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## Miss Annie Perkins Honored At Community Celebration

**Veteran Educator Graciously Accepts Homage  
 Paid Her By Hundreds of Friends As She Re-  
 tires After Half Century of Service**

There is probably no community in the country where loyalty to leaders in promotion and development of its community is so keenly felt and manifested so consistently as it is in Farmville. An example of this spirit of loyalty and justifiable pride was the holding of a celebration here, Wednesday, to pay homage to a living citizen, Miss Annie Perkins, who as a veteran educator of half a century, has won an exalted position in the field of education in this State, builded her own monument in the hearts of approximately 4,500 children, who have come under her tutelage, and made for herself a special place in the hearts of the parents of those youngsters, who representing three generations, began their quest for knowledge under her capable direction.



MISS ANNIE PERKINS

With ideal weather prevailing, Farmville having previously proclaimed through its Mayor, J. W. Joyner, the day marking the close of an eminent career as an educator, as "Annie Perkins Day, threw wide its gates to a throng of men, women and children, who assembled in its peccan grove park to lay at the feet of this woman, who has taught in Pitt county schools 50 years, in the Farmville school 43 years, without losing a day on account of illness, a tribute of love, honor and high esteem. The school declared a half holiday in observance of the day.

There was not a dull moment from the time "Miss Annie", dressed in a white eyelet frock with an orchid shoulderette, mounted the dais, erected under the spreading branches of a pecan tree, bedecked with Dorothy Perkins roses, (probably a relation), and centered with the throne chair, until the crowd left the basket picnic dinner some two hours later. All listened with mingled smiles and tears as Farmville's Mayor turned over the huge key of the town to its honor guest; as J. H. Moore, Superintendent of Public Schools here, read resolutions of esteem passed by the Farmville Board of Education; to a prayer of thanksgiving for her life and a plea for blessings on her future, offered by George W. Davis; to anecdotes, related by Sam D. Bundy, a confessed "mischievous and prankish pupil of 1912" of punishment by, read tapping and hours of disgrace spent beneath teacher's desk and in solitary vigil in the hall, during which he learned the invaluable lessons of endurance and patience; watched the coronation ceremony, performed by Betsy Morris, Babe Willford and Ora Lee Flanagan, which reversed the order of so many hundreds of playlets, in which she directed the crowning of fairy queens, and the final tribute of her present pupils, 27 in number, who laid freshly gathered flowers at her feet.

Perhaps one of the greatest thrills, provided by the planned program, was the presentation of a floral heart, by Mr. Bundy, from the community in token of its heartfelt appreciation, which bore in its center a check for \$1,273.32, as a love offering.

Climaxing the occasion was "Miss Annie's" gracious and charming speech of acceptance of the homage paid her, her witty remarks and expression of genuine affection felt for her school work, which she stated never grew monotonous but was "a new venture every day." She declared, with visible emotion, that her interest in community affairs and citizens here would not be lessened in future years, and stated that she was taking as much pride in the proposed erection and plans for a public library building, gift of Miss Elizabeth Davis, as if she were sixteen.

One of the highlights of the program was the presentation of students, taught by "Miss Annie" during her first year as a school marm. These included Mrs. Nell Keel Rogers of Lake Alfred, Fla., Mrs. Lillian Keel Holston, Mrs. Mary Keel Lang, sisters, who attended, with neighborhood children, the school on the plantation of their father, Thomas E. Keel, where Miss Annie began her teaching career fifty years ago. T. W. and R. J. Lang, and Mrs. Ida Diddy Beaman and Mrs. Nina Diddy Holloman, sisters, who live near Watkinsonburg, were in this group also.

A large majority of those in attendance proudly raised their hands to attest to the fact that their education began at the knee of this wise and intelligent instructor.

Brenda Barnett, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Barnett, spoke her piece of regrets into the microphone as one unable to begin the new school term under "Miss Annie."

Major Joyner, as master of ceremonies, recognized as distinguished guests, Congressman Robert C. Wheeler, who was superintendent for 13 years, and his successor, superintendent, R. E. Boyd.

## "Miss Annie" Has Seen Great Advance In Education Here

These have been maintained and many progressive changes made under the present efficient superintendent, J. H. Moore, the former board, composed of Dr. Paul E. Jones, J. I. Morgan Sr., J. W. Holmes, and John B. Lewis, and the present board, composed of Mr. Lewis, chairman, Irvin Morgan, Jr., secretary, A. C. Monk, Jr., Arch J. Flanagan and Dr. John M. Mewborn.

The additions of the past few years include a Home Economics Cottage, furnishings and equipment for which were donated by local people. This was the first school in the State to have a unit of this kind; a modern gym; four class rooms; a vocational building with a modern shop, lecture room and laboratory, tools and power equipment; central heating plant, athletic field and grandstand.

Some six or eight years ago citizens here made provision for the restoration of a nine months term and the addition of the 12th grade. A lunch room, started in the spring of 1940, has filled a long felt need and grown steadily in service and usefulness. The old gymnasium has been recently equipped with modern lunch room furnishings and has been in use for the past two weeks.

