

# TRENTON NEWS

By Mrs. W. J. Findeisen

## Miscellaneous Shower Given Mrs. Mercer

Mrs. Eula Mercer and Mrs. W. J. Findeisen were hostesses to a miscellaneous shower Friday night held at the Woman's Clubhouse for Mrs. Brian Mercer.

Mrs. Mercer received many nice and useful gifts. Several games were played and refreshments were served consisting of punch, sandwiches, potato chips, mints, and nuts.

## PERSONALS

The Thunderbird 4-H Club met Wednesday in the Longbranch Community Building. Claudia Armstrong presided. Pledges were given by Earl and Judy Banks. The devotions were given by Deborah Jenkins. The roll was called with six members present, two adult leaders, and one visitor. Rodney Scott, treasurer, gave the report

and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The new business was about the June meeting. Rodney Scott and two members told about "Civil Defense Projects." The program was given by Scott on how to vaccinate poultry. Project reports were given by Deborah Jenkins on foods and home management. Garden projects were given by Earl and Claude Banks. Judy Banks reported on foods. The group sang a song and the meeting was adjourned.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Jenkins during the weekend were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mills of Florence, S.C. and their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Jenkins of Croatan.

Mr. Mike Phillips and Mrs. Ruth Dail left Friday for Wilson where they will join Dr. J. P. Tyndall.

Mrs. Rosa Tyndall, and Mrs. Irene Gray for a week in New York City.

While there, they will attend the World's Fair.

Trenton Baptist Church began Bible School Monday morning and will continue for two weeks. All children are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Abernathy and daughter, Beverly, visited Mrs. Abernathy's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mallard, recently. Mr. and Mrs. Mallard took them to their home at Greensboro and spent a few days there with them.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Thomas Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Thomas Jr. and son, Keith, of Pollockville and Mr. and Mrs. George Norris of New Bern.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Findeisen, Friday, were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Meadows and family of Chesapeake, Virginia.

Newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Mercer are making their home in

## DEATHS

Vernal Owens

Funeral services were held Monday for Vernal Owens, 76, Jones County native, who died in New Bern Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Alice Duffy Barker Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. Bertha Alice Duffy Barker, 77, widow of W. W. Barker of Trenton, who died Saturday in a Kinston hospital.

leave Wednesday for Europe.

Mrs. Roslyn Pollock recently returned from Greenville where she was a patient at a hospital there.

## Southern Railways Lower Freight Rate Victory Boon to Meat Farms

Increased livestock production in the South is one of the results that Dr. H. Brooks James sees of the recent U. S. District Court decision to let Southern Railway keep its 60 per cent rate reduction on grain shipments from the Midwest.

Dr. James, who is dean of the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences at N. C. State, said the decision "removes some of the uncertainty of future livestock expansion in the South."

He also said the decision was a step toward removing the disadvantageous freight rates with which the "South has been struggling for 100 years."

The decision rendered May 20 in Cincinnati, Ohio, has apparently ended years of legal efforts by Southern Railway to reduce rates on grain shipments into the South by 60 per cent on multiple car lots and 40 per cent on single car shipments.

The reduction has been fought vigorously by water freight organizations and the Tennessee Valley Authority. In May 1963, the Interstate Commerce Commission agreed to the reduction, but in July, 1968 it reconsidered and issued a correctional order upping the reduced rate by 16 per cent.

Southern then filed suit against the ICC, and the District Court on May 20 of this year ruled in favor of Southern, stating that the railway was entitled to the full reduction.

Dean James said the reduction comes at a time when "an expansion of the livestock industry in the South is considered desirable in order to balance our economy and satisfy an increasing demand for red meats."

"In addition," he added, "it will permit us to operate our process-

ing plants, which are currently running at 70 per cent of normal capacity, more efficiently."

What the reduction does, in essence, is to tie the grain-deficit South more closely to the grain-surplus Corn Belt. In 1962, for example, N. C. poultry and livestock producers had to buy about 34 million bushels of Midwestern corn.

Under the old rates the freight on this corn was about \$10.1 million. Under the new rates, it would have been about \$3.7 million, a savings of \$6.4 million.

The reduced rates apply to shipments moving from St. Louis, Mo., Evansville, Ind., Louisville, Ky., Memphis, Tenn., and Cincinnati, Ohio, to points on Southern in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee. Included in the reduction would be corn, wheat, rye, oats, barley, soybeans and grain sorghum.

Economists at N. C. State estimate the new rate would cut the cost of shipping corn from Cincinnati to Raleigh by rail from 28 to 11 cent per bushel. The rate from Cincinnati to Charlotte would be slashed from 34.7 to 10.3 cents, and from Cincinnati to Goldsboro from 28 to 11.8 cents.

If only 14 cents (per bushel) of this savings were passed on to the poultry and livestock producers, it could mean:

- a 1 cent per dozen drop in the cost of producing eggs;
- a 1 cent per bird drop in the cost of producing broilers;
- a 4-cent per hundredweight drop in the cost of producing milk;
- an 80 cent per hundredweight drop in the cost of producing beef; and
- a 60 cent per hundredweight

drop in the cost of producing pork.

"While the reduction is expected to help the State's \$300 million poultry and livestock industry, it is expected to offer a new challenge for the State's \$100 million grain production business.

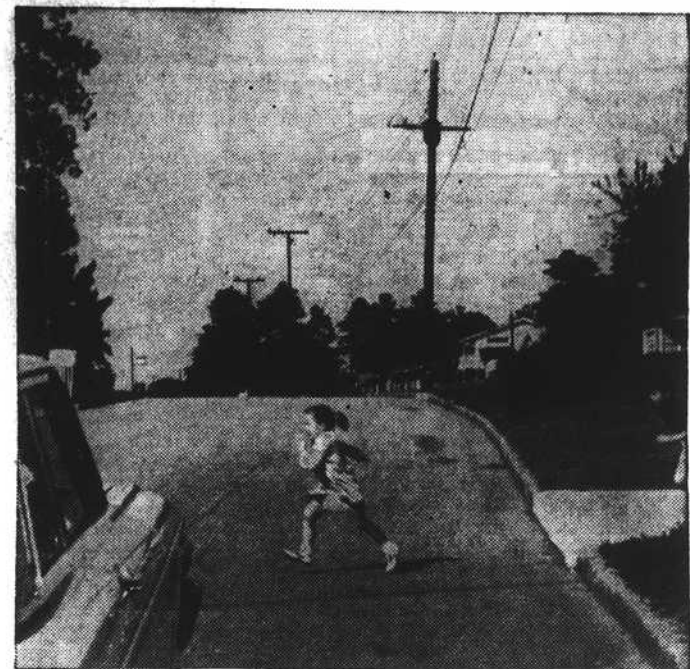
Tar Heel grain producers will find themselves in more direct competition with their skilled Midwestern counterparts. The price advantages that they have enjoyed in the past will be smaller.

## EDWARDS Funeral Home

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