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Has Steady Growth Since Organization in '38

Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Ass'n. Broadens Scope and Becomes A Powerful Force In The Business Life Here

The Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, organized in July 1938, by a group of forward looking and progressive business men, has in this brief period experienced rapid and steady growth.

The promoting of another \$1.00 Shopping Days event, at which time business firms will offer special inducements, will write a special chapter in the business history of Farmville, and give concrete evidence of the Association's purpose to bring about a closer cooperation of its members, whereby they can work as a unit for the promotion and development of the business life of the town. Its aim to grow into one of the most serviceable organizations in Eastern North Carolina is being rapidly realized.

Present officers are: T. E. Joyner, president; John B. Lewis, executive secretary; Mrs. Hubert Register, acting secretary; S. A. Garra, treasurer; Composing the board of directors are the officers and Frank Williams, L. E. Walton, J. O. Pollard, George W. Davis, H. M. Winders and W. R. Willis.

Broadening its scope and activities at a remarkable rate of speed since organization the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, working together as a single unit now include practically all of the branches of business life in the town, and boast of a strong board of directors, alert to the need for satisfactory working conditions, a better understanding between employers and employees and cooperation with the buying public as well, and is rapidly becoming a powerful factor in the civic and industrial life of Farmville.

The organization is to be congratulated on having had faithful leaders, who have overcome the obstacles and difficulties besetting a new organization of any kind, and have lent their united efforts to further the growth of this cooperative trade medium, which was sorely needed here for many years.

Members of the committee in charge of the \$ Days "Selling" report that local merchants enthusiastically tied in with the Parade of Progress and are taking this opportunity to cooperate by offering customers quality merchandise at greatly reduced prices.

LIGHTS

The Rural Electrification Administration estimates that approximately 1,700,000 farm homes received electric current from central stations in 1939 and that 250,000 had their own lighting plants.

LARGES

The number of livestock on American farms January 1, was substantially larger than on the same date last year, says the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Part of Town Is Still Sinking

Earth Surface of Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, Sinks Anew

Shenandoah, Penn., March 5.—The earth surface sagged anew today in this undisturbed anticline town.

Slowly and unobtrusively in scattered sections of a 16-block area, cracks widened in walls and pavement. The slow sinking of homes and business houses seemed temporary last night after some drops as much as 20 inches in the case of one mine workings.

Today today some residents of the central section—most heavily populated part of this community, of 2,500—heard faint rumblings, like those that sent 2,000 fleeing and threatened buildings early yesterday.

Coal company engineers state mine tremors and a local committee want to have the honeycombed of diphasis to see the cause of the worst case in the history of Pennsylvania's great coal fields.

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Spring Days Bring New Requirements

Merchants of Farmville Offer to Meet Needs of Community In Special Ways on March 7 & 8

The sun is rising at an earlier hour these days. Already the buds are beginning to swell, and the first breath of spring and other gay flowers are perfuming the breezes, which are being held in leash by the gentle hand of Spring.

Spring brings with it new hopes, that the land with its fruitfulness may provide sustenance for all the people of the land, and that the planting season may result in that plenty, which is the birthright of every child . . . whether it be born on a farm, or in a city where melons, corn and cabbages only grow on stalls.

And so, like the farmers, the Farmville business firms are greeting the new Spring season with a new outlook, new hopes, and stores full of new things for their customers to enjoy. Dollar Days, March 7 & 8, have been included in their plans as the first Spring effort to renew the best interests of their customers and they are inviting them in this issue to join with them in observance of this event, which promises the filling of the seasons' requirements for yourself, your family, home and farm at lowest prices.

Days must of necessity be heralded early this year, because of the March 24th Easter date and if you want to save, if you want to be up-to-the minute with everything new these days will bring you the opportunity.

Warns Of Dangers From Kite-Flying

Greenville, March 5.—Declaring that each year during the kite-flying season several children lose their lives by kites and strings becoming entangled in high voltage wires, Martin Swartz, superintendent of the Greenville Water and Light commission, today issued a warning to all parents to guard against such a tragedy in this section.

Mr. Swartz explained that an ordinary cotton string was a conductor of electricity when wet.

He said that numerous kites became entangled in high tension wires with the strings left hanging to the ground. He declared that if it rained and the string became wet it would be serious or fatal to anyone who came in contact with it. He also said the tangled kite and string were subject to cause interruption, burning down the line.

Mr. Swartz urged all parents to caution their children of the danger of kites flying into electric lines. He said that should a kite become tangled in a line the parents should notify the Water and Light Commission offices at once so that a service man could be sent to the scene to remove it immediately before any damage could be caused or anyone hurt.

