



NORTH CAROLINA PRODUCTS TAKE SPOT-LIGHT — Today's self-sufficient Southland is high-lighted by "Made in North Carolina Week" being observed in all Winn-Dixie Supermarkets throughout the state. Locally-grown produce, staples and meats are included in the all-out promotion — the most extensive of its

kind in the state's history. Gov. Terry Sanford issued a proclamation in connection with the event, urging greater production and consumption of home-grown products. Above, a typical supermarket, its bins piled high with produce from Dixie.

New Moderator Asks For Unity In Presbyterian Denomination

MONTREAT, N. C. — The new moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. said Friday he "would much rather see our (Presbyterian and Reformed) churches come together first" before considering anything of the scope of the so-called Blake-Pike plan of union.

In his first news conference after being elected moderator of the 104th General Assembly, Dr. Felix B. Gear of Decatur declared:

"If you can't jump 25 feet, there's no use to try to jump 100 feet."

Among the recommendations scheduled for Assembly action today is one that could lead to union with the Reformed Church in America. The Joint Committee of Twenty-four report is asking for study of the practical problems involved in union with the Reformed Church in America.

In commenting on the lag in membership gains during the past decade, Dr. Gear said it is quite possible the denomination has fallen into complacency.

Asked whether he favored a proposal to eliminate racial presbyteries, the church leader said he felt that no church could be content with such a system.

Presently all Negro churches in South Carolina and Mississippi and most in Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia are in racial presbyteries.

On other matters, Dr. Gear said:

—He has always been in favor

of working with the National Council of Churches.

—He has no personal objection to Presbyterian ministers participating in civil rights demonstrations, calling the matter "an individual choice."

—"I don't think it's the business of the Church to tell legislators how to secure justice, but it's our business to say justice should be secured."

—He approves the proposed changes in the Book of Church Order to permit ordination of women, but sees no sudden influx of women into the ranks of deacon, elder and minister.

—He has never been greatly disturbed by the Supreme Court's action outlawing compulsory Bible reading and prayer in public schools. He called the decision a "guarantee of independence of the Church in our modern society, and makes it impossible for the state to interfere with churches."

Dogwood At Peak At National Park

Visitors to Kings Mountain National Military Park can see at dogwood at the peak of its season, Capt. Ben F. Moomaw said.

"Cold weather a few weeks ago nipped it a little but it's back in profusion," Mr. Moomaw noted.

School pupils are filling chartered buses to tour the battleground and Park amphitheatre.

Willie J. Gilliland On Cruiser Chicago

USS CHICAGO (PHTNC) — Willie J. Gilliland, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gilliland, Jr. of Route 3, Kings Mountain, N. C., is a member of the first crew of the guided missile cruiser USS Chicago scheduled for commissioning May 2 at the San Francisco, Calif. Naval Shipyard.

Chicago was originally commissioned in 1945 and deactivated 1947.

Except for the engineering plant and hull, she has been largely rebuilt, and the entire structure above the main deck has been replaced.

She is armed with the Talos and Tartar guided missile, anti-submarine rockets and 5 inch guns. After commissioning, she will operate out of San Diego, Calif.

Guard Held Annual Meeting

RALEIGH — George M. Low, Deputy Director of the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center and Acting Director of the Gemini Space Program, was the featured speaker at the North Carolina National Guard Association Convention at Asheville last weekend.

Brigadier General William J. Payne, North Carolina Air National Guard Commander and President of the Association, announced today that Mr. Low gave the feature address at the 4th Annual Convention banquet at the Battery Pary Hotel Saturday evening.

Mr. Low has served with NASA in a number of executive capacities for the past fifteen years. He was formerly Chief of the Special Projects Branch; Assistant Director for Manned Space Flight Programs (Gemini, Apollo and advanced missions) and Chairman of the Manned Lunar Landing Program.

A native of Vienna, Austria, Mr. Low holds both BA and MS degrees in aeronautical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He was one of the first recipients of NASA's Leadership Medal and the Arthur S. Fleming Award for his outstanding contributions to Project Mercury.

