

### LICENSE MUST BE ON CARS JAN. 1ST.

Sale on Opening Days Running About Fifty Per Cent Ahead of Last Year.

The sale of license plates on the opening days of sales have run about fifty per cent ahead of a year ago. Those who buy plates ahead of the last few days before January first save themselves the great inconvenience of standing in line for hours waiting to be served. Forty thousand more vehicles have now to be licensed than in any former year, meaning a greater jam if motorists wait for the last rush.

It is now a well understood policy that no extension of time is given for use of old license plates on streets and highways on or after January first.

The co-operation of motorists will be greatly appreciated.

### FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Question: At what age should heifers be bred?

Answer: No arbitrary age can be set for breeding heifers as this depends on the maturity of the individual animal and also upon the breed. If properly grown out, Jersey and Guernsey heifers should be bred to freshen from 24 to 30 months of age. The Ayrshire and Holstein heifers should freshen when from 27 to 32 months of age. Animals fed a liberal grain ration in addition to the roughage will mature more rapidly than those on a limited grain ration and, therefore, can be bred from four to six months earlier.

Question: Is it advisable to mate purebred cockrels with mongrel females?

Answer: This practice is carried out in a great many instances, but it is not recommended. The mongrel birds are already of questionable value and, while there may be an increase in egg production, better and more rapid results would take place if the mongrel females were replaced with purebred chicks. Where chicks are bought be sure that they come from an accredited hatchery and if eggs are bought for hatching, be sure that they are from a blood tested

### OLIVE HILL P. T. A.

The Olive Hill school held its December P. T. A. meeting last Thursday night, December 17, in the school auditorium.

Mrs. William C. Winstead and Miss Elizabeth Lancaster had charge of the program. The primary department presented a musical play in two parts, "Christmas with the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." The cast of characters were as follows:

Santa Claus, Elmo Mitchell, The Fairy Godmother, Nell Pulliam, Mother Goose, Katherine Clayton, Whistling Willie, Maxie Clayton, Goody Green, the old woman who lived in a shoe, Geraldine Clayton, Goody Green's seventeen children, Norma Mae Clayton, Evelyn Clayton, Ann Dixon, Charlie Daniel, Kenneth Clayton, Hubert Rudder, Hassal Davis, Ann Monday, Cornelia Oakley, Kelly Brewer, Jr., Howard Clayton, Arlene Foushee, Mary Elizabeth Evans, Roberta Winstead, Margie Lunsford and Sue Libby Neathery.

Picanniny Pete, Lawrence Evans, Fairies, Dot Clayton, Christine Oakley, Margaret Clayton, Virginia Duncan, Alice Clayton, Aleva Davis, Ida Sue Oakley, Elsey Joyner Clayton, Rosetta Terrell. Santa Claus helpers, Charles Howard, Maynard Foushee, Ramon Oakley, William Graham Bradsher, Franklin Watson, James White Jr., Curtis Clayton, Cedric Evans.

After the program Mrs. W. C. Pulliam, president of the P. T. A. conducted a short business meeting. Mrs. William Winstead's room was awarded the prize for having the largest number of parents attending the meeting.

The average cost of building broad base terraces by the Anson County soil conservation unit during the year ending November 30, 1936 was \$2.08 an acre.

Question: Can the same tobacco plant bed be used or should a new site be selected?

Answer: It is always best to select another site unless the old beds have been planted in a four-year rotation. Locate the new beds in a warm, sunny place with southern exposure, if possible. See that the site is well-drained, has a loamy type of soil and is close to a water supply. If the old bed if used it should be burned over or sterilized with steam.

### CAROLINA FARMERS NEED GOOD BOOKS

Every farm family in the State should have local access to a good library, in the opinion of Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

Speaking last week at the annual conference of the State College extension service, Dr. Graham urged extension workers to do all they can to help establish county-wide libraries.

Already 14 counties have made provision for bringing good books within reach of farm people, he stated, but the work has just begun.

It is estimated that at the present time 1,900,000 North Carolinians do not have ready access to libraries. Most of these are rural people.

Good books can do a great deal to raise the standard of living in rural North Carolina, Dr. Graham pointed out; one book may influence the entire life of an individual, or the destiny of a nation.

A manuscript that fell into the hands of Christopher Columbus set him to thinking and finally led to the discovery of America.

Another speaker at the conference, Col. J. W. Harrelson, dean of administration at State College, pointed to the need for more agricultural research.

Even today, with all the advancement that has been made, he said, there is still an appalling waste, inefficiency, and loss of labor in agriculture for the lack of better knowledge regarding the control of plant diseases and the production of farm commodities.

J. B. Hutson, assistant national administrator of the AAA, said that by interpreting the acts of Congress in the light of the thinking of the farmers, the 1937 coil-conservation program has been designed to meet their wishes as far as possible.

The object of the program is to increase farm income by building up the soil and conserving it for its fullest economic use and by eliminating wide fluctuations in the production and the prices of agricultural commodities, he stated.

### Whiteville Victim Of \$200,000 Blaze

Half Block of Business Section Guttled — Battle Lasts Two Hours.

Whiteville, Dec. 22—(Tuesday)—After a two-hour battle firemen early today brought under control a blaze which gutted half a block and threatened Whiteville's entire business district.

