
Going Forward Rapidly

Plans For Celebration

eral Held Tuesday.

sustained in a fracas with a neigh-

of Jones Saturday night.

lowed pending the inquest.

mother and father, Mr. and

Mrs. Mollie Braddy of Snow Hill.

from him. Meantime, he pulled cov-

ers off Mrs. Jones who was in bed.

Seal Sale Brings

A report of the annual Christmas

Seal Sale, sponsored by the Farm-

ville Literary Club, and presented at

a meeting of this group on Wednes-

day by Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, lo-

tions as follows: St. James Free Will

Baptist Church \$5 bond; St. Steph-

The dodging pedestrian will, in :

airplanes from landing on his neck.

vocates "Use"

Tells Wives of Legisla-

tors Sales Tax Must Be

Kept To Protect Pub-

Raleigh, Jan. 18. - The "use" tax

being considered by the General As-

cal new source of revenue by Gover-

derline merchants.

lic Schools.

Tax For State

bond; Colored school \$10.15.

as \$135.50.

Total Of \$135.50

in Malboro.

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SELL - BUY and BANK

OLUME TWENTY-NINE

FARMVILLE, PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1939

NUMBER THIRTY-SEVEN

France Inclined to Remain Farmy 8 Wins Clear of War in Spain

Government Not Ready Mid-Term to Risk European War Without Help of Britain.

Paris, Jan. 17. - France apparently decided today to stay clear of the Spanish war.

The government said it would not give aid to the Spanish government unless Britain did, and Britain was determined not to intervene. Risk of a European war was considered too great.

Government leaders wrestled with the problem throughout the day and at one point considered the advisability of taking the bull by the horns and acting on their own, but the bugaboo of a war in which France might find herself alone seemingly was too much.

Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet wound up the day by announcing that France would revise her policy of non-intervention in Spain only if Britain did. He was careful, however, not to close the door too tightly on the hopes of a considerable portion of the French parliament which was demanding help for Spain's government.

France and Britain, he said, were conferring on a betwixt and between solution which might end Italian and German aid to the Spanish Insurgents without risking war.

Plight of France. Premier Daladier's plight in the face of the Insurgents' continuing advance on Barcelona and the evident unwillingness of England to sanction open aid to Spanish government armies was put on public display in the Chamber of Deputies.

There. Daladier and his minister were assailed by Communists and Socialists in front of their own Radical-Socialists, who demanded aid for Barcelona. Behind these demands was a well-understood threat to band together in an effort to cripple the

Leon Blum, militant leader of the Socialists, who are numerically the strongest party in the Chamber, called on the tumultous session to go on record on the Spanish question. "It is up to the Chamber to say," he declared, "that the French and English governments now are obliged to denounce the non-intervention accord or at least to demand strict com-

pliance by all signatory powers." To get back to strict compliance with the 26-nation "hands-off-Spain" agreement, Italy, one of the signatories, would have to withdraw all Italian troops now in Spain.

Bonnet, who had come back hurriedly from spruit of Nations as a deeply spiritual minister and a student of the Bible, and his mescapety, of Grand Storm momentarily, sage will doubtless prove a source of largely with the help of Rightist former Premier Pierre Etinne Flan-

ITALY TURNS ATTENTION TO BALKAN ALIGNMENT

Rome, Jan. 17. - Italy began helping Germany line up the Balkan countries for the Rome-Berlin axis tonight while Fascists vented their hatred of France. Count Galezzo Ciano, foreign mi

ister and son-in-law of Premier Mussolini, left for Yugoslavia tonight to visit Dr. Milan Stoyadinovich, Yugoslav premier and foreign minister. stative Italians said the trip was intended largely to complete the elimination of French influence from southeastern Europe, which they said was in "a ferment of revisionis

Fascists indicated a bloc of Italy, Hungary and Yugoslavia, as an adjunct of the Rome-Berlin axis, was Ciano's aim. It was not improbable, they said, that an agreement between Hungary and Yugoslavia would be

Italy's diplomatic tack was to overne Hungary's national minerity s on Yugoslavia, which got a of Hungarian territory after the

Italian bitterness against France R. A. McLean of New Bern, presi- rat breeds every month in the year,

to a Rome newspaper along with a Chamber of Commerce, Kings proposal that all French - decorated Italian voterage turn in their models. The med began to your in with letters our mine discuss at having "defended single-Process" This and fresh auti-French invective in the Peaclet press followed dis- to become apparent, said il Messa

The same for force and on the state of the s

Honor Roll

First Grade - Johnnie Barrett Billy Russell, Robert. Rollins, Patricia Corbett, Nancy Kittrell, Rorothy Lucas, Geraldine Prescott.

