

ROCKFISH NEWS

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis

Mr. and Mrs. George Dees, Harold Dees and Ronald Long visited their aunt, Mrs. Ida McLeod at High Point Sunday.

Tabernacle Baptist Church held their Thanksgiving service on Wednesday night.

Frances Miller, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Miller, underwent tonsillectomy at Highsmith Hospital last Friday. At last account she was getting along nicely but would be out of school for a week or two yet.

The WSCS of Parkers Methodist Church is giving a chicken supper at the church on Wednesday evening Dec. 2nd for the benefit of their society. The public is cordially invited. Serving begins at around 5:30 or 6:00 o'clock.

M. L. Wood, Bruce Dees and Marion Wood attended the Globe Tennis basketball game in Raleigh Saturday night.

Mrs. G. A. Monroe, primary teacher in the Rockfish school was ill the past week end. Mrs. Herman Koonce substituted for her Monday and Tuesday.

Galatia women of the church had their general meeting Monday night. Plans were made to have the circle meeting earlier next month in order to get reports in on time.

Mrs. Marshall Ray had a letter

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recently from her son Captain Gilbert Ray, who has been in a hospital in Korea for sometime saying that he was better and he hoped to be discharged from the hospital soon.

Rev. and Mrs. G. Scott Turner Sr. of Lillington visited their son, Rev. G. Scott Turner, Jr., Mrs. Turner and family Sunday.

The BTU of Tabernacle Baptist Church have planned to have a weiner roast at Cumberland Memorial Park Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Watson of Fayetteville visited Mrs. Watson's father A. L. Long and family Sunday.

Miss Lilly Wood of Parkton spent the past week end with home folks and was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wood after attending church services here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Manning and children of Erwin were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Dees Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. G. Scott Turner, Jr. and family were dinner guests of Mrs. Gertrude Hooper in Fayetteville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Parker and family and Mrs. Alfred Berry and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan McKeellar at Elrod Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Willis, Mrs. J. R. Norris, Misses Malle and Millie Norris of Smithfield were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Long and children accompanied Mrs. Long's father, N. J. Ritter to Maxton Sunday where he will spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. Joe Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Berry and daughters, Doris and Patricia of Fairmont and Mrs. Bill Wilkins of Lumberton spent last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Berry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gschwind and children, Cheryl and Gail, of Aberdeen visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovette of Wayside Sunday.

Rockfish Home Demonstration Club held their meeting on Monday instead of Wednesday this week on account of Thanksgiving day Thursday. The meeting was opened with a Thanksgiving song, reading of appropriate scripture and prayer, then each member present recounted some of their many blessing experienced during the past year.

The Christmas party was planned and samples given out to make the afghan for the Koreans. The demonstration on landscaping created much interest and after this a Thanksgiving word contest was enjoyed by all. At the close of the meeting Mrs. S. N. McCall and Mrs. A. W. Wood, hostesses for the afternoon, served refreshments.

Toby was just getting over a sick spell when his picture appeared in the paper. Since then he has grown so fat and lazy the

Chevrolet Dealers Spotlight New Trucks



Typical of completely re-engineered Chevrolet trucks making their 1954 model debut at dealer showrooms this week is the three-quarter ton (6500 GVW) stake, or which dual rear wheels are now available. Load capacity has been lowered

Social Security Tax Rate Is Scheduled To Advance Jan. 1

The social security tax rate for persons whose work counts toward old-age and survivors insurance is scheduled to increase on the first of January, Malcolm A. George, manager of the Fayetteville social security office, reminded employers, employees and self-employed people today.

This scheduled increase in tax contribution is in accordance with the 1950 amendments to the social security law, and was enacted by Congress in anticipation of future obligations of the program.

Employees in jobs covered by the law will have 2 percent instead of the present 1½ percent deducted from their pay beginning with the first of January up to earnings of \$3000 a year; their employers will contribute an equal amount.

The new rates will apply to all taxable wages paid after December 31, 1953, regardless of when earned.

