

88th ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING OBSERVED IN BOY SCOUT WEEK; 'SHARE' IS THIS YEAR'S THEME

More than 2,120,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America throughout the nation will observe the 88th anniversary of the organization during Boy Scout Week, which opens today, February 5, and continues through Thursday.

The anniversary will be celebrated in every city and most villages and hamlets throughout the nation and its possessions. It is young America's birthday celebration.

The theme of Boy Scout Week this year is, "The Scout Citizen at Work . . . in his home . . . in his community . . . in his nation . . . in his world." Scouting's activities for the year beginning with the birthday celebration will be related to this theme.

The nation's Boy Scouts are engaged in the program of saving and producing food to alleviate the world's food shortage. As part of their service program this year each Boy Scout is expected to "save a bushel, grow a bushel, share a bushel" of food.

In addition to conserving food and natural resources, the Boy Scouts will emphasize safety and fire prevention, home repairs and personal health. Through their World Friendship Fund of voluntary gifts the Scouts have sent more than 3,000 tons of supplies to help Scout organizations overseas to rebuild. This aid is to be continued throughout 1948.

Scouting is having a rebirth in many of the countries ravaged by the war. The Boy Scouts International Bureau in London reports a world membership of more than four million boys and leaders in 42 nations.

World peace and mutual understanding is an objective of Scouting. Through World Scout Jamborees and the resultant expanding interest in friendships, understanding and personal relationships through correspondence, these aims are increasingly being met. The Sixth World Jamboree last summer brought 20,000 Boy Scouts and leaders together in France from 38 nations.

The Boy Scouts of America is the largest group in the World Scout Brotherhood. Its 2,120,000 Scouts and Leaders are members of 68,500 units. They in turn come under the jurisdiction of 545 Local Boy Scout Councils which provide camping experiences, leadership training, Scoutcraft activities and Courts of Honor to mark individual growth through the grades of the various programs.

In peace as in war, Scouts try "to help other people at all times" in accordance with their Scout Oath or Promise. With 260 million of the world's children on the "very border of starvation" due to the world food shortage the Scouts are "all out" in the food saving and sharing program.

Each Scout and Leader will "save a bushel" by eating grain substitutes. More potatoes, vegetables, fruits and other perishable foods will be consumed at Scout camps and less bread and meat. Rural Scouts can help by destroying rodents which each year cause the loss of 5 per cent of stored grain or they can aid by feeding livestock more hay, table and garden leavings and other grain feed substitutes.

Every Scout and Leader with access to a piece of land is encouraged to "grow an extra bushel" or more of garden produce or field crops during the year. Scout units are urged to "share a bushel" by sending CARE or other equivalent food packages to a brother Scout or needy family abroad by sharing in Relief Overseas Project, or giving a holiday food package to the needy here at home.

During the year Scouts will work closely with governors and mayors committees on food relief, county agents and the Agricultural Extension Service, farm organizations, garden clubs and seed and insecticide groups, church and national relief groups, other youth-serving agencies and officers of temporary food distribution such as the Friendship Train.

February 8, the actual anniversary date of the original incorporation of the movement in Washington, D. C., will be marked in countless churches of all denominations as Boy Scout Sunday. Scouts and Leaders will attend church services in uniform in many places.

INTERESTED IN ALASKA? HERE'S CHANCE FOR JOB

The County Veterans Service Office has been advised by the Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, that there are many vacancies and need for airway communicators in Alaska. It requests that anyone interested in making application for such positions to call at the office in the Belmont building in Greenville where the whole matter will be explained.

At The Rotary Club

Dr. J. M. Mewborn, who was in charge of Rotary program Tuesday evening, read a humorous story about the value of orderlies, nurses and doctors in a hospital.

The attendance prize was won by R. N. Freeman.

Mrs. Hobgood Will Probably Be Renamed To County Board

The State Board of Public Welfare will meet in Raleigh on February 13 to appoint one of the three members to the public welfare board in each county in North Carolina.

The appointees will serve for a term of three years.