Second Grade - Jay Flanagan, Charles Joyner, Mary Frances Allen, Lorraine Butts, Jane Kittrell, Elsie May, Ruth Moore, Joyce Perry, Fannie Quinn, Janet Stansill, Helen ing Chicod by the score of 11-3. These Thomas, Sallie Tyson.

Third Grade - Cedric Davis, Neal Howard, Charles Parker, Dora Mae the local boys traveled to Grifton and Barrett, Lola Grey Kemp, Carolee McConnell, Ann Moore, Vivian Scott, 33-14. Joyce Tyson, Betty Rose Wilkerson. Fourth Grade - Billy Batton Bruce Darden, Sterling Gates, Harold Rouse, Bobbie Russell, Maynard Thorne, Sybil Barrett, Dora Speight

Trevathan, Babs Williford. Fifth Grade - Mary Leah Thorne, Cordelia Vinson, Milton Williamson, Johnsie Mae Moore, Janie Kemp, Harry Davis, Flora Dean Johnson, Marjorie Johnson.

Sixth Grade - Bobbie Smith, Bob they defeated Bethel. Paylor.

Seventh Grade - James Cooke, Lois Jones, Agnes Quinerly, Wilma Stansill.

Eighth Grade - John Parker, Cornelia Knott, Alice Harper Parker. Ninth Grade - Bill Rasberry, Bobby Rouse, Boots Thomas, Mary Frances Greene, Dorothy Lewis, Yvonne

Tenth Grade - Reatha Mae Simp-Eleventh Grade

Rachel Barrett. J. H. MOORE, Supt.

MISSION TO BEGIN SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Plans for holding the preaching Joyner, G. Liles, A. Harris, and R. mission in the Episropal Church are complete, according to the rector, Rev. Jack R. Rountree, who wishes D. Clarke, M. Russell, R. Barrett, and to invite every person in the com- E. Gay. munity to attend and to state again its purpose as a quickening influence for a fuller and more joyous Christian service on the past of all people here, and not to Episcopalians on-

The Rev. Mortimer Glover, rector of St. James, Wilmington, the largest church in the Diocese of East Caror lina, is to speak twice daily at 2:30 in the afternoon and again at 7:30 o'clock in the evening from Sunday evening, January 29, the opening ses-

sion, through Friday evening, The Rev. Mr. Glover is recognized as a deeply spiritual minister and great inspiration to his congregation.

INJURED IN CRASH

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. McConnell are reported as recovering rapidly in a Rocky Mount hospital from injuries war on the rats, led by the women sustained in a motor accident near Rich Square late Friday afternoon, in which Mrs, Stroud, of Goldsboro, occupant of the colliding car, was instantly killed.

Mrs. McConnell received a severe scalp wound and Mr. McConnell sustained chest injuries and both are suffering from severe shock.

You don't have to agree with what we write. There are quite a few others who think they are right.

Midwinter Meetings Eastern Nor. Carolina Chamber to Be Held in Raleigh.

Kinston, Jan. 17. - Congres meaker at the 1939 midwinter meet- the average being 9. The number of ber of Commerce, at Hotel Sir Walter to vary from 8 to 12. The young in Raleigh on Tuesday, January 21, rats grow rapidly and breed when ria to treat her Hungarian it was announced today by N. G. only 8 to 4 menths old. Abundant nor Hoey yesterday in a talk to the problems for the coastal plain area with especial emphasis on pasturage tary appropriation to carry the WPA over the meeting, which will be open of the suggestion of the sugg of French World War medals by over the meeting, which will be open to the public. Other details of the public. Other details of the program will be announced later tired of furn.

He was his own Croix de Guerre be made with the Eastern Guerral Strong and 1931 and considerable work and 1931 a

> If some people could berrow as manner so popular in Europe.
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> much money as they could spend, the Will Farmville join the feminine or three mouths.

paraging asmeria in the Prench ero of Rome. "If provacations conagainst Italian soldiers and tinue, other shows will be visited soon by sallors of his Italian major-The older citizens who are work in face with sheets of its nownja
the face with she with an after amoldwing. (Continued on page 3) (See "The Alaswers" on Page 3) tax, he said.

Fire-Resistant

kethall Games

First Seven Bas-

Fountain in low scoring battle by the

count of 15-11. Last Friday night

they again were victorious, this time

over Bethel by the score of 12-8, and

on Monday night they defeated

Stokes by exactly the same score as

The girls basketball team has also

won three games this season already.