The damage was estimated at \$200,000.

Six Buildings Swept Six buildings fronting the town's main thoroughfare were swept by the fire, which started at 10:30 p. m. in Rose Brothers' 10-cent store.

A barber shop, a furniture store, a meat market and two other buildings were destroyed.

The fire was checked only after men and equipment were rushed here from Lumberton and Chadbourn. Wilmington also sent pumper and a crew, but the blaze was under control when they arrived.

The origin of the fire was not known.

The blaze had gained considerable headway when it was noticed, and the Whiteville fire department had only a single truck with which to fight it.

### Teachers Rebuked For Denying Santa

Storm of Parental Protest Follows Enlightenment of Michigan City Pupils.

Michigan City, Ind., Dec. 21 — A storm of parental protest gathered today over heads of Michigan City school teachers who told primary pupils, "There is no Santa Claus."

Parents called the teaching 'cruel,' 'unkind,' 'shameful,' and some said Christmas had been 'spoiled' for many children.

Superintendent of Schools M. C. Murray, taking cognizance of the complaints, said the teachers shouldn't have mentioned Santa Claus at all.

"Santa Claus isn't in the school books," he said. "I don't see why any teacher would have occasion to mention him. It is a subject to keep away from."

One mother, Mrs. William Green, sided with the teachers.

One Mother Agrees "Those teachers are absolutely right," she said. "Teaching a child to believe in Santa Claus is like teaching him to believe in the bogey man."

The president of the school board, Henry Miller, smiled off the protest, with:

"So far as I am concerned, the

Fireman Burned Leonard Heath, 23, a fireman, suffered burns, believed not to be serious, in fighting the fire.

The fire started in the lower end of the business district and began spreading backward into the center of the commercial section.

The business district here consists of about three city blocks.

Most of the buildings burned were brick structures.

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school board still believes in Santa Claus. And I'm expecting Santa Claus to visit our house."

Some parental expressions:

"It is the worst thing I ever heard of to tell children there isn't any Santa" — Mrs. Mary Scoville.

"To take away the sweetest and loveliest thoughts a little child can have at Christmas is certainly an unkind thing" — Mrs. Ray E. Underburk.

"It's a cruel shame" — Mrs. L. W. Klasen.

"Any teacher who says there is no Santa Claus is growing too old" — Police Captain Edwin Fedder.

Teachers had no comment.

### Miss Woody Hostess

Miss Lucille Woody was hostess Tuesday evening, December 15th, to her Contract Club at her home at Bethel Hill. Upon arriving each

member placed beneath the Christmas tree in one corner of the living room, a present for the person whose name they had drawn at the last meeting. After the refreshments had been served these packages were distributed and much excitement expressed in opening them. Additional gifts were given to Miss Ruth Starling for high score and to Miss Margaret Brooks for second high.

The hostess served a tempting salad course with plum pudding.



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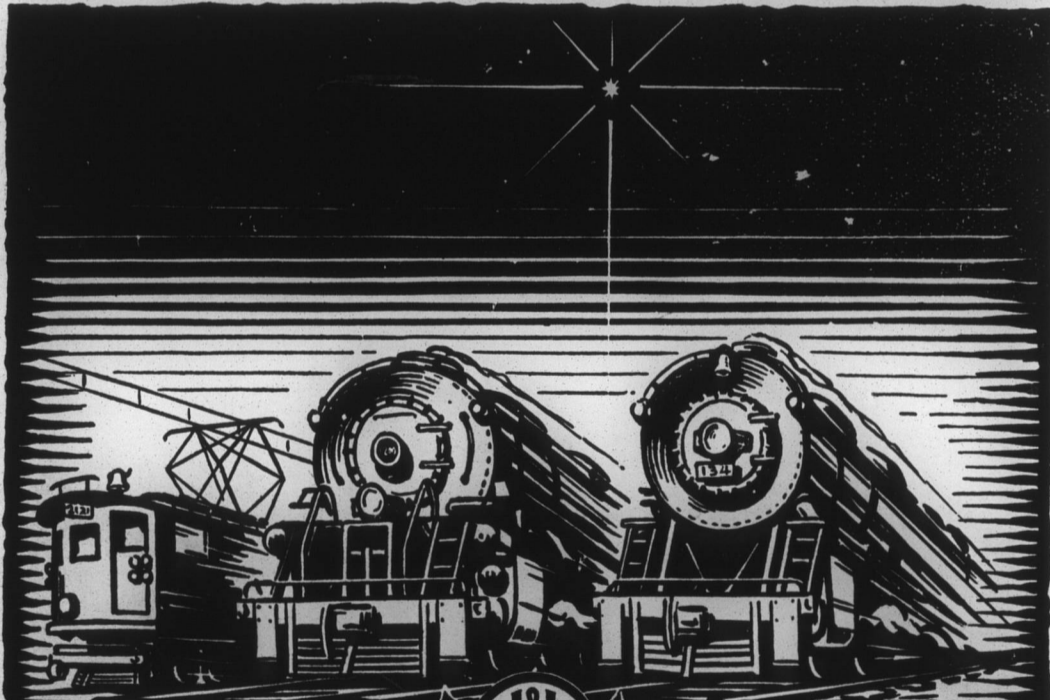
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