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School News of Interest to Farmville

FARMVILLE TAKES MANY TOP POSITIONS IN FIELD DAY PRELIMINARIES HERE

Farmville made a splendid showing, taking thirteen of the coveted first positions, and ten of the second, Wednesday in the Field Day preliminaries for the county contest to be held April 5th at Winterville, the other competing schools winning as follows: Fountain, six and eight and Belle Arthur seven and four.

50 yd. Dash—Small Girls—1st Aldonia Jones, Farmville; 2nd, Fountain; 50 yd. Dash—small boys—1st, Belle Arthur; 2nd, Fountain; 50 yd. Dash—large girls—1st, Fountain; 2nd, Fountain; 100 yd. Dash—small girls—1st, Nancy Tucker, Farmville; 2nd, Belle Arthur; 100 yd. Dash—small boys—1st, Belle Arthur; 2nd, Fountain; 100 yd. Dash—large girls—1st, Fountain; 2nd, Belle Arthur; 100 yd. Dash—large boys—1st, Fred Jones, Farmville; 2nd, Bill Moye, Farmville; 200 yd. Dash—large boys—1st, Fountain; 2nd, Joe Moye, Farmville.

Potato Race—small girls—1st, Aldonia Jones, Farmville; 2nd Fountain; Potato Race—large girls—1st, Frances Carraway, Farmville; 2nd, Mary Lewis, Farmville.

Standing Broad Jump—small boys—1st, Belle Arthur; 2nd, Belle Arthur; large boys—1st, David Harris, Farmville; 2nd, Fountain.

Running Broad Jump—small girls—Nancy Tucker, Farmville; 2nd, Mary Heath, Farmville; small boys—1st, LeRoy Bowling, Farmville; 2nd, Thomas Joyner, Farmville; large girls—1st, Fountain; 2nd, Edna Earl Reynolds, Farmville; large boys—1st, David Harris, Farmville; 2nd, R. L. Joyner, Farmville.

High Jump—small boys—1st, Belle Arthur; 2nd, Fountain; large boys—1st, Lonnie Matthews, Farmville; 2nd, David Harris, Farmville.

Sack Race—small girls—1st, Blanche Bryant, Farmville; 2nd, Annie Laurie Skinner, Farmville; large girls—1st, Belle Arthur; 2nd, Frances Carraway, Farmville.

Wheel-Barrow Race—small boys—1st, Belle Arthur; 2nd, Belle Arthur; large boys—1st, Fountain; 2nd, James, Calvin Riley, Farmville.

Mill Relay—small boys—1st, Belle Arthur.

400 yd. Relay—small girls—1st, Nancy Tucker, Vernice Mae Moore, Aldonia Jones, Minnie Mae Moore, Farmville; large girls—1st, Fountain.

100 yd. Relay—large boys—1st, Roger Massey, Bill Moye, Joe Moye, Linwood Moye, Farmville.

FARMVILLE DEBATING TEAMS VICTORIOUS

On Friday night March 22nd, the affirmative side of the Farmville debaters went to Enfield to compete with Wilson. The negative went to Wilson to compete with Enfield. Nellie Nichols and Boris Bryant were on the affirmative side. Lottie Joyner and Manda Emma Hinson were on the negative. The query for debate was, Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of extending federal aid to general public education. Both sides representing Farmville were victorious. They will go to Chapel Hill on April 12th to compete with forty-one other schools. This is the first time Farmville has been represented at Chapel Hill.

—Ann Jones.

FIELD DAY CONTEST RESULTS

In the Field Day Contest held on Tuesday afternoon, March 19th, the small girls (that won out in the 50 yd. dash) were the following: Aldonia Jones and Addie Farmer; in the 100 yd. dash, Nancy Tucker and Addie Farmer; in the sack race, Blanche Bryant and Annie Laurie.

Funeral Services For John L. Hearne Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral services for John L. Hearne, who was killed in a head-on collision with a car, were conducted from his late home in Tarboro Tuesday afternoon, followed by interment in the Tarboro cemetery.

The body of Mr. Hearne was found in his office in Tarboro late Monday afternoon with a bullet wound in the head and a pistol nearby. The wound, said to have been self-inflicted, was attributed to business reverses.

