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## American Legion to Give Fireworks Display Wed.

### People of Community Invited to Be Here for This Occasion

The Farmville Post of the American Legion will give a fireworks display FREE to the people of Farmville Community on Wednesday night, December 20th, at 7:30 P. M. This is another of a series of events to enliven the Christmas season for the Farmville people and merchants. Expense has not been spared to make this display beautiful and exciting. The shooting of the fireworks will take place on the west side of Town in the vicinity of the Swimming Pool and Golf Course. This method of displaying fireworks is the safe, sane and correct way to set off fireworks; we get the excitement of the crowd; we get the beauty of large and loud fireworks; and yet we are absolutely safe from their harmful effects, as everyone will be at a safe distance from them; these are fireworks that all the kiddies would like to see and should see. Everyone should and probably will see it.

## Handel's Master-piece Presented

The second rendition this season of Handel's best known oratorio, "The Messiah", in this section, was given by the Festival Symphonic Chorus of the Eastern Carolina Symphonic Choral Association in the Methodist Church in Snow Hill Sunday evening, the first presentation being given that afternoon in Ayden. The Church was crowded to capacity with an appreciative audience, many coming from distant towns for the event. "The Messiah" chorus, composed of 125 singers from Ayden, Goldsboro, Greenville, Snow Hill and Robersonville, has been practicing for several weeks for this event, which is to be given in the towns represented in the choral personnel, as the Association's contribution to the Christmas spirit in Eastern North Carolina. Presentations will be given in Goldsboro Sunday afternoon, December 17 in the high school auditorium at 3:30, in the afternoon, and in Greenville at the Wright Memorial auditorium at 8:00 in the evening. Robersonville will have a presentation in January.

The Snow Hill members of the chorus entertained the group at a tea in the Community House Sunday afternoon. The soloists on Sunday evening were outstanding in their presentation of the theme of each episode, and the ensemble parts were superbly shaded and finished, with the awe inspiring chorus, "Behold the Lamb of God", being perhaps the most perfectly rendered and the most impressive.

Soloists are: Miss Margarite Moya Mrs. T. A. Early, Mrs. Knott Proctor, Mrs. Lewis Bullock, Aubrey Tilley, James Ray Pittman, Jack Fonville and Edwin Parkinson. Accompanists are: Mrs. H. C. Selby, Miss Jessie Bullock, Miss Virginia Belle Cooper, Mrs. C. W. Hearne. Lewis Sidney Bullock, talented musician, and the zealous director of the Association, has through his enthusiastic admiration for this masterpiece, been able to infuse in his choral group his fine concept of the dramatic fire and sacred dignity of this work, and their interpretation gives to their audience great enjoyment and inspiration. Mr. Bullock has achieved signal success in his endeavor along musical appreciation lines in this section since coming to live here and the Eastern Carolina Symphonic Choral Association is rendering a magnificent service to art in this State.

In paying tribute to the director — one does not overlook the untiring efforts and keen interest of Mrs. Bullock, who is not only a soloist meriting commendation, but is an invaluable collaborator and aide-de-camp to her husband.

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On Friday night, December 15th, 1939 at 7:30 P. M., there will be held the dedication of the new Farmville School Gymnasium; the local school board and superintendent are now busy making plans for an informal but gala occasion. The County Board of Commissioners, the County Board of Education and the Town Board of Commissioners have been invited as special guests for the occasion.

The new Gym and Agricultural buildings were recently completed as a PWA project at a cost of \$57,000, under which 45 per cent of the funds were provided for by the Federal Government, while the other 55 per cent was supplied from the sale of Farmville School District bonds.

Both buildings are a credit to the community and will amply provide for the educational needs of our community for many years to come. It is hoped that the citizenry of Farmville Township will be present to make the dedication impressive and representative of our pride in this achievement.

Immediately following the brief and informal dedication exercises, the girls basketball team of Farmville will engage in a basketball game with the girls from another Pitt County school, and this game will be followed by a boys basketball game.

The local committee wishes to invite everyone to see the basketball court, the new basketball goals, and the comfortable bleacher seats; six hundred people can easily be seated on the sideline bleacher seats, with plenty of room to place an additional five hundred chairs on the sides and at the end of the Court. Every spectator will be comfortable as the building is steamheated from the central heating plant. It will be the first home game of the season for the Farmville boys and girls. Everyone is looking forward to another big night for Farmville.

