

CURRENT EVENTS IN FARMVILLE

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proached concerning the matter early after announcement of the Ball to be held throughout the country, that the efforts of the local people be bent towards making the Greenville Ball a success, rather than hold one here.

Mayor John B. Lewis made a radio address relative to the Ball on Saturday morning, January 20, at 11 o'clock from station WEED, Greenville, and the Greenville committees were given hearty cooperation and full support of Farmville citizens. The Junior Woman's Club, selected by R. E. Boyd, president of the Rotary Club and school superintendent, for this service, sold tickets for the affair and elected the following sponsors to represent Farmville:

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Monk, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Vought, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Monk, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Oglesby, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Turnage, Mrs. Sallie K. Horton, John B. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Knott, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shackelford, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Joyner.

The affair was attended by a crowd estimated at nearly two thousand. Part of this number sat in the spacious balconies and watched the entrancing ball room scene below and the remainder whirled about the floor as thousands of others were doing in other parts of the country.

The building had been beautifully decorated with pines and national colors and a huge imitation birthday cake, brilliantly lighted, adorned the stage.

At 11:20 o'clock the dance was halted for the address by President Roosevelt from the Capital City. The President thanked the nation for the tribute paid him, and declared it was "the happiest time of his life."

He told of the work being done at Warm Springs, Ga., for children suffering from infantile paralysis and again stated the main purpose of the ball, to raise funds to help the institution render greater service to the nation in this respect.

The address came to the crowd through a radio which had been installed on the stage several feet above the dance floor, and was plainly audible in every section of the building.

It was one of the most orderly and genuinely happy affairs ever held in the county and was wholly in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, honoring as it did the 52nd birthday of one of the greatest Presidents the nation has ever had. The spirit of good-will which has emanated from the White House since the inauguration of Mr. Roosevelt was in evidence everywhere, the dancers feeling as if they had the President with them, evidently taking him at his word when he told them over the radio that he hoped his spirit would be at every party and ball given in his honor.

Money Collected

A million dollar check, written by the hundreds of Roosevelt birthday parties, was put to work May 10 for a three-way attack on infantile paralysis.

The check—three feet long and for nearly \$1,000,000—went to the proceeds of the gay dances given throughout the nation in observance of the President's birthday last January.

President Roosevelt received the big check in the east room of the White House in the presence of persons who organized the parties. He remarked with a smile that he was nervous in handling a check so large, adding:

"I never saw one before."

Then he turned it over to trustees of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation.

Losses A Pioneer Citizen

Farmville paused Tuesday, January 16; the business houses were closed and ordinary duties were suspended in the afternoon, while merited honor and respect were paid one of the pioneer citizens of the community, John R. Davis.

Mr. Davis will be greatly missed, for his seat in the financial circles of Farmville as a leader, by reason of his astuteness and wise counsel, will be vacant a long time. Always conservative in his views and opinions and of ready decision, he has, during the past fifty years spent in Farmville, lived a useful life and rendered valuable service in the municipal and educational activities of the town.

The Davis brothers, R. L., F. M., and John R., have, from the beginning, when this present wide awake little town was only a sleepy hamlet, been prominently identified with Farmville, particularly in its business and civic enterprises. They were never idle dreamers, and they have proved themselves doers in the true sense of the word, industrious and enterprising, men of great integrity and splendid merit, being pioneers in the realm of general and time merchandising in this section of the state.

Of quiet, dignified bearing, "Mr. John", as he was familiarly known, lived very simply, being regular in his personal habits, sound in his judgment, and methodical in his business activities.

We repeat "Mr. John" will be greatly missed in this community.—Editorial.

(Note: Farmville has lost a number of citizens during the year, whose deaths have been a distinct loss. Mr. Davis is mentioned as a pioneer citizen.)

"King of Bootleggers" Killed

R. G. (Dick) Roycroft, known as "The King of Bootleggers," was instantly killed here February 27, when his liquor-laden car collided with another machine as officers were chasing him through town. Roycroft, formerly of Raleigh, centered his operations in Durham.

Excitement reigned here for several hours succeeding the wreck which involved an electric light pole and resulted in the power being turned off the streets. Hundreds of people visited the scene made ghastly in the moonlight by the blood and brains of the dead man, which mingling with the spilt whiskey, ran down the gutters of the street.

Four Europe
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Monk and sons, Robert and Cabot, spent April and May touring England, Germany, Holland, Belgium and France.

Miss Edna Robinson and Miss Janie Davis sailed in June on the Steamship Rex for a Mediterranean cruise and a visit to fourteen countries before their return on August 17.

Episcopal Get-Together Meeting

The program of the Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese East Carolina, the Get-Together meeting of the Episcopal women of this district, convening

in Emmanuel church, Farmville, on Wednesday, May 30, was one of the most spiritual and inspirational yet held.

Delegates and visitors from each of the towns—Ayden, Farmville, Greenville, Grifton and Winterville—comprising the district, numbered around sixty.

Mrs. Waldo Gower, Grifton, the president, presided. Rev. A. C. D. Noe, Ayden rector, offered the invocation, the welcoming address being made by Mrs. J. H. Darden, president of the local Auxiliary.

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