The outstanding advancement made in recent years, aside from those of a material nature, was the listing of the school in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, (December 1940). There are only about 65 schools in the State that have attained this distinction; the elementary school ranks A with the State Department of Public Instruction; the Science department is rated among the best in the State; the library is reported as one of the best furnished and equipped units in this section; for the past three years, the school has excelled in the field of basketball, boys' and girls' teams.

The school maintains 22 teachers and has an enrollment of 761 pupils at this time. In addition, there is a piano teacher, who works independently.

The Farmville school and its achievements are viewed with justifiable pride by citizens here, being the outcome of humble beginnings and remarkable progress, and the result of the endeavor of courageous men and women of vision, many of whom, like "Miss Annie" have lived to see their dream of an adequate plant and model educational system fully realized.

Advantages were extended and the standards of the school raised under the splendid management of G. E. Wheeler, who was superintendent for 13 years, and his successor, superintendent, R. E. Boyd.

## Democratic Primary To Be Held May 25th

Overshadowing other events of the week and here will be the Democratic Primary to be held, Saturday, the 26th, when Farmvillians and other citizens of Pitt, will cast their ballots for a Representative in Congress from the First District; for State Senator; House of Representatives; Sheriff; County Commissioners of 1st and 4th Districts; County Board of Education.

The only Farmville citizens on the ballot are: George W. Davis, exmayor of Farmville, who is a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives, and Paul E. Jones, for County Board of Education.

The polls, which will be held at the fire station in the municipal building, will open at 6:30 A. M. and close at 6:30 P. M., with John B. Joyner as registrar and Joel W. Moye, Bill Morton and R. A. Fields, Sr., acting as judges.

Persons not properly registered will be unable to vote. For the information of voters of Farmville precinct, qualifications for primary registration and voting as published recently, throughout the county as a reminder by J. H. Harrell, chairman of the Pitt County Board of Elections, are set forth here again and are as follows:

1. Applicant for registration must be a citizen and shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language, unless registered prior to December 1, 1908, in accordance with the permanent Registration Act (Grandfather's Clause).
2. Applicant must be twenty-one years of age by the next General Election, November 5, 1946.
3. Applicant must have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for one year, and in the Precinct, Ward or other election district, in which he offers to vote, four months preceding the General Election on November 5, 1946.

All service men, who registered by mail, must re-register if discharged from service. Registration books were closed on May 11. Last Saturday, May 18, was Challenge Day.

## SAMPLE BALLOT Official Democratic Primary Ballot

- For State Senator, House of Representatives and Pitt County Officers.
- Instructions
1. To vote for a Candidate on the Ballot, make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
  2. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

- For State Senator  
 (Vote for One)
- [ ] J. F. Arthur
  - [ ] Arthur B. Corey
  - [ ] Frank M. Wooten, Jr.
- For House of Representatives  
 (Vote for Two)
- [ ] George W. Davis
  - [ ] F. M. Kilpatrick
  - [ ] S. O. Worthington
- For Sheriff  
 (Vote for One)
- [ ] R. W. King
  - [ ] Seth T. Porter
  - [ ] Ruel W. Tyson
- For County Commissioners  
 "First District"  
 (Vote for One)
- [ ] J. Noah Williams
  - [ ] Vance Perkins
- "Fourth District"  
 (Vote for One)
- [ ] G. S. Porter
  - [ ] Marvin W. Smith
  - [ ] Blount J. Edwards
- For County Board of Education  
 (Vote for Four)
- [ ] A. D. Wall
  - [ ] W. F. Stokes
  - [ ] Paul E. Jones
  - [ ] Alton Gardner
  - [ ] R. H. McLawhorn

## MEMORIAL SERVICES HERE SUNDAY, MAY 26

The Farmville Post, American Legion, is making plans for its annual Memorial Day Service, which according to custom will be held on Sunday following Poppy Day.

Rev. E. R. Clegg, pastor of the Farmville Methodist Church, will be the speaker for a memorial program at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon in Forest Hill Cemetery. The public is invited to attend.

## Sam D. Bundy Chosen To Serve Local Organizations

Sam D. Bundy has accepted the position as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Supervisor of the Farmville Tobacco Market and will begin his new duties on June 1st, it was announced today by Lewis Allen, president of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and H. H. Bradham, president of the Tobacco Board of Trade.

A native of Farmville, he attended the public schools here, was graduated from Duke University, and has served as principal of schools in Duplin, Edgecombe, and Martin Counties. He is relinquishing his position as principal of the Williamston High School to take this new position.

Mr. Bundy has taken an active part in civic organizations. He is a Past Master of the Tarboro Masonic Lodge and a Past President of the Tarboro Kiwanis Club.

He served as Chief Clerk of the Edgecombe Rationing Board in 1944. In 1943 he served as lieutenant governor of the Sixth Division of the Carolina's Kiwanis District, last year was Governor of the Carolina's Kiwanis District, and is now serving as Chairman of the Kiwanis International Committee on Achievement Reports.

