

# Hospital Work Is Due Next Month

Ahoskie.— Plans and specifications for Roanoke-Chowan Hospital have been approved by the building committee and invitations for bids have been forwarded to various construction companies, according to J. B. Burden, secretary of the hospital corporation.

Bids will be received December 6 at 2 p. m. in Mr. Burden's office. The architect, J. J. Rowland, has requested that the successful contractor begin construction within ten days after he has been notified of the acceptance of his bid. The trustees reserve the right of final authority in rejecting or accepting all bids, Mr. Burden said.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, director of the Duke endowment, told the building committee at its recent meeting that the hospital in his opinion will be one of the most attractive small hospitals in the Carolinas. Dr. Rankin said further that there will be sufficient space in the building to add at least 50 more beds at a nominal cost in the future.

There is enough space in the administrative rooms, operating rooms and utilities rooms to take care of this expansion, he said.

According to the plans, the first floor of the building will consist of storage rooms, boiler room, emergency room, nurses' and visitors' dining room, and the out-patient department. The ambulance entrance with automatic doors will be in the front of the building at the right.

Administrative offices are to be located at the front on the second floor. Two wards for white patients with six beds each and one private room will be housed on the second floor right wing. In the left wing will be 16 beds for colored patients. These will be in two private rooms, three semi-private rooms and two with four beds each.

On the third floor will be 21 beds in seven private rooms and seven rooms of two beds each. Operating rooms and maternity suite will occupy fourth floor.

## Gift of Books To Library By Dr. E. W. Knight

A gift of 25 books to the Ahoskie Public Library by Dr. Edgar W. Knight, head of the department of education at the University of North Carolina, was announced this week by Mrs. Mayon Parker, secretary of the Ahoskie Public Library Association.

The list of books includes popular standard and popular works from Dr. Knight's private library. Dr. Knight is a native of Northampton county and the brother of Mrs. J. R. Williford of Aulander. He is recognized as one of the leading educators of the country and has been at the head of the department of education at the University for a number of years. The gift was made to the library through Mrs. Parker last weekend while she was visiting relatives at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Knight has been invited to address the annual meeting of the Ahoskie Public Library Association at a date to be arranged later.

Railroads hauled an average of 1,116 tons of freight per train in 1943, contrasted with an average of 708 tons in 1920.

**WAR BONDS**  
MEAN MORE THAN A  
GOOD INVESTMENT

# Farmer Largest Single Buyer, IAA Editorial Asserts

Agriculture has two major tasks ahead—convincing labor and industry of the importance to them of sustaining the mass buying power of six million farm families and of maintaining the parity standard for basic farm commodities, according to an editorial in the current issue of the IAA Record, official publication of the Illinois Agricultural Association.

Farmers as a group constitute the most important single market for the products of industry and labor, and if that buying power is destroyed, national prosperity will go down with it, the editorial points out.

"Today the attitude seems to be that a sharp decline in farm prices is inevitable . . . but at the same time industry is predicting higher prices for its postwar products, and labor is demanding that wages be maintained at wartime levels, with a guaranteed annual wage, or 'take home' pay adjusted high enough 'to make up for the loss of overtime'. The OPA is apparently using 1942 prices as a standard. Automobile makers have told us, in a long series of statements, that cars will cost 15 percent to 30 percent more than they did in pre-war days.

"Why should farm prices be singled out for decline, while others are to be maintained? Is it the old and persistent campaign of some groups for cheap food and a peasant agriculture? Is it the shortsighted thinking of some business and labor groups who persistently fail to recognize that the farmer is their best customer?"

Anti-farm groups, the editorial states, take the depressed farm prices of 1939—the lowest period for agriculture in twenty years except for the depth of the depression—as their basis for figuring that farm prices are now unjustifiably high. "In August of 1939, farm prices stood at 74 percent of parity; farmers were able to realize an average of less than \$5.50 per hundred for hogs, less than \$6.75 for cattle, less than 55 cents per bushel for wheat. During the year 1939 farmers received only about 9 cents per pound for cotton, 17 cents per dozen for eggs, 24 cents a pound for butterfat, and 57 cents a bushel for corn."



**AIR STUDENT.**—Edward J. Winslow, Army Air Forces, San Marco, Texas, is the son of Mrs. Norah Winslow and the late Noah Winslow of Gates. Now training in advanced navigation, he enlisted in the Air Corps in November, 1942, and has recently completed a course in gunnery at Tyndal Field, Fla.

## Shipment Dairy Cattle Delivered To Bertie Farms

Windsor.— Forty-one head of dairy cattle, purchased from Mississippi dairy areas through the efforts of B. E. Grant and M. W. Coleman, white and Negro farm demonstration agents, with the cooperation of the Bank of Windsor, were delivered Tuesday to Bertie county farmers.

