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## Farmville to Honor President By Holding Annual Birthday Ball

### Junior Woman's Club Sponsoring Ball and Campaign Here

Again the noble cause of the campaign to secure funds to combat infantile paralysis is to be presented to people of this community among the 13,000 communities of this nation, to which the challenge to "DOUBLE YOUR EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT" has been sounded.

Epidemics have again made their appearance in many states and have raged far longer than the period during which these epidemics usually occur. The fear of this affliction is gripping the hearts of the people of the United States and each individual should be glad of the opportunity to help fight this merciless foe.

The Junior Woman's Club, of which Mrs. J. Leroy Parker is chairman, is giving a fine demonstration of public-spirited action in accepting the responsibility of campaign leadership and furtherance of this movement in the Farmville community, and every good citizen will doubtless rise to the occasion and contribute liberally.

For the first time Farmville will fall in line with other cities and towns in holding a President's Birthday Ball of its very own, which promises to be the outstanding social event of the winter season.

The Ball will be held in the high school gymnasium on Monday evening, January 29, from ten till two with music by Brooks Fryer's orchestra.

The March of Dimes is going at full force here at this time and the Birthday Greetings campaign is meeting with a hearty response.

Heading the committees under the Junior Woman's Club's president, Mrs. Parker, are:

Publicity—Mrs. Lynn Davis, Mrs. M. E. Pollard; Parade—Miss Dorothy Farris; tea room—Mrs. Merette Moore, Miss Maxine Long; check room—Mrs. J. L. Williford; decorations—Mrs. Lynn Davis, Mrs. R. T. Williams; entertainment—Mrs. Mac Carraway; tickets—Mrs. W. Alexander Allen.

## Work of Foundation Outlined by President

The organization of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was sponsored by President Roosevelt, and the general purposes of the Foundation and the need for its existence were set forth at that time in a statement in which he said in part as follows:

"As I have said, the general purpose of the foundation will be to lead, direct, and unify the fight on every phase of this sickness. It will make every effort to ensure that every responsible research agency in this country is adequately financed to carry on investigations into the cause of infantile paralysis and the methods by which it may be prevented. It will endeavor to eliminate much of the needless after-effect of this disease—wreckage caused by the failure to make early and accurate diagnosis of its presence. We all know that improper care during the acute stage of the disease, and the use of antiquated treatment, or downright neglect of any treatment, are the cause of thousands of crippled, twisted, powerless bodies now. Much can be done along these lines right now. The foundation will carry on a broad-based educational campaign, prepared under expert medical supervision, and this will be placed within the reach of the doctors and the hospitals of the country. The practicing physician is in reality the front line fighter of the sickness, and there is much existing valuable knowledge that should be disseminated to him.

"And then there is also the tremendous problem as to what is to be done with these hundreds of thousands, already ruined by the after-effects of this affliction. To investigate, to study, to develop every medical possibility of enabling these so afflicted to become economically independent in their local communities will be one of the chief aims of the foundation."

It is the first time in connection with the local campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for its nation wide objectives research work for the prevention of this disease, epidemic first aid, public education and the developing of better methods of after treatment of this disease.

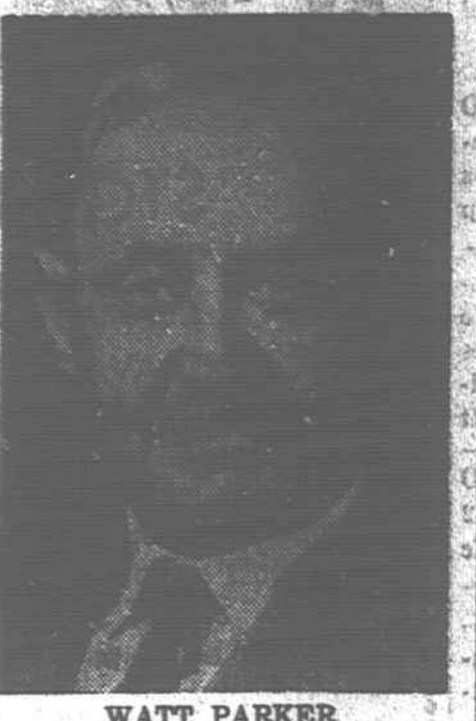
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## Grifton Man To Head New Pitt Grand Jury

Greenville, Jan. 22.—M. B. Hodges of Grifton was named foreman of the new Pitt County grand jury drawn at the opening of a criminal session of Superior Court here today, with Judge Walter Bone of Nashville presiding.

