

**Southern 500 Mile Race At Darlington Labor Day, Sept. 6th**

Darlington, S. C., Aug. 22—Seventy-five of the Nation's fastest stock automobiles and a like number of the greatest driving names in the racing field will roar over the mile and three-eighths Darlington, S. C. banked speedway in the fifth annual Southern 500 mile race two weeks from tomorrow, Labor Day.

Four runnings of this stock car marathon, starting in 1950, has made it the outstanding late model racing contest in the country. More than thirty thousand spectators will pack the 16,000 seat grandstand and spill over into the spacious infield. They will come from as far away as California and many will camp before the gates a week before the starting flag falls. Time trials start Wednesday, Sept. 1 will determine the starting field.

Favoritism to win the 500 mile marathon will be shared. Pee Petty Greensboro, N. C. and his big Chrysler currently leading the national point standings will be one. Petty has never finished better than sixth in the previous runnings. North Carolina will also back the popular Buck Baker, Charlotte, whose Oldsmobile won the 1953 Southern 500 at a record 92.78 mph. Hershel McGriff, also an Oldsmobile pilot and winner of the first Mexican Road Race will carry the backing of the west coast. McGriff comes from Portland, Oregon. Hudson, hopes fall on Herb Thomas, Sanford, N. C. and Dick Rathman, Daytona Beach, the former Indianapolis driver. South Carolina partisans will back their perennial favorite

Joe Eubanks, Spartanburg. Oldsmobile has won the last two Southern 500 runnings. Baker last year and Fonty Flock, Decatur, Georgia in 1952. Thomas wheeled a Hudson to victory in 1951 and Johnny Nantz, Long Beach, California won the inaugural race in 1950 driving a Plymouth.

The Indianapolis of the stock car world, sanctioned by NASCAR will probably decide the national champion for 1954. Petty, Rathman, Baker and Thomas are closely grouped at the top of the point standings. A victory by any one of the four could result in an unbeatable point lead. The race starts at 11 AM and takes more than five hours to complete.

**Residents Of Tryon Section Vote For Fire Department**

Another volunteer fire department looms on the horizon for Gaston county if the people in and around the Tryon section follow a precedent set by the Tryon Community Club Thursday night.

The county already has one volunteer fire department in the New Hope section with plans for a similar one in the Catawba section still in the embryonic stage. By unanimous vote, the Tryon Community Club voted to sponsor such a fire department as a community project. The group, which numbered around 75, met at 7:30 Thursday night in the cafeteria of Tryon school.

No details for the project were discussed but it was agreed to call a meeting of people in the community to meet at the club's next regular meeting Thursday, September 16.

Plans for this meeting are being handled by a volunteer fire department committee made up of Fred Biggenstaff, Robert Robinson, and Gene Weaver. Speaking to the large group at the meeting Thursday were Floyd Hamrick, Ralph Suggs, and Hugh Suggs of the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department. These representatives gave the group details of what a fire department would mean to the community and how to go about forming one.

G. A. Harris, agricultural teacher at Tryon School, and president of the club, presided. This will be up to the people of the Tryon community on the issue of whether or not they want a fire department. The call in that section today is, "Be at the September 16 meeting."

**Joseph W. Beach Appointed Director North Carolina ESC**

Raleigh, Aug. 24 — Joseph W. Beach, with the Employment Security Division of the Employment Security Commission since 1937 and thoroughly familiar with the operations, has been appointed director of the Employment Security Division, effective immediately, to succeed Ernest C. McCracken, ESC Chairman Henry E. Kendall announced Wednesday.

Mr. Beach was No. 1 man on the promotional register for this position as a result of the examinations conducted by the Merit System Council. Chairman Kendall stated that Robert M. du Bruyne, assistant director, was not on the register. He will continue as assistant director. Mr. Beach joined this agency

as senior interviewer in the Greensboro office in the fall of 1937, remaining there until July 1940, when he was transferred to Lexington, where he served as interviewer and acting manager until the end of that year. In January, 1941, he was transferred to the State office in Raleigh as clearance supervisor. Later he was promoted to the office of administrative analyst, later becoming assistant chief of Program and Methods. During the war period he was named chief of the Planning Section. In 1947 he was promoted to chief of Programs, and Methods. Later his post was changed in name to chief of Staff Services, which he has since held.

A native of Delway in Sampson County and the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Beach, of Leaksville, Mr. Beach is an A. B. graduate of Wake Forest College in 1925 and took graduate work in education there in 1925 and 1928. He was in school work for about 11 years, teaching English and mathematics, coaching athletic teams and was principal of several schools. His first work was in Western Carolina College at Cullowhee, was principal of the Herring High School in Sampson County, principal of the Warrenton High School and the Mars Hill High School in Bertie County. Also he taught in Bryson City and Cary. For about two years he was an insurance agent in Raleigh.

