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FARMVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL FINALS MARKED BY PAGEANT

Parent-Teachers Hold Meeting; Awards Made; Reception Follows

Final exercises, marking the close of the 1945-46 term of the Farmville public school, were presented Friday evening, at 8:00 o'clock, to an audience that taxed the capacity of Perkins Hall.

The program of the evening called for a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, the final one of this year, over which, the President, George W. Davis, presided. The Rev. E. R. Clegg, pastor of the Methodist Church offered the invocation. Mrs. Walter B. Jones, secretary, gave her report in the routine business session.

The room roll call was won by the 6th grade, Mrs. W. E. Joyner, teacher.

Miss Annie Perkins, veteran educator, who has been a member of the faculty since the establishment of the graded school here in 1903 and is retiring after continuous teaching service in Pitt County for the past 50 years, was presented and given a rousing vote of appreciation. Miss Annie responded to the ovation accorded her with brief but apt remarks.

An offering, taken for support of the Parent-Teacher Association, amounted to \$48.19.

Following adjournment, a Patriotic Pageant, a spectacular production and inspiring in its theme, was presented in a professional-like manner by pupils of the grammar grades, under the direction of Mrs. L. P. Thomas, Mrs. J. E. Bynum, Mrs. W. E. Joyner, Mrs. Leonard Joyner, Miss Edna Robinson, Mrs. John Turner Walston, Miss Hazel Baker and Mrs. Joseph Bachelor, with Mrs. M. V. Jones as accompanist.

Superintendent J. H. Moore awarded students the following prizes and medals:

Kiwanis medals for most improvement, Bobby Brock, 8th grade; Lehman Tyndall, 9th grade; Betty R. Wilkerson, 10th grade; Marjorie Killbrew, 11th grade; Farmville Literary Club, \$5, for most improvement in high school English, Lehman Tyndall;

Mrs. J. T. Morgan, Sr., \$5, (in memory of her husband) for most improvement in Spanish, Bruce Darden;

J. Y. Monk, Jr., \$5, (in memory of his mother) for most improvement in mathematics, Lehman Tyndall;

Williams Grocery and Market, \$5, best recitation in primary school, Zarelda Walston;

Farmville Furniture Company, \$5, for best recitation in primary school, George Farr;

Duke-Garner Company, \$5, best recitation in grammar school, by Joan Atkinson;

A friend, \$5, best declaration in grammar school, by Aldeen Oakley.

Mrs. F. M. Davis, Sr., attendance prize, by 7th grade, Mrs. L. P. Thomas, teacher;

Piano awards, given by Mrs. Haywood Smith, teacher, best public performance, Carolyn Roebuck; most improvement, Anne Bynum; most improvement in sight reading, Cedric Davis.

A reception was held in the new lunch room immediately following the exercises. Punch and cookies were served.

At The Rotary Club

Frank Williams, president, presided at Tuesday's meeting of the Rotary Club, and called on Bill Duke, present vice-president and incoming president, to give highlights of the 1945-46 term of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs which is being held May 29-31, at W. C. U. N. C., in Greensboro.

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, chairman of the Sallie Southall Cotton Loan Fund, Miss Annie Perkins, member of the Loan Fund Committee, Mrs. Jesse Moye, incoming president of the 15th district, Miss Tabitha M. DeVisconti, new president of the local Woman's Club, Mrs. R. T. Williams, president of the local Junior Woman's Club, and Mrs. M. E. Pollard, member and past president of the Junior Club.

Mrs. Hobgood will take part in Memorial Exercises honoring Mrs. T. Palmer Jerman, who was chairman of the Board of Trustees and a former president of the N. C. Federation.

The recent request of Mrs. LaPell Dickinson, General Federation President, that clubwomen contribute a "Marathon Mound of Cloth" for the ragged children of Geneva, met with hearty response by the local women and the Farmville delegates were able to take a splendid contribution of dress materials to the convention.

