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COLLEGE EDITORS TO ARRIVE FRIDAY

Delegates From Everywhere
Will Visit Southern
Pines

Thirty farm press agents from twenty States gathered at the State College at West Raleigh Tuesday for a conference that will run through Friday. Their business is selling ideas on improved farming to American farmers.

The occasion is the 13th annual conference of the American association of agricultural college educators which has become an institution in educational annals. The visitors were welcomed to the college by President E. C. Brooks, who told them that they are the hope of agricultural education for adult farmers.

On Friday the visitors will drive to Southern Pines where they will be the guests of the Kiwanis club there at a dinner at the Southern Pines country club and after dinner they will be taken around the neighborhood and shown the peach orchards, and other farm development in the Sandhills. Those expected are: Reuben Brigham, L. A. Schlup and N. A. Crawford, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; M. D. Bowers, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.; M. Glenn Kirkpatrick, The Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Penn.; Prof. C. E. Rogers, Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan.; J. Francis Cooper, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.; J. E. McClintock, Ohio State University, Columbus Ohio; Bristow Adams, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; Lewis Merritt, Clemson College, Clemson College, S. C.; H. B. Stevens, University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H.; G. W. Sumner, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.; Gust M. Oehm, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.; A. J. Sims, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.; Russell Lord, Farm and Fireside, New York; J. R. Fleming, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; P. O. Davis, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.; Miss Alice McFeely, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.; Roger W. DeBaun, Miss Broedel and Mr. Woodward, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.; C. A. Cobb, Southern Ruralist, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Marjorie B. Arbour, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.; J. B. Hasselman, Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich.; E. R. Price, Virginian Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.; Dr. C. V. Smith, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; W. G. Yeager, county agent, Rowan county, Salisbury, N. C.; Frank H. Jeter, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C.; A. B. Bryan, South Carolina.

GILLIAM-McCASKILL

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gilliam, of Sanford, was the scene of a quiet and beautiful wedding when their daughter, Miss May James Gilliam, because the bride of Walter J. McCaskill, of Vass. The home was effectively decorated with fern and Queen Anne's lace and myrick of white tapers. Proceeding the ceremony a beautiful musical program was rendered by Miss Julia Gilliam, sister of the bride. The bride was lovely in her wedding gown. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. H. Williamson, former pastor of the bride. The bridegroom is a successful farmer of Vass, route 1, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. McCaskill.

Scientists report that fleas can go without food for two weeks. But they won't.—Tampa Times.

Women learn to swim sooner than men because the men have to teach themselves.—New York American.

Our grandchildren may accept the monkey theory on the record of state legislatures.—Wall Street Journal.

DAN McKEITHEN TO WED GIRL IN YORK

Moore county's prominent young bachelors are encountering an epidemic of matrimony. Following the announcement of the coming marriage of Richard Tufts, of Pinehurst, comes the following bit of News from York, S. C.

Of interest to friends and acquaintances in the Carolinas is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Eleanor Herndon, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Herndon of York, S. C., to Dan Ingram McKeithen of Aberdeen, N. C., the wedding to take place in the late fall. The announcement was made Thursday evening at the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. MacKorell at their home "The Equarium" following the wedding of their daughter Miss Janet MacKorell to Rev. P. W. Wilson of Due West, S. C.

Dan McKeithen is cashier of the Page Trust Company at Aberdeen, and one of the young fellows of the county who are coming to the front at a substantial gait.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SANDHILLS

It is a pleasure for me to call attention to the work of the Woman's Foundation for Health, Incorporated.

For the month of July, beginning Friday, July 10, at 11:30 a. m., and continuing at the same hour each Friday in July, Station WEAF will broadcast a series of fifteen-minute talks by the Women's Foundation for Health. The topic for July 10 will be "Can Women Do Team Work?"

Women's interests in general will be touched upon in each talk, but the particular responsibility of the individual woman to develop her full physical and mental power will occupy the greater part of the fifteen minutes.

It will be worth your while to listen in.

Hattie A. Whitaker, President.
Moore County Health and Welfare Ass'n, Southern Pines, N. C.

REPUBLICANS TO APPEAL TO CAL.

