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Commencement Program for Farmville Public School Begins Tonight

Commencement Exercises, May 16th; Marshals Announced; Basketball Letters Presented

J. H. Moore, Superintendent of the Farmville Public School announces the commencement program which gets under way this evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Friday, May 5, Primary Operetta; Monday and Tuesday night, May 8th and 9th, Piano Recitals; Friday night, May 12th, Senior Play; Sunday night, May 14th, Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. J. R. Rountree of the Farmville Episcopal Church; Tuesday night, May 16th, Commencement Exercises. Fred W. Greene, Secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, Raleigh, will speak. Bobby Smith will be Valedictorian and Bob Taylor will deliver the Salutatorian Address. All exercises will begin at 8:30 P. M.

The Operetta, "The Land of Dreams Come True," to be presented by the Primary School in the high school auditorium this evening will be given in three acts: Act One—Play ground at edge of forest; Act Two—Exterior of Mother Goose's home; Act Three—Same as Act One.

The closing scene finds the four mortals—once more at the edge of the forest, still slumbering. From the distance their friends call them, and finally come to awaken them. Betty and her three associates are bewildered by their abrupt re-entry into the "everyday" world; but are finally convinced that their marvelous adventure must have been a dream. To the last, however, Betty contends that there is a time and place where dreams come true.

Admission will be 15 cents for school children and 25 cents for adults. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the library in the Primary School.

Rehearsals are being held for "Hold Everything" which is the play selected by the Senior Class to be presented at the school auditorium, Friday night, May 12th.

Although the title refers to the story and action of the play, "Hold Everything" does really hold everything that goes to make good entertainment. Suspense—action—story—interesting characters—comedy situations and dialogue—what more is needed?

When strangers come from all directions to meet in a tourist home, and suddenly find themselves deeply concerned in each other's welfare, things are bound to happen—and they do happen!

The tentative cast includes: Caroline Crothers (Hotel Proprietress); Margaret Tyson; Niohe (A Colored Servant); Jean Beckman; Christopher Morgan (A Banker); Archie Goff; Connie Morgan (His Daughter); Allen Freaker; Bob Williams (Connie's Friend); Lucille Taylor; Courtney Bisset, Jr. (Connie's Pet Aviator); Bob Taylor; Mrs. Julia Gibbs (An Ambitious Mother); Hilda Perry; Lotie Gibbs (Her Daughter); Blanche Ross; Wanda Gibbs (Her Daughter); Jen Easley; Daisy Gibbs (Her Daughter); Edna Dupree; Steve (Croves' son); Ralph Tanner; Andy; Hubert Higgins; Tom Manning (A Detective); Bobby Smith; The Milkman (A Masculine Fellow); Edward Johnson.

Admission, school children 15 cents, adults 25 cents.

Boys and girls who have gained the honor of being commencement marshals by making the highest average in their school work this past year are:

Eleventh Grade—L. D. Branton, Flora Jean Johnson, Evertone Johnson; Ninth Grade—Babe Williford, Jimmie Steele, Bruce Davidson; Eighth Grade—Cedric Davis, Joyce Tyson, Ann Moore.

During the chapel exercises, May 3, Supt. J. H. Moore, assisted by Mrs. L. H. Swindell, Jr., presented letters to the following boys and girls for their outstanding work on the basketball team this past season: Donald Whitson, Bobby Butts, Bob Taylor, James Bennett, Harold Rouse, Milton Williamson, Marvin Horton, Hubert Morgan, Edward Johnson, Bobby Smith and James Corbett; Johnnie Moore, Gene Tarasac, Mary Lee Thorne, Margaret Bynum, Rita Frances Hamer, Lucille Taylor and Betty Maxine.



HON. J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON Governor of North Carolina who will address the assembly at the "Dedication Day" service of the Farmville Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, at 8:00.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE SUNDAY

A very special service will be held at the Christian Church next Sunday Morning, May 7th. All those who have come into the church during Rev. Mashburn's ministry will be asked to sit together—a special section being reserved for them. He has received into the church 228 during his ministry of 13 years, and is anxious to see all of them at one time. Some will not be here because they are over seas fighting for your freedom to worship. Will you not come and use the opportunity their sacrifices provide? Special music and a very special message await you.

There will be no service at night as Mr. Mashburn will be in Maury to preach the Baccalaureate sermon for the High School.

CHICKENS

In 1934 some 76 per cent of the chickens grown in North Carolina were hatched under hens but last year the hens were credited with only 21 per cent of the hatched chicks, say BAE reports from Washington.