He is a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. Mr. Bundy is married to the former Miss Bettie Spencer of Seaboard and is the father of two boys.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES TODAY, MAY 24

Today marks the close of the 1945-46 term of the Farmville public schools, one of the most successful in its history, according to the Superintendent, J. H. Moore.

Final exercises will be held tonight at 8:00 o'clock, in Perkins Hall, with the Parent-Teacher Association, of which George W. Davis, is president, holding its final meeting, followed by a patriotic pageant to be presented by the grammar grades. Awards, offered annually by individuals and groups, will be presented and a reception will be held in the new lunch room.

## Ewing Trial

Fayetteville, May 23. — Solicitor Ernie Carlye said today that Wall C. Ewing, former radio station operator, legislator and member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, would go on trial in Cumberland County Superior Court June 4 on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the death of his wife.

## Episcopal Women Of District To Meet Here On May 28th

Episcopal women of this district, comprising churches of Ayden, Farmville, Greenville, Grifton and Winterville, will assemble in Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Tuesday morning, May 28, for the annual meeting of the Get-Together Group. Women of St. John's, a rural Church, have been invited as special guests.

At 10:00 o'clock a corporate communion service will be held with the rector, the Rev. J. R. Rountree, as celebrant.

Following this service, the meeting will be called to order by Miss Helen Smith, president of the district. Mrs. C. S. Hotchkiss, secretary, will make a report at this time.

Highlights of the program will be a talk by Mrs. Sidney Ward, of Plymouth, president of the Edenton Convocation, on the Reconstruction and Advance Program, a discussion of Camp Leach by Miss Henrie Long, of Greenville, Educational Secretary of the Diocese, and a solo by Mrs. R. O. Lang, Jr.

An open forum will be held for the presentation of auxiliary problems and oral reports of outstanding achievements of the past year.

## Local Kiwanis Club Salutes Radio And Station W. G. T. C.

One of the most interesting and entertaining meetings of the year was presented at the Kiwanis Club Monday night with the entire membership present and taking an active part in the program which was broadcast after the business session over Radio Station W.G.T.C., of Greenville from 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock. As 1946 marks the 26th anniversary of Radio, this was a very fitting program.

Frank Allen was program chairman and master of ceremonies. President Charlie Hotchkiss gave "A salute to Radio and W.G.T.C.," presenting his remarks in a most interesting way. Charlie stated that J. C. Maxwell was the first scientist in Radio in 1873, followed by Marconi, an Italian, in 1893, and that in Aug. 1920 W.W.J. of Detroit made the first broadcast. Television was perfected in 1939 and Radar in 1948.

Other interesting facts highlighted Charlie's talk as there are 34 million radios in our homes today, almost 1000 broadcasting stations employing over 25 thousand people, a possibility of there being 100 television stations by the end of 1947 and the important part radio has played in the education of our country, in that thousands of homes have been reached and informed of current events, which otherwise would have never been learned.

A radio quiz was held with a prize of \$100 to those who answered their questions correctly. Twelve members became \$1.00 richer for their efforts.

## Base Ball League Recently Organized

Farmville's Baseball Club is a member of the recently organized Bright Leaf Baseball League, which includes teams from Macleesfield, Pinotus, Saratoga, Evansdale and Gardeners.

The local team has played two games in the League schedule, winning one and losing one. New Manager for the Farmville players is Marvin Hinson, assistant manager, Shorty Brock, publicity and arrangement chairman, Sam Hobbgood.

Members of the team and their positions are Andrew Neumanns, pitcher; A. C. Morgan, catcher; Beasley Bailey, third base; Cecil Little, right field; Sam Hobbgood, left field; Jim Corbett, first base; Brooks Oakley, second base; Shorty Brock, short stop; Horace Moore, left field; Otis Brock, center field; J. C. Brock, Jr., center field; Ernest Gay, right field.

## At The Rotary Club

At the Rotary Club meeting this week, presided over by the president, Frank Williams, a special tribute was paid Ed Nash Warren for his outstanding service in Boy Scout work.

Dr. John M. Mewborn reported that some progress has been made on beautification of the school grounds. Paul Fowl stated that attendance last month was 91.43 percent.

Dr. Charles Fitzgerald, program leader, spoke on the RH Factor, which has to do with blood transfusion. He pointed out that certain types of blood incompatibility matched will in most cases prove fatal.

Visitors Tuesday evening were F. M. "Sandy" Ellsworth of the Ayden Club, who won the arrangement prize, C. F. Brock, and



YOUR POPPY IS DOING DOUBLE DUTY THIS YEAR..

Tomorrow will be Poppy Day in Farmville and in thousands of other cities and towns throughout the United States.

Millions of Americans will pay tribute to the nation's dead of both world wars by wearing memorial poppies, and by their contributions will aid war's living victims, and disabled veterans, and the families of the dead and disabled.