

CHERRY TO HEAD SPEAKERS AT GREENVILLE CELEBRATION

Greenville, March 14.—Governor Cherry will deliver the presentation address in Greenville Sunday afternoon in ceremonies dedicating the new North Carolina Reconditioning Center for the Adult Blind.

Cherry, who will climax the dedicatory program by formally presenting the center on behalf of the State, will be introduced by Judge S. R. Catey, of Asheville, chairman of the North Carolina Commission for the Blind.

Dr. Howard E. Jensen, of Durham, chairman of the executive committee of the N. C. Commission for the Blind and dean of the sociology department of Duke University, will preside over the program, which is scheduled to get under way at 3 o'clock.

Also speaking will be W. H. Imbody of Charlotte, president of the N. C. State Association for the Blind, and Dr. Merle E. Frampton of New York, superintendent of the New York Institute for the Blind and Hesterman commander in charge of the naval and marine program for the blind.

Frank Brown, of Greenville, president of the Pitt County Association for the Blind and past president of the Greenville Lions Club, will deliver the invocation. Greenville Mayor, J. H. Boyd, Jr., will welcome the guests on behalf of the city, and Lions District Governor Okay J. Allison, of Winston-Salem, chairman of the N. C. Council of State Governors, Lions International, will respond.

The center here is being operated by the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind in cooperation with Lions clubs and county welfare departments. It now has a student body of 62, including several veterans of World War II.

The center aims at assisting trainees to develop to the maximum degree their power of memorization and the use of their remaining senses, and at preparing trainees for vocational employment. Attempts are made to duplicate for trainees the problems and situations they will encounter in normal living and in working environments.

The length of the training period is from four to ten months, depending on the time required for the trainee to develop vocational skills and to make psychological and social adjustments.

Housewives To Get Sugar For Canning

Washington, March 5.—Housewives may get a little more sugar for home canning this year than last season. OPA revealed this yesterday in announcing that spare stamp number nine will become valid next Monday for five pounds of sugar. It will be good through October 31.

The agency said it expects to validate another home canning stamp in June or July. It added that the value of the second stamp cannot be fixed now but was not likely to be good for any more than 5 pounds. A great 10 pounds a person would be 3 1/2 pounds more than the average home-canning allotment last year.

Most consumers will find spare stamp 9 in War Ration Book 4. Others, who have received their ration books only recently, including many returned servicemen, will find the stamp in a single-sheet sugar ration book issued them in place of Book 4.

OPA said no addition in the regular sugar ration—5 pounds per person each four months—can be foreseen at this time. The next regular stamp becomes valid May 1.

KINSTON GOLFERS DEFEAT FARMVILLE BY ONE POINT

Farmville Golfers were defeated in their opening match, of the Eastern Carolina Golf Tournament, played here Wednesday afternoon.

The twenty-seven visitors from Kinston won over the local men, 93-92, in the closest match ever recorded by the Farmville team.

Low scores for the locals were made by Liles, with a 78, Fisher, 76, Bradham, 80, and Pierce, 82. In an interview, Captain Sonny Bradham expressed appreciation that so many were on hand to play and hopes an equal number will be able to go to Greenville, March 20.

A great deal of interest is being shown and a representative number of townpeople were present Wednesday afternoon and followed the play.

County Basketball Series Played Here

Exciting Games Mark Pitt Tourney; Farmville High School Boys and Winterville Girls Win Championship Titles

Farmville High School Boys won the annual Pitt County Basketball Tournament, which came to a most successful close Monday night, by defeating Bethel 20 to 12. The spacious school gymnasium was packed to full capacity. All of the 664 bleacher seats were filled; chairs were placed at both ends of the court and on the stage and people were standing where they could find a place.

Jackie Willis scored 14 points for Farmville, Edward Allen 3, Sidney Carraway 2, and Bobby Russell 1. Dan Satterthwaite did some neat work at the guard position, substituting for Sidney Carraway for a few minutes. Johnnie Barrett went into the game for Shelby Nesbuck and won the applause and admiration of tournament fans by his splendid playing and his determination to get the ball. Allen and Carraway played their usual good game at the guard position. Jackie Willis was outstanding throughout the game, both on the offense and defense. Bobby Russell, who has developed into one of the smoothest players in the game, had hard luck with his shots, however, his floor work and general good playing more than made up for the baskets missed. Shelby Nesbuck contributed some neat plays for the Pitt County Champions.