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Episcopal Women Of District Met Here on May 28

Episcopal women of this district met Tuesday in Emmanuel Episcopal Church for the first meeting of this group since the beginning of World War II, due to the difficulties of travel which prevailed during these years.

Miss Helen Smith, president, presided and extended a cordial welcome to the guests.

Highlights of the program were: a talk by Mrs. Sidney Ward, of Plymouth, president of the Edenton Convocation; a discussion of the Adult Conference to be held at Camp Leach, by Miss Hennie Long, of Greenville, Educational Secretary of the Diocese, and a solo by Mrs. R. O. Lang, Jr.

An open forum was conducted by the president for presentation of reports and auxiliary problems.

Mrs. Will Jones, Jr., of the nominating committee, presented the report, recommending Mrs. Elinor Gower, of Grifton, as president, and Mrs. Troy Rouse, of Greenville, as secretary. The report was accepted.

Mrs. Troy Rouse read the report of the courtesy committee.

The next meeting of this group will be held in Grifton.

Following the session, lunch was served in the D. A. R. Chapter House by the Woman's Auxiliary, of Emmanuel Church, of which Mrs. James R. Lang is the president. Working with the president in this connection were Mrs. R. S. Scott, Mrs. John D. Dixon and Mrs. W. R. Burnette, members of the decoration committee, and Mrs. Tommy S. Ryan, Mrs. R. C. Copenhaver and Mrs. C. S. Hotchkiss of the food committee.

Incumbents Favored In District Voting

Voters of Pitt county, in Saturday's Democratic Primary, favored Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, who was winner in the Congressional District No. 1, over his opponent, Robert Lee Humber, and continued other incumbents in office with but few exceptions.

In the county races, Sheriff Ruel W. Tyson defeated his two opponents, R. W. King and S. T. Porter.

Sam O. Worthington and Frank M. Kilpatrick won over George W. Davis in a three way race for the House of Representatives.

For the State Senate, Arthur B. Corey led his opponents J. F. Arthur and Frank M. Wooten, Jr.

In the race for County Commissioner of the Greenville District, J. Vance Perkins defeated the incumbent, J. Noah Williams.

In a three way race for the Fourth District Commissioner, Marvin W. Smith topped G. S. Porter, incumbent, and Blount J. Edwards.

In the five way race for four seats on the County Board of Education, Dr. Paul E. Jones, Alton Gardner, R. H. McLawhorn and W. F. Stokes, incumbents, were returned to office with A. D. Wall falling behind in the race.

ATTEND CONVENTION

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Special Election To Be Held June 4 for Bond Ordinance

Civic Projects and Financial Plan To Be Submitted To Will Of Citizens Here

In an effort to make Farmville a more sanitary, healthful and beautiful town, in which to live, and as a result of a recent petitioning action, civic authorities have announced the holding of a special election on Tuesday, June 4, for an expression by qualified voters in regard to four ordinances totaling \$466,000.00, adopted by the Board of Commissioners on April 27, and for the issuance of bonds authorized by the ordinance.

The polls will open at 6:30 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 4, and close at 6:30 P. M. The election, with J. B. Joyner as Registrar, and L. P. Thomas and E. A. Fields, Judges, will be held in the municipal building.

The Registrar kept the registration books open for registration of new electors at 121 N. Main street, on Saturday, May 18, and Saturday, May 25, and they will be open again on Saturday, June 1.

The first ordinance, authorizing issuance of \$42,000.00 in bonds, is to be used to finance the enlargement and extension of the town's water supply system.

The second ordinance, for issuance of \$18,000.00 in bonds, is for the enlargement and extension of the sanitary sewer system.

The third, relating to the issuance of \$230,000.00, is to do with financing the improvement of public streets by grading, constructing or reconstructing the surface where necessary, sidewalks, curbs gutters or drains.

Ordinance four provides for a bond issuance of \$186,000.00 for the enlargement and improvement of the municipal electric light system.