Mr. Hearne had been engaged in the hardware business in Tarboro for a number of years and was well known throughout this section.

He is survived by his wife and a son, J. L. Hearne, Jr., of Greenville. Other survivors include three brothers, Closs W. Hearne of Red Springs, Roy Hearne of Washington and Mack Hearne of Greenville; three daughters, Mrs. J. L. Starling, Mrs. J. H. Hall and Mrs. Julia Evans, all of Greenville.

Vote To Reduce Auto Tag Price

The Senate Also Would Spend State Money On Streets And Reduce Capital Punishment

Raleigh, March 29.—The Senate yesterday voted to cut the cost of automobile license tags from 55 to 45 cents a hundredweight and reduce the minimum tag price to \$8. It also authorized the State Highway and Public Works Commission to spend \$500,000 a year on the maintenance of city streets which are links in the State highway system.

Both bills must be passed by the House to become law.

Other important measures passed by the Senate during its morning and night sessions included: a bill to permit Superior Court judges to sentence persons convicted of capital crimes to life imprisonment rather than death if the jury unanimously recommends mercy. The bill, similar to the Jones bill killed by the House, passed the Senate without a word of debate when Senator Summersill of Onslow moved the previous question as soon as the measure had been read.

A bill to prohibit the county political party chairman in 61 of the 100 counties from running in party primaries also passed the Senate. This also must be acted on by the House.

At its night session the Senate balked at an administration request, delivered by Senator Horton of Chatham, to suspend the rules and pass immediately the Hargis bill, already through the House, to permit the State to invest its sinking funds in the capital stock of the quasi-public corporations in which it owns at least 51 per cent.

"It's an administration bill and as an emergency exists we are asked to pass this bill immediately," said Senator Horton.

But he could not say whether the money was to be used in connection with the development of the port at Morehead City, in connection with the State's railroad or what.

"It's to be used in connection with some PWA development," he said.

WALSTONBURG NEWS

(By LILLIAN CORBETT)

PERSONALS

Miss Ruth Jenkins spent the week end in Raleigh.

Mrs. Ray West and son were in Farmville Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Spell were in town Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. E. Lang and Miss Lillian Corbett were in Farmville Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobbis Dixon and children were in Farmville Tuesday afternoon.

Warner Burch spent the week end in Farmville with his aunt, Mrs. J. A. Mewborn.

Miss Clara Jenkins has returned here after a two weeks visit with her mother in Fairmont.

Miss Eloise Burch from E. C. T. C., spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Beaman, Miss Eloise Burch and Mr. Earl Lang went to Raleigh Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Revell, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bullock spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Marlowe.

Mr. Phillips has been transferred to the agency of the Norfolk Southern R. R., and is boarding with Mrs. Estelle Bailey.

The Missionary Society met with Mrs. W. I. Shackelford Wednesday afternoon. A very interesting program was rendered.

The Walstonburg High School baseball team defeated Saratoga team five to four Thursday afternoon at Walstonburg.

Practically every cotton grower in Gaston county will sign the cotton adjustment contract this season, according to views expressed by 1,170 men who attended the eight community meetings last week.

Eleventh District U. D. C. To Be Held Here Thursday

The annual meeting of the Eleventh District, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held on Thursday, April 4, in the Methodist Church, the program opening at 10:30 o'clock. Mrs. W. M. Willis is president of the local chapter, the Rebecca Winburne, which is recognized throughout the State as a live and active organization.

Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

NEW JOB—Speaker Robert Grady Johnson, presiding officer of the present House of Representatives, is said to have his sights leveled on even higher marks. The current talk around Raleigh is that he will toss his hat into the ring for Lieutenant Governor when the primaries roll around next Spring. The head man of the House isn't having much to say about the matter for publication these days but his friends will tell you he is getting his ducks in a row to give the other boys a run for their money in 1936. There are some who say that the name of Johnson on the ticket for two offices in one election might not be so hot but do not be surprised if State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, a cousin of the Speaker, finds other fields in which to graze before next Democratic primary day.