Whitley, of Bethel, scored 5 points. The visiting boys appeared a bit nervous, missing several shots. Winterville girls defeated Chocod 16 to 15. McLawhorn scored 8 points and Loftin 6. Hazel Cox was best for Chocod with 9 points and Adams was next with 6.

The referees and athletic committee selected a first and second all tournament team. The first team of boys were Bobby Russell, of Farmville and Whitley of Bethel, forwards; Jackie Willis, Farmville, center; Kittrell of Winterville and Worsley of Bethel, guards. Second team, Perkins of Stokes, and Hemmingsway of Bethel, forwards; Mumford of Grifton, center; Kinlaw of Ayden and Ayres of Winterville, guards.

Girls, first team. Margorie Killinger of Farmville, Rita of Grimesland and McLawhorn of Winterville, forwards. Adams of Grimesland, Hills of Chocod and McLawhorn of Winterville, guards. Second team. Hazel Cox of Chocod, J. Crawford of Arthur and Hooks of Winterville, forwards. Bailey of Grimesland, Halstead of Chocod and Bunk of Arthur, guards.

Farmville boys gained the right to play in the finals by defeating Grifton 24 to 18. Bethel defeated Winterville 18 to 17 in the semifinals. Winterville girls won over Farmville 19 to 18 in the semifinals in an extra period and Chocod defeated Grimesland 18 to 15.

Score by nights: Grimesland 29, Bethel 14; Farmville 17, Ayden 11; Rays 14; Stokes 45, Arthur 12; Winterville 41, Grimesland 11. March 6—Girls: Arthur 21, Grifton 15; Boys: Farmville 46, Bethel 11; Grifton 24, Chocod 15. March 7—Girls: Chocod 26, Stokes 19; Winterville 26, Bethel 18. Boys: Grimesland 21, Arthur 18; Winterville 15, Farmville 18. Boys: Grifton 29, Stokes 24. March 8—Girls: Winterville 18, Bethel 17; Farmville 24, Grifton 18. March 11—Girls: Winterville 16, Chocod 15. Boys: Farmville 20, Bethel 12.

R. C. Campaign to Continue Until Goal is Reached

Farmville Must Not Be Found Wanting in Assigned Quota Says Mrs. B. L. Lang, Chairman

The ready response experienced at the beginning of the American Red Cross Fund Campaign in Farmville led members to believe that the quota of \$1700.00 would be reached without delay and that they could safely anticipate a successful drive, but Mrs. B. L. Lang, chairman of the local organization, expressed her keen disappointment today when she made a report of \$1000.00 in hand, with \$800 more to be collected.

The Red Cross chairman said that there have been a great many people who have not been contacted and she expressed confidence in reaching the quota. She wishes to appeal to these citizens to see or call her or their Ward Chairman, who will gladly call for their contributions.

The need for this fund has been stressed again and again through the press and radio, and it is increasingly clear that everyone does not understand the importance of this drive and feel its privilege, pleasure and duty to contribute.

County Contributions. The following table lists the percentage of assigned quotas contributed by districts of Pitt County in the Red Cross fund campaign through March 9, 1946:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Percentage. Rows include Bell Arthur (117%), Greenville (115%), Chocod (100%), Grifton (100%), Stokes (100%), Winterville (88%), Wardsville (78%), Belmont (64%), Fountain (62%), Grimesland (66%), Farmville (54%), Rattlesnake (53%), Ayden (42%), Bethel (23%).

At the end of the week, Pitt County had reached 89 percent of its assigned quota. However, there were several communities whose chairmen were unable to devote their full time to the campaign during the week, and these have anticipated that they will carry over the drive into the coming week and thus assure that this county will not be found lacking when the final tally of contributions is made.