Germans Flood Italian Marshes

Defense Action Accompanied by Prediction of Big Allied Drive

Allied Headquarters, Naples, May 3.—As an apparent defensive measure, the Germans have flooded large sections of the Pontine marshes between the Anzio and Cassino fronts, it was disclosed today as the Naples newspaper Il Corriere reported that the Allies were making "fervid" preparations for a large-scale attack in the Italian area.

American patrols found that the Germans had evacuated the village of Careto Alto and a nearby stronghold on the beachhead edge of the marshes. Patrols of both sides were intensifying their probing all around the beachhead perimeter.

Carrying a softening-up offensive against German communications into its fifth day, RAF bombers before dawn heavily bombed Italian west coast ports including Genoa, which was hit for the fourth straight night.

Official reports disclosed that the flooding of the Pontine marshes extended all the way from Littorio and Cassino, facing the American flank of the beachhead, to Terracina just behind the southern Italian front.

The marshes comprise a 31-mile stretch of lowlands, varying in width from five to ten miles, sections of which have been reclaimed from time to time.

The Germans are believed to have knocked out the drainage system, allowing accumulated rain and spring water to inundate the ancient fields. Mysterious explosions have manifested recently from behind their lines and German prisoners have shown symptoms of malaria, which is prevalent in areas of stagnant water.

Il Corriere, sponsored by the government of Premier Pietro Badoglio, predicted that the Italian front would soon become a stalemate in synchronization with the opening of a second front and the launching of a fresh offensive from Russia.

"In Italy, there is feverish activity in preparation for vast-scale operations," the newspaper said. "It is expected that the German army will be unable to hold its present positions for long."

Meats Removed From Rationing

Beef Steaks And Roasts Not Included In New Order Effective Midnight; Hereafter Your Thirty Red Points Must Last Four Weeks

Washington, May 3.—The Office of Price Administration today made all meats except beefsteaks and beef roasts ration free, effective at midnight.

The removal of ration points, announced by OPA Administrator Bowles at a surprise press conference, covers all cuts of pork, veal, lamb and mutton; all beef except the steaks and roasts; beef hamburger, beef steaks, all kinds of variety meats, sausage, ready-to-eat meats, canned meats and canned fish.

The action was taken, Bowles said, because lead-line pork buying had been halted for the time being; also because of reduced army and navy demands, the crowding of storage space and the hope that the action will bring more meat to market this summer.

Because of the wide variety of meats now becoming available without the spending of red points, OPA announced that housewives would have to make their red points last twice as long—stretching over a four-week period instead of the present two-week period.

In the past OPA has validated 30 red points every two weeks. Starting next Sunday, OPA will validate 30 points every four weeks. Red stamps ES, SS and TS became valid Sunday for the purchase of butter, margarine, cheese and cheese products, evaporated milk, beefsteaks and roasts—the only items now requiring red points—but no more red stamps will be validated until June 3, four weeks hence.

OPA officials indicated they were fairly certain the new status would endure for three or four months at least, but Bowles declined to prophesy beyond that time, stating that the cattle feed situation was the governing factor. A bad growing year, he indicated, would mean restoration of rationing next winter.

Point values for beefsteaks (except flank, made point free) and roasts will remain the same, ranging from 7 to 13 points a pound. The sudden action removed from rationing 57 per cent of the volume of products originally covered by red points. It removed 85 per cent of all meat.

FACTS TO KNOW NORTH CAROLINA

As Compiled by JYON M. MULLEN

HISTORY

Q—How much territory embraced the original Carolinas, given the Lords Proprietors by King Charles II of England?

A—The original territory included nearly one-half as much territory as the present area of the United States.

Q—When and where was the first permanent settlement in North Carolina?

A—About 1650, along the Chowan River in northeastern Carolina by people from Virginia.

Q—How many Lords Proprietors were there originally and when and by whom was the territory of Carolina given them?

A—There were eight, and Carolina was given them in 1663 by King Charles II of England. They had full jurisdiction over the territories until 1729, when it was placed under the rule of England.

Q—What races of people made up the bulk of the early settlers of the states?

