

# NEGRO NEWS

## Donation By Rawls Help To Buckland Library

Gates.—One of the dreams of Buckland High School began to come true last week when I. R. Barcliff, principal, was notified by Superintendent W. C. Harrell that the school has received a check for \$2,033.07.

The check coming from Walter C. Rawls of St. Louis, Mo., made it possible for Buckland to order a quantity of library books costing 1,500.00. Thus Buckland took its first big step in purchasing the required number of books in order that the elementary school may be accredited by the state department of instruction.

Rawls' check brought the total amount collected to \$4,077.02. Buckland already had on hand \$2,043.95 that was realized from donations made by parents and various other sources.

Another quantity of library books costing \$1,500.00 will be processed March 15, while the third \$1,500.00 order will be made during the summer. Buckland's principal stated that when the school received the other \$1,000.00 promised by Rawls plus additional amounts raised by the school, the school should be able to order sufficient books to merit accreditation for the elementary school from the state department of instruction. The school hopes to have a state inspection for accreditation during the spring of 1957.

School personnel states that this dream of Buckland would not be visualized at this time were it not for the generous gift made by Rawls, and the splendid cooperation which was rendered by the parents, students and teachers of the school. "I cannot express in words our thanks to Mr. Rawls, and to the parents, teachers, and students for their unselfish efforts and untiring cooperation in making this worthy cause successful," said principal Barcliff.

## In School At Buckland

### Boys Team Lose

Buckland's varsity boys basketball team lost its sixth straight game at the hands of P. W. Moore High of Elizabeth City last Wednesday night on the home court.

Arthur Hall scored 14 points as his team lost 59-58. High scorer for the visitors was M. Britt with 16 points.

The preliminary game saw the junior varsity of P. W. Moore win over the junior varsity of Buckland 45-29. Ernest Melton scored 14 points while teammate Vernell Burke scored 8.

### Intramural Play Begins

The first series of intramural basketball play at Buckland High saw the ninth grade girls defeat the eighth grade girls and the eighth grade boys defeat the ninth grade boys.

In a closely fought contest the freshmen girls won over the eighth grade by a score of 15-14. Christine Boone led the winners with 9 points while Yvonne Collins was scoring 9 for the losers.

Clarence Taylor scored 6 points as the eighth grade boys won over the 9th grade, 24-17. Charles Baker was high scorer, for the losers with 8 points.

## Home Agents Column

By PENNIE P. BATTLE

The names of all parents who made contributions to the book fund will be published in the Index the second week of February. Parents who have not contributed are reminded that contributions to the fund will be accepted at any time.

## GAMES

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Monday. The basketball games were a smashing success, they said, and was due entirely to the many folks who took part in the program.

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## Credit Union Annual Meet Monday Night

The Gates County Credit Union will hold its Eleventh Annual Meeting at the Extension Building on Monday night, January 30, at 8 o'clock. Dr. P. A. Bishop, President General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, will be the guest speaker. During the meeting reports will be made by N. L. Nowell for the Credit Committee and J. N. Baker for the Supervisory Committee. Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, bookkeeper, will give the secretary-treasurer report. The officers will be installed by Principal I. R. Barcliff of the Buckland High School.

Dr. Bishop, who is a trustee of Shaw University, as well as president of the Convention, has traveled in many parts of the country and has addressed many audiences. He is president of the Northampton County Credit Union and connected with many other organizations. He is deeply interested in rural life. He was chosen as one of the outstanding rural pastors in the south by Dr. Ralph Pelton of Drew University. The Rev. E. H. Griffin, President of the Credit Union, is anxious for all members to hear Dr. Bishop, as well as attend this Eleventh Annual Meeting. Dr. Bishop will be introduced and presented by Principal H. F. Creevy of the T. S. Cooper School.

## County Agent's News - Views

By H. L. MITCHELL

"Giving of yourself, learning to be tolerant, giving recognition an approval to others, remaining flexible enough to mature and learn—yields happiness, harmony, contentment and productivity. These are the qualities of a rich life, the bounteous harvest of getting along with people."—Jack C. Yewell.

