

FARMVILLE SALUTES "MISS ANNIE" AS RETIREMENT DATE DRAWS NEAR

Veteran Educator To Be Honored On May 22 At Communitywide Celebration Here

Plans for ANNIE PERKINS DAY, to be celebrated here, Wednesday, May 22, call for communitywide participation and are receiving just that already in interest manifested and enthusiasm expressed, according to the steering committee, composed of Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, chairman, Mayor J. W. Joyner, George W. Davis, Dr. Paul E. Jones, A. C. Monk, Sr., Miss Elizabeth Davis and Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Sr. Other committees are at work also and the event, planned to honor the veteran educator, who will retire this year after 50 years of service in Pitt County, 43 spent in Farmville, promises to be a successful one.

"Miss Annie," a daughter of the late James Jacob Perkins and Mrs. Bettie Moore Perkins, of Greenville, Pitt County, has tutored three generations of beginners here since being chosen in 1903 as primary teacher by the educational board, and though the years have slowed her pace somewhat and the State says she is due to retire, she is as keenly interested in her work and is as mentally fit as on the day when she first became a school marm and laid her first red apple on her desk. "Miss Annie" will doubtless receive many more "red apples" from her former pupils and other friends on the day set aside officially by Farmville's Mayor as her very own.

If the weather is favorable, families of the community will assemble at the municipal park at 1:00 o'clock, Wednesday, 22nd, for a short program, planned to honor the veteran educator. In case of rain, the affair will be held in the school gym. Following the program, in which former and present pupils and other friends will participate, a basket picnic will be enjoyed. Everyone is invited. The school will close at noon on that day.

As a small girl, "Miss Annie," as she is known to hosts of friends, attended private school in Greenville, and as a miss attended Salem College, Winston-Salem. Since that time, she has filled her place of trust as teacher, in starting young minds on their quest of knowledge, so successfully and satisfactorily that she is held in highest esteem and is one of the most beloved members of Pitt County's educational circles and citizens as well, having made a signal contribution to the development of the county along other lines.

"Miss Annie" has been a teacher in the State's public school system for 50 years, with this entire period being spent in Pitt County, 43 years in Farmville in the graded school, giving faithful, interested and continuous service throughout, with the unique record, which one might venture has not been paralleled, of never missing as much as half a day from school on account of illness.

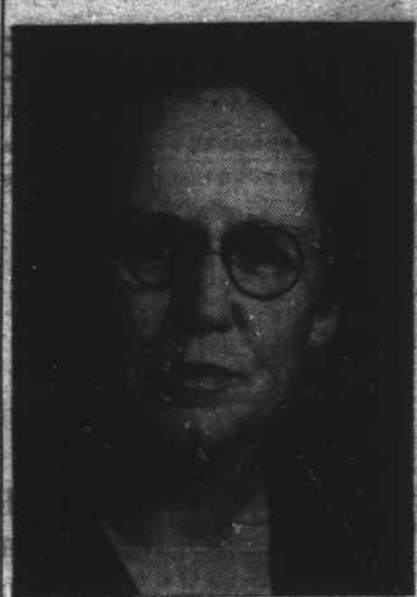
During this time, by reason of "Miss Annie's" seniority and experience, many arduous duties and responsibilities, in connection with the school in general, have been put on her capable shoulders, but she has rallied to every emergency and with steady hands has ably assisted in guiding the destinies of the Farmville school and the childhood of this community to the present day.

In considering the long and faithful service of this educator, the school board decided, upon completion of the present handsome structure some years ago, to perpetuate her memory and achievement, and gave the name of Perkins Hall to the spacious auditorium and had an oil portrait placed in a position of honor.

The artist portrayed her great dignity of bearing and security of expression in his work but one can also see the twinkle in her eye, denoting the sparkling wit and humor with which she has enlivened many dull board meetings and wearisome programs, and which has no doubt been the secret wellspring of her eternal youth and success.

"Miss Annie" has, during these years taught also in summer sessions of teachers' training schools and one vacation period was spent in a mountain mission school.

In addition to educational activities, "Miss Annie" has shown great interest in church work, civic, and been a leader in patriotic and literary circles, being a member of the Farmville Club, and the Ladies' Aid Society, that allocate to women's work, that allocate to women's work, that allocate to women's work.



MISS ANNIE PERKINS

en's Clubs, and served further in various capacities in that organization; is at present a member of these groups, being second vice president of the Woman's Club since its organization and now serving as secretary also; is second vice president of the local Parent-Teacher Association, and a member-at-large of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Farmville Baptist Church has been, aside from her educational work, the foremost interest in her useful life and she, a charter member and the only one residing here at present, has served loyally and efficiently in practically all of the official places of the Sunday School and women's organizations. A few years ago a circle was named for her.

Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, former Democratic Governor of Wyoming predicted that "eventually the right woman will show up and be elected as President of the United States." "Miss Annie" has demonstrated her ability to fill well any office to which she has been elected or appointed and her Farmville friends would back her to the limit if she would even consider the highest office of the land.

"Miss Annie" said today, "Educational methods have not changed a great deal, so far as the fundamental things are concerned during these fifty years. Of course things are being done in a different way, yes, but if you look back over the story of education you will find that the things that are being advocated by our educators of today are nothing more nor less than the things that were advocated years ago, though expressed in a different way."

"Miss Annie" carries her (?) years well, she seems to be vigorous and is unusually alert mentally, but said she, "I'm not one of these folks who say they feel as young now as they did 50 years ago. That is nonsense." "Miss Annie" plans to continue residing in Farmville, following her retirement. For the past 15 years she has made her home with Mrs. J. M. Hobgood. Prior to that time, and for a period of 25 years, she lived in the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lang. During the first years of her residence here, she lived with Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Smith, who now reside at Virginia Beach, Va., and West Palm Beach, Fla.

Everyone will be glad to learn that Farmville's grand old lady will remain here where she has served with such amazing zeal and loving interest and has so many friends in every walk of life. "May she live happily ever after."

At The Rotary Club

President Frank Williams, presided at Tuesday evening's meeting of the Rotary Club and called attention to the 188th District Convention to be held at Wrightsville Beach, May 22, 23, 24, asking for a good attendance. This is to be the first meeting of the new district.

P. K. Ewell, acting chairman of the Fellowship and Attendance Committee for local club meetings, urged members to make up attendance whenever absent.

Lum Wooten, program leader, introduced as his guest speaker, John Clark, of Greenville, Divisional State Highway Commissioner, whose subject naturally was "Roads."

Mr. Clark stated that building on a large scale is still handicapped because of inability to secure proper equipment and material for road construction. He emphasized that Eastern Counties share in the allocation of funds, comparable to western States, that allocate to western States, that allocate to western States.

TOWN OF FARMVILLE, N. C.
MAYOR'S OFFICE
J. W. Joyner, Mayor
May 16, 1946

To The Editor
Farmville Enterprise
Farmville, N. C.
Dear Sir:

I am pleased to learn that the Farmville Enterprise is planning to publish, with the assistance of our town merchants, this week's issue as "A salute to Miss Annie Perkins" in connection with the completion of her 48th year as teacher in the local graded school and 50th in Pitt county schools. The community wide celebration, set for Wednesday next, is indeed appropriate and I am happy to have the privilege of adding my own word of testimony to the great service rendered the youth of this section of the State by this noble educator.

In "Miss Annie's" notable record of service in the field of education, the Farmville community has an example of praiseworthy effort and splendid achievement to hold up to coming generations for inspiration and emulation, and it is most fitting that we pay her honor at this memorable period in her life.

I am informed that the men, women and children of the community are planning to celebrate Wednesday, May 22, which I, by proclamation, have set aside as Annie Perkins Day, by assembling together at the municipal park for a special program and a basket dinner.

I extend to "Miss Annie" and to the citizens, who attend the celebration, my warmest greetings and congratulations; for her heroic service on the part of the first named, and for the whole-hearted way, in which the entire community has responded to the suggestion and proceeded with plans for this event.

Sincerely,
J. W. Joyner,
Mayor of Farmville.

Capt. Z. B. T. Cox Accepts Call To Serve Local Christian Church

Announcement has been made of the acceptance by Capt. Zesely B. T. (Thad) Cox of the call extended him in April to serve the Farmville Christian Church at the expiration of his Chaplaincy in the Army.

Capt. Cox, a native of Martin county, has been in the ministry since 1934, holding pastorates in West Point, Va., and South Salem, Va., before being called to active military duty in March, 1941. After 21 months at Camp Craft, S. C., he was ordered overseas to Europe, where he remained until September, 1945. In November, 1945, he reported to Walter Reed General Hospital for duty, where he is now stationed.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. W. G. Gay

Final rites for Mrs. Rosa Smith Gay, 57, widow of the late Walter G. Gay, who succumbed early Sunday morning, in a Greenville hospital, to a serious illness of a week's duration, were conducted from the residence on Grimmsburg street, Monday afternoon, at 4:00 o'clock, by the Rev. Edwin S. Coates, pastor of the Farmville Presbyterian Church. Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery, beneath a lovely floral tribute and beside the grave of her husband, who preceded her by two and a half years.

A quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bancroft, Mrs. J. R. Sheariff and Bill Morton sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Jesus, Lover of My Soul, and It Is Well With My Soul, at the home, and in the Sweet-Bye and Bye, at the graveside.

Active pallbearers were Lee Corbett, Arthur Gay, of Plymouth, Garland Duke, of Kingston, R. Leoy Rollins, R. J. Wainwright and C. H. Flanagan. Masons of the local lodge served as honorary pallbearers and members of Group 3, Woman's Council of the Christian Church, assisted with the flowers.