Others named to the 18-man body are: Caddie Jones, Harvey L. Craft, J. S. Manning, John A. Karamack, R. E. Parker, E. Y. Beardsley, J. I. Manning, J. R. Chauncey, H. E. Laughinghouse, W. J. Fleming, H. E. Allen, Ben J. Dixon, Robert J. McArthur, L. E. Flowers, D. W. Williams and Arthur Keel.

In charging the grand jury, Judge Bone pointed out that the members compose one of the most important divisions of the judicial branches of government. He added that the legislative and judicial branches could not function effectively without the cooperation of the judicial branch, and that no two could provide a satisfactory government without a third.

## Contract Let For New Baptist Church

B. M. Lewis, chairman, and C. A. Tyson of the building committee of the new Farmville Baptist Church announced today the letting of a contract to Cannon and Shoe, general contractors of Greenville, for the construction of a new and modern church building, to be located on the site of the present building on the corner of Wilson and Greene streets.

The heating contract was let to the Goldsboro Heating, Plumbing and Supply Co., as low bidder, and R. R. Markley, of Durham is to be the architect.

Construction of the new church, which will cost approximately \$35,000 will begin at an early date according to the committee.

## U. N. C. Lists 373 On Roll of Honor

Fred Jones of Farmville On Roll For Third time

Fred Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jones, and a member of the senior class, was among the 373 students making the scholastic roll of honor at the University of North Carolina the past quarter, according to a report released Wednesday by the central records office.

To sit the honor roll a student must make an average of B(90-95) on all courses.

This is the third time in connection with Fred Jones has made the honor roll for the quarter, and friends are congratulating him also for holding the highest scholastic record in the senior class of his fraternity Phi Delta Theta, and for holding second place in the entire fraternity.

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## Final Rites Held For Watt Parker Octogenarian

### Spanish-American War Veteran, Poet, Philosopher, Laid to Rest In Forest Hill Cemetery

Final rites for Watt Parker, 80, "Uncle Watt" as he was familiarly called by young and old, a Spanish-American War Veteran, Farmville's octogenarian-poet, and highly esteemed as a philosopher and grand old man, were held from his home on Pitt street, at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, January 21, with a large concourse of friends in attendance.

Rev. E. C. Soper, pastor of the Bell Arthur Methodist Church, and Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Christian minister, were in charge. Interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery.

Mr. Parker was born, the son of the late Jesse Speight and Sallie Ann Nichols Parker on November 23, 1859, at his father's old homestead ten miles west of Greenville.

His memoirs, which are to appear in book form in a few weeks, state that he attended Horner's Military School at Oxford and afterwards became a teacher.

He enlisted in the United States Army September 5, 1898, at Fort Monroe, Virginia, Battery G, 5th Coast Artillery, and having had experience as a teacher, the young soldier was detailed as Post School teacher for the children of the enlisted men on the reservation, with 65 children of five nationalities on the roll.

During the summer of 1890 Mr. Parker served as corresponding secretary for, according to his memoirs, the first Y. M. C. A. organized in the United States. He received an honorable discharge from the Army December 5, 1891.

He reenlisted August 9, 1898, at Newport News, Va., Company D 4th Virginia Infantry, for the duration of the Spanish-American War. In November his company was ordered to Cuba, where he remained until January 1, 1899, which marked the final surrender of the Spanish Army to the United States. He received an honorable discharge April 27th of that year.

He was very proud of his military service and gives his reasons in a chapter in his memoirs. In later years he wrote:

Now I am aged, nearly four score, Too old to march or fight any more, But in my bosom lingers still, A spirit for duty and goodwill.

Mr. Parker was a faithful member of the Captain James Thomas Smith Camp, No. 17, United Spanish War Veterans, and served the organization as commander and in other official capacities.

He was first married to Miss Mary Etta Flanagan, who preceded him to the grave. He married the second time Mrs. Maggie E. Joyner, who with several nieces and nephews survive him. Both companions were helpmates in the true sense of the word and he was a devoted husband.

Mr. Parker conceived the idea in 1931 of organizing a unique group, the Septuagenarian Society, which came into existence May 23, 1931, at a meeting held in the school auditorium with R. L. Davis as the first president. This organization is chartered and has a distinctive mark in that it is non-sectarian and non-political, only those 70 years or older are eligible to membership and its motto is "to bestow honor where honor lies."