Each authorizes the levy and collection of annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds authorized.

Mayor J. W. Joyner stated today that he and the Town Fathers desire to carry out the mandate of the people they serve to the best of their ability.

The improvements contemplated are very important to the present and future of Farmville, and represent great forward strides in the progress and development of this municipality.

NEW PARAMOUNT MANAGER ASSUMES DUTIES THIS WEEK

Clifton Walton (Walt) Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hamilton, of Beaufort, arrived Sunday to assume the duties of manager of the Paramount Theatre, succeeding James Yates, who has accepted the management of the Whiteville Theatre.

Mr. Hamilton, who held the rank of Corporal in the United States Army, was released in November from Fort Bragg, having served two years, with 18 months spent in the Pacific Theatre—Palau group, Leyte and Okinawa, taking part in three campaigns.

Since January, Mr. Hamilton has been manager of the Colonial Theatre in New Bern.

He is residing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hubert Joyner.

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox Assumes New Duties

The Rev. Zesely B. T. (Thad) Cox arrived here last week, following expiration of his Chaplaincy and separation from the United States Army, in which he had served since March, 1941, to assume his duties as pastor of the Farmville Christian Church.

The minister, who was called to this pastorate last month, to succeed the Rev. C. B. Mashburn, retired, preached his first sermon, Sunday morning, to a large congregation, who accorded him a warm welcome.

The new pastor, who is 44 years of age, was born in Martin county, near Hassell. He is a Mason and Kiwanian.

A sketch of his life and comments in regard to coming to Farmville, taken from the "North Carolina Christian," are as follows:

"In 1927 I completed my high school work at Johnson Bible College; in 1930 and 1931 my work at Phillips University for B.A. and M.A. degrees, and in 1934 received the B.D. from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

From my senior year in high school until I completed my education, I held student pastorates in the vicinity where I was attending school. I moved to West Point, Va., in 1935, where my family now lives. During my stay there the church and parsonage were completely redecorated and five new class rooms built with a modern heating system. I was there about four and one-half years. Then I moved to South Salem, Va. During my two years there the parsonage and church were repaired and redecorated. The church budget was doubled. There were sixty additions.

"In March, 1941, I was called to active duty and reported to Camp Croft, S. C. After 21 months there, I was ordered overseas to Europe and remained until September, 1945. In November, 1945, I reported to Walter Reed General Hospital for duty.

"Mrs. Cox is a graduate of West Hampton College. Before we were married she taught English and coached dramatics in West Point, Va., High School. We have two boys, Paul and Thad, five and eight years of age. The older boy is in his second year of school.

"I deem it a great honor to accept the pastorate of the Farmville Church. Brother G. B. Mashburn has served long and exceedingly well. The church speaks of his unselfish Christian character. I believe the church has the finest fellowship of any church in the State. I realize it is a big job to follow a man like Brother Mashburn. I hope that our ministry there will be a fruitful one. As far as the future is concerned I will do all I can to advance the kingdom of God on the remarkable foundation already laid there.

"Mrs. Cox joins me in expressing our gratitude for this great opportunity of Christian service in North Carolina."

N.C.C. Editor's Note:
"We heartily welcome Captain Cox and his good family back to his native heath. It always seems good for a 'Tar Heel' to come home. Their lives will be filled with a great, good work at Farmville. This resourceful old church is indeed fortunate with this fine new leadership, following the long and fruitful ministry of Bro. Mashburn who happily gave twenty years of his best years in this historic community."

"Greetings to Farmville's new pastor."

The family of Mr. Cox is expected to arrive today.