## Mrs. M. F. Spencer Laid to Rest Here

### Funeral Services Conducted Friday for Woman Held in High Esteem Here

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Farrow Spencer, 84, wife of Alex Griffin Spencer, were held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Thomas, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. D. A. Clarke, of the Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. B. B. Fordham, Baptist minister.

Favorite hymns were rendered by a choir, composed of Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck, Mrs. D. E. Oglesby, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mrs. Haywood Smith, John D. and E. C. Holmes. Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery beneath a lovely floral offering, with members of the Farmville graded school faculty acting as floral bearers.

Active pallbearers were: J. Y. Monk, J. M. Stansill, G. E. Beckman, J. T. Thorne, A. Q. Roebuck and Haywood Smith. Mrs. Spencer, a former resident of Washington, had made her home with her only daughter, Mrs. L. P. Thomas, for the past seven years, making many friends and being held in highest esteem. She had been a loyal member of the Methodist church since early girlhood, and exemplified the attributes of Christian womanhood throughout her long and useful life.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Farrow, of Hyde County. Surviving are her husband, Alex Griffin Spencer and a daughter, Mrs. L. P. Thomas.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Merchants Association of Greenville is arranging to have three judges to come over from Greenville to judge the home (yard and interior) decorations of Farmville; prizes will be awarded as previously announced. The judging will take place on Wednesday night, December 20th. Any person desiring to enter their home decorations in the contest must report their entry to the Chamber of Commerce (Phone 257-6) before midnight, December 19th. Those report-

## War Conditions Demand 3rd Term Ambassador Says

### Joseph Davies Reviews European War Crisis with President Roosevelt

Washington, Dec. 14.—Joseph Davies, American Ambassador to Belgium, reviewed the European war crisis with President Roosevelt today and on leaving the White House reiterated that the safety of the United States requires that the Chief Executive be drafted for a third term.

The tall, handsome envoy called on the President after reporting to Secretary of State Cordell Hull. He told Hull that in his opinion nothing short of a miracle can save Europe from a long and bitter war.

Davies returned from his listening post in Brussels ostensibly to aid in negotiating a renewal of the trade treaty with Belgium and to spend the holidays with his family. His first words, on debarking in New York, were that international uncertainty requires that the President be impressed for a third term. A similar theme was voiced by Joseph P. Kennedy, Ambassador to London, whose return preceded that of Davies' by only a few days.

"I don't believe the President wants a third term, but it isn't a question of a third term," Davies told reporters. "This is not the time to consider the personal wishes of any man. To say that he could have a third term if he wanted it is putting the shoe on the wrong foot. It is not a question whether he wants a third term but, who is the best man?"

The Ambassador said he thinks the United States "is in jeopardy as it has not been certainly in our generation, and probably not since, its institution." "Changes are coming so rapidly," he declared, "that it is impossible to have firm judgment. The chances are that there will again be surprises of both a diplomatic and military nature. Who would have thought 6 months ago that Hitler and Stalin would be buddies?"

He declined to elaborate why he believes this country is in jeopardy. He said, however, that he had heard it said that if the revised neutrality act had been passed last July Poland would not have been invaded. "It has been credited with stopping the invasion of Holland and Belgium," he added.

According to Davies, the neutrality act has had a profound effect on both German and Allied morale, although neither side expects the United States to get into the war. He praised Belgian neutrality, saying it had been preserved "with greatest honor."

## 1940 AAA Program Announced By Floyd

Announcement by E. Y. Floyd, Triple-A executive officer of State College, of the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Program shows important changes in the rates of performance and soil-building payments to farmers for cooperation in government's effort to conserve soil resources and stabilize farm commodity prices.

Revision of the rates of soil-building payments have been made for the following practices, which in 1940 will be: Seeding alfalfa, \$1.50 per acre; seeding timothy and/or redtop; 57 1/2 cents per acre; seeding other specified types of legumes and grasses, 75 cents per acre; and turning under interplanted summer legumes, such as soybeans, cowpeas, crotalaria, and velvet beans, 37 1/2 cents per acre. Floyd also announced that the rate of credit for application of ground agricultural limestone has been made uniform throughout the State, at \$1.50 for each 1,600 pounds applied.

The new rate of payments for conservation, or performance, payments are: Flue-cured and Burley tobacco, 1 cent per pound; cotton, 1.6 cents per pound; peanuts, \$2.50 per ton; and wheat on commercial farms, 9 cents per bushel.