Dr. Ellen Winston, state commissioner of welfare, stated that the State Board of Public Welfare will be glad to receive from local citizens recommendations for the appointment in each county. Board members, she pointed out, should be representative, public-spirited citizens, selected to give representation to various sections of the county where possible. They should be persons having sufficient time to give the time required in attending monthly meetings.

The state welfare commissioner called attention to provisions of the law setting up the local boards restricting membership to not more than two successive terms after April 1, 1945. Thus all present board members are eligible to succeed themselves for another three years.

The appointments will become effective April 1.

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood of Farmville, who has been a member of the board since 1934, is the member whose term expires and it is quite likely she will be reappointed.

J. N. Williams, of Greenville, father of Farmville's Dr. R. T. Williams, is chairman of the Pitt board and is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Walter Cherry of near Greenville the third member of the board. He is appointed by the other two members of the board.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SETS AMBITIOUS PROGRAM FOR 1948

Church World Service, leading Protestant interdenominational relief and reconstruction agency, expects to distribute overseas \$34,749,000 in funds and supplies this year.

The "Fill a Ship with Friendship" drive, for which clothing was collected in Farmville a couple of weeks ago, was sponsored by this relief agency.

Donations are still being accepted by Miss Tabitha DeVicenti.

The current program is "greater than anything the American churches have ever attempted," said Dr. A. Livingston Warnhaus, executive vice president of CWS, in announcing the organization's 1948 plans. It is 20 million dollars larger than the program accomplished in 1947.

The proposed total includes \$23,950,000 in funds (to be raised by and through churches of the United States) and \$10,799,000 in contributions.

"Unless the Christian church does its utmost to help accomplish a new world, humanity will not soon again be impressed by the Christian teaching," he said. "Our behavior in the next 10 years will have an age-long effect upon the future of Christian work, and upon the direction of civilization."

The projected program calls for a variety of services, including work among Europe's homeless carried on by the CWS Committee on Displaced Persons. About \$2,400,000 is proposed for this work, the amount contingent upon passage of legislation to permit more immigrants to enter this country. At present the Committee is assisting an average of 100 displaced persons a month to come to this country.

The 1948 program lists an expenditure of \$9,102,000 for Asia, where, Dr. Warnhaus said, "American Christians are becoming conscious for the first time of the immense power they wield in solving tragic situations when they act together."

Included is \$2,500,000 for China to carry on the projects proposed or already under way for child care, hospitals, school students, faculties of theological schools, church workers, land rehabilitation, and similar efforts. Another \$2,500,000 is proposed to aid in the relief of refugees in India and Pakistan and to operate projects aimed at famine prevention. Because of the war, Dr. Warnhaus said, the Christian church is being re-created in a new way. But the program is most aware of the true dimensions and are working side by side.

Norfolk Southern Discontinues Coach Service Through Here

January 31 Officially Marked Termination of Service That Began 40 Years Ago With Miss Annie Perkins As First Woman Rider

The Norfolk Southern Railroad company, which for 41 years has operated passenger trains through Farmville and at one time was the main traffic artery to and from the community, has discontinued passenger service on the Raleigh-Norfolk run, which included Farmville in its list of stopping points.

Acting under authority granted by the State Utilities Commission, the passenger coaches made their last official runs, as such, on January 31. Passing of the service is unannounced and, for the most part, unnoticed. People long since have become dependent upon other means of transportation and the trains were primarily important because of the mail and express they carried. These they will continue to haul six days a week—but there will be no more hauling of passengers.

Although the company had been authorized to permanently suspend passenger service Saturday, one woman from Arkansas rode to Norfolk Monday afternoon, two days after the deadline, on coaches that were being taken to the Virginia city for storage or to be used for other purposes. This last passenger, not knowing that coaches were being retired, had probably purchased her ticket out of the state and had been routed via the Norfolk Southern. She was entitled to ride—and she was.

While most Farmvillians were indifferent to the change, if it does not affect mail and express service, at least one person had a certain feeling of nostalgia about the removal. That one is Miss Annie Perkins, dean of Farmville school teachers, now retired, who had the privilege of being the first woman to ride from Farmville to Greenville when the service was inaugurated.