The shipment of cattle was received in Windsor over the Carolina Southern last Friday. The shipment was received in good condition and said to be excellent stock by A. C. Kimbrey, dairy extension specialist with N. C. State College, who was in Windsor for the delivery of the stock to the farmer-purchasers. There were 44 head in the shipment.

It was reported that all purchasers were well pleased with the selections allotted them on the orders they had placed prior to the purchase with the county agents.

"There is a notorious lack of milk cows on the farms of Eastern North Carolina, and Bertie county has been in that class in the past, but we are doing everything we can to change this condition in Bertie and give every farmer a chance to own a good cow," County Agent Grant commented. "That is why we have undertaken the cooperative purchase this year and last of nearly two hundred good dairy cattle for placement on Bertie farms. A good cow makes a good farm better, always.

"Now, what we need," Grant continued, "is a good bull in every community, so that we can breed more and better cattle within the county and not have to go to other sections to buy."

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The editorial asks if comparisons based upon a price level are fair and reasonable, and asserts that the false and dangerous thinking implicit in the statement, "Of course farm prices must go down," should be corrected.

## Bowles Foresees Control of Prices After This War

The need for price control will continue for an indefinite period after the war, in the opinion of OPA Administrator Chester Bowles. The experience of the last war, he says, has made it clear that the government must protect the people from any general increase in the cost of living for some time after hostilities cease.

Bowles recalled that price controls were "few and weak" in the

last war and that after hostilities ended, prices were left to find their own way back to normal levels. In this process, he says, thousands of farmers were ruined and hundreds of small businesses subsequently failed. Only a "wise policy of continued price control" can prevent "such a disaster" from happening this time, he thinks.

The Price Administrator argues that unless price control is continued, the huge reservoir of spend-power now held in war bonds and savings will be dissipated and the hopes of a substantial prosperity of the post-war era smashed. He suggests that controls could be removed gradually from one group of products after another, when the war ends, as prices begin to fall under the pressure of more ample supplies.

### GATESVILLE THEATRE

GATESVILLE, N. C.

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Wed.-Thurs. Nov. 29-30  
Michael O'Shea - Susan Hayward in  
**JACK LONDON**  
Also COMEDY

Friday-Sat. Dec. 1-2  
**Cowboy Commandos**  
with Crash Corrigan - Alibi Terhune - Dennis Moore  
Also COMEDY

Sunday Only Dec. 3  
William Henry-Grant Withers in  
**Silent Partner**  
Also COMEDY

Mon.-Tues. Dec. 4-5  
Cary Grant - Ginger Rogers in  
**Once Upon A Honeymoon**  
Also NEWS

PLEASE NOTE — The doors open at 7:30; the show starts at 8:00 o'clock.  
ADMISSION 15c-30c

Matinees Every Day

Thurs.-Friday Nov. 30-Dec. 1  
Bette Davis - Claude Rains in  
**Mr. Skeffington**

Saturday December 2  
Wild Bill Elliott in  
**Cheyenne Wildcat**

Edward Norris - Jane Story in  
**End of the Road**

Sunday-Monday Dec. 3-4  
William Bendix - Dennis O'Keefe in  
**Abroad With Two Yanks**

Tuesday December 5  
Frederic March - Janet Gaynor  
**A Star Is Born**

Wednesday December 6  
Allyn Joselyn - Evelyn Keyes  
**Strange Affair**

### TAYLOR THEATRE

EDENTON, N. C.

Wednesday November 29  
Leon Errol and Johnny Downs in  
**"TWILIGHT ON THE PRAIRIE"**

"GREAT ALASKAN MYSTERY", No. 5

Thurs.-Fri. Nov. 30-Dec. 1  
June Haver - Dick Haymes in  
**"IRISH EYES ARE SMILING"**

Saturday December 2  
Johnny Mack Brown in  
**"PARTNERS OF THE TRAIL"**

"ZORRO'S BLACK WHIP", No. 6

Sunday December 3  
Joan Davis and Bob Crosby in  
**"KANSAS CITY KITTY"**

Mon.-Tues. Dec. 4-5  
Greer Garson - Walter Pidgeon in  
**"MRS. PARKINGTON"**  
Shows—3:30, 6:10 and 8:50

Coming Soon:  
"RAINBOW ISLAND"  
"NATIONAL BARN DANCE"  
"OUR HEARTS WERE YOUNG AND GAY"  
"ARSENIC AND OLD LACE"  
"SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS"

### CHADWICK THEATRE - Suffolk

Mat. 3:30; Night 7:15-9:05

Tues.-Wed. Nov. 28-29  
**THE MASK OF DIMITRIOS**  
with SIDNEY GREENSTREET  
ZACHARY SCOTT

Thurs.-Friday Nov. 30-Dec. 1  
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EDGAR BERGAN  
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