There was no change from the '39 program in payments for seeding lespedeza, seeding winter legumes, turning under green manure and cover crops, application of phosphate, terracing, thinning and weeding timber stands, and planting forest trees.

The rates of performance payments for potatoes and vegetables is designated commercial countries likewise were unchanged.

Floyd urged farmers to consult with their county farm agent, or their AAA committees and determine monthly how the 1940 program applies to their farms.

## Tuberculosis Robs You; Public Health Protects

Tuberculosis is a public enemy. Science has drawn up a serious indictment against it. Here are some of the charges:

• Cruelly deforms young children. Ruins the ambitions of youth. Saps the worker of his earning capacity.

• Brings heartache into the household. Destroys life ruthlessly. Threatens all people so long as there is a single case of tuberculosis in the community.

The ruin and waste of this public enemy is not paid for only by those whom it attacks. All of us share in the cost.

Tuberculosis makes orphans. You and I must care for them. The care of the tuberculous sick is an expense usually too great for the individual sufferer to bear, so we, as a community, must pay the bill. Yet the money cost is only part of the loss. What about the distress and fears of all of us who share in so long as tuberculosis hangs over us?

Protect Yourself Tuberculosis is preventable. This enemy comes by stealth, but knowledge warns us of its coming. The common danger signals are—

A continuous tired feeling, loss of weight, a cough that hangs on, indigestion, pain in the chest, spitting of blood.

These signals do not mean that tuberculosis has developed, but they should prompt one to visit a doctor at once.

Acting alone it is almost impossible to keep tuberculosis out of the household. By working together it can be achieved. This is what the phrase "public health" means—team work among all citizens for everybody's health.

In this war on disease, the doctor in his private office or in the clinic stands in the front line. Supporting him are the health department, the public health nurse, the sanatorium, and the tuberculosis association. We need them for protection against the ancient robber.

Hold the Line. The protective line has been put to a strain lately. Hard times and tuberculosis are allies. Moreover, under the guise of economy, health budgets have been seriously cut. Does that pay? A few dollars may be saved by closing a sanatorium, for example, but what about the patients? Will they be forced to go home, there to spread the disease to their own and their neighbor's children? What about the future costs?

Public health measure protect us not only against tuberculosis but against all communicable diseases. Life as we live it today would be an extreme risk without the constant vigilance of the health department. Yet the cost of protection is surprisingly low. Do you know that less than one cent out of each tax dollar which is spent by the people in the United States goes for public health? Why then do we try to save money by cutting health budgets? Because nobody complains. Public health does not advertise itself well and so long as no great epidemic threatens, few people pay any attention to the health department, the sanatorium and other health protective devices, though every body, every day, is benefited by them.

Fortunately the line has held thus far. But there is a limit beyond which economy becomes not a saving but an expense. False economy piles up its bill with interest. And the worst of it is that little children who had no part in the scheme must help for the health bankruptcy of a community.

You Must Help. Now we are on the up-grade again. We are rebuilding. We are finding means to solve by collective effort those problems which cannot be met by individuals alone. See to it that health reconstruction in your community is a part of economic reconstruction. Find out what your community pays for public health. Two dollars per person per year is not too much. Check up on the health department and on the tuberculosis fighting machinery. Ask your health officer, your visiting nurse association, your tuberculosis association. Let them know that your help can be counted on.

Christmas Seals finance the campaign against Tuberculosis.

DAD—HARDY Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hardy, Sr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Eleanor, to Thurston V. Hall, of White Oak, N. C., and Mrs. C. C. Hall of Ayden, the wedding to take place January 2.

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## The Soviet Envoy To Italy Leaves Rome Hurriedly

### New Ambassador Departs for Moscow without Even Presenting Credentials

Rome, Dec. 13.—The abrupt recall and hasty departure for home of Soviet Russia's new ambassador to Italy, whose 15-day stay in Rome was made uncomfortable by the jeers of young Fascists outside his embassy windows, was disclosed tonight by diplomatic sources.

The ambassador, Nicolai Gorchin, left Rome yesterday for Moscow, before he even had had time to present his credentials to King Vittorio Emanuele.

Soviet embassy officials said they did not know why he had been called home. He left in such a hurry he did not wait for the return of his charge d'affaires, Leon Helfand, who is on a vacation in Geneva.

