

## Motor Registrations Hit An All-Time High During The Year 1947

North Carolina motor vehicle registrations in 1947 reached an all-time high of 883,498, the Motor Vehicle Department has announced. This compares with 779,930 vehicles registered in 1946.

The 1947 registrations included 859,037 automobiles, trucks, trailers, motorcycles, motorbikes and 24,461 State Highway and dealers' vehicles.

Guilford County, with 46,755 vehicles, is credited with having more vehicles than any other county. Mecklenburg, however, runs a close second with 45,944 vehicles. Next in line is Forsyth with 32,253; Wake, with 31,535, and Buncombe, with 26,740.

Clay, Tyrrell, Graham and Hyde Counties, in that order, are the lowest in registrations. Clay has 640 registered vehicles; Tyrrell, 761; Graham, 835, and Hyde, 840.

### SWITZER-CHAPPELL

Miss Virginia Dare Chappell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chappell of Rahway, N. J., and niece of E. N. Chappell of Hertford, and Henry Louis Sweitzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Sweitzer of Rahway, will be married on April 18 at Rahway, according to an announcement received here this week.

### CLASS MEETS

The Judson Memorial Bible Class met Tuesday evening, March 23, with Mrs. Warner Madre, with Mrs. Addie Jones as joint hostess.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. I. A. Ward and the hymn "His Way With Thee" was sung. During the business session the roll call and the reading of the minutes were heard, with 16 members present. Plans were discussed for serving the Workers' Council meeting on April 7th. Inez Hampton gave the devotional, taken from the fifth chapter of James, and the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. Mrs. Josiah Elliott gave an interesting reading and poem and prayer. Mrs. Ernestyne Leete read a poem on prayer. A social hour was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses to the following: Mesdames I. A. Ward, Josiah Elliott, Charlie Elliott, Louis Tarkington, Tommy Miller, Henry Lewis, E. A. Goodman, Johnny McPherson, Addie Jones, Jim Bass, Ernestyne Leete, Lawrence Davis, Warner Madre, Tom Cox, Willard Stallings and Miss Inez Hampton and Joan Madre. The meeting adjourned to meet in April with Mrs. Jim Bass and Mrs. E. A. Goodman at the church.

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETS

The Youth Fellowship Circle of the Bethel Baptist Church met Monday night, March 22, at the church. The meeting was opened with a hymn. The president, Mrs. Joe White, gave the Scripture reading and prayer. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Charles Ward called the roll and read the minutes. A business session was held. A very good program was given by Mrs. Edgar Long, with several

members taking part. The meeting closed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

This circle has been organized only a short time and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Joe White; vice president, Miss Eunice Long; second vice president and program chairman, Mrs. Edgar Long; secretary and stewardship chairman, Mrs. Elliott Layden; treasurer, Miss Ruth Mansfield; mission study chairman, Mrs. Charles Ward; personal service, Miss Eunice Long.

The next meeting will be held Monday night before the second Sunday in April at the church.

### WOODVILLE W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Woodville Baptist Church met on March 16 with Mrs. Henry Elliott. Mrs. E. R. Whedbee gave the devotional, from Psalm 78:1-7, and Deuteronomy 6:7. Mrs. J. C. Wilson led in prayer. The hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" was sung. During the business session the roll was called and minutes read. Mrs. E. S. Fulghum had charge of a very interesting program. The topic was "The Christian Home, Our Immediate Task." "Home Sweet Home" was sung. Mrs. H. C. West dismissed the meeting.

A social hour was then enjoyed. Mrs. Elliott served ice cream and cake.

The April meeting will be held with Mrs. Z. D. White and Mrs. Kader White.

### Seniors At Hertford High To Present Annual Class Play

The senior class of the Hertford High School will begin the annual series of commencement plays when they present "Clouds and Sunshine" in the high school auditorium Thursday, April 17, at 8 P. M.

Rehearsals for the play are now under way and members of the cast seem intent on giving a fine performance in this last appearance of the year.

The play is being directed by Mrs. E. H. Brown, class advisor and director of the past two productions at the school.

### Live At Home, Says Avery County Farmer

A small farm will provide a good living for any family if good management is practiced to make a little bit go a long way, says T. K. Jones, farm management analyst for the State College Extension Service.

Careful planning and wise allocation of funds and other resources are necessary if the farm family is to have a high standard of living, Mr. Jones stated. Present prices make it important for the small farmer to reduce cash expenses by producing as much of his food supply as possible.

That a live-at-home program can be practiced on the small farm is evidenced by the way Stokes A. Burlson of the Crossnore Community in Avery County, has carried his out.

Mr. Burlson became a demonstration farmer in his community in 1938 when he agreed to cooperate with the TVA and the N. C. Extension Service. Practicing what he has learned since that time, Mr. Burlson plants a good garden each year and produces an adequate supply of both early and late vegetables for his family needs. Two high producing Guernsey cows provide the family with plenty of milk throughout the year. An ample supply of pork is cured each year and usually a beef is canned for later use. Fruit, root crops and vegetables are stored for consumption during the winter months and more than 400 quarts of vegetables, fruits and meat were canned last year.

Income from the sale of beans, potatoes and cabbage provides the mountain farmer with sufficient income to make needed improvements in home living. His seven-room house which was built in 1940 is wired for electricity and has running water. Other conveniences will be added in the near future.

### Recommended Method Increase Corn Yield

Reports from Bertie County farmers indicate that it is profitable to follow recommended methods in corn production, according to B. E. Grant, county agent for the State College Extension Service.

A number of Bertie growers have conducted demonstrations during the past three years. By following approved practices, which require almost no extra labor and very little extra cost, they have increased their corn yield to an estimated 35 bushels per acre, the best record the county has ever made, Mr. Grant said.

In each of the demonstrations held, the corn produced on the demonstration acre was more profitable than in the usual farm practice, the county agent declared. The only additional work required was that of applying more fertilizer. The additional cost was for hybrid seed, fertilizer and soda.

Mr. Grant said the best hybrids have given from 20 to 25 per cent more corn than local varieties. Ten Bertie farms have already qualified for membership in the State 100-

bushel club, and a considerable number of growers have indicated their interest in trying to make 150 bushels on one acre by following approved practices.

The main points in the recommended practices are: (1) Select good corn land. (2) Prepare a good seed bed. (3) Use the best hybrid seed. (4) Plant so as to have from 8,000 to 10,000 stalks per acre. This has usually been 12 to 16 inches in the drill

with 2 1/2 foot rows. (5) Use sufficient plant food. Bertie growers used 600 pounds of 4-8-8 or 4-10-8 at planting with side dressing of 800 pounds nitrate of soda or cal-nitro and 100 pounds of muriate of potash. (6) Cultivate shallow to avoid damaging feed roots. (7) Do not pull suckers. (8) Lay by when 2 1/2 feet high. This has usually required two or three cultivations.

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