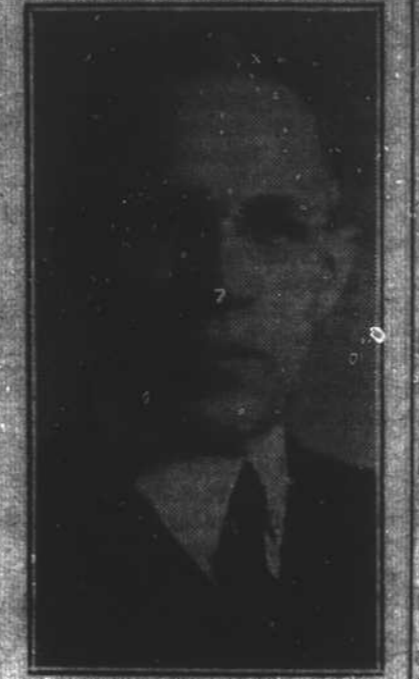
A—English, Scotch, and German.

Q—When did North Carolina ratify the Constitution of the United States?

A—On November 21, 1789. It was the 12th of the thirteen Original States to ratify.

Q—When was the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence signed?

A—May 20, 1776.



DR. I. G. GREER Superintendent of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage, who will preach the closing sermon on the "Dedication Day" program of the Farmville Baptist Church at the Sunday evening service. His subject will be "The Lure of The Church."

Doughton Asks Approval of Simplified Tax Law

New Streamlined Measure Is Expected To Be Passed Quickly

Washington, May 4th.—Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the Ways and Means Committee, Wednesday called on the House for unanimous approval of legislation to simplify and streamline income tax laws for 50,000,000 taxpayers.

Both Republicans and Democrats in the House concurred the measure, which went into two days of debate Wednesday, would pass overwhelming Friday.

"It's too popular with the people for it to have much opposition," Mr. Doughton said. Representative Knutson (R-Minn) Ways and Means leader, declared "it should pass without a vote against it."

The measure is designed to relieve 30,000,000 taxpayers from the necessity of ever computing another tax return, by adjustment of the withholding levy to take the full tax liability from the wages and salaries of persons earning \$5,000 or less a year.

It also would provide simplified procedures for the 20,000,000 who still would have to file returns.

In his speech, prepared for the opening of the debate, Doughton said he does not "share the fears" that a flat deduction of 10 per cent of income for the new computation of the withholding levy—in lieu of contributions, other taxes and interest paid—would have an adverse effect on taxpayers' contributions to charitable organizations.

"I do not believe that the great mass of contributors donate for the purpose of securing tax reductions, but because of the worthy causes such contributions advance," he remarked.

He noted that unless a taxpayer wants to claim more than 10 per cent in deductions for contributions, other taxes and interest paid under the simplification legislation he would file no return if his wages or salary is \$5,000 or less.

Further studies are being given not only with respect to still greater simplification of the individual income tax, he added, but also to the corporate tax provision of existing law.

Late Planted Cotton Needs Pushing Along

Much of the cotton in the Coastal plain area of North Carolina and parts of that in the Piedmont section was planted from one to two weeks later than usual.

"Everything possible should be done to push this cotton along and help it overcome the late start that it has received," says P. H. Kime, cotton breeder for the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

"Late planted cotton usually comes up in a fewer number of days because the soil is warmer and there is usually more sunshine," Kime explains.

Farmers find from experience that early planted cotton must get some size on it before it can be satisfactorily chopped because of the danger of cotton dying from disease and cold injury. Chopping as early as is reasonably safe to do so will help to get the plants started off early and will also reduce hoe labor," Kime points out.

He recommends that about 3 or 5 plants be left to the hill, with the hills about 12 inches or less with apart. This close spacing of cotton is especially important where the crop is planted late.

Kime also recommends that a top

Church Soft Ball Teams Begin Play

Baptists Meet Christians In Opening Game Scheduled for Monday, May 8th, at 6:15 P. M.

At a meeting of the Directors of the recently organized Church Soft Ball League, held this week, it was decided to officially start play, Monday, May 8th, with the Baptist meeting the Christians on that date. In the next game, scheduled for Thursday, May 11th, the Methodists will meet the combined teams of the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches.

It was decided that games will be played at the Ball Park and starting time is 6:15 P. M. The Wednesday afternoon holiday is being held open to play off rained-out games and special "challenge games" however, if interest should be sufficient to warrant it, the schedule will be doubled and a double-header played each Wednesday afternoon.

There will be no admission charges, the expense of the League being borne by the four teams. Umpires selected are Hal Winters, Bob Scott, John Lewis and Jim Joyner. The Board of Directors include, Walter Jones, Baptist; James Monk, Christian; Lath Morris, Methodist; Ed Nash Warren and Paul Ewell, representing the combined Presbyterian and Episcopal team. Bill Fisher is Secretary and Treasurer of the League.