EXPECTANCY—Friends of Clyde R. Hoey, brilliant Shelby Democrat, expect him to announce his candidacy for Governor in the Democratic primary of next year almost any day now. They will tell you that he can command at least 90 per cent of the votes of his native Cleveland County without even issuing a command. Still there are a lot of people who would like to see his run for the Senate against "Our Bob" Reynolds in 1938. Mr. Hoey is accustomed to making up his own mind and fighting his battles in his own way. The best thing to do is to watch him and his smoke and not pay too much attention to hearsay.

RAIDERS—The folks who hope to take a part of the gasoline tax money to support things other than roads have not, as yet left Raleigh. They are hanging around in the hope that they can divert when the Legislature gets in the throes of a deadlock on the biennial revenue measure. It looks very much like the General Assembly may reach such a deadlock, so if you are interested in getting the money you pay in gas taxes expended on your roads now is a good time to set up and take notice.

TROUBLE—Some people who hang around the State Capitol for fun or more profitable reasons are of the opinion that the House of Representatives is divided on major questions because of the Speaker-ship race two years from now. Here are some of the Representatives of the present House who are considered candidates for Speaker in 1936: Representative Sullivan, of Buncombe; Representative Morphew, of Graham; Representative Cherry, of Gaston; and Representative Hoyle, of Guilford. All except Hoyle are chairmen of major committees and you can figure the rest out for yourselves.

POWER—Speaking of power and power companies, have you considered the Rayburn bill now before the Congress? Some of our native Tar Heels have, and here are their conclusions briefly: The Rayburn bill would take control and management of privately owned properties out of owners' hands and put it in the hands of the federal government; it would destroy the power of State regulatory authorities; it takes powers of review away from the federal courts and gives them to commissions; it provides government ownership in effect without benefit of purchase; it would mean a broad jump toward socialism; it would depress the market value of stocks and bonds of operating companies, held by thousands of North Carolinians. Some of our own North Carolina people, who do not profess to love power companies, can't find any affection for that sort of thing. Maybe the Rayburn bill doesn't do these things but a lot of folks believe it holds these powers? What's your idea?

TOO MUCH—Representatives McDonald and Lumpkin evidently overstepped their bounds in recommending such heavy increases in taxes on power companies. They even admitted that property tax reductions had been recaptured more than 100 per cent of power companies and then sought to increase their taxes further in the face of diminishing returns. The boys in the House are looking for money but they couldn't get it from the power companies now facing tax-free federal competition. At least that's what they said in effect on the floor of the House—and most of them would like to reduce the sales tax rate for personal and political reasons.

NEEDS DOUGH—Friends of Congressman Hancock think he is an ideal candidate to oppose Senator Josiah W. Bailey in the Democratic primaries next spring. They believe

State Tobacco Planters Get 5 Million More

Of This Amount Pitt County Farmers Will Receive \$466,782

Washington, March 28.—High prices received on the market by North Carolina growers of flue-cured tobacco were today augmented by adjustment payments on the 1934 crop by the AAA.

The department is today mailing 53,783 checks to North Carolina. The total amount sent to the state is \$5,344,699, or an average of \$100 each.

Checks are also going today to South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The four states are receiving 72,263 checks totalling \$6,998,101. Checks will be sent to Virginia in about two weeks.

The contract provides for an adjustment payment based on the net sale value of the contract signer's 1934 crop. If a grower's crop sold for an average price of more than 21 cents, the payment is calculated on the value of the crop at 21 cents per pound. For contract signers whose base acreage is four acres or more, the contract provides a payment at the rate of 12 1/2 per cent. For signers whose base acreage is less than four acres, the contract provides that the rate of payment shall be increased one-half of 1 per cent for each 1-10 of an acre decrease in the base acreage below four acres, except that the maximum rate of the payment for such contracts cannot be more than 25 per cent.

The adjustment payment also includes the "deficiency payment" of two cents for each pound of tobacco that the amount of tobacco marketed under a contract fell short of the initial production allotment.

Adjustment payments are expected to total approximately \$10,000,000. This amount is in addition to approximately \$5,098,000 in rental payments and \$4,459,000 in price equalizing payments which have already been made.

Adjustment payments to be received by tobacco farmers of Pitt county is \$466,782; Greene county will receive \$167,317.

The Oxford Congressman would listen to their pleas but for one thing—MONEY. It is known by one and all that you need the long green to run for the United States Senate from North Carolina and everybody knows that Mr. Hancock has no money to burn. It is said however that Senator Bailey's financial condition will easily stand the strain of another Senatorial campaign.

