

### Horace Layden Wins Speaking Contest

Eight students at Perquimans High School competed against one another in a speaking contest held at the school Friday morning. The topic for debate was "What Is the Responsibility of the United States in World Affairs?" The contest was sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of Piney Woods Friends Church. Horace Layden was adjudged the winner of the event and Marvin White won honorable mention. Students participating, in addition to the above two, were Harry Lee Winslow, Pauline Burbage, Mildred Byrum, Mollie Lee Yeates, Nan White and Nonie Lou Lane.

#### Y. W. A.'s MEET

The Y. W. A.'s of Bethel Baptist Church met Thursday night, February 10, at the home of Miss Mary Inez Chappell.

The meeting was opened by singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," after which the roll was called and the

minutes read and approved. An interesting program was given and business was discussed.

Following the meeting, games were played and Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Ward were honored with a miscellaneous shower.

Delicious refreshments were served to the 14 guests present.

#### BRIDGE CLUB MEETS

Mrs. W. G. Wright was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday evening at her home on Church Street. Those playing were Mesdames L. N. Hollowell, Bill Jessup, V. N. Darden, Mrs. Baum, J. G. Roberson, J. O. Felton, B. G. Koonce, R. M. Riddick, Charles Whedbee, T. B. Sumner, Miss Thelma Elliott and Miss Kate Blanchard. The high score prize went to Miss Elliott, low to Mrs. Hollowell and a guest prize was presented Mrs. Baum. A sweet course was served.

#### HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. H. C. Stokes was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday evening at her home. Those enjoying the evening were Mesdames W. J. Kanoy, C.

M. Williford, C. E. Johnson, G. W. Barbee, T. L. Jessup, C. R. Holmes, M. R. Campbell and Miss Mary Sumner. The high score prize went to Mrs. Williford. A sweet course was served.

### N. C. Soil Program Talk Is Given

A report on the progress of soil and water conservation in North Carolina was presented by Henry S. Hogan of Chapel Hill, second vice president of the North Carolina Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors, at the annual convention of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts in Denver, Colorado, February 15, 16 and 17. Hogan is also chairman of the Neuse River Soil Conservation District and has been very active in the soil conservation movement since 1938.

### Sweet Potatoes Can Provide Extra Income

Many North Carolina farmers who have never planted sweet potatoes for market should be able to increase their farm income this year through the cultivation and sale of this root crop, according to H. M. Covington, Extension Horticulture specialist for the State College Extension Service.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has requested farmers to increase their 1949 production of sweet potatoes by 12 per cent. Even if such an increase is planted, production would still be about 10 per cent under the 1937-46 annual average.

Farmers who plan to increase their sweet potato acreage this year to have some for sale should consider market outlets before planting, Covington states.

If the matter of storage and curing

is a problem, Covington states that a tightly constructed tobacco barn is hard to beat for this purpose. All that is needed to convert a barn is to reinforce the bottom tier-pole and place a pole-roof of two-inch boards on top of it.

An average height of 16x16 foot barn will hold approximately 750 bushels of potatoes, the specialist points out.

Covington says there are several excellent sweet potato growers in Pitt County. Last year, even with unfavorable weather, J. J. Edwards of near Ayden produced 331 bushels of No. 1's and 29 bushels of No. 2's per acre. Selling for \$3 and \$1.50 per bushel respectively, they brought Edwards a gross return of \$1,023 per acre.

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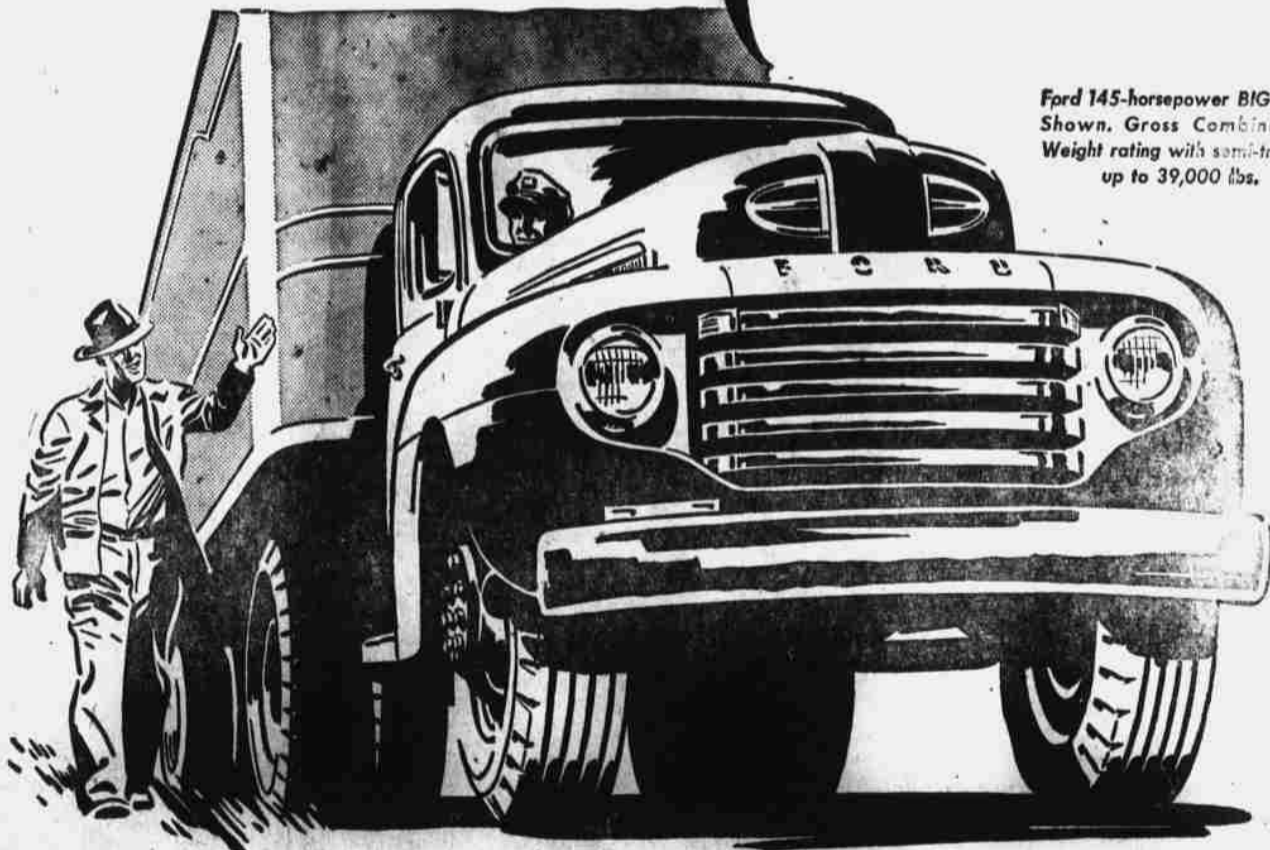
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