NEWS

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Edge of Fayetteville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Boseman last Sunday.

Lots of interest was shown in the farmer's meeting here last Friday night. They are to meet again next Saturday night, Oct. 29.

There will be a halloween carnival at the school house tomorrow (Friday) night. Bingo and other games, fortune telling, bobbing for apples, etc. will be engaged in. Come and join in the fun and help the youngsters to have a good time. It begins at 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McGill and Mrs. M. S. Bristow of Fayetteville attended church at Galatia last Sunday.

Revival services will be held at Galatia next week beginning Sunday night. A former pastor of Parkton Presbyterian church, Rev. T. A. Gupton of Lillington will conduct these services and everyone is most cordially invited to attend.

Miss Etta Mae Dees is a patient in Highsmith hospital after having an appendectomy on Tuesday of this week. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

We are glad to report that Bud Weston Stephens who was badly injured in an auto wreck recently is improving, though slowly.

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. D. J. Lindsay of Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Lindsay is a native of this community and has many friends and relatives here who sympathize with him in his bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hare and baby daughter, Anita, of Ashley Heights were Rockfish visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Marshall Ray spent several days the first of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Ray in Fayetteville.

Rev. E. L. Miller of Fayetteville will preach at Tabernacle Baptist church here Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy McRae of Vass visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Edwards last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Smith and daughter, Brenda, of Maxton visited Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Wood Sunday.

Rockfish school wishes to express its appreciation to Capt. W. J. Clark for his efforts to get playground equipment for the school and to thank all who donated anything to this worthy cause.

Worth Wood is visiting his brother, Howard Wood and family in Newport News, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yeargan and children visited relatives in Garner and Raleigh the past weekend. They also attended the State Fair.

Donald Wood, M. S. Gibson, George Dees, Herbert Long, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Sumner and Miss Patricia Ritter were among those who attended the fair from Rockfish last week.

Of much interest to people of this community was the marriage of Miss Helen Carl Kelleter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kelleter of Winston-Salem to Joe Cleveland Hinkle of Welcome. Mrs. Hinkle is a granddaughter of G. F. Koonce and the late Mrs. Koonce of this community.

O. L. Townsend, David and Louis Lindsay attended the funeral of Mrs. J. D. Lindsay in Jacksonville, Fla. Tuesday.

Friends of Mrs. F. B. Bethea are glad to know that she is doing well after a very serious operation at Highsmith hospital last Monday.

J. E. Wood and daughter, Miss Betty Jean Wood took a trip to Goldsboro one day last week.

The ingathering at Galatia church last week was fairly good considering boll weevil, etc. The proceeds from the chicken and barbecue supper amounted to around \$720.00 and it is estimated that the total would be about \$1500.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kelly and children of Greensboro and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gibson of Fayetteville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Gibson and family.

George D. Jones, extension entomologist at State College, says control of rats is especially important to North Carolina farmers this fall because of the large corn crop being harvested.



TRUMAN PRAISES STATE USO—President Truman, presenting a USO Plaque, congratulates Leon M. Gibson, USO Chairman in North Carolina, upon the splendid activities of ten full-scale Clubs and other facilities serving our Army at Fort Bragg and Marines at Lejeune and Cherry Point Bases; also seen in the picture are Gordon Gray, Secretary of the Army and John C. Hodge, V Corps Commander, with headquarters at Fort Bragg. Secretary of the Army, Gordon Gray, a native of North Carolina, gave outstanding volunteer service to USO during the war and General Hodge, Commandant of Fort Bragg, is an active Executive Board Member of the North Carolina USO State Committee. President Truman recently re-activated USO services to Veterans in Hospitals and 240 Clubs and other services in this country and overseas.

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

Since my earliest recollection and when people possessed gold coined, they put it by and kept it under lock and key. Just occasionally they were paid in gold coin or silver and this they invariably saved - they did not spend it. Too, they loved jewelry and gold watches and chains, ornaments, earbobs, etc.

We learn that in Bible times the people appreciated gold coin, and golden vessels and it must have been more plentiful than we have ever known it to be. For their life-sized idols and even Nebuchadnezza built an idol 90 feet high of gold and required all his subjects to worship it.

I intend writing about gold in my native county of Montgomery. I went to Troy in January, 1895 to publish a newspaper. The statements in this article are based upon information gained on the streets of that town. Gold was found in the branch which headed about the central part of the town. Soil from the ditch in which that little stream flowed contained gold but not of sufficient quantities to mine. Of the mines of which I knew in Montgomery the oldest and richest was the Sam Christian Mine. Some 4 or five miles north of the town of Mt. Gilead. That mine was operated since my earliest recollections and during the early years of my residence in Troy operations ceased altogether but a large nugget was found in that mine that awakened interest in gold mining over a large section of this state.

