

ROCKFISH NEWS

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis

One of the projects to be undertaken by the PTA this season was the beautification of the school grounds. A committee was appointed at the last meeting and the work has begun. Those who have given work on the grounds up to this time are as follows: Verhon Parsons, E. B. Cole, C. W. Pittman, Curtis McDowell, H. C. Williamson, Oscar Wood, James Adkins, Jimmie Wood, James Ray and E. T. Brock, Jr.

Miss Beulah Jarrell spent the past week end with Miss Bobby Jean Snellgrove at St. Pauls.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shockley have the foundation laid for their

new house and are going forward with their building plans.

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Hawkes and children visited Mrs. Hawkes parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bowyer at Laurinburg Sunday.

Mrs. Jessie Daughtery and Miss Lillie Bundy of Cumberland were all day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bundy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Ray and son, Marshall of Fayetteville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Ritter.

Galatia Church Women of Circle No. 2 quilted at the Community House Tuesday for their ingathering. The ladies carry lunch to these quiltings, make hot coffee and enjoy these get-togethers as much or more than ordinary picnics.

Mrs. C. L. Wood, Miss Ann Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wood and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood and family in Greensboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dement of Pontiac, Michigan were guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Miller last Thursday and Friday nights. Mr. Dement is a brother of Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Ida Rivers of Hartsville, S. C. is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Long. The WMU of Tabernacle Baptist church met with Mrs. Bill Gibson Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hare and daughter, Anita, were Rockfish visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Louis Parker and Mrs. Marshall Newton of Wayside took part in the quilting at Rockfish Tuesday.

The Women of Tabernacle Baptist Church had a quilting at the home of Mrs. A. W. Wood Wednesday. These quilts usually sell for a good price at the ingatherings.

Mrs. Mary McInnis and Thomas McInnis visited relatives at Wagram Sunday.

Mrs. M. G. Ray visited Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Ray and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ray in Fayetteville the first

"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

North and South, Republican and Democrat, have been successful in getting passed in the Senate what is known as the Wherry amendment. That, as part of the Defense Production Act, should result in a fair distribution of available civilian goods.

And as Senators Wherry (E. Neb.) and Sparkman (D., Ala.) pushed for passage, they were supported by organized independent business . . . inspired silently by the reproachful ghosts of 525,000 small businesses that needlessly perished in World War II.

This new bill will require that small independent businesses distributing civilian goods be given a fair share of the available supply, based on a representative period before June 24, 1950.

If the House passes this measure, it will correct one of the glaring oversights of the past when monopoly owned or controlled outlets received the available supplies, and independent business was left on a limb.

This one victory has far-reaching reverberations. Prior to this, the talk was entirely of voluntary allocations, tied in with suspension of anti-trust laws. In other words, Congressmen were told "the situation can be handled by gentlemen's agreements."

But Senators privately say they are becoming wary of these "gentlemen's agreements" . . . would like to be sure of what "gentlemen" are involved in such agreements. Many feel that they, like Little Red Riding Hood, found out just in the nick of time that grandma was a wolf.

Congressmen, eyeing November elections, are aghast at some press releases sent out by government-hired press agents.

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They shudder and hope much will never be published in newspapers read by tax-conscious constituents.

For example, the current release from the Office of Information, Economic Cooperation Administration, commonly known as the Marshall Plan, tells how American tax dollars are being used to modernize hotels in Europe, including such nations as Portugal, Ireland, Luxemburg, Sweden, Turkey, etc.

With brash pride ICA Release No. 1660 tells how Marshall Plan dollars have installed more bathrooms, changed rooms from double beds to twin beds, air-conditioned ballrooms, made other changes in these hotels. Thus American dollars voted to stop starvation are used to create luxury abroad.

As everyone knows, a lot of improvements are needed in American hotels.

But after taxes American hotels don't have the funds. And while Europe's hotels get free American dollars, American owners often can't get low cost loans.

Things like this are worrying Congressmen.

They feel this type of information, if read by tax-ridden voters, will be reflected in November voting. There may be some grounds for their fears.

Many Washingtonians are quoting Nicolai Lenin, founder of the Soviet Union.

He wrote: "Germany will arm itself out of existence." (Has happened, they say.) "Britain will expand itself out of existence." (Has happened, they say.) "America will spend itself out of existence." (Is it happening, they ask.)

D. K. Parker. She had as her guest, Miss Doris Hovis, who is also a member of the senior class and roommate of Miss Parker's.

The Youth Fellowship of Parkers' Methodist Church met with the Galatia fellowship last Sunday evening. The young people of Parkers' gave an interesting program. Hot chocolate and cookies were served by the host church.

The members of Parkers' Methodist Church would like to take this as a method of expressing their many thanks to those who helped their Harvest Day Ingathering a success.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Scull and family visited friends near St. Pauls last Sunday.

Mrs. A. D. McFadyen and Mrs. J. A. McFadyen spent last Thurs-

day with relatives at Wilmington. A. D. McFadyen, of Winston-Salem came for Mrs. McFadyen last Friday, and left for Richmond, Virginia, to spend the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Carl R. Wood. They returned to Winston-Salem on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, and Bobby spent the past week end with Mr. Smith's parents in Lyrely, Georgia. They returned by way of Cleveland and Chattanooga, Tenn., in order to visit Rock City Gardens.

Mrs. Ellen Kinlaw has been a patient in Highsmith for the past few days. It is hoped that she will soon be back in the community with us.

A large number attended the funeral of J. M. Capps last Monday at Galatia church. Rev. B. O. Shannon and Rev. D. E. Miller conducted the service. Interment was made in the Galatia cemetery.

The Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. J. E. Shewbridge. A demonstration of wall papering was presented to those present. Miss Allie Black and Mrs. Laura Crowley were hostesses.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: I want to use my tobacco barn for curing and storing sweet potatoes. What should I do to adapt the barn for this purpose?

ANSWER: It's neither difficult nor expensive to make the necessary changes for using a tobacco barn as a sweet potato curing and storage house. The Department of Agricultural Engineering at State College has prepared a plan which you can use. Just ask your county farm agent for a copy of Plan No. TVA. If he doesn't have it, you can obtain a copy by writing the Extension Agricultural Engineer, State College Station, Raleigh.

QUESTION: My Irish potato plants this year produced balls of fruit that looked like small, green tomatoes. What were they?

ANSWER: They were not tomatoes, but simply pods of Irish potato seed. These balls of seed sometimes appear on Irish potato plant during cool, humid growing seasons. They usually

range in size from three-fourths to one and a fourth inches. However, neither gardeners nor potato growers should get excited about them. Plant breeders have been using the seed balls in developing new varieties of potatoes but the work is laborious and time-consuming. As far as the home gardener or potato grower is concerned, the seed balls are worthless.

QUESTION: Have scientists learned how to grow seedless watermelons?

ANSWER: Yes, but they wonder whether it's practical to do so. Horticulture specialists think that consumer acceptance of seedless watermelons would not be

great enough to make commercial growing venture. The big item is the cost of seed. Since the seedless variety is sterile, growers must also raise both parent varieties of seed to produce the new melon. Seed production requires twice as much land three times as much time and labor. If growers were to produce seedless melons commercially, the cost per melon would be at least five times as much as for regular melons.

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of this week.

Group Conference of District No. 5 was held at Galatia church last Friday with a very good attendance.

The Ingathering at Tabernacle Baptist Church at Rockfish will be next week, Thursday, Oct. 12. Everybody is invited to come. Don't forget the date.

Wayside News

By Mrs. Ralph Plummer

Joe Lovette, Betty, Alma, and Sidney Lovette and Bobby McColl attended the annual Lovette family reunion at Randleman last Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Parker, a senior at WCUNC, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

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