Miss Annie and some of the company's engineers boarded at the same home. They promised Miss Annie that she could be the first lady rider. One morning after the close of the school term—Miss Annie says it probably was in May—they loaded Miss Annie and her trunk on a flat car and hauled them to Greenville, with Miss Annie perched all the while atop her trunk.

Surviving are a son, Max Frederick Jones, and a grandson, Max Frederick Jones, Jr., of Kingston; a brother, George R. Reges, and a half-sister, Miss Mary Reges, of Washington, D. C., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Jones came to Farmville some thirty years ago as a bride, the second wife of G. A. Jones, who was manager of the Imperial Tobacco Company and a prominent Farmville citizen. Her charming personality and nobility of character, together with her interest in the religious and educational life of Farmville and activity in civic and social circles, endeared her to friends in every walk of life who were saddened by the news of her unexpected passing. She had been suffering with arthritis and heart complications for several months.

A former Washingtonian, Mrs. Jones returned to that city following the death of her husband and had held a position in the payroll section of the Public Building Administration there since 1941, making friends of scores of her co-workers and associates. She was stricken in a taxi while returning from work Wednesday afternoon and died a few hours later at her apartment at 1415 Chapin Street, N. W.

At The Kiwanis Club

A quartette from the Greenville club, accompanied by Christine Smith, presented a musical program Monday night at the Kiwanis club.

Frank Allen had charge of the program, which was thoroughly entertaining.

Other guests were Dr. J. M. Barrett of Greenville and S. S. Farrow, an honorary member of the Oxford club. Mr. Farrow was the guest of his nephew, Dr. Frank Harris.

Jim Hockaday won the attendance prize.

In contrast to the preceding four months of warm weather, February and March were very cold. It was the coldest February of record at many stations in the western mountain area. Very little snow had fallen the early part of the winter, but heavy snows occurred in the mountain areas in February and March; the total snowfall at Parker was 63 inches—the heaviest 2-month fall at that place.

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SCHOOLS OPEN

Farmville High School, closed all this week on account of the weather, will resume classes Monday morning at 8:30, unless more snow falls in the meantime, according to Supt. Sam D. Handy.

Weldonburg students likewise will seek back to classrooms Monday morning.

MARCH OF DIMES

Two classes in the local school report that they have reached their goal of \$1 per pupil in the March of Dimes drive, reports the chairman, Sam D. Handy. The drive for funds will end tomorrow (Saturday) and the school will make its final report Monday.

Final Rites Held For Esteemed Former Resident

Mrs. G. A. Jones Passes In Washington; Interment In Wilson Cemetery Follows Service

Final rites for Mrs. Lella Regis Jones, of Washington, D. C., widow of the late G. A. Jones and a highly esteemed former resident of Farmville, was conducted at a heart attack Wednesday evening, January 29, were held from Emmanuel Episcopal Church here, of which she had long been a faithful member, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. J. R. Rountree, in charge and the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kingston, assisting.

A choir, composed of Mrs. R. C. Copenhaver, Mrs. John D. Dixon, Mrs. Will Jones, Jr., Mrs. Frank A. Williams, Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Charles F. Baucom, and Bill Morrison with Mrs. G. Alex Rouse at the organ, rendered favorite hymns, Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand, Come, Ye Disciples and O Lamb of God Still Keep Me.

Sorrowing friends braved a blizzard, which rendered the use of automobiles almost impossible, and filled the edifice to pay a last tribute to this beloved woman, whose wish to have her final rites conducted from the church of which she had been a zealous and loyal member for thirty years, was carried out by her only son, Max Frederick Jones, of Kingston.

Active pallbearers were Durrell Math and Edward Stroud, J. A. Jones and W. H. Gibson, of Kingston, Robert T. Monk, Leroy Buss and R. O. Lang, Jr.

A service, attended by Washington relatives and friends, was conducted in that city, on Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the Chambers Funeral Home by the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins prior to the trip back to North Carolina.

Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery, Wilson, beside her husband, who died in 1940, and beneath a large and beautiful floral tribute.

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DEPUTY COLLECTOR WILL ASSIST IN FILING RETURNS

A deputy collector of internal revenue will be at the following places on the days indicated for the purpose of assisting taxpayers with the filing of their 1947 Federal Income Tax returns. Hours will be from 9 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon.

Bethel Town Hall, Feb. 17
Fountain Town Hall, Feb. 18
Ayden Post Office, Feb. 19 and 20
Farmville City Hall, Feb. 24, 25 and 26
Greenville, Internal Revenue Office at 212 Evans street, on Feb. 27, March 1 through 15, with the exception of Friday and Saturday, March 5, 7, 13 and 14.

Any one who has not made a contribution and wishes to do so may mail it to Mr. Handy or give it to a school child.

Oscar P. Hoffman Held In Florida On Bad Check Charges

Former Secretary Farmville Chamber of Commerce Has Begun Check Trail Extending Into At Least Three States

Oscar P. Hoffman, who testified at Farmville's Chamber of Commerce secretary in November when he was arrested and charged with giving Western Union a worthless check for \$500, is now in the custody of Lakeland, Florida, officers, and information has reached here to the effect that Hoffman is also wanted for passing bogus checks in Tampa, Florida, New Orleans, Louisiana, as well as in Lakeland and at least three places in North Carolina.

L. L. Ellis, chief of detectives in Lakeland, notified Chief of Police L. T. Lucas that the former Farmville secretary and sales supervisor, whose stay here extended only from August to November, had been arrested under three warrants for worthless checks in Lakeland, and that Hoffman had admitted to giving the following additional bad checks: Blount, Harvey, Greenville, \$1000 (draft); Western Union, \$500; Royal Grill, \$25, all of Farmville; Robert Ray, Seima, \$150. Information was also given Chief Lucas that Hoffman was wanted for giving the following bad checks in New Orleans: Macas, two for \$25; Oron Brennan, three for \$25, and the Rainbow Room, \$250.

Freud under \$480 bond after his arrest here, Hoffman left for parts unknown, insofar as law enforcement officers are concerned, and failed to put in an appearance when his case was called for trial. Bond was posted by a Greenville agency.

Since Hoffman is wanted by Farmville courts, Chief Lucas wired the sheriff of Bartow county, in which Lakeland is located, and requested that Hoffman be held for extradition. The date of Hoffman's return may be in the dim, distant future, however, as the police head received a reply that the "bad check artist" is being held under detainers issued by Tampa and New Orleans.

IF YOU THINK PRESENT WEATHER UNUSUAL, LOOK AT 1947 RECORD

All sections of North Carolina from the sea coast to the mountains were exposed to "extreme contrasts in weather" during the past year, according to the 1947 meteorological summary issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau at N. C. State College.

Virtually all citizens of the state were affected by the wide climatic fluctuations through agricultural and industrial damages, temporary loss of employment, property destruction, and personal injury or other hardship stemming from temperature variations. C. E. Lamoureux, director of the College's Weather Station, reported.

Director Lamoureux said that 1947 included "the wettest November on record for the state as a whole, the second coldest March and the second coldest July on record, near-record high temperatures in January, light frosts in the higher mountain valleys in June and July, damaging flash floods in restricted areas of the Piedmont, and exceptionally high tides along the coast."

Lamoureux's summary continued as follows: "The warm weather of October, November and December, 1946, continued through January, 1947. It was so warm that aprils were blooming in Columbus county and tobacco was up in that section. The month was the warmest January of record in the southwest corner of the state.

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"In April and May temperatures were slightly above normal and rainfall was rather light. Near drought conditions prevailed in early May, but rains later in the month relieved the dry condition. Early sown crops prospered, but late sown crops made a poor stand, with much replanting necessary. A tornado near Farmington on April 20th killed one person, injured four others, and badly damaged 31 buildings.

"Killing frosts in the mountains on the 8th to the 11th of May severely damaged fruit and vegetables in that section of the state. As a result, the apple crop was very light.

