

CITY CLERK RETIRES AFTER 26 YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE

R. A. Joyner Tenders His Resignation; City Fathers Commend Him For His Sincerity, Honesty and Faithfulness

The following letter containing a resolution of commendation, was sent by Mayor J. W. Joyner and the Town Board, on September 18, to Town Clerk, R. A. Joyner, in acceptance of his resignation, due to failing health, and as an expression of appreciation for his efficient service for the past 26 years:

"In a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Farmville, held on Tuesday evening, September 10, 1946, at 8:00 o'clock, with the Mayor and full Board present, the Mayor stated the purpose of said meeting was to review audit of the Town books and cash account made by James M. Williams, Auditor of Williams and Wall, G. P. A., of Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Williams explained to the Board that all records were found in perfect condition and submitted a cash audit up to and including September 10, 1946. On the basis of said audit, a motion was made by J. M. Stansill and seconded by W. A. Allen, and by roll call was unanimously accepted and you were released from any further responsibilities of your duties to the Town of Farmville as Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Accountant.

In accepting your resignation and relieving you of your obligations the following resolution was adopted: Be it resolved, that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Farmville wish to commend you for the efficiency of your twenty-six (26) years of service, for your sincerity, honesty and loyalty to your Town, County, State and Nation.

We further commend the fine record of your leadership and untiring efforts for your Town and Community. Thanking you in behalf of all concerned for your past services and wishing for you many years of restored health.

Signed by the Mayor and committee, composed of John B. Lewis and Manly Liles.

CHANGE OF PERSONNEL OF THE GREENVILLE RECRUITING STATION

1st Sgt. Arthur W. Grant, Sub-Station Commander of the Washington, N. C., Recruiting Station since the first of July, which is now closed, has been assigned to the Greenville Recruiting Service as Sub-Station Commander. S/Sgt. Paul G. Manning former Sub-Station Commander, and a local boy of Greenville, will continue with the Recruiting Station as assistant. Other personnel assigned to the Recruiting Station are T/4 Smithwick and Cpl. D'Agugno. Cpl. D'Agugno will be leaving soon for his new assignment at Pope Field. The Greenville Station is prepared to give advice and assistance to the many men of Eastern North Carolina. Be sure to call at the U. S. Army Recruiting Station located in the New City Hall Building, Greenville, N. C.

Final Rites Held For B. R. Collins

Final rites for Benjamin R. Collins, 81, well-known Farmville citizen, who passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Leta Bray, on Belcher street, Thursday, September 19, following an extended illness were conducted from the Farmville Funeral Home, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, by the Rev. E. S. Coates, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Z. B. Cox, Christian minister. Members of the Presbyterian choir sang favorite hymns. Interment was made in Oakdale cemetery, Wilmington.

Mr. Collins, a former citizen of Wilmington, had resided in Farmville for the past twenty-five years, being connected with the Water and Light department until his retirement, due to infirmities. Affable and kindly in his manner, Mr. Collins made many friends during his residence here.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Mary Leta Bray, of Farmville; Mrs. W. S. Marsh and Mrs. Fred Mohr, of Wilmington; Mrs. E. E. Jordan, of Carolina Beach; a son, W. H. Collins, of Wilmington; a sister, Mrs. L. Croon, of Wilmington, and a brother, Claude Collins, of Wallonia.

Active pallbearers were: Dr. J. M. Newborn, Dr. Charles E. Fitzgerald, W. A. McAdams, Tom Harris, Archie Cayton and A. J. Greene.

Mrs. Lillian Parker Succumbed to Extended Illness on Friday

Mrs. Lillian Flynn Parker, 50, wife of Asa Parker, succumbed to an illness of several years, early Friday morning following an acute heart attack, at her home on North Main street.

Funeral services were conducted from the Farmville Funeral Home, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, by the Rev. Z. B. Cox, pastor of the Christian Church, of which she had been a faithful and loyal member since early childhood. A choir, composed of Mrs. Clarence Moyer, of Maury, Mrs. C. B. Townsend, Miss Ruth Moore, the Rev. E. S. Coates and Charles F. Bauson sang "Near My God to Thee and Song of Ages at the indoor service and In the Sweet Bye and Bye at the graveside, in Hollywood cemetery.