Their first victory was against Grif-

tion by the score of 19-18. They then

won a very high-scoring game

Tonight both teams have a very

hard game to play when they meet

Winterville in a double-header at

Fountains' Warehouse. The first

game will start at 7:80. On Tuesday

eams will return here for two very

interesting games which will start at

7:30. Some of the outstanding play-

ers for the boys are R. Pierce, A

the girls are F. Carraway, O. Taylor,

Slogan of Campaign

A movement, which is to be in

augurated at an early date, and one

which should and doubtless will meet

with the wholehearted support and

cooperation of every Farmville citi-

zen, is the rat eradication campaign

to be sponsored by the Woman's

Club under the supervision of Miss

Tabitha DeVisconti, as committee

forth, herewith, for the benefit of

citizens who are not acquainted with

the great damage done by these rod-

ents, which is appalling, and with

the purpose of enlisting every man,

the most destructive animal, econom-

menace to public health in the na-

tion. Of all pests, therefore, the rat

Rat damage to property included

as lead pipes, grain bags, boxes

ments; fires, caused by gnawing and

the short circuiting of electric wires.

and the undermining of the founda-

is estimated at about \$63,000,000. In

greater: for small towns \$68,000,000

000, making a grand total of \$189,-

of the town rat varies from 6 to 22

doors, furniture and books, fis

caused by burrowing in

be kept under strict control,

Th following information

Pied Pipers.

To Be Waged Here

The Rat Must Go!

Bethel, they won 15-11.

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Corres

So far this season the Farmville High School boys have not as yet CONGRESS SETTLES DOWN. tasted defeatt in a basketball game. PRESIDENT'S MUSSAGES. They opened up the season one week ABOUT DEFENSE PLANS. before the Christmas vacation by ARMS COSTS YOU \$10.54. nosing out a hard fighting team from WPA NEEDS FUNDS. Maury by the close score of 17-15. HOPKINS DEFENDS COURSE In the first game after coming back GIVEN NEW TASKS. from the Christmas vacation they AMBASSADORS TALK WAR. started the year 1939 off by defeat-

The Seventy-Sixth Congress is first two games were played in Founslowly settling down to the real work tain's warehouse, but the next game of the session. Few definite trends are positively apparent and while won by running up the high score of public interviews give an inkling that the congressmen have made up their their conversations last week. On their return home in the next minds to take charge of legislation game they ran up another huge score and to direct the policies of the Govto triumph over the Grimesland High ernment, it is too early to be sure School to the tune of 32-9. They that this will happen. then defeated their local rivals from

Reaction to the President's address on the state of the union has been with the Chief Executive for attemp- tries." ting to link domestic reforms with national preparedness. The portion of the presidential message that related to the condition of the world affairs and the necessity for the United States to arm itself to meet possible eventualities caused considerable dispute, although there is determined their last game which was against group of congressmen definitely opposed to any large scale expenditures for the Army and the Navy. In the air, it seems, there is general assent that the aerial fighting arm of the United States must be greatly en-

both teams will travel to Ayden and on Wednesday both of the Ayden the budget, taking up the fiscal af- number.) fairs of the nation for the year which At Geneva, Julio Alverez, Del dollars, recovery and relief were al- her dearly. Teele. The outstanding players for revenues expected to result from better business and, by the end of 1940, the Federal debt is expected to reach an all-time high of \$44,458,000,000.

Some indication of the Administration's defense plans came from the receipts from all sources of revenue will be used for defense. It figures down to about \$10.54 for every man, woman and child in the country. These figures do not include any sums recommended by the President in his special message on defense. woman and child as a fighter in this

In the budget estimate submitted by the President, \$720,987,403 repre-The common house rat is not only sents the regular naval estimate, an increase of almost \$162,000,000 over ically, but is also the most serious the present year. Three items largely account for the increase - a \$116,-000,000 increase for the construction is the one above all others that should of new vessels, a \$26,000,000 increase to the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Navy Department for strengthening holes gnawed in many articles such of the serial arm, and a \$9,000,000 increase to provide 448 more officers, 1,000 more Marines and an additional 5,000 enlisted men. Included in the estimate is money for the construction of two larger battleships, probtions of buildings. The destruction of ably of 45,000 tons; two more 6-inch gun cruisers of 8,000 tons each; eight which demands the eradication of this submarines and eight destroyers, two small seaplane tenders, one repair The average annual loss on farms ship and the completion of another in the United States, caused by rats, carrier of larger size.

