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## Tyson-May Descendents Continue To Give Thanks

### Gathering Today To Be Replica of Yesterday; Dr. Deal to Address Descendants Pioneer Families

Descendants of the two pioneer families Tysons and Mays, will come here from all parts of North Carolina today to continue their Thanksgiving holiday in a reunion event, which will mark the 19th annual meeting of the Tysons, and a reunion of the Tysons and Mays, who were again joined in an alliance several years ago upon the celebration of the 160th wedding anniversary of Mary Tyson to Major Benjamin May having since developed into one of the strongest family groups in the state, with a justified pride in their heritage of a good name a firm determination for its perpetuation, a reverence for tradition and devotion to their faith in their forefathers and country.

The meeting will be held in the Major Benjamin May Chapter House, located on what is felt to be sacred ground by the descendants of these two families. J. S. May of Kinston, will preside, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, an adopted son will give the invocation and conduct the memorial service.

Dr. R. C. Deal, an instructor at East Carolina Teachers College, will be the main speaker at this time. Introducing the speaker will be John T. Thorne, one of Farmville's earliest educators, teaching here in the year 1890, and being deeply interested and closely allied with the cause of education in Farmville and Pitt county since that time.

Mayor Davis and Mrs. T. C. Turnage, D. A. R. regent, will extend a welcome to the assemblage, and officers, who will speak briefly will include W. G. Sheppard of Snow Hill, Dr. M. L. Carr of LaGrange and Mrs. C. S. Eagles.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner of LaGrange, and Andrew Joyner, of Rocky Mount, who are given special honor on these occasions will conduct the family round table discussion, and Miss Tabitha DeVisconti will have her usual fine genealogy report to present.

The lunch a basket affair, will be served in the banquet room of the Chapter House.

### FREE CLINIC FOR CRIPPLES DEC. 1st IN GREENVILLE

We wish to remind our readers of the State Orthopedic Clinic to be held Friday in Greenville, December 1st from 12:30 to 4 P. M.

This clinic takes all types of cripples, both white and colored, free of charge who are unable to afford private treatments. It is desired, though not required, that patients be referred by a physician or the Welfare officer, and that the patient bring such note to the Clinic.

The Clinic is set up to serve especially the Counties of Beaufort, Carteret, Pamlico, Pitt and Tyrrell, though patients from other counties who desire to come may do so.

The Clinic is conducted by Dr. H. A. Thompson, orthopedist, Raleigh, North Carolina. This clinic has been running for something over three years and is now serving a large number of cripples, adults as well as children, in this area.

The Pitt County Health Department Offices are located at the corner of Third and Greene streets, in Greenville, and it has recently expanded its office facilities.

### LOWERED

New railroad rates on cottonseed cake and meal, which went into effect recently, mean savings of close to 50 percent on hauls of less than 100 miles, and nearly 30 percent on distances slightly greater.

### INCREASE

A moderate increase in domestic consumption of American tobacco in the export market, is indicated by the 1940, with a substantial reduction in U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

### WHO KNOWS?

1. How many warships have the Allies that are fast enough to catch Germany's pocket battleships?
2. Was the entire Bible written at the same time?
3. Is there any law in the United States to compel an individual to observe Thanksgiving?
4. Do all parts of the United States belong to the same geologic age?
5. Does the Spanish Government support the Catholic church?
6. On which side did Bulgaria fight in the World War?
7. What is the meaning of the "most famous" nation clause?
8. Is the President of the United States elected by popular vote?
9. What law permits courts to declare religious institutions on the grounds of immorality?
10. Are judges elected by popular vote in the United States?
11. How many states have a public school system?



### REMEMBER

Santa Claus will visit Farmville Friday night of next week, December 8th. He is expected to arrive about 7:30 o'clock and everybody is invited to be up the street to greet him. He will have something for all the young folks.

## Cotton Quota Law Is Being Enforced

### Indictments Returned Against Eight Cleveland County Men Recently

Notice that the United States government is enforcing the cotton marketing quota provisions of the Federal Farm Act is contained in indictments recently returned against eight Cleveland County men in the U. S. court for the Western district at Asheville, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College.

When a farmer votes for marketing quotas to balance production and consumption, and cooperates by complying with the law, he can be assured that other cotton producers will be forced to do the same, Floyd commented. "The Federal government is doing its utmost to make the program one of voluntary crop control, as it is intended to be," Floyd declared.

The eight men indicted at Asheville are all of Shelby. They will be tried in the U. S. District Court at Shelby on March 18, 1940.

The facts on which the indictments were based allege that the defendants falsified ginning and purchase records so as to show that cotton produced by certain of them, which was subject to the marketing penalty, was produced by others of the group whose cotton was not subject to penalty, thereby attempting to evade payment of cotton marketing penalties.

Floyd pointed out that cotton growers will vote in a referendum on December 9 to decide whether marketing quotas will be applied to the 1940 crop. Quotas are necessary because supplies still exceed the average consumption, he stated.

When quotas are in effect, non-cooperators, or cotton producers on farms acreage elements are knowingly overplanted, must pay a penalty of 3 cents a pound on cotton marketed in excess of the actual or normal production of their acreage allotments, the AAA officer explained.

### Rotation Is Control For Granville Wilt

Tobacco farmers know of the serious losses incurred from attacks of the blue mold (downy mildew) disease in their plant beds, and how it has spread over the State in recent years. But Dr. Luther Shaw, Extension plant pathologist of State College, says that most farmers have not had to cope with Granville wilt, an equally serious tobacco plant disease which also is spreading.

"Records reveal that Granville wilt was 25 to 50 per cent more severe in 1939 than in 1938," Shaw reported. "We cannot predict how severe Granville wilt will be in 1940 and the seasons to come, but we have to admit that this disease will be a serious problem for many years to come. It appears to be less severe in seasons that are cool and rainy."

The extension specialist said that crop rotations seem to be the most effective land that contains corn has given the best control in experiments, followed closely by soybeans, herbs grass and cotton.

Other plants which are not subject to the disease and can be used in rotations for will control are: cowpeas, sweet beans, crotalaria, lespedeza, sweet potatoes, watermelons, cantaloupes, sorghums, crimson clover, vetch, field peas, wheat, oats and rye. The following plants, in addition to tobacco, are subject to the disease and should not be ground in rotations on wilt infected land. Dr. Shaw advised: Tomatoes, Irish potatoes, red peppers, egg plant, string beans, and weeds (weeds land).

The plant pathologist recommended that tobacco growers in sections where the Granville wilt disease is present should immediately make plans to rotate the crops over on tobacco land.

No matter how good your product is, you'd better advertise it if you want the public to buy it.



## America Thanks God

1789-1939

THE OBSERVANCE of Thanksgiving was created when George Washington issued a Thanksgiving proclamation in 1789, the first year of his presidency . . . thus far our earliest recorded history, Americans have thanked God for their blessings. In our deepest natures, in our very souls, we, like all mankind, turn to God in time of trouble and in time of happiness. "In God We Trust."

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## STATE AND NATION ACKNOWLEDGE PROVIDENCE OF SUPREME RULER

### Governor Hoey Issues Thanksgiving Proclamation in Spirit of Washington

Governor Hoey said in his annual Thanksgiving Day Proclamation the seventh day of November that he was proclaiming the traditional last Thursday of the month, November 30, 1939, as a legal holiday in North Carolina "in the spirit of Washington and our first national Thanksgiving."

"One hundred and fifty years ago George Washington the first president of the United States, issued his first Thanksgiving proclamation, at the request of the first United States Congress during the first year under a Constitutional government, and designated the last Thursday in November as the day, which happened to fall on the 26th of that year. The preamble sets forth that 'it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.'"

"In the body of the proclamation, after recounting the blessings for which the people should return thanks, President Washington further states the purpose of the day, 'that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our national government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us), and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us, and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.'"