Bicycle Safety Campaign To Be Conducted Tonight

Cpl. John Laws, State Patrolman, To Assist Local Police and Civic Groups In Steps To Safeguard Children

All white children of the town, between the ages of 6 and 16 years, and their parents have been requested to meet in the Town Hall tonight, May 31, at 7:30 o'clock, to receive instructions from Cpl. John Laws, State highway patrolman, on the safe operation of bicycles, in an intensive campaign to safeguard the young people here from potential accidents that offer more than a mere threat in the fast growing hazards due to the increasing delapidation of automobiles now in use.

The Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs are acting with Chief L. T. Lucas and the police department in a concerted movement to instruct bicycle riders in safety rules for operating their vehicles, and to impress upon parents the grave dangers involved in the careless use of this favorite mode of transportation by young people of the town.

State and municipal laws regarding bicycle traffic will be read and explained, and their strict observance by riders will date from the close of the meeting, as the police department has had orders to enforce these rules, which have been passed as a much-needed safety measure.

Valuable articles, including a bicycle basket, horn, lamp, wheel guard, scooter, bill fold, candy, sweaters, overall pants, sport shirt, books, cash, pencil and an electric reading lamp, have been donated by local merchants as prizes for a quiz program, which will follow the short training course and furnish additional interest and fun. These are now on display in the show windows of The Rose Printery.

A similar program will be conducted Wednesday night, June 5, in the colored school at 7:30 o'clock for the colored bicyclists and their parents, with prizes offered attendants who win in competitive contests.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Troop I of the local Girl Scouts recently completed the required activities necessary to receive their Second Class Rank. Their final assignment was in the field of Literature and Dramatics, and they presented, at their last regular meeting, a play compiled by Elsie May from a story published in the Official Girl Scout Magazine, The American Girl. Scouts in the cast were Jean Bynum, Betty Johnson, Dorothy Hathaway, Dorothy Lucas, Gay Pippin, Connie Rollins, Dora Mae Barrett and Carol Pippin. The play was staged and coached by the girls without adult supervision.

The study of dramatics will be continued in the Fall. During the summer vacation period the girls will spend the week of June 16-23 at Carolina Beach, will have picnic meetings and go on hikes, but will not have any required study.

It's surprising what punishment some skinny and undernourished women can take.

PITT AND GREENE ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORP. TO MEET HERE

Girl Scout Program And Dance Recital To Be Given Tonight

The annual meeting of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation will be held here, Saturday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock, in the hall of the municipal building with a good representation of the 1413 members and owners of the properties of the corporation, expected to attend.

The members will, at this time, learn the facts concerning the operation of their lines from the Board of Directors, and of business affairs of the cooperative. In addition, the organization will hold its annual election of members to the Board of Directors.

Composing the present Board of Directors are: J. Lee Tugwell, president; J. C. Barker, vice president; Seth Barrow, sec-treas.; R. A. Joyner, manager; David T. Harris, superintendent; W. C. Hinson, O. L. Erwin, E. E. Nethercutt and J. E. Mewborn.

The following attendance prizes will be given at this meeting: 1st—Automatic Gladiolus, valued at \$46.50; 2nd—Hot Plate, \$15.95; 3rd—Electric Heater, \$9.95; 4th & 5th—Electric Irons, \$6.95 each; 6th—Electric Fan, \$6.95; 7th—Table Lamp, \$6.25; 8th—Electric toaster, \$5.95.

These rules will be observed in awarding prizes:

1.—To be eligible to participate in the drawing of prizes, you must be a member of the Cooperative and a consumer of electric current.

2.—Only one person from each membership is eligible to participate, and must be in the name of the member, his wife, or legally appointed representative of his immediate family.

3.—If the member cannot be present himself, he may designate another in his household by signing the proxy and officially making this person his representative.

4.—To participate you must give your name and address at the entrance, which will be written on a slip of paper and dropped in a box.

5.—YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT THE DRAWING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRIZES.

A recent report by the local manager, R. A. Joyner, revealed the fact that despite the scarcity of materials the lines in operation were increased by 25 miles in 1945, with a total of 281 being in use now, with the monthly revenue of \$13.27 per mile, an increase of 48c.

