

**Book By Ruth Vail
Now Offered For Sale**

"River Acres" by Ruth Vail, a book of poems of the farmlands of this eastern section of our State, is just off the Kaleidograph press, Dallas, Texas. The book is announced in the October number of "Kaleidograph," a national magazine of verse. There was also an announcement in the State News.

In this book Mrs. Vail has done honor to North Carolina, especially this eastern farming section. She does honor to Perquimans, her birthplace. The book is three little books in one. Book I is composed of poems of farm life, idealized and lifted up to inspire us with their beauty. Book II, "Negro Singing," is very attractive dialect verse. Book III, "Trail Finding," is a book of more serious work, voicing different phases of man's work. The last is an unfinished work, the author hopes to add to this book later. The announcement in the October number of Kaleidograph poetry magazine, reads:

"Ruth Vail, a North Carolinian, was born and reared near the little town of Hertford, which is situated on the beautiful, picturesque river Perquimans.

"For the last twenty-six years she has lived in the historic old town of Edenton, where most of these poems were written.

"Published poems of hers have received prizes and honorable mention here and abroad. She sings of the fields and flatlands of her eastern home, of man's laborers, of the God he works to find through those laborers—voicing her faith in the beauty and splendor of common things.

"Her writings have a sincere emotional reaction toward Home; she says she has written the only thing she can write down—herself."

Mrs. Vail has made a study of poetry for the last 12 years. To quote The State, she is not a new poet joining the ever growing ranks of poets, published poems of hers having appeared in numerous publications over a period of years—here and in England. Her name is listed in "Principal Women of America," Vol. I, 30-31. There is also a biographical sketch of Mrs. Vail in "Who's Who in American Poetry," 1937, January Galleon Press, New York. She is a member of "The Poetry Society, Inc.," "The Poetry Society of Virginia," "Bookfellows" and other organizations.

Ruth Vail was the former Miss Ruth Newbold, a daughter of the late John Newbold and Mrs. Newbold, and a sister of J. H. Newbold and Mrs. David Cox, Jr., of Perquimans.

**U. S. Army To Enlist
More Than 1800 Men
In 4th Corps Area**

Jobs for more than 1,800 young men in the Fourth Corps Area are open in the United States Army.

Within the next few weeks, enlistments will be made under War Department orders to bring the Army up to the full authorized strength of 165,000; it has been announced by Major General George Van Horn Moseley, commanding general for the Fourth Corps Area at Atlanta, Ga.

Applications are already being taken at recruiting stations in the eight southeastern states which make up the Fourth Corps Area, but vacancies for more than 1,800 soldiers are still available.

Recruits not only are offered the opportunity of service in the Army of the United States, but also have the chance to extend their education, take vocational training in the Army schools and prepare themselves for careers, either continuing in the Army or in civilian life after their enlistments expire.

A number of schools for enlisted men are maintained at Army posts which offer educational advantages to enlisted men, after they have become qualified in their profession as a soldier, particularly in vocational training for those showing ability in certain special fields.

There are seventeen recruiting stations in the eight states, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, which are in the Fourth Corps Area. In addition, for the next thirty days, there will be ten roving parties of recruiters canvassing sections of these states which are not near a recruiting station.

Announcements of times and dates when these parties will visit particular localities of these states will be announced later by District Recruiting Officers.

Applicants for service must be between the ages of 18 and 35 and physically fit. They will be enlisted as privates with a monthly pay of \$21—but most of that is velvet, as the Army provides food, clothing, shelter and medical care.

**Funeral Held Monday
For F. Mullen Weeks**

The community was shocked and saddened to learn on Sunday of the death of F. Mullen Weeks, who died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning at the Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, at which place he had arrived only an hour before.

Funeral services for Mr. Weeks, who was 48 years of age, were held

at the home on Front Street in Hertford on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, Pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, officiating, and Rev. A. A. Butler, pastor of Great Hope Baptist Church, assisting.

Members of the choir of the Hertford Methodist Church sang.

Pallbearers included the only son of the deceased, J. Edward Weeks, of Hertford, his brother, John Weeks of Hickory, Va., and H. E. Sedgewick, Jr., Francis Griffin, J. W. Griffin, and J. R. Sedgewick, all of Elizabeth City.

Surviving are his wife, who was formerly Miss Ellie Sedgewick, of Elizabeth City; one son, J. Edward Weeks, of Hertford; one brother, John Weeks, of Hickory, Va., and five sisters: Mrs. Oscar Commander, of Hickory, Va., Mrs. C. L. Ball, of

Weeksville; Mrs. Celas Ferebee and Mrs. Skinner Chalk, of Morehead City, and Mrs. W. I. Grover, of Newhope, Va.

Mr. Weeks was a native of Pasquotank County, a son of the later Mr. and Mrs. James Weeks, of Weeksville, having been a resident of Elizabeth City before coming to Hertford in 1912. He was for a long time engaged in the insurance business, representing the Jefferson Standard Insurance Company. He has been in ill health for several years, but few realized his condition was so serious. He was down town on Friday and many of his friends who saw and talked with him had not heard of the serious attack which occurred on Friday night until they learned of his death.

Mr. Weeks was a man of fine character, whose friendly and genial

manner won for him a host of friends and the sympathy of the entire community is expressed on every hand for the grief-stricken family.

Sprinkle chocolate stains with borax before washing. Wash in cold water.

RYLAND

Lehman Ward spent the week-end in Edenton with George Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis and their daughter, Lois, from near Sign Pine, spent Sunday with Mrs. Harriet Parks. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parks were dinner guests of Mrs. Parks.

Miss Mary Lee Davis and little Phyllis Rogers spent several days recently with Mrs. Joe Byrum, near Cannon's Ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Byrum were in

Edenton Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ward and their daughter, Lelia Faye, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Julian Ward, of Edenton, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Ward, near Belvidere, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Boyce and two children were in Edenton Saturday evening. The condition of Wilbur Jordan is reported to be somewhat improved.

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