



By EULA GREENWOOD

BIG JIM - The man eats, breathes, and sleeps politics. It isn't unusual for him to buy a half-dozen of the state's big Sunday papers "just to keep up with things".

He wanted to—in the worst way—for he felt he had done what he came to do as head of Farmers' Market, a division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture. He had developed it into one of the very best in the land.

His ambitions there had long ago been pretty well fulfilled and, like a young yearling in May-time, he dreamed of greener pastures. Graham was all set to become agribusness man with one of the state's big banks along in the fall had not Commissioner Ballentine's death opened for him the door.

No kin is he to Major W. A. Graham, who was Commissioner of Agriculture from 1908 to 1923, nor to the major's son, W. A., whom Gov. Cameron Morrison appointed to the place immediately upon the death of the major. They were from Lincoln county — Iron Station to be exact — and Big Jim is from Rowan county.

Incidentally, one of the reasons W. Kerr Scott ran against W. A. Graham in 1936 was that Graham's father had once beaten Scott's father, Bob Scott, for Agriculture Commissioner. We were wrong here last week when we said the job pays \$15,000. The salary is \$18,000 per annum, or some \$8,000 more than Jim Graham received as Farmers' Market head.

Had Mrs. Graham liked mountain farming a little more — she is also from Rowan — Jim might today still be superintendent of the Upper Mountain Test Farm at Laurel Springs. He went there from a job as agriculture teacher in Iredell County, loved it, became a close personal and life-long friend and admirer of Congressman Bob Doughton, who lived just a mile or two down the road.

Graham can't talk five minutes now without quoting something—usually hard-dry, solid-oak sense—from the late Mr. Doughton.

He knows cattle; he knows fairs; he knows politics; and like Kerr Scott, he is a Per-

sonality. We predict that the N. C. Agriculture Department will see New Force under Jim Graham. L. Y. Ballentine had intense loyalty up and down the line in the department. But so will Jim Graham, because there are so many fine employees in it. Graham, however, will be more picturesque, more farmerish, more earthy than his predecessor.

Jim Graham should have long and pleasant years as Agriculture Commissioner. He loves people—and they love him. So well will he fill the place that within three or four years one will wonder how the old farm got along so well for so many years without Jim at the helm.

DEAD WOOD—The Democrats feel they have the edge to defeat Barry Goldwater in North Carolina, civil rights or no, and guns are being loaded. They say, and look for it soon, they have proof that GOP Candidate Goldwater is firmly against crop controls, etc., of any kind. Well, if you recall, there was a wave of panic in the States when President Eisenhower took office—but his liberal tendencies saved our tobacco program. Democrats say Goldwater makes like look like a left-winger!

You may shortly find that Dan Moore is really the Tobacco Man. . . . When he starts after Barry Goldwater on that one. No holds barred!

STRANGE FATE—It is interesting to note that: Both Lincoln and Kennedy were most concerned with Civil Rights issues. Lincoln was elected President in 1860 and Kennedy in 1960. Both were slain on Friday, and each in the presence of his wife.

Their successors, both named Johnson, were Southern Democrats, and previously served in the U. S. Senate. Andrew Johnson was born here in 1808. Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Lincoln, was born in 1839, and Lee Harvey Oswald was born in 1939. Both Booth and Oswald were Southerners, both favoring unpopular causes.

Both Booth and Oswald were murdered before their trials could be arranged. Both Presidents lost children through death while they were living in the White House. Both were shot in the head.

John F. Kennedy had a secretary named Lincoln; Abraham Lincoln had a secretary named Kennedy.

The troubles which Johnson inherited from Lincoln 100 years ago prevented his getting a full term as President. Will history, as in the foregoing, repeat itself once more? Only time will tell.

My deep appreciation and gratitude to all of these people.

Sincerely, Mrs. Edna Stockton, Director

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SUNDAY TOPIC

"Mind" will be the subject this Sunday in the last of a series of Bible lessons on names belonging to God, being presented at all Christian Science churches.

"He that formeth the mountains and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, The God of Hosts, is his name" (Amos 4) will be included in the Bible readings.

To be heard also is this statement from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy (p. 256): "Infinite Mind is the creator, and creation is the infinite image or idea emanating from this Mind. If Mind is within and without all things, then all is Mind; and this definition is scientific."

VETERANS NEWS

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q—Can a veteran be paid an additional amount of compensation for a dependent parent?

