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Mrs. Vanderbilt Calls Meeting For Next Week

Agricultural Society Will Meet in Federal Court Room.

By order of the president, Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt the North Carolina Agricultural Society is called to meet in Raleigh Tuesday of next week at 12 o'clock noon in the United States court room, postoffice building.

This is the regular annual meeting, although how regular it will be remains to be seen. There is among the directors of the society an element which expresses dissatisfaction with the present established order, especially as regards its inability to show a profit. This opposition will be present, because it is led by Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, and Frank Stronach, of Raleigh, who are always present.

There is much sentiment among those who have taken more pleasure out of what they are pleased to consider the progress and improvement of the State Fair for Mrs. Vanderbilt to succeed herself. It is not known whether she will accept, and while there is considerable dissatisfaction with the present management it is not at all certain that there will be anybody else placed in nomination.

Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, one of Mrs. Vanderbilt's chief supporters, has a proposal which is apt to start an argument. He has been working on a plan to use the fair grounds the year round instead of a week in October. This involves a tourist camping ground and it might let the City of Raleigh extend its streets through the grounds of the fair.

Chief Justice Walter Clark Capt. Billy Saunders, of Smithfield, and divers and sundry others who are dead set against any removal of the fair are not expected to take kindly to this movement which might look like an entering wedge. At the last two meetings General Carr and Mr. Stronach have hovered close to the edge of saying something and starting a revolt. Indeed, at last get-together Mr. Stronach did say something.

FROM REV. MR. NOE

Greetings and Note of Appreciation Sent by Former Rector of Episcopal Church to Farmville People.

Rev. A. C. D. Noe, rector of the local Episcopal church, left with his family for his new field of endeavor at Batesville, Arkansas, November 1. Many kind expressions of regret at his leaving and inquiries as to his journey and welfare have been made by his many friends here since his departure.

A letter recently received from Mr. Noe states that they had an unusual fine trip to Arkansas and that Batesville is everything that he anticipated and that his family feels very much at home among a people who are representatives of the Lee and Furbush families from Virginia and North Carolina, therefore southerners of the best sort. To quote Mr. Noe: "Everyone has been lovely to us, but we can never learn to love them more than we do the good friends in Farmville. The people here love to go to church and we had 350 at a union Thanksgiving service held in our church last Thursday. There were nearly thirty voices in the choir and the music was soul-inspiring. How is our little flock in Farmville? I am still praying for them and love them everyone and sincerely hope that you can soon get a minister to keep the work going. I have certainly missed our services there in our little church. There is a joy in close heart to heart talks that one doesn't get in ministering to a large congregation, and my services there were very sacred and dear to me. I can just sit down and see the different faces in my congregation and the different expressions on each face and the picture will go with me through the years and make me happy."

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you good people of Farmville for your kindness to me and my family while there, and for the good wishes and generous purse with which you said 'good-by.' We shall never forget you and will be with you in spirit. Faithfully, "ALEX. C. D. NOE"

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Contempt Decision Stirs Public



Charles L. Craig (above) Comptroller of the City of New York, through a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court must serve sixty days in jail for contempt of court unless he support forces a pardon. Below is Justice Julius Mayer, of New York, whose decision, almost three years ago, was upheld by the higher court. Prominent men declare it complete violation of the principle of free speech and free press.

NEW PASTOR TAKES UP WORK

Rev. B. B. Slaughter preached his initial sermon Sunday as pastor of the local Methodist church. Mr. Slaughter and his family arrived here several days ago and will succeed Rev. C. T. Thrift who has gone to Moxock.

The new pastor comes to this church after three years of faithful service in Tarboro where he proved a friend to all who came in contact with him regardless of denomination. He has held several important pastorates in this state and proven to be active and efficient in Sunday school

Mr. Slaughter is a Knight Templar and a Shriner, he was also a member of the Tarboro Kiwanis club. His congregation gave him what is known as a "pounding" Monday evening. This was a joyful gathering of the church folk who brought with them substantial gifts for the store-room and a cordial welcome to the family.

Mr. Slaughter will reside in the residence on Contentnea street, now being used as a parsonage and formerly occupied by Rev. Mr. Thrift.

A GRACIOUS VISIT

On Green street, between Church and Wilson, lives one of Farmville's best known citizens, Mrs. Ellen Hill. She is one of God's widows, who lives all alone and but for her natural sunny disposition she would be lonely indeed. I said one of God's widows, for he takes the widow and orphan under his wing of protection when they are left alone in this world.