POLITICS—Newspapermen have construed certain remarks by Secretary Wallace, head of U. S. Department of Agriculture, as charging that Governor Ehringhaus is playing politics in attempting to get the AAA to lower the tobacco crop allotment for next year. When Wallace spoke in Raleigh several weeks ago it was plain that he and the Governor were not in complete accord on the tobacco program. Governor Ehringhaus thinks the parity price this year should be about 26 or 27 cents while the AAA is talking about calling it 21 cents and increasing production to hold the price around that figure. Governor Ehringhaus denies that he is seeking votes for the State next year and insists that he is only following through on the strokes he made in 1933 and 1934 to boost weed prices and improve conditions in the tobacco belt.

CAN'T TAKE IT—Senator Teague of Wayne County, is one dry member of the Legislature who is voting his personal as well as political convictions and he does not believe the Hill bill to put the State in the business of selling liquor will become a law at this session. The only time Senator Teague ever set aside his personal convictions in favor of political ones was when he tore his shirt for Al Smith in 1928. Speaking of the Hill bill Senator Teague said: "I do not believe these men will vote for the liquor bill when their names are called for the printed record." It is no secret that many measures would pass were it not for toll calls and record votes.

Wallace Beery In Air Epic At Pitt

The "Hell Divers" are in the ARMY now!

Wallace Beery as the gruff, soft-hearted "non-com" of Uncle Sam's flying forces in "West Point of the Air," the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer hit at the Pitt Theatre, Greenville, Monday and Tuesday, brings to the screen the same brand of thrills that shattered box-office records throughout the country in "Hell Divers."

This thriller of the skies was made to order for Beery, giving him one of the best and most lovable roles he has ever portrayed. Not only is the picture packed with thrills, but it boasts one of the most delightful romances on record as well as one of the most touching father-and-son dramas the screen has ever seen.

Such scenes as 100 daring flyers leaping from planes in parachutes simultaneously; Beery changing from one plane to another to save his son from a certain crash; hundreds of planes in unique formations and other such thrills among the clouds have had all who have seen the picture sitting on the edge of their seats.

WRONG GENERAL—Many legislative observers express the opinion that anti-sales tax forces showed a lack of judgment when they commissioned Representative McDonald of Forsyth, to lead the fight for substitute measures. They believe that Representative Lumpkin, of Franklin, could have done a much better job as pilot of the McDonald-Lumpkin bloc. Lumpkin is a personable fellow and is credited with positive results next spring. They believe

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State to Get \$100,000,000 Federal Fund

Town Primary To Be Held Tuesday

Interest Warming Up In Mayor's Race, While Little Is Being Said As To Board of Aldermen

The biennial primary of town officials for Farmville, will be held on Tuesday, April 2, in the garage building adjoining the municipally building, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and Commissioners for the general election to be held in May.

Two candidates for Mayor have declared; the present incumbent, John B. Lewis, young attorney, and R. E. Belcher, who has served several terms as Mayor.

Seeking places on the board of aldermen are all members of the old board: Dr. W. M. Willis, George W. Davis, L. W. Godwin, J. W. Joyner and J. T. Bundy, and new candidates, namely: J. M. Stansil, Arch J. Flanagan, L. T. Pierce and Jess Spencer.

\$6,500,000 To Go For Grade Crossing Elimination and \$9,500,000 For Roads

Raleigh, March 26.—North Carolina is certain to receive \$100,000,000 as its share of the public works fund bill approved by the U. S. Senate. Of that amount the State Highway and Public Works Commission is expected to get \$16,000,000. That is the opinion of Capus Waynick, chairman of the Highway Commission, although he said that because the program is in a formative stage that his opinion is "a guess."

The remaining approximate \$84,000,000 will be allocated to the NRA, to various State and local governments agencies to be used in street construction and repair conservation and development of natural resources sewer and water lines, improvements and construction of municipal buildings, park and playground work, and other things. It is supposed that administration of this part of the fund will be placed largely in the hands of the State Board of Charities. Co-operating with the National Resources Board, composed of various cabinet officers and other Federal officials, is the State Planning Board. To this board have been communicated projects of State Departments and local government units totaling \$300,000,000. Out of this vast array will be selected the most meritorious projects, many of them dependent upon adoption by the extent to which local units are able to amplify Federal funds.