During the past year the Corporation has invested from the surplus \$2,000.00 in Government Bonds and made an advance payment to the Government on its loan in the amount of \$6,345.38, and since the beginning of operations, has accumulated a cash surplus of \$52,238.77, after meeting all obligations as due; \$24,913.00 of this amount is invested in U. S. Government Bonds, or what was generally known as War Bonds. The other \$27,325.77 has been paid to the Government as advance payments on money borrowed. This advance payment naturally stops the interest on that money and should present status continue, the Corporation will be able to own its lines in its entirety approximately five years earlier than anticipated.

The total revenues in 1944 was \$39,408.52, for 1945 it was \$45,089.55. The expense also jumped, however, from \$19,167.76 to \$24,655.50. The gross income for 1945 was \$20,434.13; net income (surplus) was \$9,867.67.

The Cooperative now has available \$300,000.00, which is sufficient to furnish electric current to every un-electrified home in this territory as soon as materials can be secured.

Mr. Joyner stated today that "speaking of our construction plans will say that we are making some progress, but due to labor conditions, extreme shortage of the necessary materials with which to build lines, specifically poles, wire, transformers and meters, we are yet unable to make any definite statement as to when we will be able to furnish service to those not already receiving it."

"We do wish to assure all of those who are now waiting for electricity that we shall continue to use every possible means to give them electric service at the very earliest possible moment. We do hope that these prospective users will be as patient as possible until we are able to get the material and labor to serve their property. Our postwar plans are to complete our electrification program as soon as we can."

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"MY DAY"

I hope Mrs. Roosevelt will pardon the above infringement but last Wednesday, May 22nd, was truly "My Day" and I wish to thank every man, woman and child, who, in any way, participated in celebrating the day and in making it one of the happiest occasions of my life. Especially do I wish to thank the Staff of The Enterprise and other friends who bore the responsibility of making and assisting in the execution of plans for the day.

Annie Perkins.

ON GUAM

Robert Darden, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Darden, of Farmville, is now stationed with the Army Air Forces on Guam.

He entered service in August, 1944, and went overseas in March, 1945. Darden was promoted to the rank of corporal in January.

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Bill Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Williams, of Farmville, was recently discharged from the Marine Corps after 43 months service. While overseas he served with the First Marine Air Wing in the Philippines and received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 stars.

In September, 1945, he was sent to Taichung in North China, where he was stationed for six months. Williams arrived in the states early this month and was discharged at Camp Lejeune on May 24th.

ON TERMINAL LEAVE

B. S. Smith, Jr., Lt. (jg) United States Coast Guard, arrived Thursday, on terminal leave. Lt. Smith has spent four years and 10 months in military service with one year overseas in the Mediterranean Theatre. He had an assignment ashore with a Naval Operations Detachment and stated today that he toured Italy from the top of his boot to the bottom, being stationed at intervals in Naples, Lathrop, Venice, Rome, Florence and Milan.

Lt. Smith is scheduled to wear a number of European-African ribbons.

FARMVILLE GIRL SCOUTS—Left to right, bottom row: Grace Miller, Marcia Forbes, Doris Erwin Wilkerson, Janet Harris; second row: Jessie Mae Carraway, Patsy Allen, Videau Joyner, Dotdee Jones, Shirley Newton, Carol Batts, Rae Hathaway, Jenn Clayton; third row: Jean Bynum, Dot Lucas, Elsie May, Jean Joyner, Dot Hathaway, Barbara Greene, Willis Ray Harper, Joan Atkinson, Carol Pippin, Vivian Morgan, Nancy La Moore, Ann Bynum; fourth row: Connie Rollins, Gay Pippin, Gayle Flanagan, Julia Satterthwaite. Other Scouts unable to be present at the time the picture was made are: Carolyn Roebuck, Dora Mae Barrett, Betty Johnson, Ruth Tyson.