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LOCAL CITIZENS MANIFEST LITTLE INTEREST IN VOTE ON HOSPITAL BOND ISSUE

Only 15 In Farmville Precinct Registered For Hospital Vote

Registration Books Close Saturday, Sept. 6; Those Failing To Register Forfeit Right To Cast Ballot In Election Sept. 16

That Farmville citizens are going to sit by and let the rest of the county decide whether or not to issue bonds for the construction of a new Pitt hospital is indicated by the fact that only 15 citizens in this precinct have registered and are eligible to participate in the election scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Miss Mary Thorne Tyson, who has charge of the books at the Town Clerk's office, reports that only 15 had registered as of Thursday morning. Although the books will be open tomorrow and again on Saturday of next week, those who wish to register on other than those two Saturdays should see Miss Tyson.

Since this is a special election and one "against the registration," those who fail to register forfeit their right to say whether they are willing to be assessed the additional tax, small though it may be, for the construction of the hospital. Those who register and fail to vote will be counted as having voted against the proposal.

If passed, the county will pay \$252,000 toward the construction of a new hospital. The state pays about \$248,000 and the Federal government \$300,000.

Mayor Joyner On Board of Directors For State League

J. W. Joyner, Farmville's mayor, was elected to the board of directors of the North Carolina League of Municipalities at the convention held at Wrightsville Beach Sunday and Monday. Mr. Joyner also headed the resolutions committee.

Others from Farmville attending the convention were Mrs. Joyner, Town Attorney John E. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis, Jack Lewis, and Town Clerk and Mrs. Cleveland M. Taylor.

Farmville Country Club Open Evenings

B. O. Taylor, president of the Farmville Country club, announces that beginning September 1 the club will remain open from 7 to 11 o'clock each evening for the use of members and their guests unless the club is engaged for a private party.

Club members are asked to refrain from using the club the first and third Saturday evenings of each month unless they are guests of the hosts or hostesses. These evenings are standing dates.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB NEWS

Mrs. W. R. Hinson of the Farmville club and Mrs. Joe H. Moore of the Ballard's club were among the clothing leaders attending the county home demonstration clubs' school in Greenville Thursday.

The main auditorium of the Greenville Woman's club was decorated with artificial autumn leaves which made an attractive background for the yard goods displays of woolsens, satins, crepes and taffetas. A pattern suitable for each piece of material and accessories appropriate for each outfit were shown by Miss Verne Lowery, assistant home agent, who discussed "Trends in Fall Fashions and Accessories for the Fall Wardrobe."

Miss Jean Stokes modeled several suits, coats and dresses which showed the most noticeable changes in fashions.

Mrs. J. R. Lewis, Mrs. B. R. Fields and Mrs. Richard Tugwell, all members of the Farmville club, and Mrs. Howard Moye, president of the Ballard's club, were among ladies attending a meeting of the county council of home demonstration clubs held the same afternoon.

In the election of new officers for the coming year, Mrs. Jasper Morgan of the Seven Pines club was chosen secretary.

Plans were made for the annual achievement day to be held October 30. The council pledged its full support to the new county hospital.

Mrs. Jasper Morgan and Mrs. Elizabeth Allen of the Seven Pines club, Mrs. J. E. Lewis and Mrs. W. R. Hinson were attending the county home demonstration clubs' school in Greenville Thursday.

Hookerton Union Meets Saturday At Rountree Church

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox and Sam D. Bundy Will Preside At Quarterly Meeting; Program Is Given

Historic old Rountree Christian Church, near Ayden, will be the scene tomorrow (Saturday) of the quarterly meeting of Hookerton Union.

Beginning at 10:30, the morning session will be presided over by Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, Farmville, and will include addresses by Miss Lois Ann Kilpatrick of Ayden, who will speak on "My Impressions of the Convention," and Etta Nunn of Washington, whose topic will be "The Advancement of the Church as Seen Through the Convention." The business of the convention will be outlined by Rev. C. W. Riggs of Goldsboro. Morning devotionals will be conducted by representatives of the Rountree Church. Prior to lunch, the host church will also present special music. Paul Parker of Hookerton will serve as song leader.

Sam D. Bundy, Farmville school superintendent, will preside over the afternoon session which begins at 1:30. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Cox, who will talk on "The Churches of England," and Rev. E. Moore Turner of Washington, whose theme will be "World Personalities." The union meets each fifth Sunday, with churches in the district taking their turns in serving as host.