The regular budget figure for the plus \$20,700,000 of contract authorizations, and \$8,594,000 of Public Works filleds for housing of veterans This figure is slightly under that of pected to be increased sharply by ing of the Eastern Carolina Cham- litters produced in a year is reported special provision for additional anti-

course of the next few months to run than 3,000,000 workers on its rolls, the citizens out of Farmville and take it over in the new territorial claims controversy, with heavy fire directed sage to Congress broadcast in Gerto its participation in politics and a man or Italian? stout counter-charge being made by 5, Is Gen. John J. Pershing a Ma- olina merchants and especially bor- to in some of the black land sections, world would be out of money in two Plad Pipers in this forthy movement? a group, headed by the mayors of son? large cities, who insist that it must 6. For what crime was Thomas J.

Price on Peace With France Marlborn Man

Italy struck a heavy blow Monday to Europe's appeasement hopes by making an insurgent victory in Spain the price for settling her colonial issue with France. With Generalissimo Francisco

Franco's armies driving swiftly toward Barcelona, government capital and seat of its resistance, Italy's stand became of pressing importance. This became apparent with publication by the foreign office of an informazione diplomatica bulletin outlining what Premier Mussolini told Prime Minister Chamberlain in

Mussolini told the British premier, said the foreign office bulletin quoting "responsible Roman circles," that specifically the Italian quarrel with France could not be settled until after the Spanish war because "the Spanish questions has divided and good, although some critics find fault still divides profoundly the two coun-

Italy is prepared furthermore to send even more Italian fighters to the Spanish insurgeant army, if France or other democracies suddenly embark upon a program of large scale aid to the Barcelona government.

Troops now in Spain will be withdrawn only if belligerent rights are granted the insurgent Generalissimo, Francisco Franco, and if foreign fighters are eliminated from Spanish government ranks to the satisfaction of Italy. (Italy has withdrawn 10,000 soldiers from Spain, but others still are there. The Barcelona government withdrew foreign troops al-The President's annual message on so but Fascists were skeptical of the

the spending program in the 1940 fis- ministers, warned France that an in- ated Jones at an inquest held here. cal year. Of a total of nine billion surgent victory in Spain might cost

lotted \$2,266,165,000. An indicated Italy he pointed out, probably in defense of himself and his home." parties, dances, etc., will be held in deficit of about \$3,326,000,000 is fore- would leave troops in Spain under seen, making the tenth Federal de- the pretense of keeping order and ficit in a row. This compares with thus would hold a potent diplomatic Jones' home in drunken condition and the President's Birthday throughout a deficit of \$3,972,000,000 estimated military club 'over France. Under for the present year. These deficits such conditions, Alverez del Vayo deare forecast in spite of the increased clared Italy's price might go as high north African protectorate.

again saw danger of the Spanish kicked at him and the gun discharged conflict embroilling the rest of Eu- accidentally."

How Rome's stand would affect a Final Report Of Army and Navy section of the budget reported settlement plan was not yet message. This carried total national apparent. League of Nations circles defense expenditures of \$1,319,558,- at Geneva, where the League Coun-000, an increase of \$809,851,000 over cil assembled Monday, said Britain the previous year. Altogether, about and France were considering offering twenty-two per cent of the estimated Italy free port privileges in Djibouti, French Somaliland, and Seila, British Somaliland; a share in Suez Canal management and reduced canal rates; and rights for Italians in Tunisia equal to those of French residents. Capture of Tarragona Sunday put

insurgent vanguards within 56 miles of Barcelona on the Mediterranean coast and within 37 miles along the inland front. Apparently still barring their way to Barcelona and possible final victory, however, was secret government defense line in which the Barcelona regime indicated confidence.

The Spanish insurgent command Monday reported capture of Cervera in a swift drive toward Barcelons along the center of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's 100-mile front in

Cervera, an important town of 4, 000 inhabitants, lies with 50 miles directly west of the government capital on the highway from Lerida. Roads connecting the Leridea - Barcelons highway with government territory to the north and south join at Cer-

-Associated Press.

Ready For Beef

M. L. Settlemyre of Acme in Bladen County has built a large beef cattle barn and set aside some of his hest cultivated land for permanent pasture so as to provide for his here of Herefords. He says there is a better living from cattle than from

WHO KNOWS?

be continued without curtailment. | Mooney convicted?

7. When did "Matt" McGrath rep- did no more in the way of govern- able to secure his appropriation un-Harry L. Hopkins, newly-named resent the U. S. in the Olympic mental service for the people of the less it receives the whole-harded ecretary of Commerce, strenuously games? Where an extra high degree of fire Secretary of Commerce, strengously games?

