

**Dean of Kinston Nurses Alice Hodges**

This summer Nurse Alice Hodges will begin her 48th year of nursing, which makes her Dean of Kinston's Nurses, and by a considerable margin.

"Miss Alice" as she is affectionately known to her associates and patients all over North Carolina says that she went to the Robert Bruce McDaniel Memorial Hospital "with the first bricks" and although she has not spent the majority of her career in that hospital which is today the Parrott Memorial Hospital, she has done a lot of nursing at that institution.

Beginning her training in 1906 as the hospital first opened its doors, "Miss Alice" completed her first year of training in that hospital and then went to Norfolk, in the Sarah Lee Hospital, to take her second year of training.

After that year in Norfolk she returned to the Kinston hospital for her third year and nursing diploma.

With her nursing diploma safely tucked away she headed for the "Big City" and worked in the Roosevelt Hospital in New York City for one year.

But the "Big City" was not for her and she returned to Kinston.

For some over four years she devoted her nursing work to office nursing in the office of the late Dr. Jim Parrott.

But she was soon to desert the office as Director of Nurses at the Rocky Mount Sanitarium, a job that she well remembers since it came during the "Flu Epidemic" which she recalls as the "worst time I've ever seen in my years in the nursing profession."

This work at the Rocky Mount Sanitarium came to an end when "Miss Alice" decided to put aside the white uniform of nursing for an eight-year period during which she did general office work.

But she could not stay in an office, doing the regular things of office work for too long and she soon returned to her chosen profession and as she puts it, "nursed all over Eastern North Carolina."

In November of 1942 "Miss Alice" returned to Kinston as Director of Nursing at Memorial General Hospital and remained in that post for nearly 10 years, until May of 1952 when a general reorganization of that county-owned hospital removed her

from the job that she had conducted efficiently for nearly a decade.

Today "Miss Alice" is nursing in "private practice," still very much in demand by patients from every direction who know of her experience and temperament.

Unlike most "Meet the Dean" articles, this one has very few dates and for very obvious reason: No gentleman discusses a lady's age.

"Miss Alice" was born in Lenoir County, but that part of Lenoir County in which she was born has long since "moved inside Kinston." It was known as "Waverly Hill" and is the corner at College and Rountree Streets. The old home where she was born was located where the Thomas Hewitts now live.

"Miss Alice" was one of two daughters born to the late George Lafayette and Florence Rountree Hodges.

The other sister is Mrs. H. F. (Marian) Waller, wife of a well-known Kinston realtor and with whom "Miss Alice" lives when she is not living with one of her many patients.

**Jay Bird Grounded.**

Jay Bird Sparrow (I. J. Sparrow Jr.) Tuesday afternoon at about 6 o'clock was arrested on a warrant from Wilmington charging him with the purchase of 70 cases of cigarettes from five Wilmington men now held in jail in New Hanover County in connection with a long series of cigarette thefts over Eastern Carolina. Sparrow has previously served time in Federal prison for sale of narcotics and for participating in counterfeiting and has been indicted in state courts for buying and receiving stolen property before. Until his arrest he operated two Kinston "super markets." One at the corner of Adkin and King Streets and the other on Chestnut Street.

North Carolina late spring commercial potato acreage for harvest this year is estimated at 15,000 acres, some 23 per cent below last year's 19,500 acres.

Extra storage space for between 150 and 250 million bushels of grain is needed this year in the United States.

**Foreign Brides Given Tea by Jones HDC'ers**

BY MRS. MARVIN THOMAS Jones County Home Agent

Sventy-five Jones County Home Demonstration Clubbers attended a tea at the Agricultural Building in Trenton last Tuesday afternoon in observance of National Home Demonstration Club Week. This tea was given in honor of the foreign war brides and other persons from foreign countries who now live in Jones County. Guests present were Mrs. Esther G. Willis, District Home Agent, Mrs. Mack Hill, Cambridge, England; Mrs. Ivey Taylor, Bristol, England; and Mrs. M. B. DuVal, Leicester, England. Other foreign brides not present are Mrs. L. L. Tyn-dall and Mrs. Otis Sparrow.

The tea table was decorated with a white table cloth, red roses, red, white and blue candles, red napkins, and red punch. Mrs. Herman Parker and Mrs. Richard Harker presided at the punch bowl. On the piano was a centerpiece of red and white flowers with blue candles on each side. The front of the auditorium was decorated with the Flag and the United Nations flag on their staffs with a table between covered with a white cloth on which was a globe of the world.

Mrs. Wilmer Mallard, Chairman of the International Relations Committee, was in charge of planning the tea and was on hand to see that things ran smoothly in the kitchen.

4-H Club girls who kept the table replenished were Patricia Jones, Nancy Scott, Nancy Carol Mallard, Amella Harker, Sylvia one son who married a German girl. He is serving in the armed forces, but at the present time their home is in New

Hampshire. Mrs. Taylor's mother is still living, but they haven't seen each other since 1930 when Mrs. Taylor and one of her sisters who lives in the states, went to England for a visit.