The social security tax for the self-employed is scheduled to increase from the present 2½ percent to 3 percent, for the period commencing January 1, 1954. Since the self-employed whose work is covered by the law pay their tax just once yearly at the time of filing their Federal income tax return, they will pay the present 2½ percent social security tax on their 1953 income that counts toward social security. This will be due not later than March 15, 1954. Their first payments at the increased rate of 3 percent will be due March 15, 1955, for the calendar year 1954.

In the meantime the Internal Revenue Service reports that employers will be furnished late this year with income tax withholding tables and Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) tables reflecting rates applicable next year.

The next scheduled increase, six years from now, in 1960, will be to 2½ percent each for employer and employee, and to 3½ percent for the self-employed.

Insects can reduce the weight of stored grain 25 per cent or more.

"Nail Kegs" group may have to turn him over to the "Do Nothings."

High Demand For Meat Forecast For Next Year

Next year will be another year of large supplies of red meat. And consumption is also expected to continue high. Retail prices in 1954 are expected to average about the same as in 1953. This was the prediction today of W. C. Williford, Hoke County agent for the State College Extension Service.

Mr. Williford summed up the findings of the recent Agricultural Outlook Conference. For 15 years, he said, cattle prices have been unusually high as compared with prices for all farm commodities. Now, even though they are at the lowest point since 1946, cattle prices are still more favorable in relation to other farm prices than they were during the 1910-14 base period which is used for parity computations. "They are lower, however, than could be considered normal at this time

because of their longterm trend upward," he said.

"Persistent declines in cattle prices over the past two years appear to be about ended, but the forecast does not indicate that they will regain their levels of a year or two ago."

Nationwide, fewer cattle are being put on feed grains for fattening this fall than last. This means the supply of finished cattle in the first half of 1954 is likely to be smaller next year, but the supply of grass-fed beef will remain high, the county agent said the outlook report indicated. Grass-fed beef usually

grades as Good, Commercial, or Utility, according to government standards.

Consumption of beef in 1953 appears to have reached an all-time high of 75 pounds per capita if it continues at its present level to the year's end. For meat in general, including poultry, consumption is higher than usual at 178 pounds per person, according to statistics.

Grain is gaining popularity in North Carolina as a livestock feed.

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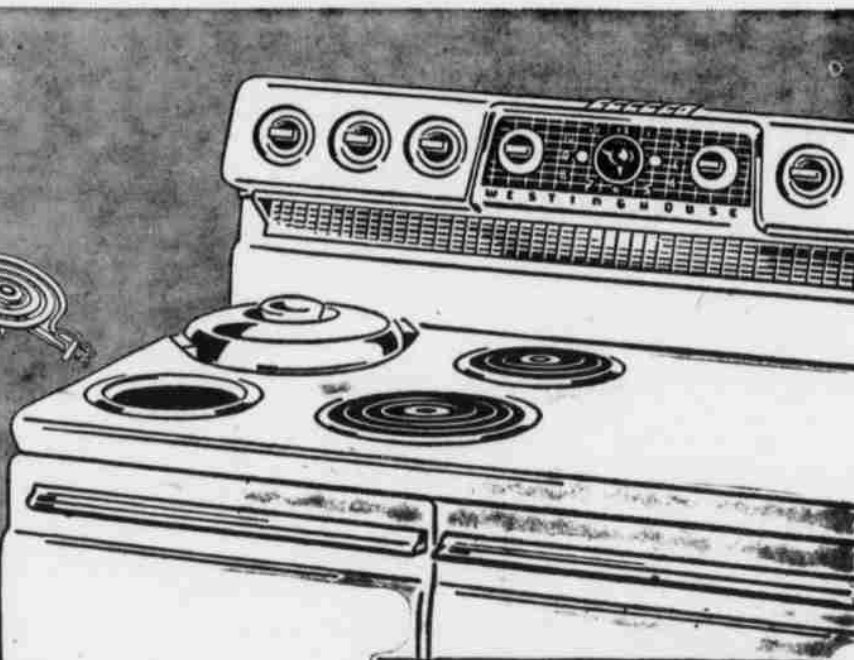
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