

ROSE HILL NEWS

College students who have spent the holidays at home and are returning to school this week are: Frederick Scott, State College; Dallas Herring, John Ivy and Henry Matthews, University of North Carolina; Misses Anna K. Bland, Siddle and Rachel Herring, Flora MacDonald College; Miss Norma Cottle, Norfolk Business College; Miss Ethel James Young, Louisville College.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Booker of Rocky Mount spent the week-end here with Mrs. Booker's parents. Mrs. Booker was formerly Miss Frankie Cottle.

Louis Reid of Savannah and Daniel Reid of Atlanta recently visited their mother, Mrs. Daniel Reid.

Mrs. Charlotte Young of Savannah, who has been the house guest of Mrs. G. L. Harrell, has returned to her home.

Teachers who have returned to their work, after spending the holidays at home are: Miss Mary Lou Wilkins, Wallace; Miss Sallie Wil-

kins, Franklin; Miss Sallie Henderson, Nahunta; Miss Minnie Lee Lanier, Winston-Salem; P. M. Heath, Shalotte; Miss Sallie Mae Johnson, Chinquapin; Miss Elva Herring, Four Oaks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Fussell spent the holidays with Mrs. Fussell's parents near Winston-Salem.

Miss Ruth Murray has returned from a visit to relatives in Richmond.

Murphy Carr has returned to Washington to resume his duties as bill clerk in the House of Representatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Johnson of Hertford recently visited relatives in this section.

Miss Nell Cottle and Mrs. W. H. Hall were hostesses to a number of their friends on Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Hall. As the guests entered they were asked to write their New Year resolutions.

Bridge and Michigan were played. At the conclusion of the game the hostesses served sandwiches, cake, coffee and mints. Guests present were: Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Teachey,

Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Noel Barden, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wells, Mrs. L. A. Wilson, Geo. Garr, Misses Bettie Fussell and Nell Cottle.

**INCREASING INTEREST IN ORATORICAL CONTEST JAN. 18**  
(By F. L. Goodman)

The County-wide Oratorical Contest is gaining momentum every day looking forward to the climax on Jan. 18th at Kenansville. These boys and girls are searching near and wide for the material on the temperance question and we feel sure that Duplin County will discover on that night some real orators that she did not know were in existence. They are coming strong to hear Cale K. Burgess Sunday afternoon at Kenansville and get some pointers from him.

The Medals for first, second and third place are already in the hands of the committee and the winning of either of these medals will be a great honor to the contestant.

Preliminary contests are being held in the different schools to choose the contestant for the fin-

als at Kenansville. We wish that it were so all could participate, but we have found it necessary to limit each school to one contestant.

**SAYS GAS TAX DIVERSION LAW MUST BE REPEALED**

Gasoline tax diversion was pictured not only as unfair to motorists, but harmful to the entire state in a statement recently issued by Senator Horton of Pittsboro.

"It is like taking money from a son who earned it and giving it to a lazy son who didn't," the Senator said. "It is bad for both. Keep it up and the industrious son will quit earning and the lazy one will get lazier."

"I never fully realized the unfairness of diverting highway department funds to other departments until I studied the matter carefully. What justice is there in singling out motorists to carry even a portion of the burden of the general fund. That fund should be supported by all citizens, not by any one particular group."

"Motor vehicle owners pay personal property taxes to automobiles as well as on other property. As a class, they are among the state's promptest tax payers. After they have shared equally with other citizens in the cost of state government, it is rank injustice to require them to pay more."

Senator Horton endorsed the campaign initiated by the Highway Protective League of North Carolina and said he believed the next legislature would end diversion.

"It is a question," he said, "the legislature must solve to the satisfaction of 439,200 car owners. Assuming an average family of three, motorists represent one third of our total state population. That is too many people to have dissatisfied."

"Another thing must be taken care of. Our highway department is second to none, but its personnel is going to pieces because of layoffs and low wages. We must stop that. People can't live decently on what many of our highway department employees are getting."

"The Highway Protective

League is right. Gas tax diversion must be stopped. Proper maintenance and needed new construction must be provided. A long time plan must be made and acted on."

**COUNTY AGENT REGARDS 1935 AS A GOOD YEAR TO FARM**

Goldsboro, Jan. 1.—"From a farming standpoint I had rather farm in 1935 than any other year in the past generation," said J. B. Britt, Wayne county farm agent, in discussing general farm conditions of the past and prospects for the coming year. He expressed confidence that 1935 holds a great deal in store for the farmers of Wayne County, North Carolina, and the nation as a whole.

Mr. Britt said that the acreage reduction programs were largely responsible for the successful year the farmers have just gone through, and he believed that this prosperity would continue for the future.

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