If the Ayden amendment to the public works bill is passed, as expected, the State Highway Commission would administer the approximate \$16,000,000 road fund for North Carolina. This figure is arrived at as the State Highway Commission's probable share by deducting 20 per cent from what, under usual methods of Federal allocation, would be its share. Under the terms of the Federal bill the President is given discretionary power to reduce by that percentage the \$890,000,000 road fund. It is believed here that Mr. Roosevelt will make that reduction, although such a course has not been definitely indicated. Of the State's expected \$16,000,000 for roads, \$9,500,000 will likely be allotted for roads and \$6,500,000 for elimination of railroad grade crossings.

Local Pre-School Clinic To Be Held Wednesday, April 3

Each spring every state in the nation through its Parent-Teacher Associations sponsors the Pre-School Clinics and the "round up" for those children who expect to enter school for the first time the following fall. The clinic will be held here on Wednesday morning, April 3rd, at 9:00, in the school building, and all parents who have children expecting to enter school in the fall, are urged to bring them in for registration and examination in order that they may enter as free from remediable defects as possible.

This work is most important and the spring registration, which is now in progress all over the State, promises to be larger than ever before.

LILLE JORDAN BOUND OVER TO SUPERIOR COURT FOR STABBING HUSBAND

A hearing, on Saturday in Mayor Lewis' court, of the murder case, involving Lille Jordan, young Negro woman, who is charged with stabbing her husband, Walter Jordan, several days before, resulted in the defendant, represented by Attorney R. T. Martin, being bound over to Superior Court by Mayor Lewis, who set her bond at \$800, in consideration of the fact that the woman had a six weeks old infant and a twenty months old baby also needing the attention of a mother, whose only plea in her defense will be, "I didn't mean to do it." The prosecuting attorney in the case is J. H. Harrell, Greenville.

The murder was committed Friday, March 15. According to the wife's story her husband came in from work in the late afternoon, and a squabble began between the two, resulting in his slapping her, whereupon she picked up a switch blade pocket knife, said to be 3 inches long, and struck at him, driving the blade directly into his heart as they struggled. The affair, which occurred on the farm of J. T. Bundy, two miles from town, was not brought to the attention of local police until the following morning, when the arrest of the woman was made, followed by her release under bond.

MUSIC FESTIVAL IN GREENVILLE SUNDAY

Greenville, March 27.—The Greenville Music Festival will be staged in the campus building on the East Carolina Teachers' College Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Fred S. Allen, of Kinston, will direct the program. Mr. Allen has been working in five towns in Eastern North Carolina and all of these towns will be represented. There will be over eight hundred voices in the chorus.

One of the big features of the afternoon's performance will be the presentation of four directors of the North Carolina Music Festival Association. They will each have a part on the program and will sing and direct some of the group numbers on the program. They will also be heard in a quartet number. They are a well-balanced quartet within their own ability. Fred Allen, the local director of the Greenville club, is first tenor; Lewis S. Bullock, of Goldsboro, is the second tenor from Zanesville, Ohio; Alton Hampton, of Wilson, is baritone. He is from Roanoke, Va.; Smith Bogart, of Fayetteville, will be the basso profundo of the foursome.

MRS. MURDOCK MCGRAE

Rocky Mount.—Mrs. Murdock McGrae, 64, a native of Scotland and a resident of Rocky Mount since 1900, died in a local hospital this afternoon following an illness of two months.

Plans for the funeral were indefinite today as distant relatives were being notified of the death.

Mrs. McGrae came here from Wilmington in 1900 and has been prominently identified in religious work in the community. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She came to Rocky Mount from Wilmington and arrived in the United States in 1888.

Five sons and three daughters survive. They are: Alec, of Richmond; Murdock, of New York; Walter, of Chester, Pa.; John and Paul McGrae, both of Rocky Mount; Mrs. M. O. Edin, Albany, Ga.; Mrs. William S. Full, of Farmville; and Mrs. C. J. Bostain, of this city.

Eight new orchard and garden demonstrations have been started in Person County as a beginning of greater food production by tobacco growers.