Of a genial, kindly nature, Mr. Parker had a warm sympathy and understanding heart, and was ever ready to extend a helping hand or give a word of friendly advice to his fellowmen. He will be greatly missed in this community.

## PROVIDE UNIFORMS FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

The following firms and citizens were donors to a recent campaign, launched to provide uniforms for the Girls Basketball Team of the Farmville graded school, which takes this opportunity to say "Thank You" to each and every one.

Watt's Warehouse, \$5.00; Farmville Furniture Co., \$5; E. M. Howard, \$5; J. J. Morgan, \$5; Penders Store, \$5; Knight's Warehouse \$5; The Home Furnishings, \$5; A. C. Mack & Co., \$5; John Martin Store, \$5; W. J. Hester, \$5; J. S. Jones, \$5; Hester Bros. Co., \$5; D. J. Morgan, \$5; M. M. Hester, \$5; L. S. Welton, \$5.00.

Mrs. E. E. Ross and Mrs. E. M. Howard served as the committee in charge, and plans to have the uniforms all made up by the end of the year. It is contemplated that the uniforms will be ready for the team by the time they start their season.

## Wallace to Call Leaf Referendum In The Summer

### Continuation of Loan Program Would Depend on Outcome of Early Vote

Washington, Jan. 24.—Advancement of the referendum on marketing quotas for the 1941 tobacco crop to a date prior to the opening of the 1940 marketing season is planned by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Continuation of the loan program enabling foreign purchases, if desired, would depend entirely upon the outcome of this early referendum, to be held probably in June or July.

These plans were revealed by Wallace today in a letter Representative Lindsay Warren of the First North Carolina District, who declared the development to be of "utmost significance."

Embargoes Not Mentioned. Not mentioned by Wallace in the letter is the effect of the current British embargo or the "dire results that would follow" if the embargo is not lifted. The belief was growing here today, however, that steps would be taken to "cushion" insofar as possible the shock that is certain to ensue if the embargo continues.

Wallace disclosed his intentions to the North Carolina Congressman in response to a letter written to the Agricultural Secretary during the first week of the Congress before the British embargo occurred, in which Warren called attention to the fact that the option of the British companies did not expire until 1941.

The Secretary was asked if he felt there was sufficient authority to make another loan in case the British purchasing agents desired it. Warren urged that the question be decided at an early date so that legislation could be obtained at the present session of Congress if necessary.

Removes Doubt. "This letter from Secretary Wallace removes all doubt and no new legislation will be necessary," Warren stated.

The status of the Commodity Credit Corporation, through which the tobacco loans were made, will not be determined until March 31, but Warren expressed confidence that Congress would keep the corporation functioning at its present strength at least.

"The advancement of the referendum date will mean a great deal to the tobacco grower," Warren said. "If the embargo continues, it will mean that terrific readjustment will have to be made in production plans, having the referendum prior to the marketing season will be of help in this regard."

Diversification of farming in the flue-cured tobacco areas, long urged by Department of Agriculture officials, may be speeded to help countless farmers meet the emergencies which might result if the embargo continues.

It was admitted in official circles today that failure to lift the embargo may force flue-cured growers to plant feed crops and seek to raise subsistence food crops in place of tobacco acreage which has lost the important foreign outlet for its production.

Plans to aid this diversification are still in a very tentative discussion stage, but the belief is growing that concerted efforts may be made along this line regardless of the outcome of the immediate emergency.

Wallace's letter, however, confines itself exclusively to the question of an earlier referendum and the "favorable" prospects for a 1940 loan program.

The full text of this letter to Warren follows:

"This is in reply to your letter of January 19th with respect to the flue-cured tobacco situation. I greatly appreciate your comments on the 1939 loan program. With respect to 1940, proposals are favorable for the consummation of a similar arrangement provided the agencies purchasing for the British trade desire it."

"The consummation of such an arrangement would of course depend upon the action of growers with respect to marketing quotas for 1941 prior to the beginning of the 1940 marketing season. Obviously we could not undertake to make a loan on the 1940 crop unless we were assured that growers would continue to accept marketing quotas in the event the tobacco acreage could be moved into trade channels."

"On March 31, an appraisal will be made of the assets and liabilities of the Commodity Credit Corporation. At about the same time a survey will be made as to the amount of loans for the 1940 crop which will be available for the 1940 crop."