To show his loving remembrance had not been forgotten He put it into the hearts of some good neighbors around here to pay her a pleasant call Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Mrs. Joe Parker, Mrs. Jesse Blue and Mrs. Raymond Peele broke in upon the silence of the home in the early shadows of the evening, loaded down with their arms full of "Thanksgiving," which was more than mere words could express. They came to bring the greetings of a dozen or more of the neighbors in the form of sugar, coffee, potatoes, jelly, fruits, Post Toasties, milk, slippers, dress goods, peaches and oranges. Now that is Thanksgiving with some kinship to the Master's ideals. And Mrs. Hill wishes to thank her friends for such kind remembrance of her during this blessed season.

GATES SANDERS.

A wedding, which came as a complete surprise to their many friends occurred in Norfolk, Va., at 8 o'clock Saturday evening when Miss Leola Sanders, of Four Oaks, became the bride of Mr. John Sterling Gates, of this city. The ring ceremony was performed by Dr. W. S. Melton, of the First Baptist church of Norfolk, in the pastor's home.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. W. Sanders, of Four Oaks. She is a popular and accomplished young lady and has won many friends upon her visits here by her sweet and gracious manner.

Italian Lake Overflows; 300 Drown

Milan, Italy, Dec. 1.—The huge artificial lake at Dezzo, near Bergamo, has overflowed and broken through the dykes, the waters sweeping down through the valleys, overwhelming villages and drowning inhabitants by the score. The number of victims is computed at 300 or more, by some of the authorities.

The heavy rains which have been falling for the past few weeks caused streams to overflow and fill the lake to the bursting point. Millions of cubic yards of water were let loose and the terrific force of the flood swept everything before it.

The village of Dezzo, originally containing 600 inhabitants and the adjacent villages, were directly in the line of the rushing waters and were inundated. Many of the people, however, were apprised of the break in the dykes, and fled together with hundreds of other refugees to the hills.

Red Cross relief has been organized and the government is using all efforts to aid the sufferers.

DOES FARMVILLE CARE?

By D. E. HILL, Pastor Farmville Baptist Church

Since coming to Farmville, aside from any observations of my own, I have been informed by as many as two leading citizens that Farmville Does Not Care! They have said that Farmville is a materialistic town. That her citizens are tremendously concerned about making money and having luxuries and a rousing time socially; but when it comes right down to standing for principles of righteousness, high ideals and religion they are not there. Now, let me say, before harsh judgment is passed, that these two or more citizens are still in town and they belong to different professions and different churches. Does this indicate that there is really some truth in these statements?

If these things are true I have a message to quote and repeat:

love pleasure more than they love righteousness, when they love themselves and the things of this world more than they love God and his kingdom this verse is meant for them. "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God." And my remark is that unless such attitudes and ideals are changed mothers and fathers will wake up some day to see their sons and daughters debauched by their shame and crimson sin will stain the skirts of this town with so many glorious possibilities.

Why do Farmville churches have such poor attendance? Do people love big dinners and social gatherings so much that they go there instead? Or do they stay up so late on previous nights in business and revelry that they do not feel like getting to church on the Sabbath? If these things are true then duty is clear. Or is it that the services are so poor that they hold no benefit for you? So then duty is no less clear.

Get rid of the ones who are responsible for the services and have others that can do the job. Or if you think you could do better, try it yourself. Or are you indifferent to your church because of social conditions or activities? If so, answer this question: What is it that you love better than your Redeemer and His Kingdom?

No, no, friends, I scarcely believe that any of these things are true. And I rather doubt those who have spoken of the moral and spiritual conditions of Farmville. There is a rare case of human nature that will see truth in its importance and let it go calmly by unheeded. People will rally to that which is right and to the eternal principles of right and God if they are brought face to face with the facts. Elijah thought that all had gone after idolatry, but the Lord showed him that he had 7,000 in Israel that had not bowed the knee to Baal. I believe that we have a similar proportion in Farmville. I have met many of them since I have been here. I have them in my own church and I have become acquainted with some of the finest specimens in the other churches.

Is this not true? Farmville is a young town and we have here many who have come to town, for all they knew, temporarily, being active church members of their home communities but here in a rather strange community do not feel like pushing to the front in many activities? Even does this effect some of the staying from church altogether. Now that is not safe to cover up wicked practices and spiritual indifference which any community has and of which we have an ample share, but to explain some of our conditions.

What are we going to do? Let everyone who professes to be a follower of righteousness and truth

First Home of Crown Prince Home Again



Exclusive picture of the German former Crown Prince and his wife, who stayed in Germany for years of exile in Holland. This picture was taken at the home where they are now living in his castle there.