Special reports were delivered by Lt. Colonel William P. Keeton, Jr., Commandant of N. C. Military Academy, Lt. Edwin Perry, Commanding Officer of the 205th Medical Detachment, and Colonel Robert W. Brooks, Commander of the 145th Air Transport Group, Heavy.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to our many friends for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy at the loss of our beloved son. We appreciate your prayers. We also wish to thank the doctors and nurses at Kings Mountain hospital for their helpfulness and cooperation.

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The temperature has been in the eighties for three days in our neighborhood so we should be able to figure that the back of a rather brutal winter and spring has been broken. It may be a good time to assess cold damage to plants.

Peaches, pears and nectarines were killed in the Raleigh area before the Easter freeze. Commercially, the peach picture is very dark for the Sandhills of North Carolina and the Piedmont of South Carolina. I hope our Piedmont peach growers fare better.

Strawberries and blueberries have been hurt east and south of Raleigh. In the Raleigh area, early blossoms were killed on strawberry plants (which is usually the case) but a good crop is indicated.

Piedmont and mountain readers, who have peaches, blueberries or strawberries, should plan to give the plants extra good care and protection from insect and disease pests.

Luckily, there was no bark splitting on azaleas due to severe cold. Open blossoms were injured but enough buds escaped to make a good show. They are beautiful now.

New growth on ligustrum was

Remember that your warm season vegetables, snapbeans, sweet corn, tomatoes, etc., will be very unhappy if you plant them before the average daytime temperature is above 70 degrees F and the night temperature about 60 degrees. If you believe in signs, plant the warm season crops when the leaves on the white oaks are the size of a squirrel's ear.

Keep a sharp look-out for aphids (plant lice) on all cool season vegetable crops and many of the ornamental and fruit plants. They are sneaky, sucking insects and the spray or dust must strike the body of the insects to be effective. Seven is good.

The kill on *Hex cornuta* burfordi (Burford's Chinese holly) was complete in certain locations. I examined two large plants, with southern exposure, and could count the berries formed on my fingers and toes. These plants are well managed and are usually loaded with berries. The flowers of this species are extremely cold-tender.

He won out over three other nominees, Dr. E. H. Hamilton of Decatur, Ga., Dr. Albert J. Kissling of Jacksonville, Fla., and Dr. James G. Patton of Atlanta.

Dr. Gear defeated Dr. Hamilton, a retired missionary, on the second ballot, 282 to 162.

In his report as retiring moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. William H. McCorkle of Bristol, Tenn., sounded a call for the Presbyterian family of churches to join together in easing racial tension and promoting national unity.

He made his proposal as some 460 commissioners from 16 states gathered for the Assembly's opening.

Dr. McCorkle suggested that Holy Week of 1965 be observed as a period to "pray and work together for better sectional understanding and closer bonds within the churches as well."

He said his proposal has met with the favor of the moderators of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Church in America.

In his "State of the Church" re-

Dr. Felix Gear New Moderator

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port, Dr. McCorkle called the racial problem the "paramount issue of our Church." He said during the past year he has observed "the breaking down of racial barriers within the family of God. All of us are agreed this is as it should be."

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Out-of-Towners Wreck Victims

One automobile accident was reported by the City Police Department for the week ending April 22.

A two-car collision on East King Street Tuesday morning around 9:00 resulted in damages to the cars estimated at \$300.

James Richard Shumate, 23, of 1104 South Street, Gastonia was headed west on Kings Street and was hit from behind while stopped at the traffic light at the intersection of King Street and Cleveland Avenue. Walter Howell Albertson, 63, of 1603 Centennia Avenue, High Point, N. C. was the driver of a 1962 model Oldsmobile which struck the Shumate car in the rear. Damages were estimated at \$275 for the Shumate car, and \$25 in damages to the Albertson car.

Albertson told investigating police officers that he approached the intersection and failed to see the Shumate car in time to stop his vehicle. Albertson was charged by police officers with exceeding a safe speed.

On April 22 Troop 4 of the First Presbyterian church met at the Scout Hut. Seventeen members and a visitor, Brenda Stewart, were present. The girls worked on "The Challenge" and refreshments were served by Elaine Queen, Ann Sprouse, Phyllis Queen and Teresa Wallace.

Elaine Queen Troop Scribe

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