PERMANENT PASTURES IN GREENE ARE IMPROVED

Permanent pastures in Greene county that have been limed, fertilized and reseeded during the past few years are showing a definite improvement in the amount of grazing furnished. Good examples of this are on the following farms: Aaa Haddock and E. E. Butts, Hookerton; J. Paul Fizzle, Jr., Snow Hill; W. D. Cobb, R-2, La Grange; and J. R. Galloway, Walstonburg.

The 33 Bahamian workers used in tobacco harvest in the county left on Aug. 22. Farmers using this labor were, as a whole, pleased with this work.

MRS. JOHN TAYLOR DIED TUESDAY IN GREENVILLE

Mrs. Magnolia Taylor, 68, wife of ABC Officer John L. Taylor, died Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock at her home, 425 West Fourth street, Greenville. She had been ill for two years.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. E. R. Clegg, Methodist minister of Farmville, assisted by Rev. Edwin S. Coates, Presbyterian minister of Farmville. Burial was in Forrest Hill cemetery in Farmville.

Mrs. Taylor was born and reared in Martin county and was married there. Later she made her home in Bethel. After that she lived in Farmville until 1941, where Mr. Taylor was chief of police for many years. In 1935, Mr. Taylor became a special ABC officer. They moved to Greenville in 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor celebrated their 52nd anniversary last May. She was a member of the Farmville Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, six daughters, Mrs. Edward Gulben of Norfolk, Va.; Miss Hazel Taylor of Farmville; Mrs. W. E. Malone of Edenton, Mrs. Willie Nethercutt of Hookerton, Mrs. J. N. Williams of Smithfield, and Mrs. D. H. Gordon of the home; seven sons, J. A. Taylor of Jacksonville, Jack L. Taylor of Norfolk, Thomas E. Taylor of Rocky Mount, H. A. Taylor of Kinston, Jarvis Taylor of Cherry Point, H. D. Taylor of Richmond, Va., and C. L. Taylor of Greenville; 20 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Richard Bryant of Bethel and Mrs. Harry Moore of Burlington, and a brother, C. A. Philpot of Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Taylor and Misses Mary Virginia Meeks and Carol Ann Pitt have returned after spending several weeks at Atlantic Beach.

At The Rotary Club

Alex Rouse had charge of the Rotary club program Tuesday night and presented Carl T. Hicks of Walstonburg, president of the Fine-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, as his guest and speaker of the evening.

Mr. Hicks gave a very interesting and informative talk on democracy. Our country, the United States of America, he pointed out, was founded solely on a democratic basis. Every naturalized citizen, becoming a part of our country and government, has an obligation, as well as a privilege, in seeing that outside and foreign doctrines and "isms" of every kind do not infiltrate and contaminate our form and way of living.

Mr. Hicks also pointed out our political economic problems and discussed the parity problem and how the products of the farm should have an equal value with other commodities. "The parity ratio is figured by dividing the index of prices received by farmers for farm products by the index of prices paid by farmers for other products." He continued that it fell to the part and duty of every business and professional man in every village and town to give his aid and support in maintaining the parity or equalization of parity prices.

It was indeed a privilege to hear this talk by Mr. Hicks, and we look forward to having him with us again.

The attendance prize was won by Paul Ewell.

Visitors included Martin Swartz and Larry Brown of Greenville, Ray McNeill of Sanford, Alton Bobbitt, Herbert Acton of Danville, Ky., and Harry Montgomery.

10 GREENE 4-H MEMBERS ENTER POULTRY CONTEST

Ten 4-H club members in Greene county are in the poultry contest being sponsored by the extension service and the Sears, Roebuck Foundation. Each contestant received 100 baby chicks in March and has grown them out. Each club member will exhibit 12 pullets at a show in Snow Hill on September 13, competing for prizes set up by the Sears, Roebuck Foundation. After the show all pullets on exhibition will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

There will be 60 Barred Plymouth Rocks and 60 New Hampshire pullets in the show. They will be sold in lots of 12.

The pullets are U. S. certified from flocks selected for egg production and will be laying or near laying. All pullets have been vaccinated for fowl pox.

HARDY N. McCLEES

Columbia—Hardy Nelson McClees, 57, native of Tyrrell county, died at his home here at 12 o'clock Monday night after an illness of nine months. He had lived in Columbia for 15 years and was connected with the H. W. McClees and Son Store. He was the son of the late Henry W. and Lola McClees. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Laura Ward McClees, one son, James Henry McClees, a brother, W. H. McClees; and one sister, Mrs. H. L. Swain of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church by his pastor, the Rev. C. K. Wright, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Alford. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. J. M. Ward, Mrs. Mark W. Joyner and daughter, Pat, Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck, Jr., Miss Carolyn and Emerson Roebuck, all of Farmville, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ward, Sr., of Greenville attended the final rites.