Another mine was found on the property of Tebe Sanders at Morrotock, 10 miles west of Troy. He had his mine worked by neighbors in the community who mined the gold on shares. After some years of operation, a man from up north came down and purchased the mine for the company which he had made up to buy it. He operated the mine for several years, returned north, and has not been heard of since. It seems that the owners of the mine got no dividends. The natives of that county say that the operators did not account honestly for the gold they mined. They think that was true also of the Sam Christian Mine.

M. L. Jones, a lumber manufacturer, sold out his timber interests and bought a mine in Eastern Montgomery but I do not remember the name. He was the only man within my knowledge who operated a stamp mill. He operated that mill for several years. He said it paid better than saw milling. Anyhow, he mined considerable gold there, and I never learned why he closed down.

The people of Montgomery County who were out of money would go down to the branch on the premises and mine enough of gold in a few hours which they sold in stores in Troy and supplied their needs of stocks of food and clothing. It seems that the creeks of the county carried enough gold for them to successfully gather what they needed.

The late J. Reece Blair, a prominent Attorney-at-law in Troy did something I never heard of anyone else doing. All lands extended to the banks of the Yadkin River and no one owned the bed of the river. Mr. Blair entered the bed of the river for 20 miles when he learned that the soil in the bottom of that river was rich in gold. The difficulty was that in lifting that soil from the bed of the river the waters swept it off the litter. But there was unquestionably plenty of gold in the bed of that river.

There are other mines or at least gold deposits on both sides of Little River. And occasionally someone found that panning the soil was good employment.

When times were hardest in the middle 90's, a man who had some money employed his neighbors who were without work and without money at low wages and panned the soil from the sides of Cotton Stone Mountain, the highest mountain in the county. And he made money by it and his neighbors had something to live on.

Do not charge the condition of the country to laziness, for it was due to the scarcity of money in circulation, and this is likely to be repeated. I have been standing on the streets of Troy and they, to a man, believed there was plenty of gold in the hills of Montgomery county. It was not infrequent that a man would put his hand in his pocket and take out several nuggets, and it was a lad in Troy for men to have watch fobs of gold nuggets found in the county.

There are many reasons to believe that there may come another financial stringency in this country, and no Roosevelt to relieve this stringency by inflation of the currency.

Whether or not there comes another money panic, this writer believes there is untold wealth in the clay hills of Montgomery and Moore Counties, and he hopes to live to see some of these fountains of wealth opened up.

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

Memo for packing away spring and summer clothes: Keep a pad and pencil in your apron pocket when you are packing away summer clothes. Jot down as you work what you put away and where. You will save time, trouble, and confusion next spring.

Systematic housekeepers post on attic or closet doors a list of articles stored in bags, boxes, or certain closets. Some also label each trunk, box, and bag with its contents. Any device which helps the housekeeper and her family know where possessions are at a moment's notice makes for good home management.

A tested recipe for pecan pie:

Pecan pie will appear on dinner tables the country over this fall and early winter when pecans will be in good supply on markets, especially in sections of the State where pecans are grown.

Here is a tested pecan pie recipe from food specialists: Ingredients: 1 cup pecan kernels; 3 eggs; 1-2 cup melted table fat. To make: Beat eggs, add sugar and sirup, then salt and vanilla, and last the melted fat. Place the pecans in the bottom of an unbaked pie crust. Add filling and bake slowly in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 50 to 60 minutes. The nuts will rise to the top of the pie filling and form a crusted layer.

When not being worn, gloves should not be folded up into a ball and crammed into a purse or pocket. They should be smoothed out and folded, not in half, but at the base of the fingers. This will keep the creases away from the body of the glove and help prevent cracking of the leather in the palm or over the back of the hand.

Average size of all farms in the State in 1945 was 65.8 acres.

EVERYBODY IN U. S. A. COULD TAKE A CARRIDE AT THE SAME TIME

Everybody in this country could go for an automobile ride at the same time, and everybody in Hoke county is cordially invited to join with their automobile dealers in celebrating "Know Your Automobile Dealer Week", October 31 - November 5 Younger Snead, chairman of Hoke county's observance of the event said.

"It used to be said, with an oratorical flourish, that America is a nation on wheels", he declared. "Today that is just a plain statement of fact, for every one of us could take an automobile ride at the same time and the average would be less than five persons per car.

"We have three times as many automobiles in the United States

as there are in the rest of the world. To my mind, all these facts are proof of the superiority of the standard of living in this free-enterprise, democratic nation. They indicate, too, the great part the automobile has played in the upbuilding of this country."

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