Mrs. Parker was well known here having been a native of this section and spending her entire life in Farmville and community, and had many friends. She was an excellent nurse prior to her own illness and served efficiently for a time in the high school cafeteria. She was the daughter of the late T. M. and Josephine Moyer Flynn.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Parker is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John Hill Taylor, of Farmville, and Mrs. Eva F. Darling, of San Diego, Calif.

Active pallbearers were: Jack Paylor, a nephew, Lawrence, Howard, Clarence, Jesse, Milton, and Joel Moyer, Sr., and George Patterson, cousins.

Chemical Control In Tobacco Plant Beds

More and more, tobacco growers are turning to permanent plant bed sites in the development of an abundant supply of plants for setting the crop on time and producing tobacco of better quality, and at the same time, larger yields per acre.

Chemical control of both weeds and diseases can be obtained by the use of urammon and cyanamid, applied about 30 days before the bed is seeded. The mixture is 1 pound of urammon and 1/2 pound of cyanamid per 100 square yards of plant bed space.

Since results have varied on the stiff clay soils of the Piedmont and the dark, organic soils of Eastern Carolina, it will be best for the growers in these sections to carefully test the treatment before applying it on a wide scale.

The plant bed must be thoroughly disced and pulverized so as to get a clod-free surface, if the chemicals are to do a good job of weed and disease control.

Plant pathologists and tobacco specialists at State College recommend that two-thirds of the urammon-cyanamid mixture be worked into the upper 4 inches of the topsoil, but no deeper. The remaining one-third of the mixture is lightly raked into the upper one inch.

If the soil is dry, when the chemicals are applied, the plant bed should be well watered. The chemicals need moisture to become active.

One of the most important points in the control plan comes when the bed is fertilized and seeded in January. The fertilizer is carefully worked into the upper 1 1/2 inches of the topsoil, but no deeper. The seed are sown and then tamped in the usual manner. Deeper working than this may bring up diseases and weed seed that have not been killed by the chemicals. If the grower is not careful in doing this job, the whole plan is disrupted.

Spread Of Hybrids Rapid In Six Years

Production of hybrid corn seed has increased almost 10 times over in the six years since the North Carolina Experiment Station first released it to the farming public.

When the seed was first endorsed by the research agronomists in 1940, only enough to plant less than 1% of the total corn acreage in the state was available. In all, says Dr. Paul Harvey of State College, it wouldn't plant more than 500 acres.

For the 1945 crop, however, enough certified seed was available to plant hybrid corn on one out of every 10 acres of corn. Next year's plans call for an even greater production with approximately 50,000 bushels of the seed to be available.

Even this production, he says, will not put the state up to the national average which this year stood at two out of every three acres of corn in hybrids.

The first seed was released in the state in 1939. It was a single cross, called "Watts 60." It was a hybrid of two inbred strains, one of which was developed by Dr. L. H. Craven in 1912. The other was a cross of two inbred strains developed by Dr. C. G. Young in 1912.

Country Club Employs Full Time Golf Pro

Kelly Kee, Former Pro At Morganton and Gastonia, Accepts Job Here

In a move designed to increase interest in the Farmville Country Club, the Local Recreation Commission, at a called meeting Tuesday night decided to employ a fulltime Golf Professional.

After considering many applications the place was offered to Kelly Kee, a native of Gastonia. Mr. Kee was immediately contacted and accepted as of October first.

The directors feel this action will stimulate interest in Golf to new heights, and that many new players will utilize the Course now that competent instructions may be had at a nominal fee. It has long been a source of pride to the people of Farmville and the surrounding towns, that the local Country Club existed. The Club House and Golf Course surpass many of those located in larger cities. With the addition of a fulltime man to direct the activities, the Club should be an even greater source of entertainment and recreation to the citizens of Farmville, Snow Hill, Fountain and other nearby towns.