Mr. McClees was the son-in-law of Mrs. J. M. Ward, Jr., and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Joyner and the late Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck, Sr.

Opening Prices Considerably Less Than 1946 Averages

Average prices by grades for Eastern North Carolina fine-cured tobacco opening day, Monday, were considerably lower than those of first sales last season. The United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture report losses ranging from \$1 to \$13 per hundred. Most declines were from \$5 to \$9. Leaf grades lost \$1 to \$13, cutters \$6 and \$7, lugs \$1 to \$9 and primings from \$2.50 to \$11. Orange leaf suffered the greatest decrease. The majority of grades brought from \$36 to \$22 with average averages from \$10.50 for best grade down to \$2.50 for fair leaf cutters. Prices in most instances ranged from \$1 to \$10.

The general quality of the tobacco was slightly lower than opening sales last season. More loss to good leaf and non-cutter grades were sold with less cutters and primings offered. Principal sales were low to fine lugs and low cutters.

Sales were light and the volume was about one-half of last year's opening. Gross sales for the first day last season amounted to nearly \$1 million, averaging \$45.1 per hundred. This year the average amounted to be from \$44 to \$47.

Asks Government To Buy and Export Surplus Products

The North Carolina Farm Bureau appealed today for full support of the drive by farm groups, particularly the poultry industry, to have the United States Department of Agriculture buy surplus products for relief export, so the current depression of prices on items that are in abundance may be relieved.

In a joint appeal to poultry, hatchery, and Farm Bureau people in the State, R. Flaks Shaw, executive secretary, and H. Bernard Helms, poultry committee chairman of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, declared, "We wish to call your attention to a situation in connection with our present policy in exporting food for foreign relief distribution which is seriously unbalancing our agricultural economy and working severe hardships on certain farm groups, particularly the poultry industry. It is our desire in the North Carolina Farm Bureau to help solve this major agricultural problem with the cooperation of the hatchery and processing industry."

Shaw and Helms quoted from a statement by M. A. Hubbard, Virginia Farm Bureau executive secretary, who is leading the campaign. "Specifically," Hubbard said, "the present volume of grain exports is forcing feed prices to constantly higher levels at a time when storage holdings of frozen and canned poultry are 71 per cent higher than the 1942-46 average. These storage stocks are having the practical effect of placing a ceiling on the price of poultry while costs of production mount to increasingly higher levels."

An appeal has been made to the USDA to grant some measure of relief and restore a better balance to our agricultural economy by exporting poultry along with the grains, especially B and C grades frozen poultry and canned poultry, as a means of removing at least a part of the burdensome stock which is now seriously depressing poultry prices."

Mr. Hubbard added that "as yet we have given neither relief nor encouragement," despite the fact that Title III, Section 302 of Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1946, which passed the Senate July 25, read as follows:

"In making expenditures for food surpluses appropriated in this act for relief abroad, it is the sense of the Congress that preference be given to the purchase, within the United States, of products which can be purchased with benefit to the national economy, and that such purchases should include articles that are in surplus where possible and practicable."

Hubbard said this apparent congressional directive to the USDA to effect the policy advocated all along by agriculture evidently was "being completely ignored." It is quite important that certain adjustments in our food export policies be made shortly, if our agricultural economy is to remain in balance, he added.

Shaw and Helms said that at a meeting of the American Farm Bureau's Poultry Committee in Chicago, September 8-9, the North Carolina Farm Bureau will make a special effort to enlist the support of the AFB Board of Directors to bring about a correction of this situation.

GROWERS ADVISED TO USE STABILIZATION PROGRAM

An urgent appeal to tobacco farmers of Pitt county to take full advantage of government loans through the Fine-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation was made today by Dr. M. T. Fizzle, president of the Pitt County Farm Bureau Federation.

Fizzle said that many farmers are now selling their tobacco below the 40-cent per pound average guaranteed support price which is made on a prorated grade basis. This is in keeping with the government's commitment to support tobacco prices at 90 per cent of parity as of June 15 each year preceding market openings.

The tobacco farmer—the actual owner of the tobacco—is the only person who can authorize tobacco to be turned over to the Stabilization Corporation for loan purposes.

Dr. Fizzle quoted from a statement by Carl T. Hicks of Walstonburg, president of the Stabilization Corporation, in appealing to Tar Heel farmers to get a fair and stable price for this year's crop. "Many farmers do not remain with their tobacco until sale is completed. Warehousemen will cooperate by setting the time of sale to enable the farmer to be present. He can then arrange for his tobacco to be placed under loan if the price falls below the support level."

