

## Farmville Schools Reflect The March of Progress In This Community

New Buildings Recently Completed At Cost of \$80,000 Provide Opportunity For Better Operation; Results of Recent School Election Greatest Forward Step in Twenty-Five Years.

PUBLIC EDUCATION IS THE BULWARK OF DEMOCRACY! Feeling this very keenly, the people of Farmville have never rejected any constructive proposal for public education for their children, and the school and community cooperation has always been a matter of profound pride here.

Significant of this fact and of the continued progress in education in Farmville is the new Agricultural and Manual Arts building and gymnasium recently completed at a cost of \$80,000, assistance being given the town in this connection by the Federal government in the sum of \$35,000.00.

This unit will fill a long felt need, providing adequate facilities for vocational industrial arts classes and a suitable and comfortable place for athletic activities and public meetings.

The second significant step in the school's MARCH OF PROGRESS, and one which has been hailed as the greatest in twenty-five years, was the overwhelming vote of the Farmville school district at the school election, held this month approving two proposed school improvements—addition of a 12th grade in the high school and of the ninth month to the year's term.

The official vote was recorded as follows:

On 12th grade, 374 for, 16 against. On ninth month, 336 for, 17 against.

The first named proposition will necessitate the levying in this district of a special tax not to exceed 8 cents on the \$100 valuation, which will be used for supplementing State and County school standards in providing for the expenses of the addition.

To meet the expenses of a ninth month, a special tax will be levied not to exceed 12 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation, the proceeds to be used the same way.

Since both propositions were carried a tax not to exceed 20 1/2 cents will be levied on all taxable property within this district sufficient for the payment of the costs.

The election was called after the Farmville School Board had petitioned the County Board of Education, which in turn secured and gained approval of the State School Commission. The Board of County Commissioners then authorized the special election.

### HEATING FOR INTERIOR

A new heating system was installed in the graded school building this summer at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00, and the interior has been painted, new desks, chairs and library tables placed throughout. The Home Ec. Cottage has also been painted inside and outside. Equipment for laboratory work, chemistry room, tools etc. for the vocational shop has been purchased and is being rapidly installed, all tending towards boasting the standard, and school pride here this fall.

The number of students enrolling has greatly increased each year, with 703 recorded in 1938. The new class rooms will do much to relieve the present congestion.

### P. T. A. INFLUENCE

There is a spirit of good citizenship and loyalty prevailing among the students of the school. The faculty changes have always been few. Much of the credit for the fine spirit existing between parents, teachers and pupils is the Parent-Teacher Association, which has been consistently large and enthusiastic through the years. Mrs. D. R. Morgan has just completed two years as president of this live organization.

The activities of the school are stimulated with a well planned schedule of auditorium programs and chapter exercises.

### ATHLETICS

Football and basketball in the high school were successfully conducted for the past year by Coach W. C. Harrell and Miss Eloise Baynes, and considerable interest and enthusiasm has been developed along the line of athletics.

Home making classes for girls in a Home Ec. Cottage, finished completely, offers girls of this community an opportunity which is unsurpassed in the State of North Carolina. These classes continue to grow in size and interest each year.

### SOME NEEDS

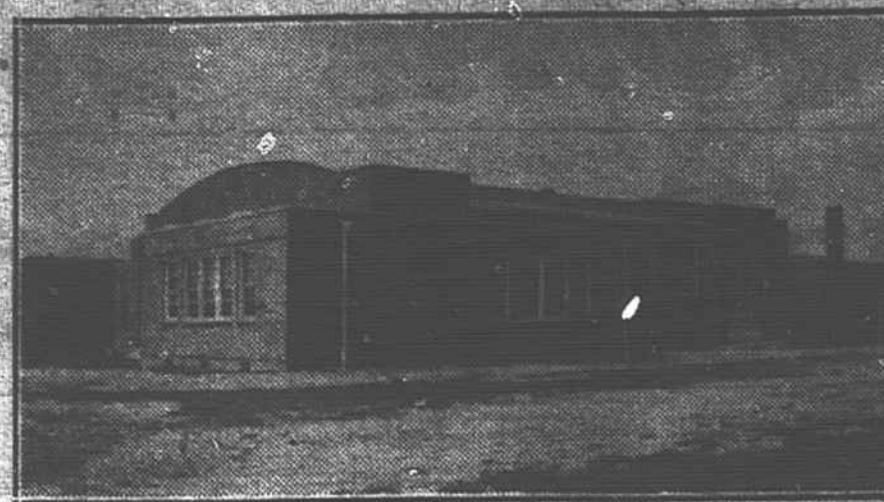
The need of a cafeteria is quite apparent, and it is the general consensus of opinion that this improvement will be added within the next few months. Testimony proves that where there have been set up in the have grown steadily in service and usefulness and become potent factors in the schools.