### Two Special Meetings February 2 And 3

Two special meetings have been planned for families in Gates County on February 2 and February 3. The meeting on February 2 will be for men and the subject will be hog production. This will include special information on how to make money on hogs at the present price. Extension Swine Specialist J. K. Butler will conduct this meeting. Gates County farmers have counted on hogs for a large part of the annual income. Mr. Butler will be here to help in this program, which has not been so bright during the past several months.

The meeting on Friday, February 3 is planned for men and women. Extension Animal Husbandry Specialist John A. Christian will give special information and also demonstrations on cutting and preparing meat for home use and the market. This will include curing and freezing. The meeting will start at 9:30 a. m. These are both schools planned to help farm families in the important business of farming and homemaking for better living and for a higher income. Be sure to plan now to attend and bring your neighbors.

### Farm Leaders Hear Specialist

A group of 51 Gates County farm men and women, representing all communities in Gates County, met at the Extension Building Thursday morning, January 19 and heard Extension Farm Management, Mr. Charles W. Williams, discuss the outlook for 1956, farm finance, farmers Income Tax and Social Security. Mr. Williams very carefully outlined the farm situation and answered a number of questions that farmers considered very important. He stressed the need for each farm family to practice economy and efficiency in the farm and home operation.

The second part of the meeting, which was devoted to Income Tax and Social Security was largely a question and answer period. Many farm families have been wanting to get first hand information and some actual examples so that they may pass information on to others. This was very helpful to the leaders present in this connection, as well as, for them personally.

Mr. Williams stated that every family should get all the facts regarding Social Security and file their income Tax returns and Social Security forms before February 15. It is expected that a large number of Gates County farmers will file their forms and many will be receiving Social Security checks in a short period of time.

### Remember To Take Soil Samples

If you haven't taken soil samples, you should do so immediately in order to get recommendations for crops to be planted this spring. The Department of Agriculture is giving farmers a wonderful service by testing the soil and making recommendations needed for the crops that you plan to grow. Soil sampling boxes and information sheets may be picked up at the Agricultural Buildings. The Agricultural workers will be glad to give assistance to those who do not understand all the details.

## Negro Church Calendar for Next Sunday

The Gates County Ushers Union will hold its regular meeting at the Union Branch Baptist Church on Sunday night, January 29. Besides a sermon, the Ushers will have an interesting program. R. M. Riddick, President of the County Union and J. W. Knight, President of the Post Union, invite the public to attend. They are particularly interested in ushers from other churches that have not joined to become members.

### Union Meeting To Meet At Riddick's Grove

The Middle Ground Union Meeting will hold its first Quarterly Session at the Riddick's Grove Baptist Church of Belvidere on Saturday and Sunday, January 28-29. The introductory sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. O. Rodgers, pastor of New Piney Grove Baptist Church on Saturday morning. The Rev. T. M. Walker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hertford, will preach Saturday night. The Sunday morning sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. H. Davis, Moderator of the Union and the Rev. C. C. Boone, pastor Providence Baptist Church, Edenton, will preach Sunday afternoon. Rev. Davis is urging that all churches in the Union send delegates. The Rev. C. H. Riddick, pastor of Blanchards Grove Baptist Church, is Post Pastor.

## TELEVISION

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has a leg on each corner and has some spigots underneath that will produce milk when properly massaged. As a sort of afterthought, the good Lord gave the cow a tail for a purpose. The Index occupies the position of the cow's tail—it is last, though not least, and has a purpose.

"Now the purpose of the cow's tail is not to do away with flies, as it is commonly believed. A cow's tail is made to swipe you in the face at 6 o'clock in the morning, and properly saturated that thing can be a deadly weapon before breakfast and can knock a man flat on his afterthought. And the cow frequently dips her tail in the milk pail. This is said to purify the milk.

"It is my intention to take the cow's tail, or in this case, the Gates County Index, and saturate it with so much readable content and slap so many people in the face or elsewhere before breakfast, until they are purified with the milk of human kindness and maybe next year the judges for the North Carolina Press Association will move the Index a notch higher up on the cow."