Feel Keenly About Investigation
Of Unfair Practices of
Imperial

(By R. E. Powell)

Capers the Republican majority on the Federal Trade Commission seems to be cutting in handling the investigation into alleged unfair trade practices of the Imperial Tobacco company are fretting good Republicans in the rural sections of North Carolina and the gossip is that the G. O. P. in this part of the South is mobilizing to send Mr. Coolidge a vigorous message about it.

So far, the Republican majority on the commission hasn't done anything with the investigation it was ordered to make upon complaint of the cooperative growers. But it has proceeded painfully slow with the inquiry into the boycott which the co-ops allege the Imperial has established and apparently, has gone far afield by probing the internal affairs of the cooperatives.

The coops have been through a searching investigation conducted by nine officials of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina and the editors of farm papers in these three states. The nine members all held responsible and leading positions in the agricultural world. It was in no sense a picked committee. It did not whitewash the association but recommended in the main that it give its members a little more information about the business. That's all the fault the nine men found.

Jealous of Record

The grumbling of the North Carolina Republicans because of the delay and dilly-dallying on the part of the Trade Commission is easy enough to follow when it is understood that

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THE TOWN OF VASS AND ITS COMMUNITY

A Story of Its Early Life and
Development — Yesterday
and Today

(Bessie Smith)

Part V.

For years A. Cameron operated a planing mill here that gave employment to a number of men, white and colored. Lumber was hauled in on wagons from saw mills all around, and over a tram road that extended from the plant here several miles out the Lobelia way. The manufacture of brick was also an important industry at one time.

As the lumber supply diminished, the people turned to farming on a larger scale, and today, that is by far their most important occupation. The soil and climate are wonderfully well adapted to the culture of almost every crop that is grown in the Temperate Belt. The principal money crops cultivated are tobacco, cotton and dewberries.

The community is very fortunate in that its population in most part is made up of people who own their own homes and farms and are permanent residents, and therefore more interested in the welfare and progress of the community than they would be otherwise.

The growth of the school has been most marked. From the little Winder school building of which we have told, the school moved to a newly erected building a short distance west of the village, the one now used by the colored people. This, also, was a one-room house, but it could boast of fairly good blackboard space and a stage in one end of the building. We like to think back over the days spent at this little school, and of the wonderful "commencements" or "concerts," as we called them then. Perhaps the most thrilling moment of it all was when the room was packed with parents and friends who had come to see their young hopefuls perform and we were on the stage with the curtains drawn. There the audience waited anxiously for the curtains to open, even as we wait today, and imagine how dumbfounded they were when the youngsters who were supposed to be on the stage came marching in at the front door (which was to the rear of the audience) singing lustily, or keeping step to the strains of "Oscar Wilde" played on the organ that had been bought by the efforts of the children with their faithful teacher to lead them. The secret was that we had been spirited out the back window, and had crept noiselessly around to the front. We like, too, to think of the teachers who labored so faithfully trying to make real men and women of character of the boys and girls whom they taught, giving their time and best efforts in exchange for a mere pittance and for the satisfaction of knowing that they were doing something worthwhile. Among these teachers to whom we would publicly express appreciation, in behalf of the boys and girls of that day, are Miss Florence Leslie, Miss Annie McNeill, now Mrs. J. R. McQueen, Mrs. Mary McNeill Stuart, Miss Annie Clegg and Miss Laura Huff, all well known throughout this section.

"Sheep Spring School," as this school was called by the children, was replaced about 1910 by a two story building here in town. Prof. W. D. Matthews has been the principal of the school every year except one since 1911, and has taken great interest in it. During this time he has seen it outgrow the town building, then outgrow it after it had been enlarged to more than twice its original size. The faculty has been increased from two in 1911 to eleven in 1924. School trucks bring the children in from the outlying districts, and this fall, these children will enjoy advantages equal to those of the city child when they enter the new fifty thousand dollar school that will be ready for the fall

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MR. AND MRS. W. C. BYRD OF AYDEN HONORED

Mrs. W. C. Byrd, who before her marriage a few weeks ago was Miss Margaret Keith, of this place, and Mr. Byrd were honor guests at a lovely shower and bridge party given by friends in Ayden on Wednesday evening of last week. About forty guests were present. The following account of the affair appeared in the News and Observer, and will be of interest to the friends of the young couple in their home community:

"Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Byrd, a recent bride and groom, were the honor guests at a shower and bridge party given by Mesdames Z. G. Lyon, W. C. Cannon and Miss Lalla Rook Boyd and Mr. H. S. Gurganus at the home of Mrs. W. C. Cannon last Wednesday evening.