The new Farmville Professional course is highly recommended, having served in similar positions in Gastonia and Morganton. For the past four years Kee has been serving in the U. S. Marine Corps and during this time he designed the famous Naval Golf Course at Williamsburg, Va. He is familiar to many sports fans of this section, having pitched baseball for the Greenville Club of the Coastal Plain League in 1941 and performing in a like manner for the Wilson Tobaccoist of the same League during the season just closed. Kee, who is 30 years old, was married in 1945 to the former Jewell Cooke of Wilson.

Although not officially taking over until Tuesday, October 1, Kee stated that he would be in Farmville, Saturday and Sunday of this week to meet as many people as possible. The directors urge that all members and prospective members visit the Club over the week end to extend a cordial welcome to the new Pro.

Air Mail Stamps Go On Sale Here

New Five Cent Postage Stamps To Go On Sale Today In Farmville

The new five-cent air mail postage stamp, which will go into sale October 1, will be placed on sale here today it was announced by Postmaster H. D. Johnson.

Rated as postage on domestic air mail, the term "domestic air mail" embraces all mailable matter transported as mail by air within the continental United States, with any territory or possession of the United States, within any geographical area which is a protectorate of the United States, or between any of the aforesaid.

The five-cent rate also will apply to air mail sent to or by members of the armed forces stationed outside the continental United States whose address includes an Army postoffice or a Fleet postoffice designation. This rate also will apply to air mail sent to or by civilian personnel authorized to receive mail through such Army or Navy postoffices.

The five-cent air mail postage stamp is the size of a special delivery stamp, arranged horizontally, printed by rotary process in red, and issued in sheets of 50. The central design is a modern-type, four-motored transport plane in flight. Above the plane is the wording "air mail" in dark-blue gothic, and on either side of the plane appear the numerals "5c" in the same style lettering. At the bottom of the stamp in a narrow band with a dark background is the inscription "United States of America" in white-face gothic. The embossed stamp on the five-cent air mail stamp will conform in style, design, and color to the postage stamp.

The advance sale of the new five-cent air mail stamp is authorized to afford patrons an opportunity of obtaining the new stamp and air mail stamped envelopes for use beginning October 1. All air mail deposited in the postoffice prior to midnight September 30 must bear a present domestic rate of eight cents per ounce, or if expressed or Fleet postoffice mail, bear six cents for each ounce.

For a period not to exceed 30 days after the date of issue, the new stamp will be sold at a special rate of five cents per stamp. The advance sale of the new stamp is authorized to afford patrons an opportunity of obtaining the new stamp and air mail stamped envelopes for use beginning October 1. All air mail deposited in the postoffice prior to midnight September 30 must bear a present domestic rate of eight cents per ounce, or if expressed or Fleet postoffice mail, bear six cents for each ounce.

Mrs. Mary I. Davis Succumbs at 86

Final Rites Held Tuesday for Highly Esteemed Farmville Citizen

Mrs. Mary I. Davis, 86, one of the oldest and best beloved citizens of Farmville, succumbed Monday evening at 6:55 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Miss Mamie E. Davis, to a critical illness of several weeks duration, following an attack of pneumonia.

Final rites were conducted from the home on West Church street, Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, by the Rev. E. W. Holmes, pastor of the Baptist Church, and the Rev. Z. B. Cox, Christian minister.

A mixed quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert C. Holmes, Mrs. E. W. Holmes and J. R. Shearin sang "Abide With Me, Sweet Hour of Prayer, Near The Cross and Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour."

Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery beneath a large and handsome floral tribute.

Mrs. Davis was born in 1860, the daughter of the late Preston I. and Mary I. Weathersbee, of Melrose, Fla., who were among the early pioneers moving from South Carolina to Florida. She was the oldest of six children born of that union.

Her husband, the late George W. Davis, Sr., a native of the Farmville community, passed away in 1932 at Hawthorne, Fla., where the family had resided for many years. Following his death, Mrs. Davis came to make her home here with her daughter, Miss Mamie E. Davis.