## Stand of Lewis Seen As Demand For Recognition

### C. I. O. Chief Believed To Be Seeking To Round Up Support for Wheeler — Wants Leading Hand In Choosing Nominee

Washington, Jan. 24.—C. I. O. President John L. Lewis today served notice on Democratic party leaders that they must consult him on his choice of a 1940 Presidential candidate, believed by some to be Sen. Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, if they want his support in the coming fight.

This was the interpretation political experts drew from Lewis' speech in Columbus, O., in which he said that President Roosevelt would be "ignominiously" defeated if he sought a third term. This assertion and Lewis' charge that the Democrats had failed to keep faith with labor indicated that the union leader, who has been edging away from the New Deal for more than a year, has "taken a walk."

Rivaling the Lewis blast in political potency was a White House announcement that the President planned to deliver a radio address to a series of "dinner" dinners in the heart of the farm belt which will be the main battleground of the 1940 campaign. The dinners, held under the auspices of the agricultural adjustment administration, will be staged in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois.

Democrats fired "hotly" in some of these states in the 1936 elections, due to distaste of the New Deal's farm policies. Republicans already are claiming Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. Democrats are counting on Mr. Roosevelt to change this picture by his speeches.

Speculation about the camp to which Lewis would try to lead C. I. O. unionists in the 1940 race began when he denounced Vice-President John N. Garner, an avowed candidate whether Mr. Roosevelt runs or not, as a "labor-baiting, whiskey-drinking, poker-playing, evil old man." He said he would oppose Garner's candidacy to the end.

The ruddy-faced Texan made no reply and only chuckled when he was told of Lewis' criticism. His campaign aides, however, did not appear worried and challenged Garner's foes to prove that he opposed at any time constructive labor legislation during his long service in Congress.

After this attack, Lewis was reported to have picked Wheeler as his candidate.

## O WINTER NIGHT!

O wintry night, so wild and eery For those with nerves attuned and weary.

You wait and shiver around the house, And stare us with your wild arouse. We pause upon the bridge of doubt, While you seem to laugh and shout: "Go to sleep! What can you do?"

I'm here to clean outdoors for you, I'm Mother Nature's right hand man, For mighty broom, her giant fan, I'll clean the whole outdoors of dross. I'm here to bring you gain, not loss. Now, let me be your lullaby, Compose yourself, relax! Eat On Him, who sends the wintry night, And go to sleep saying, good night!"

## WINTER WEATHER PREVAILS

With snow and ice reported in front and behind and on either side of Farmville, the town was bound to share in the wintry weather prevailing in this and other States this week.

However, the snowfall was very light Tuesday evening and almost disappeared yesterday in the warm sunshine. The temperature has dropped again today and the gray skies have a threat of another snowfall tonight, Thursday.

## TO ATTEND ENGINEERS MEET

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray Smith are planning to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Engineers, which will convene in Raleigh, Friday, the annual dinner and ball at the St. Wallace Hotel that evening and the concluding session on Saturday.

Mr. Smith, who is a registered civil engineer of several years' standing and was recently named as one of the 4th County Insurance Agency.

## Finns Claim Soviet's Ace Troops Defeated In Desperate Thrust

### EUROPEAN SUMMARY

HELSINKI.—Strongest Russian forces yet thrown into any one battle since Red Army invasion started hurried back northeast of Lake Ladoga with great slaughter, Finns announce.

London.—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain reveals British-French develop "lightning action" plan designed to thwart any German invasion of Belgium lowlands; naval warfare takes more British ships; British claim maps of "potential" military value are being sent to Germany by Nazi sympathizers in the United States.

Western Front.—Patrol clashes, otherwise all quiet.

Bucharest.—Rumania to insist that Rumanian oil companies owned by British and French sell oil to Germany.

Paris.—Reports say Soviets have made important economic concessions to Germany in exchange for Nazi promises to engage in general staff consultation in Moscow regarding Finland and Balkans.

## Is Fined \$50 In Firecracker Case

Greenville, Jan. 24.—B. Streeter Sheppard, prominent Farmville man, was convicted in Superior court here this morning of simple assault and was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs of court.

The defendant originally was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill following an alleged attack on James Wilson, son of Rev. H. M. Wilson, Farmville Presbyterian minister. Mr. Sheppard was accused of having attacked the young man for shooting firecrackers about him on Christmas day.

Mr. Sheppard denied that he attacked the boy, claiming that a cane struck the pastor's son when the defendant threw up his hands when a firecracker burst in his face.