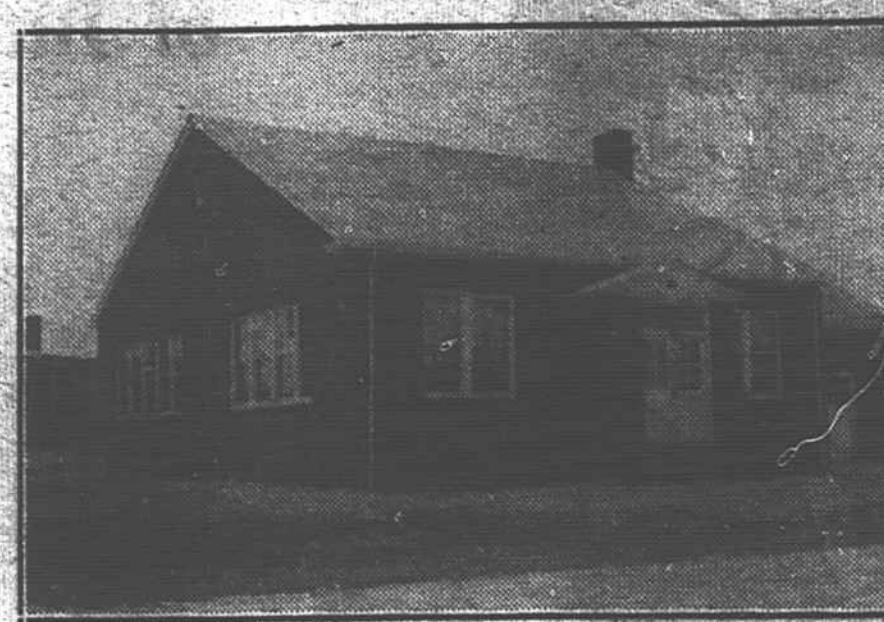
J. H. MOORE

Superintendent of the Farmville Graded School; President Pitt County Principals' Club; Local Chairman Red Cross.

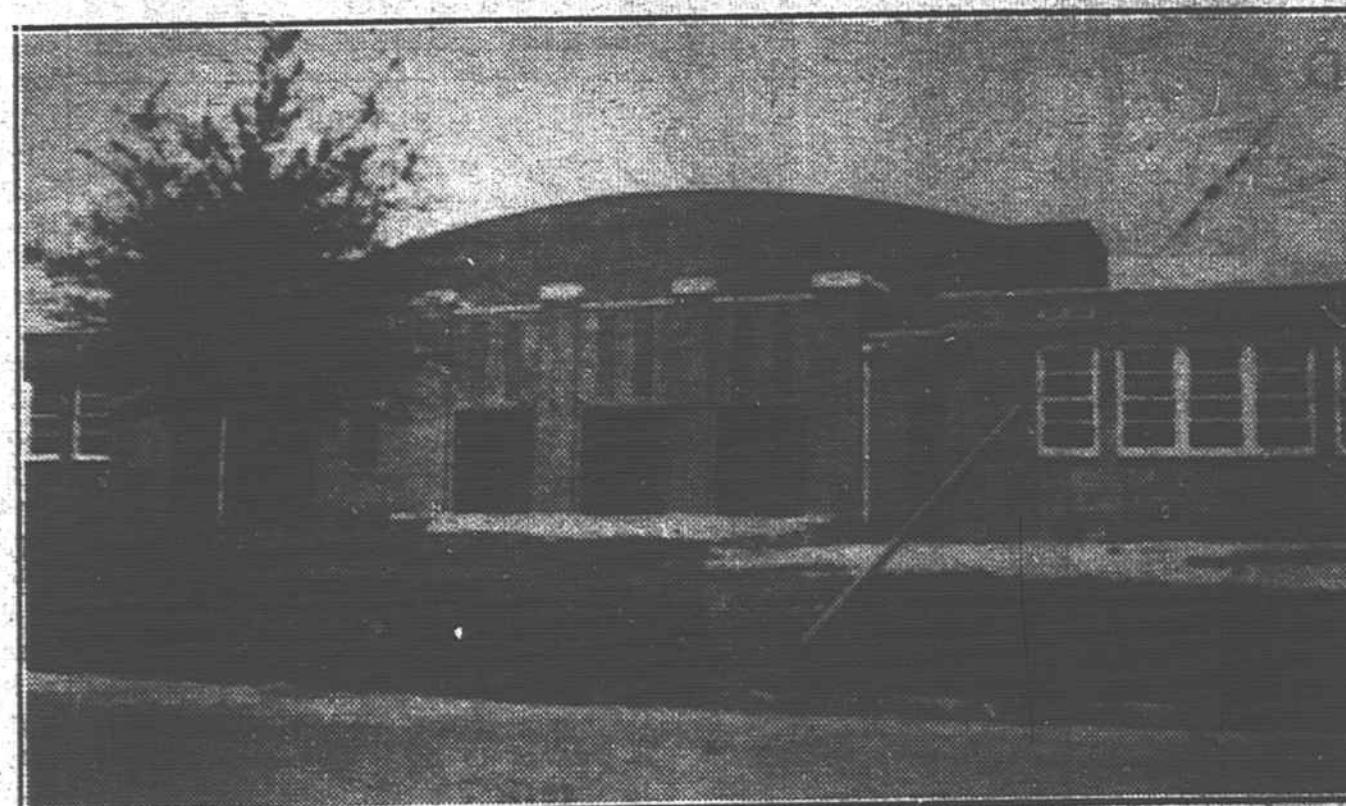
When a sweet young thing tells a strong young man how wonderful he is, Cupid looks for other work to do.