Mrs. Davis sustained a hip injury in a fall six years ago and had been in a wheel chair since, being attended almost throughout this entire period by her faithful colored nurses, Hattie and Mandy. During daily outings, she kept up her interest in friends and community activities and made many new acquaintances who were attracted by her keen mind, gracious manner and dauntless spirit.

She had long been a loyal member of the Baptist Church and was a constant attendant until her health failed. Her Christian fortitude was a constant source of inspiration to family and friends.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. L. E. Johnson and Miss Mamie E. Davis, of Farmville; three sons, Robert Lang Davis, of Orlando, Fla., Frank M. Davis, Jr., and George W. Davis, of Farmville; a sister, Mrs. E. I. Roberts, of Cocon, Fla.; eleven grandchildren, five great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Community Planning Board Met Tuesday

The Community Planning Board held its first meeting of the fall, on Tuesday evening, at 8:00 o'clock, with the newly elected president, Dr. J. M. Newborn presiding. The president, in his introductory remarks, stressed the fact this group would hold open meetings and would welcome at any time any citizen of the community interested in civic development.

Various members spoke on the main objective of the Board—making Farmville a better place in which to live, and expressed a desire that citizens support and assist in carrying out plans formulated for this purpose.

Pressing needs were listed as housing, both private and public; a resident contractor, a saw mill and concrete block plant. The need of building, which would attract new industries to the community was brought to the attention of the Board also.

In the matter of recreation, the need of a community center was placed foremost; a full time recreational director; improvement of tennis courts, and softball field, including lights.

Objectives sought during the previous year were reviewed and the Board expressed gratification in the zoning, paving and parking activities now in process and appreciation to Miss Elizabeth Davis for announcement of the proposed gift of a public library, and to her and other members of the Davis family for a suitable site.

The Board will meet again on Friday, October 4, at 8:00 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. I. Roberts, of Cocon, Fla.

Tobacco Market Prices Show An Upward Trend

(By Sam D. Bundy, Supervisor)

The prices for tobacco on the Farmville Tobacco Market have displayed an upward trend during the first three days of this week, and the daily averages have come close to the averages for the opening sales in August.

On Monday, the local market sold 487,814 pounds for \$264,995.95, for an average of \$54.26 per hundred; on Tuesday 487,008 pounds were sold for \$264,910.52, for an average of \$54.35 per hundred; and on Wednesday a total of 476,524 pounds for \$255,782.24 for an average of \$53.89 per hundred. The total sales for the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's sales this week totaled 1,451,346 pounds for \$785,391.41, for an average of \$54.16 per hundred.

The total poundage for the season through Wednesday, was 14,328,992, and it is estimated that by the close of the week the poundage will go well over 15,000,000, or 50 per cent of the market goal.

W. T. Hassell Passes At Staunton, Virginia

As we go to press, we learn of the death of William Taylor Hassell, 85, a brother of Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, of Farmville, which occurred, Tuesday, at his home in Staunton, Va., following an illness of about a year. Mr. Hobgood had been at his bedside for the past several weeks. Final rites were conducted from the Staunton Presbyterian Church, Wednesday. Details are lacking at this time.

Mr. Hassell, a native of Cross Hill, S. C., was the son of the late Rev. Andrew M. Hassell, a widely-known and prominent minister of the Presbyterian church, and his wife, Mrs. Sarah R. Hassell, who resided here for several years before her passing. He had rendered a signal service as a layman in the Presbyterian church prior to his illness. He was a member of the Masonic Order.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Fulton Hassell, two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, of Farmville; Mrs. Kate H. Reynolds, of Greenville; three brothers, Lt. Colonel John F. Hassell, of Richmond, Va.; Dr. J. W. Hassell, of Goldsboro; Chas. M. Hassell, of Charlotte, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Newspaper Week To Be Observed

A proclamation of October 1-8 as Newspaper Week in North Carolina was made yesterday by Governor Cherry "in the hope that such action will revive the thinking of the public concerning this institution—the free press of our State and Nation—which is the product of the Constitution and the servant of the public. Newspaper Week will be observed throughout the nation between those dates.