FARMVILLE SLOWLY DIGS OUT OF DEEPEST SNOW IN 20 YEARS AND NORMALCY GRADUALLY RESTORED

GINNERS WILL HAVE ANNUAL CONVENTION IN CHARLOTTE

The theme of the Annual Convention of the Carolina Ginners Association, which convenes in Charlotte, February 9, will be "Cotton in the New Agricultural Pattern for the Southeast," it has been announced.

Fred P. Johnson, executive secretary of the organization, states that some 250 ginners, other raw cotton interests and agricultural leaders are scheduled to attend. Principal speakers for the occasion will be B. D. Day, vice-president of The Murray Company, Dallas, Texas, representing the Cotton Gin Machinery Manufacturers Association; H. H. Williams, assistant director, Federal Agriculture Extension Service, Washington, D. C.; C. E. McDaniel, area supervisor, Field Service, National Cotton Council; and Lt. Governor L. Y. Ballentine of North Carolina.

The ginners 1948 program will be presented by the Board of Directors. This program gives special attention to cotton seed marketing, one-variety work, and the organization's policies in respect to new improved gin service and its influence on production," Johnson said.

The ginners program will be coordinated with the cotton programs of State agencies, particularly the Agricultural Extension Service, he added.

The program submitted by the Board will be analyzed by a panel of specialists and authorities in several fields of production, ginning and marketing.

This panel will include agronomists, entomologists, practical ginners, gin engineers, representatives of gin machinery, seed crushers, cotton merchants and gin specialists from State College, Raleigh, and Clemson College.

All persons present are expected to take an active part in discussions.

12-Inch Snow Follows Sleet, Paralyzes Transportation And Brings Business To Standstill

The weather took a long wind-up and chewed everything in the book at Farmville last week. On top of a solid sheet of sleet and ice Saturday night came a snow, estimated conservatively at 11 inches, that paralyzed transportation, closed schools for an entire week, and brought business in the community to a standstill.

It was the heaviest snow Farmville has had since 1927, and like practically everything else that comes in contact with the community, it "stuck."

The storm forced suspension of schools this week, caused most of the churches to cancel Sunday school and preaching services (the Christian church had Sunday school), cancelled practically all of the social engagements scheduled for the forepart of the week, and generally stopped the clock.

Despite the severe storm, to which this section of the state is unaccustomed, superintendents of the various utilities reported that comparatively little trouble was experienced. R. L. Spivry, manager of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company's local office, stated that he was having less trouble than he had anticipated. W. A. McAdams, head of the town water and power department, stated that he had only one break-down on the town lines, and that the REA lines had had fewer broken lines and less trouble than would be expected.

Unlike some eastern North Carolina towns which are sitting by and waiting for nature to dispose of the snow, Farmville officials proceeded to make the streets passable and to clear the sidewalks. By Sunday afternoon, the town's motor grader was in operation, pushing the snow out of the way so cars could proceed. E. M. Burress, the new street superintendent, worked all Sunday night. Motor driven scoops from the Pecan Grove Dairy and from the farm of Dr. Paul E. Jones were turned over to the town and used to scoop up the snow from streets and to load it on town trucks, which hauled it away.

More than 75 per cent of farm dwellings in North Carolina and the South are in excellent condition or need only such minor repairs as painting or general maintenance, the report revealed. Only 6.1 per cent were in good repair in 1940. The report was based on Bureau of the Census surveys.

"The rise in farm incomes and property values since 1940 has been accompanied by a great increase in the number of rural homes equipped with such modern conveniences as electric lights, tiled baths and showers and running water," said F. B. Ortman, chairman of the Council's residential construction committee.

Electricity, for instance, has gone into hundreds of thousands of the nation's rural dwellings since 1940, Ortman noted. More than 59 per cent of all farm homes now have electric lights, in contrast to 31.3 per cent in 1940.

More than 32 per cent of rural dwellings in the United States today have running water, and 20.1 per cent have private baths, according to the Title Council report. In 1940, 17.7 per cent had running water and only 10.6 per cent private baths.

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