Active in the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, Mr. Beach was president of the State Chapter about five years ago, was on the Executive Committee of the International Association about three years ago, was on the Executive Committee of the International Association about three years ago, and was vice-chairman of the Arrangements Committee for the International Convention in Asheville last May.

Mr. Beach is a member of the Pellen Memorial Baptist Church and sings in the choir. He married Miss Mary Catherine Cox, of Hazewood. Their two sons, Joseph W. Jr. and Richard C. Beach, have graduated from Wake Forest College in the past two years.

**REC JERRY HAYES SPENDS REST LEAVE IN JAPAN**

Hakata, Japan — Army PFC Jerry Hayes, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edl Hayes, Route 2, Dallas, N. C., recently spent a seven-day rest and recuperation leave in Japan, Japan.

Hayes is normally stationed in the 25th Infantry Division's 90th Field Artillery Battalion. He entered the Army in August 1952 and completed basic training at Fort Bliss, Tex.

**GARDEN TIME**

By Robert Schmidt

During the past month several gardeners have asked me for information about peonies. Should they be moved? When should new plantings be made?

The time for making new plantings of for moving or dividing old plants would be in October and November in eastern North Carolina and September and October for the western or mountain section of the state. But don't move them unless there is some good reason to do so. Peonies do not like to be disturbed. When should new plantings be made? If you have a large clump that is doing very well and producing good blooms don't disturb it. Any loss of roots will have a harmful effect. It is not necessary to divide and move peonies every two or three years as we do iris and dahlias. A plant is not blooming satisfactorily, then it may be advisable to move it to a better location, or perhaps it has been planted too deep and should be taken up and replanted. In such cases, cut off a few roots as possible. Peonies should be planted shallow - the buds should not be more than one to two inches below the surface of the soil.

Have you seen the newspaper ads of the "Miracle Plant" which will bloom for you without soil or water? It will really do that. The plant is the colechicum which resembles a large crocus and will send out blooms without leaves during August or early September, no matter if you put it in soil, water, or on the kitchen shelf.

You can buy these bulbs at any of the large seed stores. Plant them in the yard about two to three inches deep. Leaves are produced in the spring which die down in summer and flowers come out during August or September. Or you may plant them in a bowl in the house very much like paper which narcissus bulbs.

**STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS**

Question: Two of my pullets have crooked toes. What causes this?

Answer: Simple crooked toes may be brought about by mismanagement early in the chick's life. In flocks which have only a few chicks with crooked toes it is unlikely that the condition was inherited. Simple crooked toes should not be confused with so-called curled toe paralysis, which is brought about by riboflavin (vitamin G) deficiency in the diet.

Question: Can alfalfa be grown in all sections of North Carolina?

Answer: Yes, with the exception of the Tidewater areas. Alfalfa, if seeded according to recommendations and tondressed each year, will produce three to 4 1/2 tons of hay per year. It may be used for grazing, for hay, or for silage. One important limitation in the production of alfalfa is that it requires a well-drained soil.

Question: Are North Carolina produced "choice" steaks as good as Western produced "choice" steaks?

Answer: Yes. Grading beef is a method of measuring the merits of a live animal or carcass to arrive at its value. The official standards, developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, are used to determine the grade. These standards are used by state graders, packinghouse graders and USDA meat graders throughout the country. This system of grading is used by the N. C. Department of Agriculture. Therefore, cattle carcasses graded "Choice" in North Carolina are equal in eating quality to those graded "Choice" in any other state.

**25-Year Masons To Get Honors In Bessemer City**

BESSEMER CITY—At a stated communications held Tuesday night August 24, at Masonic Whetstone Lodge No. 515, 12 members received 25-year certificates for continuous membership.

The lodge was honored with the present Deputy-Grand Master, Charles H. Pugh and District Deputy Grand Master, D. C. McSwain, and the certificates were presented by Deputy Grand Master, Dr. Charles H. Pugh.

Twenty-five year certificates were presented to Carl Grady Carpenter, Ira Craig Dameron, Hill Leroy Kiser, Joseph Roberts Lutz, Marshall Fred Ormand, John Abel Ormand, James Thomas Owensby, Christy Columbus Parker, Clarence Lee Ramseur, Lawrence Gerald Rhyne, Wallace Henry Wilson, and Dr. William Seck Matthews.

A past masters' certificate was also presented to Carl W. Howard.

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<b>Bologna</b>	<b>29c</b>	can
EAST TENN.		<b>10c</b>
<b>Picnic's</b>	<b>43c</b>	RED BAND
KINGAN PIEDMONT		<b>FLOUR</b>
<b>Bacon</b>	<b>55c</b>	10 lb. bag
		<b>93c</b>
<b>Beef Liver</b>	<b>19c</b>	

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