The Governor's proclamation: "The newspapers of our State comprise leading institutions in the several communities in which they operate.

"The press of our land and the maintenance of its complete freedom are integral parts of our way of life. "Perpetuation of the press we have only so recently won is in a large measure the responsibility of the press, together with other institutions.

"October 1 to October 8 has been designated as National Newspaper Week in the United States. "Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim Newspaper Week in North Carolina for those same dates, in the hope that such action will revive the thinking of the public concerning this institution—the free press of our State and Nation—which is the product of the Constitution and the servant of the public."

JOSEPH M. DIXON IN HARBOR TRAGEDY

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Dixon received a message, Tuesday, from Mrs. Joseph M. Dixon, of Cape Charles, Va., stating that their son, who is in the service of the United States Merchant Marine, had been drowned in an accident, which occurred in the Philadelphia harbor, Monday, when a row boat in which he was going ashore was rammed by a barge, according to reports.

Dixon, who is 30 years of age, has served in various branches of military service, since he was 15. The family had received no other news since the first message advising them of the tragedy, as he is so young.

The Enterprise joins other friends here in extending sympathy to the Dixon family.

GERMANY NOW MAJOR PROBLEM IN PATH OF WORLD HARMONY

Smithfield Kiwanians Present Program At Local Club Meeting

President Charlie Hotchkiss presided at the Kiwanis supper meeting, Monday, and after a few remarks turned the program over to Frank Allen, chairman for the evening, who had made previous plans and arrangements for representatives of the Smithfield Kiwanis Club to attend and present a program of entertainment at this time.

Chairman Frank welcomed the Smithfield Kiwanians and requested "Happy" Morgan, their president, to take over. Kiwanian Morgan introduced each of his fellow members, numbering fifteen, and afterwards presented Miss Nancy Ogburn, who rendered two lovely vocal selections with piano accompaniment by her sister, Miss L. Lang Ogburn. "Happy" then called on a vocal trio, composed of Solon Coitlan, E. L. Woodall and Tom Lassiter to entertain with two selections.

The final, but not the least enjoyable part of the program was music furnished by two visiting Kiwanians and guests, namely—L. Royall (saxophone), Arthur Gardner (trombone), Haden Ivey (electric steel guitar), and I. G. Jackson (ball fiddle). The Club was delighted with their music and it was suggested that this group be called "Best Little Band in North Carolina."

The entire program was one of the best the local club has had presented, and it was evident that the interclub exchange of programs created a lot of enthusiasm and will tend towards better fellowship.

Stirling Owens and Mack Smith, Jr., were guests at this time.

The minstrel show, which was a hit entertainment at the recent Scholarship Carnival, will be repeated at the meeting next Monday as a feature of the program.

At The Rotary Club

Manly Liles, as program leader, Tuesday evening, at the Rotary Club, made an impressive talk on "Life and the Ideals of Service." Rotarian Liles read Longfellow's poem, "The Psalm of Life" and compared the author's expressed purpose in life with the ideal of Rotary in the present day—that of living a life of service for one's fellowman, and "to leave footprints in the sands of time" worthy of following by future generations.

Mr. Liles concluded by pointing out the four objectives of Rotary, explaining each and applying it to the individual Rotarian.

Visitors were Rotarians Herbert Acton and Joe Jordan. Dr. Paul Jones had as his guest, Dr. F. C. Harris, a new comer to Farmville, and Russell Mizelle introduced W. L. Gemmel, of Richmond, Va.

Lum Wootan received the attendance prize. The meeting adjourned with a 20 second silent prayer.

Use of Electricity Calls For Caution

Safety precautions are as timely for the man waiting to get electricity as for the man whose farm is already equipped.

Care and caution never go out of date says D. S. Weaver, head of the Agricultural Engineering Department at State College, and it is particularly important that the farmers waiting to receive service under the expanded programs announced by the power companies and the REA cooperatives recognize this fact.

Of first importance, he says, is keeping away from high voltage wires. Climbing a highline pole is dangerous business, as is moving buildings or equipment under a highline. A lineman should be consulted before any of this moving is done.