G. O. P. Trying to Settle Trouble

Washington, Nov. 27.—Views of senate and house progressives are gradually being crystallized preparatory to the opening of congress.

House members of the republican progressive group are in the midst of a series of informal conferences before the big conference. At the same time republican leaders in the senate are holding informal meetings for exchange of ideas and

Christmas Seal is New Active

The Christmas Seal of 1923 was designed by the well known artist, Rudolph Bunka, a native of Czechoslovakia, and an artist of international reputation.

In commenting on the seal, Basil G. Eaves, manager of the National Christmas Seal Campaign, says: "It is the most inspirational holiday greeting that was ever crowded into the small space of a postage stamp. It breathes the spirit of Christmas and the home, with a little girl sitting in front of the fireplace when she sees in the bright flames a vision of Santa Claus, the supreme thought in the little mind. Three beautiful symbols of home, the child, the spirit of Christmas and the hearth stone, and above and on each side of the fireplace appears the double-barred cross with its promise of the gift of good health to all. A most fitting token of the birthday of Him who ministered to the lame, the halt and the blind and said: 'Suffer the little ones to come unto me! If every letter and package that carries the little seal this year could actually convey its spirit and meaning, what a wonderful spirit it would be for everybody.'"

The Magazine Club of this city has charge of the sale of seals here and they can be purchased on and after December 11, at the postoffice, Wheeler Drug Store and R. L. Davis and Bros., within the following hours: 10:30 to 11:30 in the morning, and 3:30 to 5:00 in the afternoon.

FARMVILLE FURNITURE CO'S SALE HAS BLENDING CLOSE

The Farmville Furniture Co., of this place, gave away the three last prizes on Saturday, December 1, closing day of the sale.

Miss Mildred Barrett, who resides on Church street, was winner of the \$150.00 Edison. Miss Barrett had only two tickets in the box.

Miss Penelope Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lewis, won the \$25.00 cedar chest.

Mr. J. H. Moore, Farmville, Route 2, won the \$30.00 iron bed.

This firm announces that even now they are forming plans for the sale next year.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS OF FARMVILLE TO BE TAKEN

At the last meeting of the Ministerial Association it was decided to set the third Sunday afternoon of this month to take a religious census of Farmville.

NEWSY ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM FALKLAND, N. C.

Falkland, Dec. 4th.—The friends of Mr. Louis Dupree will be glad to learn that he is improving, though slowly, after a severe illness from a stroke of paralysis.

Dr. S. M. Crisp, Jr., and his brother Richard Crisp, drove thru the country to Chapel Hill to witness the Carolina Virginia football game.

The Falkland Christian Endeavors are trying out what bids fair to be an interesting and pleasant method of raising funds. Last Saturday morning loaded an automobile with vegetables, chickens, cakes and jams contributed by members of the society, took them down to the Curb Market at Greenville, and sold them. Luck seemed with them, for everything was soon sold and the funds thus realized will go into the Church fund for Home Missions.

The many friends of Mrs. S. L. Duke will learn with sincere regret that she is critically ill at her home near Falkland.

Mr. G. R. Pittman is out again after several days' illness. His friends are glad to welcome him, for he was greatly missed.

The Editors of the High School paper, "The Falkland HiLight," have entered into the task of putting out "the real article" with a great amount of enthusiasm. They have secured a photograph, with the aid of which they expect to print a number of copies of the paper each week. It is their plan to put the paper with its interesting bits of news into all the homes of the community, and have already secured a number of outside subscriptions.

The November meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held in the school building on Friday afternoon, Nov. 30th. The program was along the line of School and Community Music, and in connection with this, there was a demonstration of the Public School Music work that is being done in the school under the auspices of the Association. Following this four of the Piano pupils gave a recital. They were Olive May, Mary

lowing the program it was decided that the Association put on a Book week in December, the object being to start a much needed library for the school. It was also decided that the second week in December be set aside as "planting week," when trees and flowers and shrubs should be planted on the school grounds and various other improvements begun that will eventually lead to a beautiful school campus.

Mr. Louis S. Crisp spent last weekend at his home in Falkland.

Mrs. Blanche Weeks and Miss Lucy Moore, of Farmville, spent Thanksgiving with their sister, Mrs. C. H. Mayo.

Mrs. Hassell Mayo entertained on Wednesday evening in honor of her sisters, Mrs. Weeks and Miss Moore. Various games were enjoyed through the evening, after which a delightful course of refreshments was served. Those enjoying Mrs. Mayo's hospitality were Misses Ruby Worthington, Ina Belle Worthington, Ida Howard, Aletha Cannady, Lowmy Olive, Miss Patteson, Miss Lucy Moore, Mrs. Weeks, and Messrs. O. K. Goodwin, Jesses Morrill, Jr., E. R. Wootch and W. J. Little.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Pierce and Miss Ethel Pittman, of Farmville, and Mr. Earl Pittman, of Oak City, were the guests of Mrs. G. H. Pittman on Wednesday.