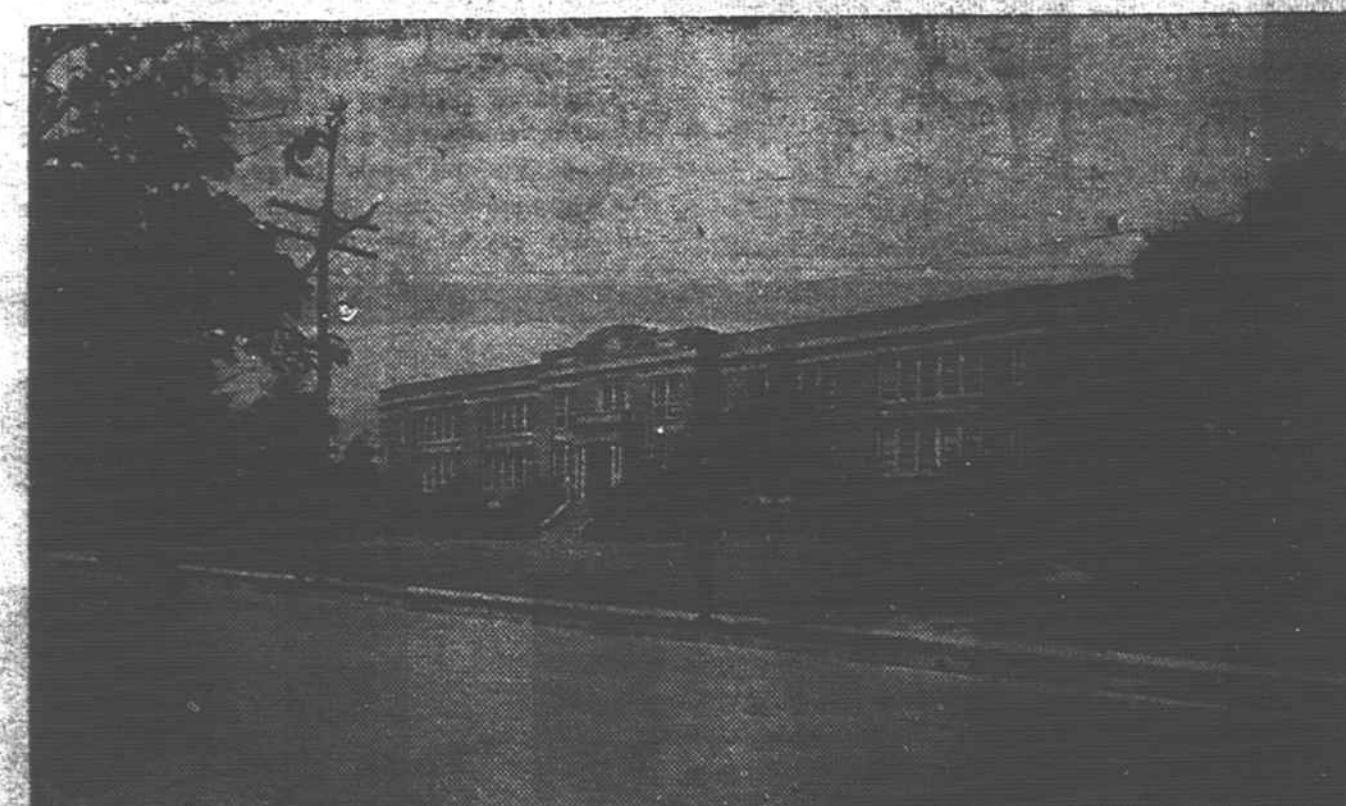
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FARMVILLE'S HANDSOME HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

## Colored School Stepping Forward Under Present Administration

also seen as a need, which has possibilities of being met, with debating dramatic and glee clubs needed now; Classes in art, more educational pictures and courses of study which provide for college entrance are among outstanding needs, which may in great measure be provided for in the new courses.