A—Yes. If service-incurred disabilities are rated at 50 percent or more. There is no additional allowance payable by reason of a dependent parent if the veteran is receiving pension for disability not the result of service.

Q—I am receiving pension from the VA, and must report my income each year. In March I sold some property. Should I keep the figures on this sale to report at the end of the year?

A—No, this should be reported at once to the VA Regional Office that has your records. Any increase in income from that estimated at the beginning of the year should be promptly reported to avoid possible overpayment.

DEMONSTRATION CLUB STUDIES FOOD CARE

The Home Demonstration Club of Black Mountain met in the clubroom of the Asheville Federal Savings and Loan for their July meeting. Mrs. E. W. Austin gave the devotion. Mrs. Mary Ray, the Home Demonstration agent, gave a talk and showed a film on the preservation of food, both freezing and canning.

The week of Aug. 10-16 has been assigned to North Carolina as National Prayer Week for American mothers. This week will be observed by all clubs.

Members present were: Mrs. Alice Huddard, Mrs. W. D. Hyatt, Mrs. Miriam Vine-up, Mrs. R. C. Ink, Mrs. Edna Wall, Mrs. R. C. Wright, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Finley Stepp, Mrs. M. A. Sneed, Mrs. Woodrow Cambron, Mrs. Ira Dotson, and Mrs. Jacob Wright. Mrs. Sneed and Mrs. Hyatt were hostesses.

A&P To Build \$4.5 Million Baking Plant

Aug. 13—The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. announced today its plans to build a \$4,500,000 bakery in Charlotte.

A&P said its National Bakery division has acquired a six-acre site for the plant at Hovis and Tar Heel roads and construction is expected to begin early this fall. The 148,000 square foot facility will consolidate the division's present bakery operations now located in three buildings at 817-822 and 900 Hill street in Charlotte.

"The new bakery will provide the expanded production that has been indicated by the growing customer demand for Jane Parker baked products," said James H. Nichols vice president of the Charlotte unit. "This new operation will enable us to produce a million pounds of assorted bakery products weekly for our 234 stores in the North and South Carolina areas."

The two and three-level structure of reinforced concrete and brick was designed by A&P's engineering department and J. N. Pease Associates of Charlotte.

In order to prevent airborne contamination from entering the production areas of the plant, all the air will be filtered and heated. The interior walls of buff-colored ceramic tile and the red vitreous shale brick floors represent the ultimate in sanitation and cleaning ease, company officials said.



YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Attention! all you folks who work for wages. At the end of each calendar year your employer furnishes you with a Form W-2 (Withholding Tax Statement). Since this form contains information about your Social Security, it's a good idea to check each year and make sure your name and social security account number appear correctly on the form. And also, if you want to check your social security account you can do so with a handy postcard Form 7004 which you can get from your Social Security office, or the representative from that office.

Attention! household or domestic workers. Do you know you can receive social security credits for your work as a household employee if you earn at least \$50 cash wages in a three-month "calendar quarter"? If you work in or about your employer's home as a baby sitter, maid, cook, gardener, or other domestic employee — make sure your employer has your correct social security number, along with your name, so he or she can report your wages for social security credit.

If you have any question about this—call, write, or visit the Asheville social security office, or meet the representative from that office.

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Schedule For Vagabonds Is Changed

The Vagabond Players announce a change in their summer theatre play schedule for the remainder of the season at the Flat Rock Playhouse, beginning Tuesday evening, "The Hasty Heart," which has been scheduled for the eleventh week, is playing this week, replacing "The Mouse That Roared" which has been dropped from the play list. "Enter Laughing," a comedy by Joseph Stein, will be given during the week beginning August 25th. Added to the schedule for the final production of the summer season will be the long-run Broadway comedy hit "Under the Yum Yum Tree."

With the closing performance of this week's production of "Roar Like a Dove," the Vagabond Players, North Carolina's first professional summer theatre company, will have given 1,736 performances of 219 productions during their 27 seasons.

Flat Rock Playhouse performance are nightly, Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30 with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday at 2:30.

The State Theatre of North Carolina is located 3 miles south of Hendersonville, on U. S. 25.

NATIONAL EXAMS FOR U. S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The 89th annual competition for entrance to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy will commence with the Dec. 5, 1964 administration of the College Entrance Examination Board tests. These examinations will be given in over 3,000 test centers.

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