Mrs. Ida R. Brooks Laid To Rest Here

Mrs. Ida Russell Brooks, 73, who had been in declining health for the past five years, died at her home here on East Pine Street, Friday.

Funeral services were conducted from the Farmville Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Key Taylor of Walstonburg, assisted by Rev. M. Y. Self of Farmville and Rev. M. E. Tyson of Dover.

A quartet composed of Rev. L. R. Ennis of Goldsboro, Mrs. C. H. W. Walton of Walstonburg, Mrs. Louis Pittman of Goldsboro and James Ray Pittman of Greensville, sang several selections, including "Never Grow Old" and "Abide With Me."

Interment was in Forest Hill cemetery beneath a lovely floral tribute.

Mrs. Brooks, who was born in Person County and moved to this community about forty years ago, was loved and respected by all who knew her. She joined the Methodist Church at an early age and remained a devout Christian the balance of her life, serving God in every way she could.

Surviving are: her husband, C. A. Brooks, Sr., of Farmville; a son, C. A. Brooks, Jr., of Castoria, three daughters: Mrs. C. T. Westbrook, Mrs. Claude Joyner of Farmville and Mrs. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill; 15 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; two brothers, Jimmie Russell of Tarboro and R. H. Russell of Durham.

Active pall-bearers were C. T. Hicks, Isaac Rouse, Sam Chandler, Car McKel, Jacob Fields of Walstonburg and Bennett Fields of Farmville.

Honorary pall-bearers included J. C. Brook, Will Baldree, Jack Briley, E. J. Walwright, Guy Skinner, C. A. Joyner, T. C. Turnage, Leonard Joyner, Ap Mewborn, T. H. Nichols, Sidney Albright, K. D. Rouse, W. D. Letchworth, J. E. Wilkerson, G. W. Willenson, Roy Carraway, E. L. Russell, Clarence Binson, Dr. R. T. Williams, A. B. Tyson, L. F. Daughtry, H. P. Boyce, George Ballou, John T. Thorne of Farmville; Dr. J. W. Harper, J. Paul Frizzelle, Jr., Judge Paul Frizzelle, Dr. Ellen Wood, Percy Holden, Roy Mewborn, E. B. Hart and E. A. Alkin, Snow Hill; and Berry Fata, LeGrange.

Among those from out of town attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Westbrooks and Charles Westbrooks of Roxboro; Mrs. L. W. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Edwards and children of Marshall; Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Albert and Wyatt Peader of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Russell of Tarboro; R. P. Alkin, Paul Frizzelle, Miss Fayne Sugar, Miss Edna Warren, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Harper and Mrs. Tillman of Snow Hill.

dressing of nitrogen, or nitrogen and potash, he applied immediately after chopping, followed by cultivation. Cultivations should be frequent and shallow to push the cotton crop along and help it make good growth.

Don't lose the value of your hay by late cutting, improper curing, excessive handling, or poor storage. See Dr. E. E. Collins in charge of Extension Agency at State College.

LOCAL CHURCHES WILL OBSERVE INVASION DAY

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The City Officials have agreed to sound the fire alarm at 9:00 A. M., following the Invasion Announcement, five times at five minute intervals. This will be a general alarm to the people that one hour later, 10:00 A. M., they are asked to gather at their respective Churches for prayer. The Church bells will also ring at 9:00.

Business places of Farmville have been requested to close their doors between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 on that day.

It is the hope of the local ministers that every Farmville citizen whether a Church member or not will go to one of the churches at the hour mentioned. It is further hoped that the colored Churches will cooperate in this hour of prayer.

Bomb Attacks Paralyzing German-held Rail System; Reds Bomb Polish Targets



M. A. HUGGINS Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, Raleigh, who will bring Greetings to the Farmville Baptist Church at its "Dedication Day" Services Sunday morning.

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Germans Admit Invasion With 67 Army Divisions

London, May 3.—The Germans concluded "with sorrow" today that there was no chance for a last-minute negotiated peace and resigned themselves to meeting the Allied invasion of Western Europe with an army estimated in London to total 67 divisions—possibly fewer than 700,000 men.

From the day's usual outpouring of invasion gossip by the German-controlled continental radio and press, London observers deduced that the Nazis were preparing industriously to meet early attacks on the west, south and east and that Hitler had not depleted his Russian-front forces to bolster the Atlantic wall.