Numerous Demonstrations Popular feeling in Italy, exemplified by a series of pro-Finnish, anti-Soviet demonstrations by student Fascists, had been sympathetic with Finland ever since the Red armies invaded Russia's little neighbor.

Within four days after Gorchin arrived to take up his post, 8,000 young uniformed Fascists stood outside his embassy and howled their disapproval of the invasion. Three days later, on December 5, Carabinieri and other protective forces were called out to turn student marchers away from the building, whereupon the demonstrators massed in front of the Finnish legation, shouting "Finland, finish off the Russians!"

These demonstrations were accompanied by attempts by several thousand Italians to enlist in the Finnish fighting forces, by reports that the Finns were using Italian-made planes, and by warnings to Russia in certain sections of the Fascist press to "stay out of the Balkans."

It is true, however, that there has been no positive indication of any actual strain in official relations between Rome and Moscow, that the Soviet ambassador had been officially snubbed, or that Italy's government is directly aiding the Finns.

## CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

The following cases have been reported to R. A. Joyner, town clerk this week. Citizens and organizations are urged to take care of the need felt by unfortunate in this community, and get in touch with Mr. Joyner at once:

No. 1—Man and wife and two children about 8 and 5 years old. Man unable to work. No income to family except through relief. (Taken by Mrs. Irvin Morgan, Jr.)

No. 2—Man, wife and five children. Two boys and three girls. Man in hospital or under hospital treatment most of the year, one child recently in hospital for operation. (Taken by Opportunity Class of Christian Sunday School.)

No. 3—Man, wife and four children. Two boys and two girls. Man unemployed.

No. 4—Man and wife and four children. Three girls and one boy. Crop failure, very deservng.

No. 5—Man and wife and five children. Three boys and two girls. Failed to make expenses during year. Very needy.

No. 6—Father, three small boys and three small girls. Failed to make expenses for 1939. Need anything.

No. 7—Man, wife and four children, all boys, 2, 7, 9, 11. Father working, but unable to make sufficient amount for children's toys.

No. 8—Man, wife and seven children. Five small, 8 boys, 2, 10, 12; two girls, 1 1/2 years and baby four months. Did not make expenses in 1939.

No. 9—Aged couple, unable to work.

No. 10—Man, wife and six children. Five boys, ages 14, 12, 6, 4, 2 and one girl 10. Wife ill with tuberculosis.

No. 11—Man, wife and one child. Boy about three years old. Lost home in fire together with all furniture.

No. 12—Man, wife and one child, girl about six years old. Lost home and four children by fire.

No. 13—Man, wife and two girls, 11 years and 18 months; two boys, 8 and 4 years. Man in bad health and unemployed.

No. 14—Man and wife, ten in family, 5 girls under 12 years of age. Crop failure this year.

## League May Give Finland Practical Aid in Battle Against Soviet Invaders

### EUROPEAN SUMMARY

Montevideo — Two British warships and Nazi pocket battleship, presumably the Admiral Scheer, locked in furious battle off Uruguay within American neutrality zone; battle rages into night with outcome in doubt.

Geneva — League of Nations committee proposes condemnation of Russian as aggressor, recommends her banishment from Geneva and proposes aid to Finland; League assembly acts today.

Helsinki — Finns say Russians halted on virtually all fronts. Report "great losses" inflicted on Reds in counterattack.

Moscow — Red army reports new advances carry its forces to points 65 to 66 miles from frontier.

London — Britain hints at large scale land offensive against Germans once allied air superiority is added to sea supremacy.

Rome — Soviet Ambassador leaves abruptly after Fascist anti-Russian demonstrations.

## Job Reports Show Better Business

### Labor Department and SES Note Higher Wages and Greater Employment

Reports of increased employment and rising payrolls indicated yesterday the most prosperous Christmas season North Carolina has experienced in two years.

The State Employment Service reported that private placements last month were 40 per cent over the corresponding month a year ago.

Commissioner of Labor Forrest H. Shuford stated that a review of 974 concerns for the week ending November 15 showed a 1.2 per cent increase in workers and 1.7 per cent increase in payroll over the similar week in October. Employment is considerably greater than it was a year ago, while the "recession" was on, Mr. Shuford said.

The retail trade payroll increased 4.2 per cent and the wholesale trade payroll 2.2 per cent. The cotton manufacturing payroll gained 5.3 per cent.

The lumber industry in North Carolina led all other classifications with a 10.1 per cent increase in payroll. For all industries reporting, the average weekly paycheck for the week ending November 15 was \$16.31, compared with \$16.24 for the similar week in October.