### OPENING SEPT. 4

Heading the faculty of 25 teachers is Superintendent J. H. Moore, who gives his time and best thought to problems of the school and the child, and takes an active part in social, religious and community activities.

Selection of members of the faculty for the 1939-40 term has not been finally made, though the opening date of September 4 has been announced.

### High School

J. H. Moore, Farmville, Superintendent; W. C. Harrel, Eure, science and coach; Miss Russell Ward, Sunbury, mathematics; Miss Mary Hardin, Wilson, English; E. F. Coates, Raleigh, history; Miss Gertrude Cameron, Jonesboro, commercial subjects; Miss Verona Lee Joyner, Farmville, home economics.

Latin, French and Vocational Agriculture will be announced later.

### Elementary School

Mrs. L. P. Thomas, Farmville, seventh grade; Miss Annie Lee Jones, Yancey, seventh grade; Miss Louise Paschal, Reidsville, sixth grade; Miss Edna Robinson, Ivanhoe, fifth grade; Miss Margaret Thompson, Greenville, fifth grade; Miss Comille Stinson, Belvidere, fourth grade; Miss Sallie Norwood, Henderson, fourth grade; Miss Margaret Lewis, Farmville, third grade; Miss Elizabeth Elliott, Edenton, third grade; Miss Margaret Lester, Roxboro, second grade; Miss W. B. Carraway, Farmville, second grade; Miss Annie Perkins, Farmville, first grade; Miss Mildred Vann, Abbeville, first grade.

### Music

Music, Mrs. Daisy Holmes Smith, Farmville, Piano; Mrs. Haywood Smith, Farmville, piano.

Members of the Farmville school board are: J. W. Holmes, chairman, Dr. P. E. Jones, secretary-treasurer, and J. J. Morgan, Sr.

## Hoey To Follow FDR in Changing Thanksgiving Day

RALEIGH, Aug. 16.—Governor Hoey, while in Charlotte Wednesday, indicated he would follow President Roosevelt's lead in proclaiming a new Thanksgiving Day.

An Associated Press dispatch quoted the Governor as saying: "I can see no special benefit in the change. However, that does not mean that I would proclaim a different Thanksgiving Day from that set by President Roosevelt."

The North Carolina law stipulates that the holiday shall be observed each year on "the day appointed by the governor as Thanksgiving Day."

**BIRD SET HOUSE AFIRE**

Ithaca, N. Y.—A sparrow which picked up a lighted cigarette butt and carried it to its nest is blamed for a fire which damaged the second floor sleeping porch of W. S. Wolf.

Plenty of cash means plenty of boom; plenty of boom means plenty of gloom—that's no use to finish this poem. After a few years, you can start all over again.

One trouble with the political world is that voters give their support to the men who promise them the most and then expect them to get it for them without increasing

## Miss Annie Perkins Teacher Here 43 Years

### North Carolina Teacher for 43 Years, 38 of Them in Farmville Graded School

Miss Annie Perkins, a native of Greenville and Pitt County, has tutored generations of beginners since selected as primary teacher by the educational board of Farmville thirty-six years ago, and is as keenly interested in her work as on the day when she first became a school-marm.

Miss Annie, as she is known to hosts of people, has filled her place of trust in starting young minds in their quest for knowledge, so successfully and satisfactorily that she is held in highest esteem and is one of the most beloved members of Pitt County's educational circles.

She has been a teacher in the State's public school system for 43 years, with all of this period being spent in Pitt County and she has the unique record of 38 years in the Farmville graded school, giving one

ful life and she has served loyally and efficiently in practically all of the official places of the Sunday School and women's organizations, and one can almost see the twinkle in her eye, denoting the sparkling wit and humor with which she has enlivened many dull board meetings and wearisome programs, and which has no doubt been the secret well-spring of her eternal youth and success.

In addition to educational activities, Miss Annie has shown great interest in and made a worthwhile contribution to the cause of club work, civic and literary, being among the organizers of the Farmville Woman's Club, which sponsors the Public Library, and a zealous

### FALLING SCAFFOLD KILLS MAN

Newark, N. J.—Climbing a scaffold to inspect the work which a painter was doing on his home, Morris Abowitz was instantly killed when the scaffold fell to the ground three stories below. A peanut vendor who was passing through the alley underneath was seriously injured by the falling scaffold.

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