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. DuVal are both Home Demonstration Club members. Mrs. Hill is attending club meetings at the present time and we hope she will soon be a member. Mallard, Daphne Smith and Ruby Lee Gray.

Mrs. M. B. DuVal is from Leicester, England. She was married during the war and has been in Jones County 8 years. She is the wife of a farmer, mother of two daughters and is presently employed with the bank in Trenton.

Mrs. Mark Hill is from Cambridge, England and is also the mother of two children. She has been in the states two years. Her husband is presently serving with the army in Africa.

Mrs. Ivey Taylor is from Bristol, England and has been in America 30 years. She came over from England to visit cousins in Canada, and there she met her husband. They have



This is 10th Grader Emma Thompson, daughter of Mrs. A. E. Radford of Pollocksville, route one, who was state winner in 1954 Wildlife Quiz. The first place in this annual contest was earned by an essay by Miss Thompson on "What I Can Do to Conserve the Soils, Forests, Waters and Wildlife in My Community." This event is sponsored by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission. It is open to students in grades seven through 12.

**Bureau Meet Delayed**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Jones County Farm Bureau has been postponed for one week due to a conflict with graduation exercises in the county schools. Scheduled for Friday night, May 14, the meeting has been moved up to May 21 at 7:30 p. m. in the Ag Building in Trenton.

**Senator Larkins Speaker Friday at Trenton Exercises**

Senator John D. Larkins will be the principal speaker at 10 Friday morning as some 43 Trenton Elementary School students graduate to the ranks of high school students.

The program will begin promptly at 10 and will, of course, be held in the elementary school auditorium in Trenton.

**Ordered to Pay Note**

Mrs. Edna Flowers, Widow of C. T. Flowers was held responsible for a note endorsed by herself and her late husband for Floyd Davis of Wilson. Charles H. Larkins, of Kinston, held the note that had been defaulted by Davis. The jury agreed that Mrs. Flowers must pay \$7,000 to Larkins plus interest from October 29, 1952.

**Senator Lennon to Speak At Jones Central High**

Senator Alton Lennon of Wilmington will be the principal speaker Friday night at graduation exercises of Jones Central High School as the school year comes to an end for Jones County students.

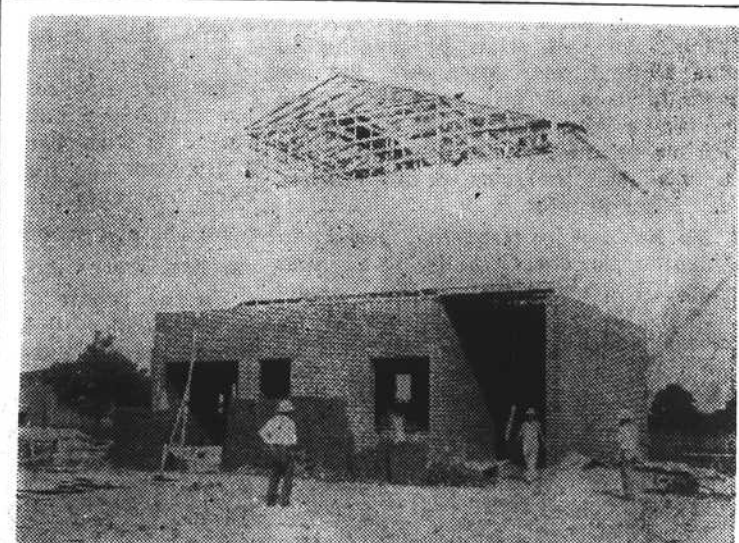
A pre-exercise dinner will be served in the school-cafeteria for members of the county and local school boards with Senator and Mrs. Lennon as guests of honor.

An open house period will follow the dinner and will immediately precede the graduation night program.

**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED**

Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Phillips have announced the coming marriage of their daughter, Audrey Doris Phillips, to Walter Bray of Pollocksville. An invitation is being extended to friends to attend the ceremony at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 30th, in the Pollocksville Presbyterian Church.

Indications point to a total United States corn planting of 81,037,000 acres, 0.4 per cent less than the 1953 acreage.



Workers are seen here busy rushing to completion a custom feed mixing plant just outside of Trenton on the Cove City road. This plant which is hoped to be ready for production in June will be owned and managed by Jimmy Collier who is well known in the Trenton vicinity. At the plant the farmer may bring his corn and in a few minutes drive away from a scientifically blend-

ed and mixed ration for any farm animal. The farmer may pay for this service in cash or by exchanging corn for the other ingredients and the mixing service. Practice in other communities of this type feed preparation has made the finest possible formulas available to farmers at roughly half the "store bought" price. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider).