

## Memorial Library Building And Site Given By Davises

**Announcement Of Gifts Made To Woman's Club,  
Town Library Founders And Sponsors, By Miss  
Virginia Elizabeth Davis; Mrs. W. T. Bost, of  
Raleigh, Speaker At Dinner Meeting**

Members of the Farmville Woman's Club and guests, the Junior Woman's Club, gathered at the home of the president, Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, Friday evening, for a covered dish dinner, and to hear Mrs. W. T. Bost, Chairman of the State Federation of Public Welfare Department, who honored by special invitation as an honored guest and speaker of the occasion.

Mrs. Hobgood presided and presented Miss Annie Perkins, Chairman of the Farmville Library, who read a letter to the club from Miss Elizabeth Davis, unable to be present, in which she announced plans to erect a Library Building, which, when fully completed, will be presented to the Town of Farmville and be called the Farmville Public Library.

The letter stated also that she and her sisters, Mrs. Charles M. Griffin, of Wilson, and Mrs. W. Alex Allen, of Farmville and her brother, Robert Lang Davis III, also of Farmville, have donated the corner lot of Church and Walnut streets, across from the Methodist Church, as a site for the building. This site was selected in view of its beauty and desirability from the standpoint of central location and accessibility. The aim of the donors is to bring good books within the easy reach of every one and to minister, not only to those who love and appreciate books and will make a sacrifice to obtain them, but to a much larger number who are indifferent in this regard and must be attracted.

In planning the building, which has been the dream of Miss Davis for fifteen years, she desires that it be designed with simple refinement as a memorial to her father, the late Francis Marion Davis and uncles, the late Robert Lang and John R. Davis, pioneer citizens of Farmville, who, as she stated have made it possible for her to realize the fulfillment of her dream to provide a library building for Farmville, which will be beautiful in appearance and friendly to all in its invitation to enter its portals. She has chosen Georgian Colonial for its construction, because this type of architecture radiates a sense of warmth that is inviting and appealing. Her plans will give to the exterior an interesting appearance, which will attract all and yet, where one seeks quietude for study and meditation will find just such an atmosphere provided within. It is not to be in the nature of a museum, an art gallery, nor a vast auditorium, but a building which will fulfill every need of an ideal public library.

Since a library, more than any other public institution, is an index to the cultural standards and tastes of the community that it serves and stands next to the churches, schools and hospitals in dispensing assistance to a greater number of people than any other community asset, Miss Davis, in her announcement of the gift, expressed her hope that in the days to come every one will be as library conscious as she is herself and stated that when completed it will be tendered to the citizens here for their use and enjoyment.

At the request of Miss Davis, Mayor J. W. Joyner will appoint a special Library Commission to assist her, as a consulting group, in planning and supervising the construction of the building. The Town Council, at a recent meeting, voted to accept the building and assume its maintenance, with grateful acknowledgment to the donors.

In July, 1945, A. C. Monk & Co., donated five thousand dollars to the Farmville Public Library Building Fund and Mr. Monk has generously acceded to the request of those in charge that this amount be diverted to the purchase of books or permanent furnishings.

The Woman's Club and other citizens of Farmville are most appreciative of these magnificent gifts and of the lofty spirit prompting the donors, indicating as it does a deep rooted affection for their town and the desire for development of the minds and characters of its future citizens.

The Farmville Library was founded and established in 1930 by the Woman's Club, during the presidency of Mrs. John B. Joyner. Since that time, Miss Annie Perkins, as Library Chairman, together with the club women, the town fathers and other interested citizens of the town, have succeeded in making the library a prime factor in the development of the minds of the people of this community and one of the town's most valuable assets.

For sixteen years the sponsorship of the library, for which a room in the City Hall was provided, has been the personal interest of the Woman's Club and it is the specific wish of Miss Davis and the donors that

## At The Rotary Club

The Rotary Club held its regular meeting, Tuesday evening, with Frank Williams, president, presiding. Irvin Morgan, program chairman, presented Russell Missett, who conducted a quiz, which provoked much thought and study and provided good entertainment and fun.

The serious note of the program, was sounded by Dr. John M. Mewborn, who spoke briefly on development of plans for expansion of local recreational facilities. A round table discussion was the result of Dr. Mewborn's talk, and hopes were expressed that the securing of a supervisor for community recreation would be possible in the course of the next few months.

Rotarian Martin Swartz, of Greenville, was a guest at this time.

Farm machinery can not do its job properly with baling wire repair jobs, according to engineers of the Agricultural Extension Service.

## Byrnes Appeals Commission On A World Peace

**Tells UNO Group That Atomic Council Must Be Given Adequate Powers**

London.—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes called on the United Nations Assembly Monday to create promptly a commission on control of atomic energy and to give the Security Council the force it needs to maintain peace in an atomic age.

Calling the creation of the commission of an atomic energy commission, as recommended at the Moscow foreign ministers conference "a task of transcending importance," Byrnes said:

"Establishment of a commission to deal with problems raised by the discovery of atomic energy is inseparably linked with the problem of security. It is a matter of primary concern to all nations. We must not fail to devise safeguards necessary to ensure that this great discovery is used for human welfare and not for more deadly human warfare.

"I hope that this assembly will approve promptly the resolution proposed by my government in association with the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, China, France and Canada so that this commission may begin its work without delay."

Urgent Matter.

Even before Byrnes spoke, the assembly formally put the atomic energy resolution on its program under item XVII—urgent matters—which means that it will come up for early debate.

Then it will be referred to Committee No. 1 on Political and Security Matters, with Senator Tom Connally (D., Tex.) representing the United States.

Byrnes is expected to return to Washington as soon as the atomic resolution is approved.

During the assembly session American officials made known that delegates of the Big Five Foreign Ministers probably would start drafting peace treaties with Italy, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Finland this week.

Byrnes in his speech opening a general debate said that two immediate tasks faced the assembly—

## DR. AND MRS. HOLMES ARE HONORED AT RECEPTION

Women of the Baptist Missionary Society were gracious hostesses, Thursday evening, from 7:30-9:30 o'clock at a lovely reception and open house event honoring their new pastor, Dr. E. W. Holmes and his wife, who came here recently from Mulliken, S. C., where they had resided for the past sixteen years. Members of the Baptist congregation, pastors and congregations of the various churches here were special guests.

Chadli, chrysanthemums and narcissus were in artistic arrangements in the reception, assembly and class rooms of the church.

Receiving were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Melton, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheelers, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shearin, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Manly Liles.

Mrs. A. B. Moore introduced the receiving line, composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holmes, Miss Annie Perkins, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Holmes, Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Clegg and Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Coates.

Refreshments, consisting of punch, assorted cookies, mints and nuts were served in the assembly room from a beautifully appointed table by Mrs. W. J. Raspberry, Mrs. John B. Joyner and Mrs. J. H. Moore, assisted by members of the Girls Auxiliary.

Mrs. R. LeRoy Rollins and Mrs. M. G. Thorne presided over the register. Beautiful selections were rendered throughout the evening by Mrs. Arthur F. Joyner, church organist.

Around a hundred and fifty guests called during the reception hour.

## T. B. CLINIC TO BE HELD HERE TODAY, JAN. 18TH

The local Health Officer wishes to call attention to the fact that a free Tuberculosis Clinic will be held in the Offices of Dr. J. M. Mewborn, Farmville, today, Friday, January 18, from 2 to 4 p. m.

The Clinic will be conducted by Dr. J. M. Mewborn. Patients, both white and colored, from any part of Pitt County are eligible to attend the Clinic.

This is one of the regular monthly clinics held in Pitt County and is made possible through the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale.

As businessmen, farmers are interested in big volume "fair" prices, according to the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

## Prominent Warehouseman Passes In Danville, Ky.

**Final Rites Held Sunday For R. H. KNOTT, Widely Known And Highly Esteemed Citizen; Hundreds In Attendance; Interment Made In Raleigh**

Final rites for Rufus Henry Knott, 64, highly esteemed Farmville citizen and one of the most prominent tobacco warehousemen of this State and Kentucky, were conducted from the residence at 1:00 o'clock, Sunday, by the Rev. E. S. Coates, pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Knott succumbed to a series of heart attacks, Thursday night at 9:30 o'clock, at Ephraim McDowell Memorial hospital, in Danville, Ky., where he had been removed earlier in the day after the first sudden attack, from the Glitcher hotel, where he resided during the annual tobacco-selling season in Danville. Upon receipt of a message acquainting the family with Mr. Knott's illness, Mrs. Knott and daughter, Miss Mae, boarded a plane in Raleigh for the trip to Danville, but were unable to reach that city before he succumbed. A brother, Lee Knott, of Washington, and a nephew, Herbert C. Acton, Jr., who were associated with Mr. Knott in the "Peoples Tobacco Warehouse Company" at Danville, were at his bedside.

The remarks of Rev. Mr. Coates, in the final rites, related to Mr. Knott's broad human sympathies, his benevolence and to the service he rendered his fellowman, and the comforting Scriptural passages were quoted as a source of sustaining power to the family sorely shocked by the sudden passing of the husband, father and brother.

A quartet, composed of Mrs. J. W. Joyner, Mrs. Alton W. Bobbitt, Charles F. Baucum and W. C. Sheppard, of Snow Hill, sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," "The Rugged Cross" and "Now the Day is Over."

Interment was made in the family plot in Oakwood cemetery, Raleigh, at four o'clock, with grave service conducted by Dr. Broadus E. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church there, and favorite hymns were rendered by a mixed quartet from the choir. The floral tribute was one of the largest and handsomest yet sent to this section of the State.

Active pallbearers were J. N. Fountain, of Fountain; G. H. Webb, of Pinetops; Frank Davis, Jr., of H. D. Johnson, Irvin Morgan, Jr., G. E. Trowbridge, Drew Allen and Roy VanHilford.

Mr. Knott was born at Oxford in 1881, son of the late Rufus Fleming and Cornelia Hobgood Knott. He attended Homer Military Academy. He was a member of the Baptist Church, the Masonic lodge and a former member of the Farmville Rotary Club.

Coming to Farmville in 1912, when the Farmville tobacco market was just out of its infancy and in the growing stage, he took over and set up Knott's warehouse the following fall, 1913, as proprietor. This was the forerunner of the present Knott's firm of warehouses and warehouse number one is on the same site where the personally conducted leaf sales for thirty-three years, being recognized as one of the leading spirits and chief promoters of the Farmville market, and becoming widely known throughout this State, Kentucky and the tobacco world for the signal service he rendered the leaf sales branch of the industry.

He was a proprietor and part owner of Peoples Tobacco Warehouse Company in Danville, Ky., and had been associated with the Lumberton market and was owner of tobacco properties in South Carolina and Georgia.

For the past several years he had associated with him in the warehouse business here, J. N. Fountain, of Fountain, Grover H. Webb, of Pinetops and Jack Mays, of Greenville, but he retained active management and personally conducted the leaf sales.

Gravel and cordial in his manner and endowed with great human sympathy, Mr. Knott numbered his friends by the hundreds and in every walk of life.

His first wife, the late Mayme Coppedge Knott, died August 7, 1918.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louise Whittaker Knott; two daughters, Miss Mae Knott, of the home, and Mrs. John Council Parker, of Durham; five sisters, Mrs. L. G. Morrow, Mrs. Frank Mitchell, Mrs. Herbert E. Acton, Mrs. B. Robert Graham and Mrs. Edgar A. Womble, all of Raleigh; two brothers, Sidney M. Knott, of Raleigh and Lee E. Knott, of Washington, and several nieces and nephews.

Out-of-town relatives and friends attending the funeral were: Raleigh—Mrs. L. G. Morrow, Mrs. and Mrs. R. D. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Acton, Sr. and Mrs. L. M. Shirley, Leland Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Womble, Sr., Mrs. Rosa Mitchell, Frank Mitchell, Mr. and

RUFUS H. KNOTT

Mrs. S. M. Knott, Mrs. J. P. Allen, Miss Alma Oates and Mr. Young. Washington—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Knott, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Leach. Dothan, Ala.—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Blount. Danville, Ky.—Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Acton, Jr. Winston—Mrs. Adrian Mitchell. Lumberton—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Womble, Jr. Greenville—Pvt. Julian Edwards, Mrs. W. N. Spruill, Mrs. Powell Speight, Mrs. Jack Mays, and Miss Christine Mays.

Rocky Mount—Leroy Parker. Lake Waccamaw—James R. Parker. Clinton—Mr. and Mrs. Zach McWhorter. Kenly—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. White and J. R. Burn.

Maury—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Frizzelle, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Parry. Ayden—Jesse L. Tripp, Lawrence Tripp, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis.

Snow Hill—Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Frizzelle. Walstonburg—Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Fields, Miss Daisy Fields. Fountain—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fountain, Sr. and Mrs. John N. Fountain, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Treathan. Pinetops—Grover H. Webb, Misses Mary and Evelyn Webb.

**URGENT NEED FOR RED-CROSS KNITTERS**

Mrs. H. Neal Howard, chairman of the Knitting Division of the local Red Cross Production Room, has had a hurry call for 30 sleeveless V-neck sweaters and socks from headquart-

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## R. A. Parker Succumbs To Sudden Heart Attack

As we go to press, we learn of the sudden passing of Richard Amos Parker, 64, well known Farmville business man and a highly esteemed citizen, who died at his home here, Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, as the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Parker owned and managed the R. A. Parker Motor Co., here for many years and was a Pontiac dealer.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, but arrangements have not been completed, pending the arrival of members of the family, who live at distant points.

## MISS LUCY CHERRY CRISP ENTERTAINS KIWANIS CLUB

One of the most interesting programs, since the organization of the Local Kiwanis Club, was presented Monday night, by Elbert Holmes, who had as his guest speaker the well known writer, speaker, singer, and very charming personality, Miss Lucy Cherry Crisp, of Falkland and Greenville.

Miss Crisp chose to read from one of her many books, informing the audience at the outset that she might seem a little nervous as it had been some time since she had acted in the capacity of reading. However, no one was able to detect any nervousness as she kept everyone intensely interested by her charming manner and enchanting smile, as she read many of the grand poems she had written about the true sayings and actions of the Negroes, who lived on her father's farm near Falkland. She read all of the poems in the Negro dialect in which they were written.

The applause at the termination of her reading was proof of the undivided attention and interest of everyone present.

A. B. Blount, of Dothan, Ala., was a visiting Kiwanian for the occasion. H. M. Skinner and Dr. Ashby Winstead of Farmville and James Glasgow, recently discharged from the Marines, who resides in St. Louis, Mo., were guests of the club, also.

The program next week will be under the direction of David Harris.

Pitt County Chapter makes a shipment of knitted goods every two or three weeks and requests that Farmville have its quota by February 15, if possible.

Mrs. Howard stated that she doesn't have a car at the present in which to deliver the wool and so will have to ask that knitters call at her home for same.

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## Annual Ladies' Night Is Held By Firemen Here

**Banquet A Success Despite Sleet and Snow; R. A. Joyner, Retiring Asst. Chief, Master Of Ceremonies**

Despite the inclement weather, the Firemen's annual Ladies' Night banquet, held Wednesday evening, was reported as a huge success and an enjoyable event by both the firemen and their guests.

R. A. Joyner, the retiring Assistant Chief of the local Fire Department, in his usual happy manner, presided as toastmaster. M. W. Rollins welcomed the guests and Mayor J. W. Joyner responded in their behalf.

Due to weather conditions the principal speaker of the evening, Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, State Fire Marshal, and Frank Bennett, President of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, better known among firemen all over the State as "the Songbird of North Carolina," was sleet-bound, and at the eleventh hour both were forced to send their regrets.

Consequently, the program was impromptu, but proved interesting and most enjoyable. All departments affiliated with the town were recognized and each selected its own speakers from the midst of the gay company.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Clegg, of the Methodist Church, who have moved here in recent weeks, were presented, and the former made an inspiring appeal to each of his listeners to keep the romance of life alive in his heart.

The banquet honored also the members of the Fire Department, recently returned from overseas, and invited as special guests were all the returned service men of the town. These were introduced and given a rousing welcome.

The incoming Assistant Fire Chief, Curtis Flanagan, voiced the regrets of the Department that R. A. Joyner would no longer be an active member of the department, but emphasized the fact that he was retiring from active service only.

The program came to an end with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," led by Mrs. J. W. Joyner.

A delicious turkey dinner was served by the ladies of Group 3, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. W. M. Willis, chairman.

## Tar Heel Fishworm Fame Spreads West

It's a little early to drag out a fishing story, but the inflated prestige of the North Carolina earthworm—regarded by freshwater fish as a delicacy—has spread as far west as Wisconsin and it fairly wiggles for attention.

In the Summer of 1945 R. P. Moore, State College Extension Service agronomist, inspected a corn field on the farm of R. M. Fryar of McLeansville, Guilford County, and was intrigued by the number of "fishing" worms he discovered burrowing through the soil. Curious and ever on the alert for facts and figures, Moore blocked off small sections of the field, dug a few worms, brought out his slide rule, calculus formulas and divided by the square root. Adding a dash of imagination and a jigger of fact, he came up with the conclusion that if the field's earthworm crop were harvested instead of the hybrid corn to which it had been seeded, the yield would be 813 pounds an acre of the finest fish hook customers you ever saw.

Figuring this to be a pretty fair country yard of worms, Moore told the news boys about it and the story found its way to the Topka Kansas "Capper's Farmer," which enjoys a good circulation. The news was out and Mrs. Matilda Hubbard of R. 2, Gleason, Wis., pounced upon the idea that North Carolina worms held commercial possibilities. She has written specialist Moore asking for details of growing, harvesting and marketing wigglers of Tar Heel quality.

While doubtful that the enterprise will reach the international level, Moore, with the help of Farmer Fryar, will attempt to answer Mrs. Hubbard's questions. Incidentally, Fryar yielded an average of more than 100 bushels of hybrid corn to the acre.

**ODOM-WOODRUFF**

Willis Odom, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Odom, of Farmville, and Miss Sue May Woodruff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Woodruff, of Sharpsburg, were married at one o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Christian parsonage by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Mathison. The ceremony was witnessed by a few intimate friends.

**Prices by Areas.**

The prices for 15-18 inch middling American upland cotton for areas outside area one are as follows: Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina and Virginia, 24.04 cents a pound; other sections of the cotton belt slightly lower.

**Required by Law.**

OPA's notice was required by law 15 days in advance of the normal planting season. It bore the approval of the Agriculture Department.

This ceiling is based on the present parity price of 21.83 cents a pound for seven-eighths inch middling at Memphis plus a cushion of two