As the guests arrived they were served punch by Mrs. A. R. Cannon, Miss Boyd and Mrs. Jack Quinerly greeted the guests at the cloak room. The attractive place cards seated the couples for bridge. After all the guests had assembled an hour of bridge was enjoyed. The first ladies prize was won by Miss Beulah Barwick, and second by Mrs. G. H. Sumrell. The gentlemen's prize was won by W. O. Edwards and W. H. Howell.

The bride and groom were then requested to follow the white ribbon path once again and after traveling a short distance found themselves in the gift room where many handsome pieces of flat silver and cut glass were on display. The happy couple expressed their appreciation very graciously.

At a late hour cream in the shape of roses on pedal of green and individual cakes with hand painted decorations were served by the host and hostesses.

FREE TYPHOID VACCINATION

Dr. R. G. Rosser will be in his office from four to five o'clock Saturday afternoon, July 11th, to give the typhoid vaccination to all who care to take it. There will be no charge.

After all, there is much to be thankful for. Nobody has yet compiled an anthology of senate poetry.—Waterbury Republican.

PINEHURST SELLS PREFERRED STOCK

Will Put a Limited Amount
in Hands of
Employees

The employees of Pinehurst received an important announcement last week, which marks a new policy on the part of the big concern. A letter to each individual on the payroll informed him that if he desired to hold some preferred stock in the corporation it would be at his disposal. This step has been taken for several reasons. It grew out of the custom on the part of Pinehurst of acting in the early days as the custodian of savings for many of the employees when banks were not so numerous as now. When the Bank of Pinehurst was established the savings accounts were encouraged to go to the banks, but employees continued to want to place money in the hands of their employer, and that has kept up to some extent to the present.

Seeing the continued desire on the part of the employees to have the corporation act as the custodian of funds it was determined to offer a series of preferred stock, with seven per cent dividends at regular periods, and thus save a lot of work in accounting and additions to deposits, etc. Already several of the employees have been arranging to take stock, and it is thought that a considerable amount will be taken.

The preferred stock is being offered, beginning with July 1st. This stock is preferred both as to assets and to dividends, which means that Pinehurst Incorporated guarantees the dividend, which is 7 per cent annually, paid in semi-annual installments on the first day of January and July each year. Not only does Pinehurst Incorporated have to pay this dividend before they pay the common stock dividend but if the property does not earn enough to pay this 7 per cent dividend then the property itself would be held liable for it. The stock is non-taxable (except for income taxes) as the county and state taxes are paid by the corporation.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHORUS OF 1924

It will soon be time to begin rehearsals for the big musical event of the year, the Annual Harvest Musical Festival.

Of course this one must be "bigger, better and more interesting" than the last one.

We have selected that wonderful secular oratorio, "The Rose Maiden" by Frederic Owen as our vehicle this year and you are going to agree with us that it is the most beautiful choral work that has ever been published.

If my memory serves me correctly we had about eighty last year and I have set out to get one hundred this year. We must grow!

Because "The Rose Maiden" is not a sacred cantata and because the music will be more appealing, I believe we can interest many more of the younger singers this year.

On June 29th., I was Judge at the Annual Tri-County singing contest held at Benson.

There were twelve choirs in this contest and the choruses were made up of folks from the ages of fourteen up to sixty.

It was estimated that six thousand people attended that annual affair, and those folks sang almost continually from 9:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

While they did not sing the class of music we do, and the talent was far below ours, it was an inspiration to see the interest taken in the event by both participants and audience.

Before we call our first rehearsal I am going to ask you to try to bring at least one new member with you. Let's get hold of more of the young people. Someone must take our place when we get too old and now is the time to fill up the ranks.

Interest in music is being revived in the State as evidenced by the State-wide contest which was held in Raleigh last winter.

Let's put on a Festival this year that will make the whole State sit up and take notice.

We can do it.

Very truly yours,

C. W. PICQUET.