Military observers here estimated that Germany and her satellites had a total of 319 divisions for the climactic struggle, dividing them in this fashion:

- Russian front—195 divisions.
- Finnish front—seven.
- Italian front—25, including 19 south of Rome.
- Western Europe, from Northern Norway to Southern France—67.

Five years ago a German division ordinarily was counted at a strength of about 15,000 men, with some armored divisions smaller. Now, however, a London informant declared, some divisions are "mere shadows of their former selves" while "a very considerable number are under-strength."

This military observer flatly disputed a Stockholm report that 50 German divisions had recently been transferred from the Russian front to the west, dismissing the story as a German alibi for reverses in Russia.

"It is true," he said, "that some divisions shattered on that (the Russian) front have been reformed, retrained and put in the east for further training, but in some cases they have been replaced by outfits moved from the west."

He declined to comment on probable disposition of German forces in France at present.

VICTORY GARDEN

Victory gardens are most important vegetable crops. They are most important because they are so easy to grow and so easy to eat. They are also a good source of vitamins and minerals. They are a good source of food for the family. They are a good source of food for the community. They are a good source of food for the world.

Air Blows On Hitler's Europe Fall with Regularity of Tolling Bell; Americans Bomb Mystery Targets on French Coast; Russians Hit Lwow, Sambor in Poland, Destroy 114 German Planes

London, May 4.—The 20th day of an uninterrupted Allied air offensive—whose thunderous strokes by official estimate already have finished off the ability of Nazi railroads in northern France and Belgium to carry the full loads demanded of them by Allied invasion—broke over Germany early today.

The Berlin radio began just before midnight to issue warnings that hostile planes were over western and southwestern sections of the Reich; then Frankfurt and then Stuttgart went off the air.

This followed a day and evening of widespread threats by U. S. Liberators and American Thunderbolts—fighters and fighter-bombers—against mystery installations of Pas-De-Calais, across the thin waist of the channel, in which not a plane was lost.

Almost unchallenged. Earlier yesterday British Mitchells and Mosquito bombers drove in against the enemy military targets in Northern France.

Yesterday was Day No. 19 in the grand assault of stupendous, almost unchallenged pre-invasion aerial operations.

The endless assault won this accolade from a spokesman of the Ministry of Economic Warfare: Their brilliant actions against dozens of enemy railroad centers, he said, had created chaos in the German-held rail system which—piling up on the long, previous campaigns of bombing and sabotage—has left that system in a state of partial paralysis in the areas most immediately threatened. The system could not hope to do its full urgent job necessary to repel invasion.

The enemy, he said, in a zone 100 miles deep from Cologne to the Bay of Biscay was so short of rail-war marshaling facilities that his ability to move reserves inside that area was gravely impaired, if not destroyed.

Today's new blows fell—almost with the regularity of a tolling bell—after a night of operations from Italy north to Germany itself.

In those night attacks, RAF Mosquitos rode the air for 80 minutes over the German chemical city of Leverkusen near Cologne, dropping 4,000-pound block-busters in a steady stream down through the peeling darkness.

In the south, the Mediterranean air forces struck Genoa for the fifth straight night and bombed almost a score of other targets, including the naval base of La Spezia, Livorno, Piacentina, the Florence rail yards, Parma, Pano, Poesina and Castelnuovo. The Swiss reported great damage in northern Italy.

Over Munich. To round out this night action, Allied intruders went to Munich, shooting down five German planes while other Mosquito squadrons attacked rail yards at Acheres, near Paris.

RED AIRMEN DESTROY 114 GERMAN WARPLANES

London, May 4.—Berlin claimed last night that the Red Army, breaking a three-week lull on the Romanian front, had opened an offensive along the middle Siret River, but Moscow's broadcast bulletin, reporting no changes on any fronts, told only of smashing Soviet air attacks during which 114 German planes were destroyed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Berlin's daily war bulletin and subsequent broadcasts said the Russians had resumed their drive west of the ancient Rumanian city of Iasi and that intense fighting had been in progress since Tuesday.

Berlin reported the center of the fighting was around the town of Targu Frumos, 37 miles west of Iasi and which the Soviet Second Ukrainian Army captured on April 15, two days before the Red drive broke Rumania came to a halt. The German DNB agency said the Rumanians attacked with numerous infantry divisions and 350 tanks and had of two "centers of gravity"—Targu Frumos and an area around Pascani, 35 miles to the northwest.

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