To eliminate confusion on the warehouse floor, farmers may join the Stabilization Corporation prior to taking tobacco to market. Memoranda may be obtained at the local warehouse or the Stabilization Corporation office, Raleigh.

670 Students Enrolled Wednesday, Farmville School Opening Day

An electrical gong, which long ago replaced the "old" school bell, Wednesday sounded the death knell of vacation for Farmville's students, 670 of whom enrolled on opening day and attended appropriate exercises, accompanied by a large number of parents and well-wishers who were anxious to give the term a good send-off. The high school enrollment totaled 180, the elementary school, 490.

At the opening exercises, Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, Christian minister, delivered the invocation and delivered an appropriate, inspiring talk. John B. Lewis, chairman of the school board, officially welcomed the teachers and pupils. Mrs. R. T. Williams, vice president of the "boardless" Parent Teacher Association, extended a welcome on behalf of her organization. Dr. John M. Mewborn, also a member of the board, spoke briefly, calling for cooperation in order that the school might continue its progress.

Classes this week are being held only until noon, announces Supt. Sam D. Bundy.

THE TAR HEEL GARDENER

By John H. Harris

C. L. Newman of Raleigh gathered 16 different kinds of vegetables from his garden last February. How many did you have? Here is a good way to have vegetables during the winter. Plant hardy vegetables such as mustard, spinach, kale, lettuce, radish, onions, and Chinese cabbage in a bed about six feet wide and as long as you like. Before cold weather arrives, place boards or logs to a height of 10 to 12 inches around the bed. Mound dirt against the outside to cover large cracks. Place strips across the bed to support a covering.

This covering can be pine brush, feed sacks or similar material. Cover the bed only when you expect the temperature to drop to around 20 degrees. Keep the cover on during the day to protect plants from sun following a hard freeze. Sun thaws the plants too rapidly, thereby injuring the plants. Store cabbage and collards by transplanting them to this frame for protection when they are likely to freeze. Seed head lettuce in the frame for plants next spring.

This is a good month for planting peas. Plant them in rich soil where they will get full sun and cover about two inches deep. Most early blooming varieties, such as sweet william, and many others may be divided for new plants.

Should I seed Italian rye grass for my lawn? No, not much, if you want a beautiful lawn next summer. Use rye grass sparingly with most summer grasses and don't use any if you have Kentucky blue grass. Where a summer lawn is not prized, pour on the rye grass and fertilizer in late September or October for a beautiful winter lawn.

Side dress leafy vegetables with nitrate of soda or some other quick acting fertilizer. Use about one pint to a 100-foot row.

If you have a suppersong grapevine that blooms but has never had any fruit, the chances are that you have a male vine. They never bear fruit. But don't cut it down; it furnishes pollen for the female vine. Plant a female vine on the same trellis or at least nearby.

There are three easy ways of killing weevils in your peas and beans before storing them. One way is to place them in an oven and heat at a temperature of 130 to 145 degrees for an hour. This method may injure germination of the seed. Another way is to dip them in boiling water for one minute. A third way is to treat them with carbon bisulfide. This is perhaps the best method—write for instructions. After treating place in insect rat proof containers.

Mrs. Arthur Gay of Plymouth spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cayton.

OPENING WEEK'S SALES ARE EXTREMELY LIGHT WITH MUCH INFERIOR TOBACCO OFFERED

At The Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Monday night enjoyed a double-header program, first hearing Ruth Moore give an entertaining summary of the annual State-wide 4-H club meetings for North and South Carolina, and then hearing brief remarks by R. A. Joyner, one of Farmville's "first citizens" who talked seriously about the need for public school music in the local school and the appalling lack of interest shown locally in the special election on Sept. 16 at which time Pitt citizens will vote on issuing \$252,000 in bonds for the construction of a hospital. Mr. Joyner reminded the club that citizens must register prior to the closing of registration books on Sept. 6 or they will not be eligible to vote in the election. (Another article about the election appears elsewhere on this page.)

Miss Moore, who has just completed a term as president of the State 4-H club, an outstanding honor, was introduced by President Alex Allen. The club defrayed Miss Moore's expenses to the South Carolina council meeting and has sponsored various activities connected with the 4-H club program.

Mr. Joyner appeared on the program as the guest of Edgar Barrett, by whom he was introduced.

Jim Anderson of Garden City, Mo., was the guest of Dr. Frank Harris, David Harris as his guest, I. D. Kirkin, superintendent of the REA. Dr. John M. Barrett and W. J. Bundy, members of the Greenville club, were also present.

