

School Opens

The Farmville Schools Prepare For A Record Opening, On Tuesday, September 1st.

For young America thus far the roads are clear, the skies hold no menace, and there is total security in school, at home, at play. School days are days of freedom for America's children and it is adult America's duty to keep that tradition for all generations of young Americans to come.

Coming from almost every home in the community, approximately 400 of these young Americans will be marching back to school in Farmville on opening day, which has been announced as Tuesday, September 1, by Superintendent J. H. Moore, who has set Monday, August 31, aside for faculty and organization meetings.

The 1941-42 term, reported as one of the most successful in the history of the school, viewed from both angles of attendance and accomplishments, closed on May 29, with a graduating class composed of thirty boys and girls.

The enrollment figures of last year revealed that around 676 white students and 739 Negro students were in attendance here, and the school authorities are anticipating an even larger attendance for the 1942-1943 session.

The Farmville Public School is one of the largest consolidated schools in Pitt county, and has the distinctive honor of being listed among the 57 public high schools in the State that holds membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The elementary and high schools are both accredited with the State Department of Education, and grouped in 1-A. It is a 12-grade school with a nine-months' term.

The excellent high school faculty headed by Superintendent John H. Moore is composed of nine teachers who represent eight colleges and universities, namely: University of North Carolina, Wake Forest College, Chowan College, Columbia College, S. C.; Martha Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va.; Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga.; Iowa University, Ames, Ia., and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn. Four members of the high school faculty hold master degrees, and all of the high school teachers have Class A high school certificates.

In the high school curriculum is comprised practically all of the academic subjects, plus Vocational, Home Economics, Agriculture and Business Education. A great deal of emphasis is placed on glee club, band, piano, dramatics, debating, basketball, health and physical education, resulting in wide activity in each of these branches.

The elementary school is considered one of the best in the State and even in the entire Southland. The teachers in this division are well prepared and experienced and also display a great deal of interest in their field of endeavor. There are 12 elementary teachers and three teachers of voice and instrumental music, who divide their time between the high and elementary schools. During the past six years the addition of supplementary readers and library books have greatly benefitted the pupils. At present the library shelves have a total of 1800 library books and 2100 supplementary readers. The improvement of the library is a continual process as an effort is made to add new books and materials each year.

The high school library is a beautiful and spacious room 92 feet long by 35 feet wide. The furnishings include eight handsome library tables and 49 chairs, and there is a total of 1800 well selected books on the shelves here. A well trained teacher-librarian gives special instructions in 20 or more lessons on the use of the library during the year.

The main building of the school was erected in 1921 with 22 class rooms, two libraries, an office and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 800.

The Home Economics cottage, one of the first in the State, was completed in 1938. Furnished completely, it offers girls of the community an opportunity for learning the art of homemaking, which is unsurpassed in the State of North Carolina. There is a large sewing and lecture room, a living and a dining room, kitchen, bed room, bath and storage room. The Home Ec classes continue to grow in size and interest each year. Home Economic teachers, principals and superintendents from all sections of the State have visited and observed this building, which is a source of pride for the entire community.

Farmville erected a handsome gymnasium building in 1939 with a spacious auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 1300. This meets the long felt need for a social center for the enjoyment of the entire community. There are four class rooms, a large stage, an office, a kitchen and a rest room. The stage was recently equipped with appropriate ve-

lour curtains by the Farmville Parent-Teacher Association.

A splendid building for the study of vocational agriculture was also erected in 1939. Rooms in this building are equipped for class rooms, a woodwork and a blacksmith shop.

During the summer of 1940 an athletic field was completed, which embraces eight and one-half acres and consists of a football field, baseball diamond, track and a comfortable grandstand with a seating capacity of 400.

The Farmville Public School has the interest and wholehearted support of the town and the entire community. Standing behind the school and its educational program is the active and wide awake Parent-Teacher Association, of which Mrs. J. M. Carraway is president. She is ably assisted by her executive board and various committees in sponsoring and carrying forward various projects designed to raise funds to be used for outstanding needs of the school and welfare of the children. Another function of this organization is its fine promotion of loyalty among the parents, teachers and pupils.