The charge was amended to assault with a deadly weapon, dropping the "with intent to kill" portion. A jury returned a verdict of simple assault.

True bills on serious charges were brought in against two defendants, Oscar Edwards in connection with the Tetterton wreck death in Bethel and against Jarvis Harris on a charge of rape.

Charles Bridges and Wilbur Bridges, colored, were ordered to pay costs and were placed on probation for three years after tendering pleas of guilty to forgery and false pretense.

## Belgium Assured Of Allied Action

Chamberlain Declares 'Lightning' Aid Will Be Given If Germany Attacks

London, Jan. 24.—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain revealed in the House of Commons today that Great Britain and France pledged to give immediate aid to Belgium, in case of attack, and developing a plan of "lightning action" designed to thwart any German invasion of the Belgian lowlands.

"I am mounting anger toward Russia," Chamberlain said, "stopped a demand that Britain break off diplomatic relations with Moscow. In view of her unprovoked aggression in Finland and said that such action would require 'most careful consideration' as Soviet aid to Russia.

The Prime Minister was to emphasize in regard to Allied pledges to Belgium—reaffirmed only a week before the outbreak of war last September—as he was uncommunicative about relations with Russia.

## 'Great Slaughter' of Red Army Fighters Reported By Finnish Command In Lake Ladoga Sector; Soviets Have Failed To Pierce Defenses In Newest Offensive

HELSINKI, Jan. 24.—The strongest Russian forces thrown into any one battle since the start of the Red Army's invasion eight weeks ago have been hurled back northeast of Lake Ladoga with great slaughter, military officials announced tonight.

Since the invasion of Finland was unleashed on the morning of November 30 with three aerial bombings of Helsinki the Russians are estimated in some quarters to have suffered 100,000 casualties including dead, wounded, missing and prisoners.

The Russian offensive of the last four days north of Lake Ladoga, and on the Karelian Isthmus is estimated by the Finns to have cost the Russians 20,000 more casualties and as no point, it is claimed, have the Finnish defenses been pierced to any real depth.

Tonight's military communique said that, for the third successive day, the Russians failed in their sledge-hammer attempts to push along the northern shore of Lake Ladoga with massed infantry, tanks and planes and strike at Finland's Mannerheim line from the rear by smashing the Finns' left wing.

Reports abroad that two Russian divisions had been trapped at Aittokivi above Lake Ladoga and that the Russians were trying to rescue them were discredited in Helsinki tonight.

At the same time, the communique said, the Red Army flung a strong attack against the main Karelian Isthmus highway, running through the middle links of the Mannerheim line, in a drive spearheaded toward Finland's second largest city at Viipuri, which three days ago, the Russians warned, over loudspeakers in the front lines, would be captured within 48 hours.

In addition to the heavy assaults northeast of Lake Ladoga and in the center of the Isthmus near the highway, the Russians tried again to break into the Mannerheim line by attacking over the ice of Lake Moola but were repulsed, the communique said.

Again yesterday the fiercest fighting was around Kollanokki above Lake Ladoga and in the region of Aittokivi, 60 miles further north, a former base of Russian operations which was captured by the Finns recently.

At these points the fighting is continuing unabated, it was said, and seven tanks were destroyed yesterday, bringing to 22 the number captured or put out of commission since the start of the new offensive.

Despite their lack of success with tanks in the heavily forested and rocky region where there are few roads, the Russians continue to rely heavily on them, scarcely ever venturing an infantry attack without tanks in front of them.

Owing to difficulties of transport over Russia's only railroad paralleling the Finnish eastern border—the Leningrad to Murmansk line—military observers here believe that if the Finns can withstand the Russian blows for a few more days there may be a lull when the Russian reserves of manpower and supplies are exhausted.

The Russian casualties thus far in the offensive are estimated unofficially in Helsinki at between 4,000 and 5,000 killed and 15,000 or 16,000 wounded. In the bitter cold of the fighting fronts a large percentage of the Russian wounded die before they can be retrieved from the snow-covered battlefields and given first aid and shelter.

The Finns take care of their wounded in stretches having 50° covers which give them the appearance of miniature covered wagons and protect the wounded from the icy blast.

Finnish authorities charged again that the Russians in their air attacks are conducting a deliberate campaign of terror and alleged that yesterday four hospitals plainly marked with red crosses were bombed, killing one surgeon and wounding four nurses.

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