MASONIC NEWS

On February 22nd Farmville Lodge No. 517 had one of the most outstanding meetings held in recent years. After a sumptuous barbeque supper, the Lodge went into session at which time seventeen certificates of twenty-five year continuous membership were delivered by past master R. A. Joyner who was designated by the Grand Master as his representative to perform this duty.

Lined up in front of the altar from the oldest Master Mason, Brother R. R. Bailey, who has been a Mason for forty-two years, down to the ones who have been Masons for only twenty-five years; truly it was an impressive affair.

In addition to the deliverance of the twenty-five certificates, Farmville Lodge was honored by having its first Master, present; Brother George W. Freeman, of Washington, N. C., who has been a Master Mason for almost fifty years, and is now in his seventy-fifth year, as its journeyman in this earth.

The lodge room was almost filled to capacity; but what a pity, all young middle aged men could not be present and catch some of the enthusiasm of a man who has been a Mason and a friend to man for as long a period of time. It is to be hoped that Farmville Lodge will have many more enthusiastic meetings of this kind during the year 1940.

LOANS

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Soviets Attempt Flanking Attack

Finns Report Russian Effort To Occupy Strategic Islands Is Foiled By Guns

Helsinki, March 5.—The murderous fire of Finnish coastal batteries west of Viipuri halted and cut to pieces motorized Russian columns which attacked two strategic islands over the tumbled salt ice of the Gulf of Finland, the Finns reported today.

Seizure of the islands, Haapsaari and Virolahti, would have given the Russians a foothold for a dash to the south Finnish coast, which if successful, could be used to turn the entire right wing of the Mannerheim Line and vastly enhance the Russian thrusts down the coast toward Helsinki after the fall of Viipuri.

Fortunately for the Finns, their coast is the most heavily fortified in all Europe. The Russians used light two-man tanks and motorized troops for the island assault and these were drowned by shell fire. They fell back, devastated.

The double-edged attack on the islands was the most daring of the war. Virolahti, about 40 miles south-west of Viipuri was approached across 15 miles of ice from islands in the Kolisto archipelago. According to Finnish military officials, Haapsaari was attacked from the Finnish island of Souraari, 18 miles south of Kotka. With three other small islands out in the Gulf of Finland, Suursaari was indefensible and was taken by the Russians early in December.

Finland's military authorities believe this small group of islands has since become the base for light armored columns which are able to operate against the coast over the ice. The Finns have broadcast a warning to all coastal garrisons and batteries to be on the alert for future attacks from the sea.

Violent Russian attacks on the western shore of the Bay of Viipuri, behind the new defense line which has been strengthened since the breakthrough at Summa and Muolajärvi, raged as late as noon today. It was denied that the Russians had managed to cross the bay in force.

Finland's field guns, though outnumbered by the Russian seventy-sixes massed on the eastern shore, have a beautiful field of fire across the ice of the bay, where the Russians have slowly driven their way from island to island while a constant drumfire of shells and aerial bombs raked the far Finnish shore.

Artillery and machine guns in island emplacements cut heavily into Russian tank battalions and infantry which led the attacks.

Most attacks were repulsed according to tonight's communiqués. At two places, however, according to Finnish officers, are roughly six miles southwest of Viipuri, fighting continues.

The new blood being pumped day by day into the ranks of Finnish aviation is counted on heavily during the next few weeks, and the March snows, which threaten each day, but burn away under the sun.

Rocky Mount Ready For Fat Stock Show

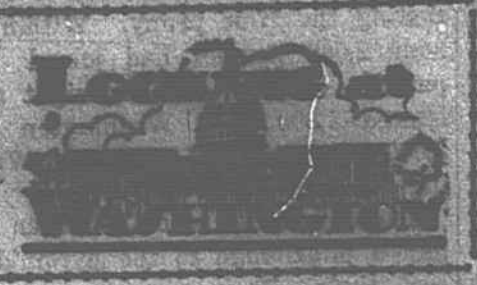
Eastern North Carolina's No. 1 livestock show of the year, the Fat Stock Show and Sale at Rocky Mount will be held March 14 and 15. All is in readiness for this third annual affair, says L. I. Cass, Exhibition animal husbandman, and H. W. Taylor, Extension swine specialist, of State College.

They are cooperating with the livestock development committee of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce and J. C. Powell and H. E. R. Bailey, who has been a Mason for forty-two years, down to the ones who have been Masons for only twenty-five years; truly it was an impressive affair.

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The first week of March finds congressmen and political observers speculating about an adjournment in May or early June. The House has proceeded with dispatch to dispose of most of the regular appropriation measures, trimming them severely in the name of economy.