"In the spirit of Washington and our first national Thanksgiving, I proclaim the traditional last Thursday of the month, November 30th, 1939, as a legal holiday in North Carolina and a DAY OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING upon the part of all the people. It is fitting and proper that we assemble in our several places of worship on this dedicated day to renew our allegiance to the ideals of the republic, to reconnect ourselves to the causes of popular government, to acknowledge our dependence upon God, to rekindle our faith in the everlasting spiritual values, to hark on to the high call of duty in loyal and patriotic service, to thank the Supreme Ruler for state unity and national peace, to pray for peace universal and for an end to war and bloodshed all over the good earth."

"In witness whereof, I, Clyde R. Hoey, Governor of North Carolina, have signed and caused the Great Seal to be affixed hereto, in our City of Raleigh, this Seventh Day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine."

### THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

I, George W. Davis, mayor of the town of Farmville, do hereby set aside this thirtieth day of November, nineteen thirty-nine, as Thanksgiving Day, I especially call upon all of the citizenry of Farmville and community to thank God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us.

We are living in a great town composed of the best people in the entire world; therefore, let's make this a truly Thanksgiving Day. We are thankful to God for having spared our lives and allowed us to live in a land of plenty with so many fine people.

GEORGE W. DAVIS, Mayor.

thousand and nine hundred and thirty-nine and in the one hundred and sixty-fourth year of our American Independence."

### District Governor Bill Kiker Visits Local Rotary Club

### Pays Official Visit and Brings Message of Great Interest; Stresses International Good Will and Understanding

Governor W. B. Kiker, district 189, paid his official visit to the Farmville Rotary Club Tuesday evening and was gladly received by almost a hundred percent of the membership. Gov. "Bill" made a very interesting and impressive talk to the club regarding the four objects of Rotary, emphasizing especially the fourth object, which deals with international understanding and good will.

Following the regular meeting, Governor Kiker had a meeting of the committee chairman and directors. He said, due to the ability of our past district governor, Irvin Morgan, to advise the club and the committee functioning so well, the Farmville Club was in very, very good order. Mr. Robert Worsley, a Rotarian of Panama, who is visiting Dr. Rod Williams here, was a special guest of the club.

### COOPERATIVES

With a substantial increase in volume of products handled, farmers' marketing and purchasing cooperatives chalked up a two-billion-dollar business during the 1938-39 marketing season.

450,000

Dr. B. Carrington, farm agent of Cleveland County, estimates that the total number of farm families in the State is 1,000,000. He says that the State is producing 100,000,000 bushels of grain each year, and that the Southern States produce 100,000,000 bushels of grain each year.

### Christmas Seal Sale To Begin Here Thursday

### Chairman and Sponsoring Club to Meet Wednesday and Formulate Plans

The annual campaign of the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sales will be opened Thursday, December 7th, and run through to Christmas Day, according to an announcement made today by Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, chairman of the local Sale.

The chairman stated further that she would meet the sponsoring organization, the Library Club, on Wednesday of next week to discuss plans for the coming campaign.

Several hundred thousand Tuberculosis Seal stamps will go on sale in this county during the next month. Of this number only 25 per cent of the amount realized goes to the national and state offices, while the balance of 75 per cent will remain in Pitt County to be used in ridding the county of tuberculosis and helping those who have the disease and cannot care for themselves.

Other organizations will, as usual, assist in the campaign and the local theatre will also cooperate in the drive.

### Junior Order Concert Friday, December 8

The Lexington Band, Junior Order U. A. M. Orphanage, Lexington, N. C., will present a concert in Parkin Hall on Friday evening, December 8 at 8:00 o'clock. Admission will be free, but an offering for the benefit of the orphanage will be taken.