Near PWA Peak. The most graphic contrast with business conditions a year ago was furnished in the Employment Service report that public and private placements last month were only nine per cent below the total for November, 1938, when the PWA construction boom was nearing its peak.

Since then, public works placements have declined drastically, the total last month being 40 per cent under the corresponding period of 1938.

As other indications of improving business, S. E. S. Director R. Mayne Albright noted:

That the active file of jobseekers, as of November 30, contained 75,057 names, fewest since November, 1937, and 55.4 per cent fewer than the total a year ago.

That the list of November applicants, including 11,498 new registrations and 19,188 renewals, was six per cent below October and 25 per cent below November a year ago.

In Commissioner Shuford's report the 974 covered concerns were credited with 150,499 employees on November 15, compared with 149,682 a month earlier. The weekly payroll totalled \$2,454,399, compared with \$2,413,897 a month before.

## WHO KNOWS?

1. How long has Finland been an independent nation?
2. For what mineral is Sweden important?
3. Did Great Britain seize German exports in the last war?
4. What part of Rumania was formerly Russia?
5. What is the official name of the Diet committee?
6. What is an S. R.?
7. What is the statutory debt limit of the Federal government?
8. When does the Trade Agreement Act expire?
9. When did King George agree to the Magna Charter?

## Assembly to Consider Today Bold Proposal to Arrange Material Help for Struggling Finnish Nation

Delegates' Committee Injects Weight Behind Move to Expel Russia; League Would Use Its Secretariat in Coordinating General Staff to Supply Finland with Materials; Resolution Also Suggests Enlisting Aid of United States; Action Seen as Strongest Ever Proposed by League

Geneva, Dec. 14.—The League of Nations leadership tonight put up to the assembly a bold resolution to brand Soviet Russia an aggressor against Finland, put weight behind the drive for Russia's banishment from Geneva, and even turn the League secretariat into a coordinating general staff for war material and humanitarian aid for the struggling Finns.

A committee of delegates from 13 nations, including Great Britain and France, approved and submitted the resolution to the assembly for final action.

Action Today The assembly will meet today to vote on the resolution and since unanimity is not required there, it was expected to be adopted without difficulty.

The overwhelming drive for expulsion, which can be decided only by the council, was given a strong push by the committee's action. The resolution itself was regarded by diplomats as the strongest that had come out of the League since it tried to crack down on Italy with sanctions in the Ethiopian war. In that case, however, the League did not eject, but declared Italy the aggressor.

One of the clauses of the resolution carried immense potential punch. After urging the member states to do everything they could to give material and humanitarian help to the Finns, the resolution continued:

"The assembly authorizes the secretary-general of the League to lend the aid of his technical services for the organization of assistance to Finland as outlined above."

Enlist U. S. Aid? One part of the resolution empowered the League secretary-general to invite the United States to cooperate with League states in helping the Finns. The United States was not mentioned specifically, but in Geneva's official language the phrase "non-member states" is almost synonymous with the United States.

China's veteran League diplomat, Wellington Koo, whistled when he saw the phrase to coordinate League help for Finland. "China got nothing like that," he said. Koo fought for the same thing but got only a wordy resolution and little practical help.

The so-called "authorization" to the League secretariat will enable the League powers to turn the secretariat into a coordinating committee or general staff to aid in shipment, financing and other activities in getting arms, planes and medical supplies to Finland.

The Finnish delegate, Rodolph Holsti, commented: "It could mean all or nothing—we must wait and see. As a resolution it is excellent, but we must see what its execution amounts to."

Jacob Surita, Soviet Russian Ambassador to France, left Geneva and went back to Paris this morning.

His aide said he "saw the handwriting on the wall."

League procedure artists meantime decided China will not be elected to her seat in the Council until after that body votes on the expulsion of the U. S. S. R.

This would save China the embarrassment of voting on the expulsion of a League member from whom she has received aid in her fight with Japan.

The Argentine delegate, Rodolph Freyre, told the assembly today that Argentina would resign from the League unless Soviet Russia were ejected.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN CLINIC DATES

On account of the Christmas Holiday Season, the Maternal and Infant Welfare Clinics held in Greenville at the Pitt County Health Department Offices every fourth Monday and fourth Tuesday will be held in December on the third Monday and third Tuesday, that is, December 18 and 19, from two until four o'clock.