State than the other states which backing of the Department of Agriculture, and Market and State than the other states which backing of the Department of Agriculture, and Market and Mark

Local Committee Assisting In Making President's Birthday Ball Killed in Row The Best Held In Coun-

John Stepps Dies of Eli Joyner, Jr., chairman of **Gunshot Wounds: Fun-**Farmville's Birthday Ball committee announces that plans for the best of these celebrations in this county are going forward rapidly, and that an John Stepps, 42, Marlboro citizen, evening of fine entertainment is in died at midnight Sunday in a Green-

store for those who attend. ville hospital from gunshot wounds Mr. Joyner is in receipt of the folbor, J. Addison Jones, in the home lowing letter from Keith Morgan, national chairman of the celebration:

"I am happy to learn from your Stepps is alleged to have been at County Chairman that you have acthe home of Jones early Saturday cepted the important post of chairnight and to have returned about 3 man for the Celebration of the o'clock Sunday morning. Stepps was President's Birthday in your commusaid to have bee drinking and to have started an argument over some

We enclose a very interesting portmoney which was lost or stolen from folio of ideas for the coming campaign and a book let fully describing Jones was declared to have orour activities. dered him away and when Stepps

These are brief high-lights of this refused to leave and continued in a year's campaign: threatening mood, Jones opened fire on Stepps. Bond for Jones was al-

Your County Chairman is to receive your entire net proceeds. He is Stepps is survived by his widow; to remit 50 per cent of this to the three daughters, Addie Mae, Mary National Committee and retain 50 Louise and Margaret Stepps; his per cent in trust until, as soon as Mrs. possible after January 30th, 1939, the John Stepps; and the following broth- new Chapter, embracing your County, ers and sisters: George and Walter is established.

Plans for the procedure of these Stepps, Mrs. Letha Culford and Mrs. Bennie Wainwright, all of Marlboro; Chapters will be sent all County Chairmen after the campaign for Funeral services were conducted funds closes.

A plan for reaching every man, from the home Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Christian woman and child in your community minister of Farmville, and interment has been set up this year, with three was made in the Stepp burial plot main avenues of approach:

We will have an extensive march A jury headed by Deputy Coroner of Dimes Button Campaign, an intel will begin on July 1, next, indicated Vayo, Spanish government foreign Ed S. Williams late Monday exoner- ligent march of Dimes Mailing-Card Campaign, and last, but important, The coroner's jury turned in the the Celebration of the President's verdict that "Jones shot the deceased Birthday on January 30th, 1939, when It was brought out at the inquest the 10,000 communities that particithat Stepps went into the bedroom of pated in last year's Celebration of argued that Jones had taken a dollar the nation.

With best personal wishes for a huge success so that sufficient funds as a demand for Tunisia, France's Stepps got a fire poker and Jones may be available this year for a comgot his gun. When Stepps proceeded prehensive and worthwhile fight Some diplomatic quarters in Rome to attack Jones the latter said, 'I against Infantile Paralysis, I am,

Very sincerely yours, KEITH MORGAN, Chm?"

Thus Mr. Joyner's enthusiasm over plans for giving every person in this community a chance to help in the fight against the dread enemy of the children of this nation.

Mr. Joyner urges that members of he invitation committee approach you, to listen carefully to their message and contribute just as generously as your means will permit.

REV. FORDHAM TO SPEAK

cal sale director, gave the final total With Rev. Fordham as the princi-The director commented on receipts pal speaker on the program the falling below those of last year, but Farmville Parent Teachers Associacalled attention to the gain made by tion will open its 1939 year with their the colored population under the first meeting in the high school ausupervision of H. B. Sugg, who turnditorium at 3:00 p. m. today. Rev. ed in \$30.15 and reported contribu-Fordham will probably deliver a very interesting speech because he is a man of wide experience. He was en's Zion Church, \$5 bond; Macedonia born in Missouri and educated at Missionary, Baptist Church \$5; St. Rochester, N. Y. This is his first John Free Will Baptist Church. \$5 year of preaching in Farmville. He accepted the call from the local Baptist church early last fall. Up to that time he had been taching the few years, have to look up to keep word of God in New York State.

Warren To Propose **Tobacco Disease Study**

Washington, Jan. 17. - Pepresentative Lindsay Warren announced here that when hearings start on the agricultural appropriation bill in February, he will ask for further investigation and studies tending toward the eradication of the tobacco bug, which has now become quite serious in some sections of North Carolina and which attacks tobacco in the pack houses. He pointed out that good results were now being obtained but that there was not sufficient money allowed to make much

Warren will also seek to obtain an appropriation for an investigation of beef cattle and related live stock go far toward protecting North Car. only thing that the farmers can turn and it is a question of developing a The Governor defended the sales grass that will support them. He tax by asserting; "If North Carolina stated toda, that he would not be

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