Walstonburg School Will Have Opening Exercises Thursday

The Walstonburg high school will open Thursday, September 4, at 9 o'clock. For the first month classes will begin at 8 and school will be dismissed at 1:30 in the afternoon. An assembly is planned for Thursday at 8:30 with J. R. Peeler, principal, making announcements and introducing the teachers. Rev. J. D. Young, pastor of the Tabernacle Methodist church, Snow Hill, will make a talk.

The faculty is as follows: Troy Godwin, Dum, athletics, mathematics and social science; Miss Virginia Wright, Ruffin, English; Mrs. J. R. Peeler, Norlina, commercial subject; Miss Fannie Grey Worley, Pink Hill, home economics; Miss Mary Irma Rivers, Goldston, mathematics and history; Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson, Farmville, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Phillips, Fountain, seventh grade; Mrs. A. J. Craft, Walstonburg, sixth; Miss Elma Chambliss, Triplet, Va., and Miss Sadie Mae Kirkman, Vanceboro, fifth; Miss Sarah Cooke, Sylva, fourth; Mrs. Lucille Craft, Walstonburg, third; Miss Annie Sue Hunsucker, Winterville, second; Miss Fannie F. Allen, Farmville, first.

CURTIS LEE, FACTOLUS 4-H MEMBER, AT FORESTRY CAMP

Curtis Lee, Factolus 4-H club member, is attending the Annual Forestry Camp at Lake Singler, in Bladen county. Curtis is the official delegate from Pitt county.

During the week forestry practices will be presented in both lecture and practical form. Demonstrations will be presented in thinning, staking, and fire prevention, plus other features.

Curtis will be expected to bring this information back to the county. The Forest Fire Warden, Kid Tyson, will probably use Curtis in patrol this year.

Mrs. Annie Belle Gardner is visiting in Fincote.

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

Girl Scouting activities will be officially resumed here Thursday when Troops 2 and 4 hold a picnic supper at the home of Mrs. R. T. Williams. Troop 1 will meet that evening with its leader, Mrs. J. M. Carraway.

Mrs. Williams, leader of Troop 2, will be assisted this year by Mrs. Walter B. Jones, Mrs. George Farr, leader, who with 11 members of the Brownies flew up to form a new troop, number 4, will be aided by Mrs. Mabry Pollard and Mrs. Edgar Barrett. The advisory committee for Girl Troop is composed of Mrs. Irvin Morgan, Jr., Mrs. Ted L. Albertson, Mrs. W. Jesse Moye and Mrs. Sam Lewis. Former Brownies who are members of the new troop are Ann Morgan, Martha Holmes, Ann Pollard, Clara Belle and Sue Flaunagan, Faye Newborn, Elsie Norris Spencer, Lou Taylor Lewis, Theadora Albertson, Mary Ellen Dail and Jane Russell.

Mrs. Henry Johnson will lead the Brownies and will have as assistants, Miss Doris Mae Barrett and Mrs. J. R. Harris.

Troop 2 was entertained at a breakfast by Mrs. Williams Tuesday morning. Brimming and touns were enjoyed afterwards.

UNION SERVICES SUNDAY NIGHT AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Union services will be held Sunday night at 8 o'clock in the Baptist Church, with Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, Christian minister, speaking on the topic, "They Were All Filled."

Mrs. G. A. Jones, a former resident of Farmville, is currently in a convalescent hospital, Walstonburg, D. C.

Standard Oil Co. Reports It Has Not Increased Prices

In response to questions J. Laurens Wright, Division Manager of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey for North Carolina, said today, "In the past few days, a number of other oil companies in this area have increased the price of their products but Standard of New Jersey has not increased prices either to our dealers or customers. This situation has resulted in some confusion on the part of the public regarding the 'hold the line' policy of my company. To clarify the situation I would like to quote from a statement recently made by R. N. Koppel, vice president in charge of marketing, in which he said, 'My company has not increased prices in the areas where other oil companies have recently announced price increases and we are continuing to maintain the "hold the line" policy announced by us on July 24.'

Standard Oil of New Jersey believes so strongly that further increases in the price of crude oil products under present conditions are not in the best interest of either the oil industry or the public, that it's following the general policy of not increasing prices unless such increases will tend to maintain or bring out additional supplies."

Mr. Wright said, "The Standard of New Jersey has not increased the price of gasoline to retail dealers or commercial customers, nor has it increased the price of fuel oil to household customers. In short, it has not increased any prices since July 24. He pointed out that "Our company does not establish the retail price of gasoline at the service station pump, but this price is set by independent dealers who sell our products to the public."