

Perquimans Clubs Awarded Gavel

Perquimans County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs won attendance honors at the 35th District Federation, held at Poplar Branch on Wednesday of last week, and returned home with the Home Demonstration gavel for the second time in three years. The gavel is presented to the Council for the largest percentage of their members present. Perquimans was represented at the meeting by 75 members.

Principal speakers at the Federation were Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine and Mrs. P. P. Gregory, State Federation president.

Perquimans County was responsible for compiling and presenting the report of the district. Those taking part on the program were Mrs. J. D. Vestes, Mrs. W. E. Dail, Mrs. Naomi McDonnell, Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Jr., Miss Lena Winslow, Mrs. Sidney Layden, Mrs. Winston Lane, Miss Judy Long, Mrs. Howard Matthews, Mrs. Ernest Long, Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mrs. Freeman Umphlett, Mrs. Carl Yow, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mrs. Irvin Long, Mrs. Milton Jordan, Miss Diana McDonnell. Others who helped in compiling the report and making it a success included Mrs. L. J. Winslow, Mrs. William Winslow, Mrs. Howard Hunter, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, and Mrs. Wade Jordan. Mrs. J. B. Bamight was installed as third vice chairman of the district by Mrs. Verona J. Langford, district agent.

State FHA Borrowers Increase Net Worth

More than 28,000 families paying off Farmers Home Administration Operating Loans in North Carolina last year increased their net worth—value of everything they owned minus any indebtedness—from \$2,419 to \$3,218 or 33 per cent during an average of 2 1/2 years they were aided by supervised credit, J. B. Slack, State Director of Farmers Home Administration, reported today.

A study also shows improvement in the borrowers' financial position, land, tenure situation, and living standards.

The 2,842 paid-up borrowers included in the study received loans averaging \$940 to enable them to make improvements and adjustments in their farming and strengthen their position as family-farm operators. Loans were accompanied by on-the-farm help from Farmers Home Administration local supervisors in achieving better balanced operations, efficient production methods, soil conservation, and adequate income for family living needs as well as for debt payments.

These 2,842 families made their final repayment in 1950 and are con-

tinuing to farm. Total interest paid on their loans averaged 47. Although some of the farmers had enough security to qualify for credit from other sources at the time they applied to the Farmers Home Administration most of them are now in position to finance their work without further borrowing, or to obtain any future loans from private or cooperative sources.

About 261 of the families became owners of farm land while working with the Agency. The percentage of farm owners and part-owners in the group rose from 46.5 per cent to 55.8 per cent.

Because of higher production and greater security on the land, the borrowers have been able to improve their homes. When they first applied for loans only 48 per cent of the families had electricity, 7 per cent had running water, 24 per cent had refrigerators and 22 per cent had washing machines. By 1950, 65 per cent had electricity, 12 per cent had running water, 42 per cent had refrigerators, and 42 per cent had washing machines.

These families paid almost \$68,000 in real and personal taxes last year.

CATHERINE JORDAN HONORED

Mrs. R. S. Jordan and Mrs. Roy C. Lewis of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. W. F. Morgan of Winfall, were joint hostesses at a miscellaneous shower Friday night, April 13, at the home of Alexander Jordan, honoring Miss Catherine Jordan, bride-elect.

Games were played and the many lovely and useful gifts were opened and acknowledged, after which ice cream, cake, mints and salted nuts were served.

Those present and sending gifts were as follows:

Mesdames W. G. Hollowell, Joel Hollowell, J. L. Delaney, Durwood Barber, Charlie Umphlett, Harold Copeland, Stanley Spruill, Johnnie Lane, Josiah Smith, Walter Humphlett, Addis Humphlett, Roy Lane, Nathan Mathews, E. N. Miller, Charlie Lane, Howard Copeland, Leslie Greg-

ory, Troy Elliott, Alton Moore, Claude Moore, Arthur Pierce, Jesse Stanton, David Truethood, W. F. Morgan, Tom White, Elijah White, W. D. Rodgers, Grant Lane, J. H. Baker, Tom Gregory, Charlie Wilder, Claude White, Charles Fadio, J. E. Jordan, Clinton Truethood, Jr., Fred Winslow, Haywood Proctor, John Lane and William Bagley, Misses Kay Stanton, Frankie Barber, Phyllis Truethood, Nancy Bagley, Cloc Truethood, Audrey Umphlett, Will Miller, Polly Baker, Geraldine Gregory, Billie Lou Truethood, Dona White, Anne Proctor and Mildred Byrum. Mesdames John Cherry, Edward Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Lewis, and Miss Carolyn Marshall, all of Elizabeth City; Mrs. S. C. Doxey, of Maple, N. C.; Mrs. Ella Kinsey, of Norfolk, Va., and Bill Goodwin of Wilmington.

SOCIETY MEETS

Piney Woods Missionary Society met Saturday with Mrs. V. C. Lane and Mrs. Oliver Layden as joint hostesses.

The president, Mrs. Bertha S. White, opened the meeting with the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Mrs. Ruth A. Chappell led the devotional, using the theme, Faith.

Twenty-three members and one visitor were present, most of whom answered roll call with Bible verses on Faith.

After the business session Mrs. Vir-

ginia Winslow presented the lesson with Mrs. Lilian Winslow, Mrs. Ruth A. Chappell and Mrs. N. W. Chappell assisting.

Mrs. Sybil Chappell gave the high lights from the "Friendly Flasher."

Some discussion followed, after which the meeting closed with the group repeating in unison, Hebrews 11:1.

BURGESS W. M. U. MEETS

The Burgess W. M. U. met Monday night at the home of Mr. Sidney Copeland in Hertford with Mrs. Copeland and Mrs. Joseph Ayasue, Jr., joint hostesses.

The meeting was opened by singing, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," followed by the Watchword and the Lord's Prayer.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved. One new member, Mrs. Louis Proctor, was added to the roll. Dues were then collected. Report from the Community Missions leader was heard. Quarterly report was given by the secretary. Plans for the county-wide missionary meeting to be held May 17, at Burgess Church were discussed.

Mrs. Sidney Layden presented an interesting program on "Glimpses of Young People Around the World." The meeting closed with singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." The hostesses served nuts, fruit cake and open-face sandwiches, with bottled drinks.

KENNETH TURNER

Funeral services for Kenneth Turner, 16, who died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Turner, were conducted on Monday of last week, at the graveside by the Rev. D. E. Phelps. Surviving be-

sides the parents, are four brothers, Gaston, Jimmy, Roger and Teddy Turner, and three sisters, Yvonne, Annette and Hazel Turner. Pallbearers were Clarence Chappell, Jr., Milton Pithisic, Aubrey Smith, Eugene Cartwright, Bobby Smith, John Wesley Chappell.

Announcement

I am a candidate for the Office of Commissioner for the Town of Hertford, subject to the primary, April 30th, and will appreciate your vote and support.

It is my belief the members of the Town Board should be elected from as many sections of the Town as possible, and for this reason I became a candidate.

However, if elected to the office, I will endeavor to serve all the people to the best of my ability.

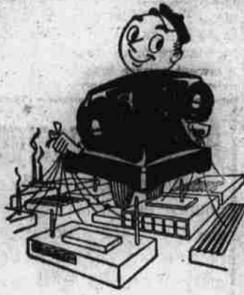
W. RAY WHITE

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