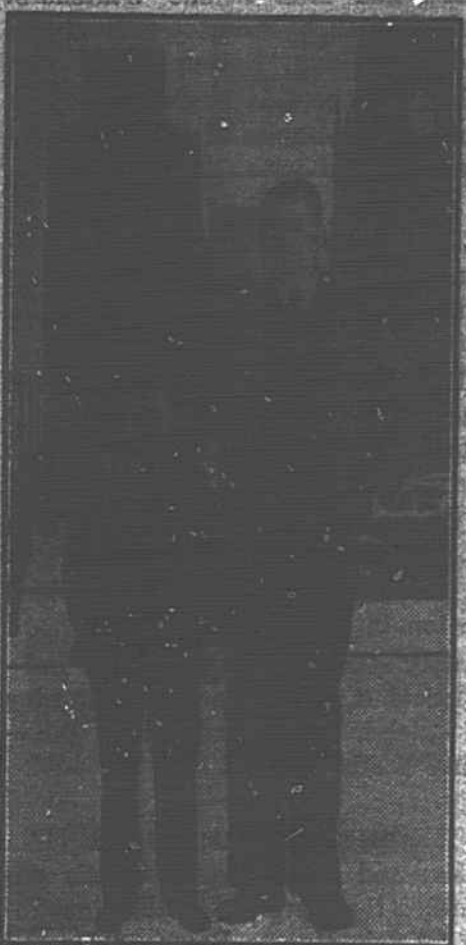
### GO TO CHURCH

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. . . and be thankful." Colossians 3:15.

At this particular time of year—the season of THANKSGIVING—it does seem to be the voice of God in ruling in our hearts. Especially in the hearts of those of us who are privileged to live in this great land of freedom and plenty.

We are thankful for the peace and joy that reigns in our hearts. We are thankful for the opportunity we have to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. Let us not fail to express this spirit of thankfulness. Let's Thanksgiving Day by coming together as did the disciples of the Lord on the day of Pentecost, and by acknowledging our dependence upon and our gratitude to the Great Giver of all good and perfect gifts. May it always be so.

## Colorful Setting To Be Provided For 1939 Yuletide Season Here By Gay Lights and Greenery



ROBERT WADLOW World's Tallest Man and His Father

### How Big is a Giant? Local People To Know Dec. 7th

### Robert Wadlow, 21, Believed To Be Tallest Human Being Alive, Will Visit Farmville Next Thursday; He Will Be A Guest at The Turnage Co. Store From 4:30 to 5:30 in The Afternoon

This is a tall, tall story about an Alton, Ill., boy who is believed to be the world's tallest person. His name is Robert Wadlow and he will be a special visitor in Farmville Thursday afternoon December 7th.

Robert, who is now 21 years of age, was born Feb. 22, 1918. He was a normal child weighing only 8 1/2 pounds at birth, at six months he weighed 30 pounds and today he weighs 491 pounds. He is 8 feet, 9 1/2 inches tall. Physicians who examine him twice a year expect him to reach nine feet. In the last 12 months he has grown 1 1/2 inches. He wears size 37 shoes and a 19-inch collar. His overcoat would hide an ordinary automobile.

He walks with a cane which is 5 feet long and is traveling about the country in a 7-passenger automobile. The roof of the car comes just to his waist.

Robert, who is making a tour of the country with his father, will be a special guest at the store of The Turnage Co., in Farmville, from 4:30 to 5:30 next Thursday afternoon, December 7th.

His Socks Spoken For

Everyone wants to borrow one of Robert's socks to hang by the fireplace for Christmas but Bob's youngest brother has spoken for them.

He has to have everything he wears or uses made to order with one exception, handkerchiefs. Even ties are too short. His gloves, made of leather, look like saddle bags and at a glance you would say they would each hold a peck of potatoes.

At home he has a special built bed, 10 feet long, a special chair and table. On the road he finds hotel accommodations a bit cramped and sleeps in two double beds shoved together. Ordinarily, in winter, he sleeps under four blankets stitched together.

At home as on the road, Robert has no privacy. Whoever he goes to gather around to ask him questions. When he goes to a theatre to sit in the rear of the house in a chair.

Robert is courteous, but he would sooner not answer questions. "I get tired stooping over to answer them," he said.