But alas! and alack! I never got a chance to make my speech. I was usurped by His Excellency, Governor Luther H. Hodges. He took up so much time with his televised speech that I could only walk up on the stage and say "thanks" when the good Governor presented me with the award. None of my constituents thought enough of my 10 seconds in the spotlight to take the trouble to be present; thus I had no one to take my picture receiving the award or even shaking hands with the Governor. Chuck Hauser of the Chapel Hill paper felt real sorry for me. He and his managing editor, Joe Jones, held a hurried consultation just before I was to receive the award, and he told me he would try to make a photo of the great moment, though I could tell that he hated to risk his camera. He shot pictures of his award winners who were just ahead of me, and so I marched off the stage while window to the best of my ability and received the award, shook hands with the Governor and marched off the stage while Chuck was trying to get his camera ready. It happens to me every day.

Of course, there are many other things that happened to me at the Mid-winter Press Institute in Chapel Hill last week. Like, for instance, John McSweeney of Chowan College and I waited until the last moment to try to find a room. We wound up in a motel over near Durham, and John kept me awake with his snoring. And the next day I landed on a panel back at the University. Miss Ruth Peeling, who was the moderator, told me that I would only have to look wise and answer "yes" whenever she happened to call on me. Her first question was, "In your opinion, what steps should be taken to meet the rising cost of newspaper production?" She seemed astounded when I answered simply, "Yes." I was looking as wise as I could under the circumstances.

During the discussion, everyone seemed much concerned about the shortage of newsprint. I told them that some of my subscribers had suggested that I use smaller rolls for the Index. Some, I told them, have even suggested that I buy my paper from the Scott paper company. The Index often winds up in the capacity usually associated with Mr. Scott's product, so it may be a good suggestion. All good things come to an end,

# THE LONE RANGER

By Fran Striker

## COURT

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and on a one-horse newspaper not much is accomplished when the horse is away, and so the time came to return to Gatesville. Arriving in my office just before 5 p. m. Friday, I was bubbling over with enthusiasm about my trip, for a country editor measures his living by those rare moments when he meets with those who share the joys and sorrows of producing a newspaper.

Looking like the cat that swallowed the canary, I rushed into my office and waited for my office gal to ask about my trip. Maybe I didn't look too much like the cat after all, for I suddenly remembered that I had forgotten to eat lunch. Anyway, I am still waiting for her to mention the trip or the winning of the award.

Suffering from a much deflated ego, I hurried on home to the bosom of my family. My two sons met me with the question, "What did you bring us?" The eldest didn't like the trinket I brought him and so I gave him the dollar I had left over from my trip. The youngest didn't even think to hug my neck, he was so excited about the toys I brought, while my Better Half was busily preparing supper for three hungry men.

All of which has caused me to reach the sage conclusion that a man is never as important to the general scheme of things as he would like to believe. But I did win an award!

### Clifton Stallings instead of Mary Eason

In the case of James W. Coffield, charged with non-support, the court ordered \$10 each week paid to the clerk for support of minor children beginning January 23.

Upon payment of cost by the prosecuting witness, the state took a nol pro in the case of Willie Parker charged with larceny.

Found guilty of reckless driving and drunken driving, Paul F. Horton paid \$100 fine and cost of court.

Other cases heard by the court were: William Marion Finch, failure to stop at stop sign and failure to yield right-of-way, \$5 fine and costs. Abraham Junior Smith, operating without tail lights and improper muffler, \$15 fine and costs. Lydia H. Williams, speeding and driving on wrong side of road, \$10 fine and costs.

Margaret Arlene Miller, improper parking, pay costs. Charlie Rae Roberts, improper brakes, \$10 fine and costs. Jessie McCoy Bright, failure to stop at stop sign, pay costs. Johnnie Mitchell, improper brakes, \$10 fine and costs. Guy Delton Bunch, improper muffler, \$10 fine and costs. James Herman White, speeding, pay costs. George Bundy, improper equip-

ment, \$10 and costs. Vernon Harrell, improper license plates, \$10 fine and costs. John Czarneczek, speeding, \$15 and costs.

William Jesse Boone, improper signaling, pay costs. James Early Jones, improper

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