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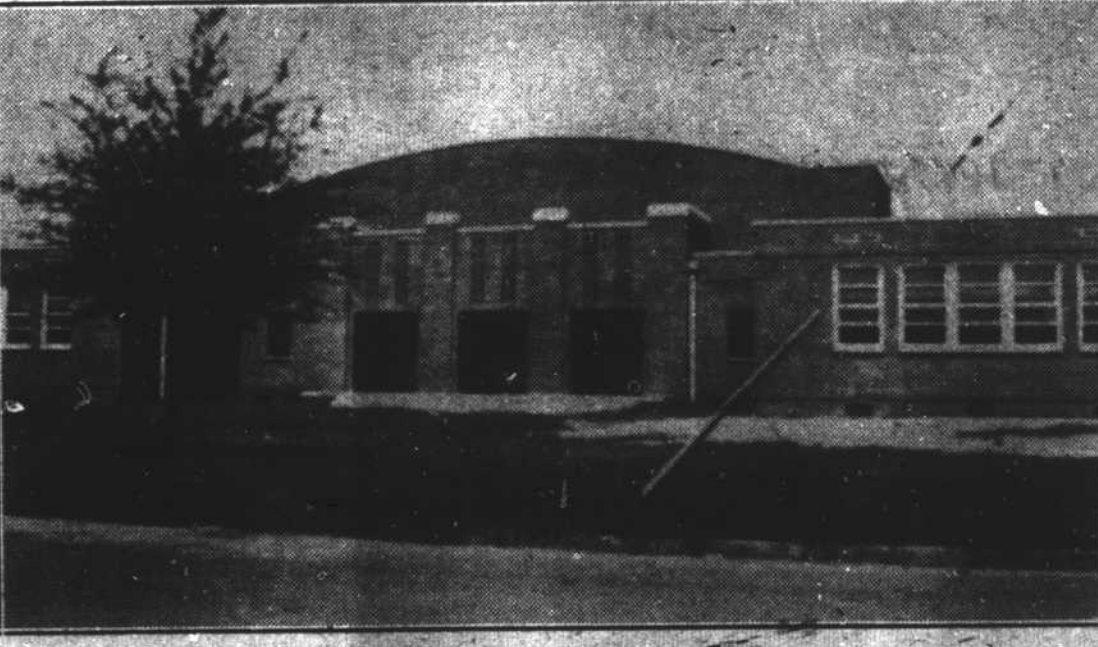
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Heading the school faculty is Superintendent J. H. Moore, whose interest and many activities in connection with the problems and the constant raising of the school standards merit commendation. Mr. Moore also finds time to join in the social, religious and civic life here.

A prime factor in the rapid advancement of the school is its efficient Board of Trustees, comprising, as it does, three men, who give much of their time and thought to the welfare and education of the boys and girls of this great agricultural section of Eastern North Carolina. Dr. Paul E. Jones is chairman of the board, and J. I. Morgan and John B. Lewis the other members. John T. Thorne, a member of the Pitt County Board of Education, has also played an important part in the development of the Farmville Public School.

A complete list of teachers and the hours for registration of students will be announced in next week's issue of this paper.

The colored school, under the leadership of H. B. Sugg, principal, has experienced a period of steady growth. A majority of the staff of 17 teachers in the elementary and high schools hold A grade certificates, and the school has a rating of A-II.

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Tobacco Situation Shows Improvement

With tobacco markets open and prices substantially higher than last year, the tobacco outlook is relatively bright, reports J. E. Mann, Extension economist of N. C. State College. A continued flow of lend-lease shipments and prospects for an increase in domestic consumption, mainly in the form of cigarettes, are responsible for the improvement in the tobacco situation.

Quoting the latest tobacco report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Mann said: "The 1942 flue-cured tobacco crop is estimated to total about 740 million pounds. This is 90 million pounds larger than the 1941 crop, but the gain is offset by an expected decrease in carry-over of approximately 90 million pounds."

The 1942 burley crop is expected to be 350 million pounds, the USDA report shows. This is about the equivalent of the disappearance of burley tobacco in 1941. As in the case of flue-cured, some increase in disappearance is anticipated this year because of increased cigarette consumption.

Mann said that the tobacco report shows, further, that the Commodity Credit Corporation acquired about 500 million pounds of the 1939, 1940 and 1941 flue-cured crops. Up until June 30, 1942 nearly all of the tobacco from the 1939 crop, a third of the acquisitions of the 1940 crop, and a small part of the 1941 acquisitions had been released into trade channels by the CCC.

The USDA report shows a flue-cured crop of 149,500,000 pounds in North Carolina-South Carolina border belt, or 23.8 percent above 1941; a crop of 259,900,000 pounds in the bright belt, or 7.7 percent above 1941; and a crop of 289,700,000 pounds in the old and middle belts of North Carolina and Virginia, or 15.2 percent above 1941.

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