What the Senate will do, in view of the fact that it seems to be less impressed with the need of economy, remains to be seen. The upper house increased by about \$35,000,000 the amount voted by the House for the Independent Offices. The Senate made practically no reduction in the Treasury and Post Office Bills.

Net reductions in these measures, the first two to be disposed of by both houses, amount to about \$57,000,000 compared with budget requests.

As leaders discussed possibilities of early adjournment, the general idea is that action will be limited to the remaining appropriation bills, the measure to provide road aid authorizations for the next two years, to amend the National Labor Relations Act and a conference report on the Wheeler-Lea transportation bill. This is the talk at present, but the probability is that other items will be included, and if we are to judge by the past, adjournment will be later than now hoped for.

One of the questions to be decided revolves around farm aid, with present signs indicating that the Senate will restore some of the funds sliced from the agricultural program by the House. The lower body declined to appropriate \$212,000,000 for continued parity payments, \$72,000,000 additional funds for surplus crop disposal and \$45,000,000 for farm-tenant loans.

Senate decision is not expected for some time but a start will be made this week when a sub-committee will begin to study the House measure, carrying \$732,896,084 to finance the Department of Agriculture in the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1st.

There is discussion of reducing appropriations for national defense in order to find funds for the farmers. Congressmen are disinclined to raise the statutory debt limit above the \$45,000,000,000 limit and, as this is an election year, almost adamantly opposed to creating new sources of revenue by levying additional taxes.

When the shouting and clamoring dwindles toward the end of the session, the probability is that the situation will be not as it has been sometimes in the past. Funds will be appropriated with the understanding that they are inadequate for the purposes intended, but with calm assurance that, after the election, they will be enlarged by deficiency appropriations made at the next session of Congress, which will convene about the middle of the fiscal year.

Republicans are jubilant over victories in the special congressional election held in Ohio last week when they captured two seats in the House, one from a district which has not sent a Republican to Congress for ten years. In 1938, the 17th District sent the late William J. Ashbrook, Democrat, to Congress by a vote of 51,294 to 46,800 for his Republican opponent. In the election last week, the District elected J. Harry McGregory, Republican, by a vote of 27,457 to 22,894, after a campaign in which the New Deal was a clear-cut issue. Republicans hail the election result as a barometer showing how Ohio and the nation will go in the election of 1940.

Last week, on his return to the United States, the President made a detailed inspection of the Panama Canal defenses on the same day that the House Appropriations committee refused to commit itself to the immediate construction of a third set of locks for the Canal as advocated by the President.

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Local Boys and Girls Win County Sports Plaque

Farmville boys and girls have won the sportsmanship plaque three times in the past five years. This plaque is given to the school that displays the best sportsmanship throughout the basketball season and is determined by vote of players, coaches and principals.

Farmville girls were eliminated by Arthur in the semi-finals after defeating Pictolus and Stokes in the annual Pitt County tournament held in East Carolina Teachers College gymnasium. Farmville girls' team, composed of Olive Taylor, Frances Caraway, Dorothy Clarke, Cornelia Knott, Mary Frances Greene, Mary Heath, Frances Howard, Lillian Harris, Donie Jones, Rosa Reid Russell, Mavis Leggett and Mary Ann Townsend. Has won a total of fourteen games, lost five and tied one.

Farmville boys have also had an excellent year in basketball. They played in the finals with Ayden in the county tournament, were defeated. Before meeting Ayden, the Farmville boys eliminated Grifton, Bethel and Winterville. The boys have won a total of fifteen games, lost five and tied one. The following boys compose the squad: Bobby Rouse, Arthur Joyner, Jr., Douglas Kemp, Billie Oglesby, Hume Paschal, Paul Parker, Tommie Hille, Bill Rasher, Lester Earl Turnage, E. C. Carr and many capable substitutes.

E. F. Coates coaches the girls and W. C. Harrell coaches the boys. Farmville's Affirmative and Negative Teams were victorious in the Pitt County Debating Contest, Feb. 22, against Winterville.

The Affirmative team is composed of Douglas Kemp and Frances Howard and Negative is composed of Bobby Rouse and Alice Harper Parker.

The Query is "Resolved that courses in Home Economics and Agriculture should be provided for and required of all Pitt County high school students."

Friday night at 7:30, Farmville's affirmative will debate Grimsland negative in Farmville, and Farmville's negative team will motor to Grimsland to debate the Grimsland's affirmative.

Miss Ellen Lyles coaches the affirmative and Miss Mary Dorcas Harding coaches the negative.