Poor Quality Seed Cost 11.5 Millions. Use of poor quality seed, mismanagement and bad handling of the crop cost North Carolina sweet potato growers about \$11,500,000 last year, according to Johnny Lester, Extension horticulturist at State College, who said that farmers received only about \$6,000,000 from a business worth potentially \$17,500,000.

Farmers Expect Very Busy March

Three Months of Bad Weather Mean Long Days Now For State's Farmers

Due to the bad weather of December, January and February, this March will be one of the busiest ever experienced on the farms of North Carolina, Frank Parker, head of the statistics division of the State Department of Agriculture, predicted Monday.

Farm work generally is about a month behind schedule. He said that the past two weeks of generally fair weather over most of the State has put virtually all of the uplands in condition for spring plowing. The recent warm spell has brought out the buds on the peach trees and spraying will keep orchardists busy for the next two weeks.

Although refusing to make any predictions about the weather for March, he said that the first five days of this month were almost identical with March weather a year ago—when thousands of apple and peach trees in Piedmont and Western North Carolina bloomed, only to be cut back by freezing weather in April and May.

Parker declared that small grain is making good progress, particularly in the central and eastern portions of the State. He reported that most of the peanuts left on stalks in the fields in the northeastern counties throughout the winter have been picked within the past 10 days. Normally, he explained, this work is completed by the first of the year.

According to Parker, the labor situation this spring is quieting the farmers. He said they had received returning men to become farm laborers again but that "most of them seem to want to work in the cities."

"Due to the labor situation, no farm machinery is available and the situation right now is not a great deal better than a year ago," said Parker.

Good News: Dairy Pay To Be Continued. G. Tom Scott, Johnston County farmer and head of the State Production and Marketing Administration, has announced that the federal dairy production payment program, previously announced through March, 1946, will be continued through June 30. Dates for the April-June period will be the same as those for the corresponding period last year when North Carolina dairymen received payments totalling \$202,000. State payments since 1934 total \$6,500,000.

STALIN LAUNCHES BITTER ATTACK ON POSITION TAKEN BY CHURCHILL

Soviet Chief Accuses British War Leader of Being Warmonger and Warns That Churchill's Missouri Speech Was a Dangerous Act; Churchill Declines To Comment On Statement

London, March 13.—Communist Joseph Stalin tonight personally answered Winston Churchill, accusing him of fomenting "new armed intervention" against Eastern Europe. Stalin asserted bluntly that if Churchill and his friends in Great Britain succeeded in doing so they would be hanged.

Calling Churchill's speech at Fulton, Mo., a sort of ultimatum to the non-English speaking world, Stalin said: "There is no doubt that the set-up of Mr. Churchill is a set-up for war, a call to war with the Soviet Union." "Dangerous Act."

Stalin termed Churchill's speech a dangerous act which jeopardized cooperation among nations and said the former Prime Minister's attitude was incompatible with the 20-year Russian-British alliance. Thus, by implication, Stalin invited the British labor government to repudiate Churchill and even hinted he was ready to tear up the alliance treaty if necessary.

Stalin made his statement, a bitter personal and political denunciation of his wartime Big Three colleague, in an interview in question and answer form published in the newspaper Pravda, organ of the Russian Communist party. The interview was broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded here.

"The Russian generalissimo and premier compared Churchill in detail with Hitler and, calling his speech a sort of ultimatum to the vast majority of peoples who do not speak English, emphasized that Churchill was supported in his views by friends not only in Britain but also in the United States.

Diplomatic quarters at once recalled, although no connection was mentioned or indicated in Stalin's interview, that President Truman was on the speaker's stand when Churchill made the speech which rocked the Soviet by calling for an Anglo-American alliance and urging firmness toward Russia, which he said respected force.

Asserting that Churchill's attitude was incompatible with the Anglo-Russian alliance, Stalin said that Churchill had heeded a "suggestion by British Labor Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin to prolong the alliance from 20 to 50 years.

"If Mr. Churchill, calling for war against the Soviet Union, still considers it possible to extend the duration of the Anglo-Soviet treaty to 50 years, then it means that he considers this treaty as an empty piece of paper to be used in order to conceal and disguise his anti-Soviet set-up," Stalin said.

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