

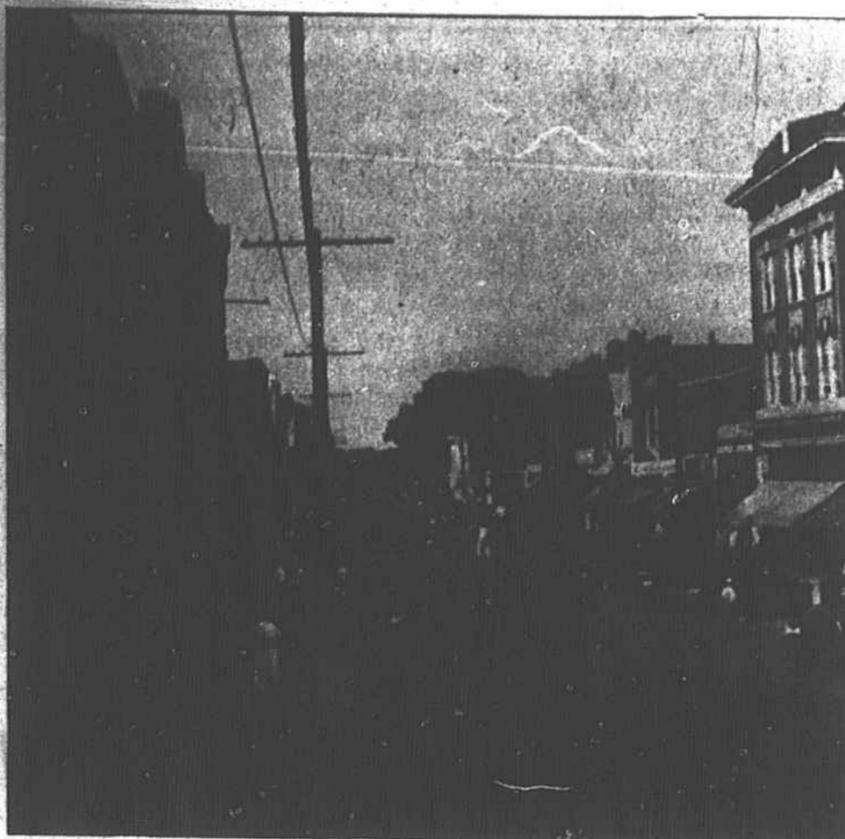
OF FARMVILLE

Professor in the School of Applied Sciences, of State College.

Taking as his theme, "The Place of Rotary in American Life," Ted pointed out three periods through which our country has passed in the last few years; the Booster Period, in which towns, industries, and everything worthy or unworthy was boosted; the Bolstering Period, the time of bolstering up our failing economic system, and lastly, the Building Period, the one into which the country is now entering. Applying these spans to Rotary he showed how each had been reflected in the life of the Rotary Movement.

Decorations in National Colors Used At Yuletide

Unique in its idea and execution,



Portion of Main Street Looking North from Bank of Farmville Building

and probably establishing a precedent in these United States of America, were the Yuletide decorations used in Farmville during the last Christmas holidays, and which fittingly manifested a spirit of appreciation and gratitude to those who have made the advent of better times possible.

For while wreaths were hung in the windows, festoons of evergreens over the doors and the conventional and accepted colors of red and green were used in elaborate combinations in the residential section, as has always been the custom, the business district was ablaze with the national colors, the main thoroughfare being studded with red, white and blue lights. Strangers approaching the town probably thought the town was celebrating the Fourth of July and doubtless felt the urge to stand at attention and salute the colors as they passed through.

And this would have been an appropriate gesture, for citizens of Farmville did not merely observe Christmas Day in 1933, but kept it in the Henry Van Dyke manner:

"forgetting what they have done for other people and remembering what others have done for them."

To begin with, Christmas is the greatest of gift seasons, and after the recent bitter experience of bewilderment and despair, it was most fitting to recognize the present administration, headed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, as the instrument used by the Great Giver of Gifts; to fan the sparks of hope first of all; to suspend gloom and worry; to instill a feeling of renewed confidence, love and good will to men on earth; to enliven that joy of living here and faith in a life beyond.

Christmas Observed with Pageantry And Song

The Christmas story was depicted here during Christmas week in various forms; a cantata, special religious services, a pageant, and a dram-

matizing, and Mrs. Haywood Smith, the organist.

Holy Communion was celebrated at midnight by Rev. J. Q. Beckwith, Jr., rector of Emmanuel church, Episcopal, in a service marked by great beauty and simplicity, to which was added the grandeur of music.

Immediately following this service, the Episcopal choir was joined by other voices of the various churches in the singing of carols, which was continued throughout the town for an hour, and ended at the home of Mrs. J. L. Shackelford, where a permanent organization of the Christmas Carol Singers was perfected.

Celebration of Holy Mass was held at 9 o'clock Christmas morning at St. Elizabeth's Catholic church, the sermon theme being, "The Nativity of The Wonder Child." Christmas carols and chants were rendered by the choir and the children dedicated themselves before the crib to the infant Jesus.

Farmville Joined Other Pitt Towns In Celebrating President's Birthday

Farmville and Pitt County people joined the rest of the country on Tuesday evening, January 30, in paying tribute to President Franklin D. Roosevelt with a birthday ball given in the Campus Building of East Carolina Teachers College, at Greenville, Pitt County seat.

On account of the fact that local affairs of this nature depend largely on patronage from nearby towns, it was decided as best, by those ap-

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County Teachers Meet

A countywide teachers' meeting was held in Farmville in December, with several prominent speakers on the program. Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, president of the local Parent-Teacher Association and outstanding in Woman's Club work, as the principal speaker.

Mrs. Hobgood's subject, "Channels Through Which the Schools and Teachers May Work," was brought clearly and forcibly to her audience in a most interesting and constructive talk.

Ernest Seeman, of Duke University, spoke to the primary and grammar grade teachers on, "Child Creative Interest," and Miss Madge Cobb, assistant State Supervisor of Home Economics, conducted a discussion for the high school teachers on "Modern Trends In Teaching Home Economics." Mr. Cooley also spoke on matters vitally important to the furtherance of education in this State.

A musical program by the Glee Club, with Mrs. John D. Holmes and Elbert Holmes as soloists, was enjoyed as was the Art exhibit, which, being held in the school during that week, was visited by the teachers.

Inter-City Meet Rotarians

An Inter-City meeting of the Rotary Clubs comprising this district; Ayden, Greenville, Washington and Farmville, was held here early in December, with fifty Rotarians present. Bill Smith, president of the Farmville Club, presided with his usual pep and enthusiasm, and a turkey supper was served by Farmville's most charming young ladies.

The address of welcome was given by John T. Thorne and the response by Fordie Harding, of Greenville. Demonstrating the value and place occupied by the Rotary organization in any community, were the short talks given by the presidents, of the outstanding accomplishments of each club during the past year.

A musical program by Mr. and Mrs. John D. and Elbert Holmes added variety and charm to the evening. Following which, John Holmes introduced the speaker, Ted Johnson,