Mr. Wadlow, Robert's father, who will accompany Robert to Farmville is a man about 6 feet tall.

It is estimated that between three and five thousand people will be at the store of The Turnage Co., next Thursday afternoon to see Robert.

### FOULED

By changing the home grown seed to early seed, B. B. Holder, Lexington, N. C., increased his yield of sweet potatoes from 163 to 277 bushels this year.

### ORGANIZED

The U. S. Forest Service, composed of 100,000 men, is the largest organization in the world. It is organized into 100,000 units.

### Santa Claus To Arrive Friday, Dec. 8th; City Fathers, Merchants Unite in Giving Festive Atmosphere for Celebration of Christmas

Hundreds of colored lights, interspersing the thousands of yards of mountain laurel festooned across streets of the business section, and combined with huge stars and numbers of lighted Christmas trees on the sidewalks will provide for the holidays here a gay scene and vie with decorations of last year, said to be the most beautiful of any previous season.

Santa Claus will arrive from the frozen North Friday night, December 8th and will be warmly greeted by Mayor Davis, other town officials, the Lexington Band, Jr. Order U. A. M. Orphanage and practically every child in the community.

Prizes for Christmas Decorations—Best Store Window—1st prize, \$7.50 cash; 2nd prize, \$3.50 cash. Best Store Interior—1st Prize, \$5.00 cash; 2nd prize, \$2.50 cash. Best Outdoor Tree—1st prize, \$9.95 double waffle iron; 2nd prize, \$4.95 five cup coffee percolator. Best Outdoor Lighting Display—1st prize, \$19.75 mixer; 2nd prize, \$8.25 crystal coffee maker.

Best Outdoor Tree—1st prize, \$8.95 seven cup electric coffee percolator; 2nd prize, \$6.95 single waffle iron. Best Interior Home Decoration—1st prize—\$16.95 double toastmaster; 2nd prize, \$8.00 table lamp. Best Home Decorations Outside of Town Limits (within radius of four miles)—1st prize, \$10.50 indirect ray floor lamp; 2nd prize, \$5.95 electric percolator (4 cups).

Decorations of various kinds and Yuletide scenes will be found in the shop windows, where samples of the large stocks of Christmas gifts are effectively arranged.

The merchants and City Fathers are cooperating splendidly in providing Farmville with a festive setting for the Christmas celebration and when the Christmas trees inside and outdoors are illuminated, the candle-lit wreaths begin to glow in the windows and the streets to resound with the joyous shouts of the children, citizens will forget for the time being their disappointments of the past year, the foreboding future and all will live again in the hope of reviving the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will To Men."

### Floyd Explains Why Cotton Quotas Used

For the last two seasons cotton producers of the Nation have used marketing quotas in conjunction with the Agricultural Conservation Program. On Saturday, December 9, they will vote on whether they want marketing quotas for the 1940 cotton crop.

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College, says that quotas are designed to forestall further increases in our already large cotton supply and to protect the markets of farmers who plant within their acreage allotments to earn soil-building payments. Unrestricted marketing tend to defeat the efforts of those who are trying to adjust the demand to the amount produced and sold, he declared.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has set the 1940 National cotton acreage allotment at approximately 27 to 28 million acres, about the same as in 1938 and 1939. Floyd said that his office is striving to work out the individual allotment of every cotton farmer in North Carolina before the date of the referendum. "Before a grower votes, he will know exactly how much cotton he can plant next year," the AAA officer said.

### REPORT

A United States cotton crop of 11,845,000 bales, the smallest since '25, was forecast by the Federal Crop Reporting Board in its November 1 report.

### GOOD

Frosts are above normal in Lincoln County for an especially good grain year, barring adverse weather which may hinder the fall seeding.

### CATTLE

Twenty steers and 38 Hereford calves of good type have been brought in from Alabama by six Northampton County growers, reports H. G. Shipps, assistant farm agent.

If you don't think about it a subscription to the Enterprise will pay for itself in a very short time.