GUNFIRE

Amsterdam, Feb. 29.—Air defense batteries south of Amsterdam went into action at 12:25 a. m. today, the roar of their explosions mingling with the sounds of heavy gunfire which had been drifting in from the North Sea for more than an hour.

No immediate explanation of the anti-aircraft activity was given, and there was no information concerning the identity of the foreign planes at which their shells apparently were directed.

The roar of the gunfire in the North Sea was heard at The Hague, and at Zandvoort, a resort town west of Amsterdam, flashes of light could be clearly seen illuminating the night sky in the southwest at 1 a. m.

Defer Action On Resolution

Postpone Move to Eliminate Census Question Until Tuesday

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Britain Seizes Italian Vessels Carrying Coal Taken From Nazi Mines

Warren Pushes Census Measure

Urges Amendment Of Reapportionment Bill, But Sees Committee Barrier

Washington, March 5.—Representative Lindsay Warren of North Carolina today carried his fight to secure enactment of a law providing for reapportionment of Congressional representation on the basis of the 1940 census before the House census committee and declared that passage of his bill was necessary to carry out the mandate of the Constitution.

The law providing for automatic reapportionment of representation after the census lapsed because of the enactment of the Norris amendment to the Constitution eliminating "game duck" sessions of Congress.

Warren urged enactment of the bill, approved by President Roosevelt and by House Democratic leaders, on broad national and constitutional grounds, but admitted that the fears of some committee members that their states might lose a Representative as a result of the reapportionment endangers chances of committee approval.

"If this bill is not enacted now, it certainly will not be enacted after the census is taken," he told the committee.

"This would mean that no action toward reapportionment, as directed by the Constitution, would be taken until 1950."

He pointed out that Congress had failed but once to provide for reapportionment. This lack of action in 1920, Warren said, led to the enactment of the automatic reapportionment bill in 1929, which now has been nullified by the Norris constitutional amendment.

Largest Number State's History Enter Campaign

Raleigh, March 5.—North Carolina has so many candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for governor this year that few people can name them all.

Nine men — largest number in the State's history — are seeking the nomination, and have either announced or filed their fees of \$100 with the State Board of Elections.

Four have filed formally and paid their fees:

J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney; A. J. Maxwell, revenue commissioner; W. P. Horton, Pittsboro, present lieutenant governor and Arthur Simmons, Burlington.

Five others have made formal announcement but have not yet paid their fees:

Thomas Cooper, mayor of Wilmington; Paul Grady, Kenly attorney; L. L. Gravely, Rocky Mount; Bryant Thompson, of Hamlet, and Edwin P. Hale, Leaksville farmer.

Latest to announce was Hale who brought out a platform advocating repeal of the sales tax, reduction of taxes on homes and farms, and expansion of appropriations for education and public health. He also advocated a reduction in expenses of the state construction of farm to market roads and elimination of 10 state agencies.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Is Leon Trotsky still alive?
2. What son of a former American President, now a British subject, is going to fight in Finland?
3. What son of a former President is a candidate for the presidency?
4. When did Congress pass the reciprocal trade agreements act?
5. What is the N. L. B. R.?
6. Can the President appoint an army officer to a civilian post without the consent of Congress?
7. What is the size of the Norwegian merchant fleet?
8. How far is Helsinki from Viipuri?
9. Is Earl L. Stendish, author of the Marshall books, living?
10. How many planes are there? (Continued on page 4)

MATTRESSES

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will expand its surplus cotton distribution program to include furniture for low-income families for use in home mattress-making.

UNCHANGED

The change in industrial activities during 1939 apparently had little effect on the value of the U. S. industrial production index, which remained unchanged.

Shopping News Is The News of Real Interest

March 7 & 8 To Be Days Of Special Values In Farmville Stores

World news, war news, sports news, political campaign news, all are received with interest daily but SHOPPING NEWS is the news hailed with real enthusiasm to the head of the household and Mrs. Housewife.

Thus this issue of the News will bring increased interest with the special message from the merchants to those who are looking for special values. And who is not?

It will take only a few minutes to read the important personal messages sent you by the Farmville merchants in these pages but these few minutes may mean the saving of scores of shopping time and many dollars. Again the Farmville merchants are making a concerted effort on March 7 & 8 to provide better products at lower cost in order that their customers may grow in number and that business in Farmville may reach a new peak.

And so Farmers Men in Farmville are pleading with their support of a honest value policy and guarantee that a demonstration of this policy will be observed especially in the sales period of March 7 and 8 when the merchants will meet the needs of the whole community in the best way it is possible.

It is the all right for the best but it is the duty of the merchant to make life better.