A series of Evangelistic meetings is being held in the Falkland church this week, the services beginning each night at 7:30. Rev. Mr. Finigan, of Wilson, is preaching, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Chas. A. Lawrence. Much interest is being manifested in these meetings and attendance has been good in spite of the bad weather.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mr. W. A. Hart, of Tarboro, who has recently returned from an extended trip in Europe, will give an address at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning. Mr. Hart has given this address in Rocky Mount and other places and the people have been greatly interested in hearing his observations of conditions as he saw them. Mr. Hart speaks as a Christian man and all who can hear him will enjoy a rare treat.

MISS WALTER HOSTESS

Miss Margaret Walter was hostess to eighteen of her little friends last Friday afternoon when she celebrated her tenth birthday.

Various games were played on the lawn, a chess spelling match being among the most enjoyable. When a huge birthday cake was brought on the scene the small guests amused themselves by blowing out the candles. Ice cream was then served. The small hostess received many lovely gifts.

Death Penalty For Nash Negro

Lewis Washington, Convicted of Criminal Assault on White Woman.

Nashville, N. C., Dec. 1.—Lee Washington, negro, late today was found guilty in Nash county superior court of a charge of attacking a white woman and was sentenced to die in the electric chair on Friday, December 28. Washington received the sentence calmly, and without show of emotion.

The jury which had been hearing evidence for two days, received the case today and returned a verdict 58 minutes later.

Immediately after sentence was passed the negro was taken to the state penitentiary at Raleigh. A detachment of soldiers which had been on guard at the court house today returned to their station at Wilson tonight. There was no demonstration of any kind.

HARVEST DAY MEETING

A most interesting meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church was held on Monday last when its annual Harvest Day celebration was observed. There were 27 members present when the president, Mrs. T. W. Lang, called the meeting to order in the church. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. M. V. Horton, after which the presiding officer announced that the usual interesting literary program would be omitted as there was much necessary business to be attended to.

However a splendid talk on Harvest Day and its meaning was given by Mrs. Lang before she called for reports from the different committees. Forty-four visits to the sick and strangers since last meeting were reported.

Then followed the annual election of officers, when these officers were elected: President, Mrs. T. W. Lang; vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Lovelace; correspondent, Mrs. M. V. Horton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Heywood Smith; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Parker; local treasurer, Mrs. B. O. Turnage; superintendent mission study; Mrs. A. H. Joyner; superintendent social service, Mrs. R. A. Fields; superintendent local work, Mrs. W. R. Willis; agent "The Voice," Mrs. R. O. Lang.

Three new members were given a cordial welcome at this time, Messdames B. B. Slaughter, Willard Teel and Jack Taylor.

After adjournment the society was invited to remain for a social period, during which delightful fruit and home-made candy were served by Messdames J. Loyd Horton and T. E. Joyner.

FARMVILLE LOSES TWO MORE.

On November 23 Nashville defeated Farmville in a clean, fast, hard-fought game of basket ball on Nashville's court by the score of 36-20.

Lang, who was held scoreless in the previous game against Nashville, scored four field goals and four fouls. Parker and Shirley contributed the additional eight points. Lovelace, although put out of the game for personal foul, worked with his teammates and passed several times to Lang, who scored.

Taylor did not play his usual game, probably due to a little excitement on the enemy's court.

The team is improving rapidly in passing, which is the greatest defect of the team at present.

Farmville Lions went into the game against Mount Pleasant in a crippled condition. One forward out, and only one substitute in reserve. Because of this condition the boys did not guard their opponents closely for fear of committing fouls which automatically disqualifies any player for the remainder of the game.

In spite of the crippled condition of the team, and in spite of the fact that the opponents outweighed Farmville's team 20 pounds to the man, our boys went in to win. The game was so closely contested the spectators and players did not know for sure which side won until the referee announced the score, 19-15, in favor of Mount Pleasant.

Mount Pleasant players state that the Farmville team is the strongest they have met this season—and they have beaten Nashville.

FARMVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m. Classes for all ages. W. R. Willis, Supt. Epworth League 6:45 p. m. Miss Goldie Shiflet, President. Shepherd Smith, Leader of meeting. Preaching at Arthur at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. B. H. Slaughter. The public is cordially invited.