A second safety precaution is having the wiring system on the farm and home inspected and approved after its installation. The same is true for additions made to the electric equipment after it is once installed.

Weaver also emphasizes the importance of keeping electrical equipment in good repair, which means keeping it clean and free from excess grease, dust and moisture. Fires and short circuits are often caused from careless neglect.

In compiling the list of safety precautions, he points out that it pays to be careful in using electric equipment around water. Wet hands and feet make it easy for electricity to pass through the body and into the ground. For this reason, it is not safe to touch an electric switch or appliance while in the bathtub.

What the floor or ground is wet, overhead or rubber shoes worn to insulate the body from the ground and to protect a person from shock.

Immediate action is needed in preventing electrical accidents. For more information, contact the State College Extension Service, Raleigh, N. C.

Stalin's Latest Statement Foreshadows A Determined Effort To Get Along With The Western Powers

Washington, Sept. 26.—Germany appeared Wednesday to open the acid test for Prime Minister Stalin's prediction of cooperation between the western powers and Russia.

Diplomatic authorities say that in so far as Stalin's latest statement foreshadows a determined Soviet effort to get along with the western powers, the key issue this fall is certain to be the future of the German nation.

Four Power Meet Hinted

With many other problems now under attack at the Paris Peace Conference, the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia and France tentatively expect to get to the German issue in a new four power meeting soon after the Paris sessions wind up.

Even before that there are at least two ways, according to American authorities, in which the Russians might find an opportunity to go along toward achieving what Stalin calls "the demilitarization and democratization of Germany."

One of these is the American plan—thus far accepted only by the British—for handing Germany as an economic unit.

The other bears directly on the demilitarization question and arises from the fact that American officials have numerous reports that the Russians are operating a variety of armament factories in their zone of Germany.

Some officials suggested that if the Russians really want an early solution of the German problem they could begin at once by joining in the Anglo-American economic agreement and also start eliminating war industries in eastern Germany.

Critical Problem

The critical nature of the German problem already has been dramatized in speeches by Russia's foreign minister Molotov, America's Secretary of State Byrnes, and Winston Churchill, former British prime minister. In each instance, the interpretation both here and abroad was that the men were seeking German support of their varying ideas for dealing with the future of that nation.

Generally Stalin's response to questions submitted by a British reporter at Moscow were welcomed here as evidencing an earnest desire on the part of the Soviet leader to minimize major conflicts with the western powers and to try for harmony in future relations.

Least Sympathy

Officials suggest there may be two principal reasons for this. They say first that the Kremlin undoubtedly has recognized in recent weeks that Russian policies in eastern Europe and the Middle East have cost Russia much of the sympathetic understanding it once had in the United States and elsewhere.

In the second place there is considerable speculation here that internal conditions in Russia are far from what Stalin might desire. Hence Soviet leaders may feel they have overplayed their hand in drumming into their own people the idea that they live in a world beset by capitalistic antagonists.

In this respect, Stalin's comments that Communism and capitalism can live together may have been designed to ease internal tensions and hold out to the Russian people a greater prospect of long-term peace.

There is virtually no support here for a British view that the Stalin statement might indicate preparations for some sort of new 'get tough' policy toward the United States.

Better Bible Teaching Clinic In Greenville

Churches in District two of the Reformed Baptist Association will hold a Better Bible Teaching Clinic, Monday through Wednesday night of next week at the Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville. As a prelude to the clinic, there will be a mass meeting of Sunday School officers, teachers, and interested workers, at the Memorial Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Dr. D. B. Bryan, Wake Forest College Dean, will speak.

The program opens each evening at seven-thirty o'clock. Dr. E. E. Walden, of Rocky Mount, is in charge of the General Conference period. Trained workers will direct the Departmental Conferences. Mrs. E. W. Holmes, of Farmville, former South Carolina Approved Worker, will conduct the Pastor Conference.

In recent years of production in North Carolina has gone from six million up to eleven million bushels a year. Good seed and treatment early planting and better fertilization are vital reasons.