Mrs. Gay, daughter of the late Francis Marion Smith, of Bell Arthur, and Mrs. Emily L. Smith, who has been critically ill for several days at the home of a granddaughter, Mrs. Mack Abrams, had been a member of the Christian Church, since early girlhood, and was active in the women's organizations of the Church here until failing health caused her to retire from active service several years ago. She was a loving wife and devoted mother and has many friends in this section who mourn her passing.

Surviving and her mother, two daughters, Mrs. A. J. Corbin and Mrs. M. J. Corbin, and two sons, Mr. J. W. Corbin and Mr. J. W. Corbin.

At The Kiwanis Club

Howard Moye was program chairman for the Kiwanis Club meeting this week and had as his guest speaker no other than his lovely wife, who chose as her subject, "The Value and Importance of Home Demonstration Clubs Throughout the Country."

Mrs. Moye gave a splendid and most informative talk and there was not any doubt as to the fact that she had spent considerable time gathering facts and figures, which were given to her attentive listeners in a most entertaining way.

She brought out the many wonderful programs Home Demonstration Clubs have sponsored which have meant so much to their respective communities and the great amount of work still to be done before the communities have profited 100%. Mrs. Moye said that the time she has devoted to the Ballard's Club, of which she is a member and a staunch supporter, has been repaid many times by the benefits the community has received.

In the business session three committees reported that they had completed plans for new endeavors. Charles Edwards, chairman of Boys and Girls work, announced that four Kiwanis Medals have been ordered for the students who have shown the most improvement in their work in each of the four grades of High School.

Jake Fields, chairman of Agricultural committee, announced that six feeder calves would be placed with the same number of 4-H boys in the area covered by the club. All profits will go to the boys raising calves.

Robert Monk, chairman of Post-war Service, announced that the working machinery has been set up for the Returning Veteran Reemployment Association and that it has already commenced functioning. This is an organization within the club, comprised of a chairman, secretary and committee. The entire club will assist in its operation. The project will be to contact every returning veteran in the area of club jurisdiction and if he needs any assistance as to reemployment this body will see to it that this assistance is obtained.

Directors Meet

The Board of Directors have accepted a proposal made by Hubert Joyner, to aid in obtaining and collecting food for the Starving People abroad. The plan which is being immediately sponsored by the club consists of the printing of labels, to be placed on all cans of empty food containers in the stores in this community, requesting the purchasers to donate one or more cans of food for overseas relief. Placards will also be placed in all public places, indicating where donations will be received.

"RESCUE THE PERISHING"

On Sunday evening, May 13, at 8:00 o'clock, at the Farmville High School, a play, "Rescue the Perishing," was presented. The play was a story of a shipwrecked sailor who is rescued by a young girl, who is a member of the club. The play was a success and the proceeds were used for the relief of the starving people abroad.

Plans Announced For The Country Club's Annual Tournament

The Farmville Country Club has completed plans for its spring golf tournament to be played May 25th through the 31st, and followed by the annual club supper which includes all members of the club and their families, and will be held on Friday, the closing date.

Those taking part in the tournament must register by May 24th. Entrance fee of \$1.50 will be refunded to those on the winning team. Those failing to register by the 24th will not be eligible to play for the free dinner.

It is necessary that participants register in order to be drawn for the two teams. Bob Fiser will be Captain of the Reds, Somy Bradham, Captain of the Blues. Rules call for 18 holes, medal play, which may be played either 9 or 18 holes at a time. Opponent does not have to be present. For each stroke opponent is defeated, winner receives 1 point, as an example—if Fiser had a 73, Bradham, a 78, Fiser's team receives 5 points.

It is the desire of the club that all ex-service men who have club courtesy take part in the tournament. Results of the Tournament will not be known until the night of the supper, not even the Captains will know which side is ahead.

Those not playing in the tournament but who wish to attend the supper may make reservations at 75¢ per plate, with Lovell Liles, manager. This must be done by the 29th. Eastern Carolina Golf

The game scheduled between Farmville and Rocky Mount which was rained out Wednesday will be played on Saturday, in Rocky Mount. On Wednesday of next week, Farmville will be host to Greenville golfers. Ike Pollard will be Captain of the day.

Sophomore Class Play Tonight At 8 o'clock

The curtain goes up at eight o'clock for the three-act comedy, "Busy As A Beaver," being presented in the High School Auditorium tonight by members of the Sophomore Class.

Taking part will be Cedric Davis, as Gaylord Clayton, in the real estate business; Joyce Tyson, his frivolous wife, Donna; Vivian Scott, their pretty young daughter; Judy; Aaron Tyson, their studious young son, Prescott; Dora Mae Barrett, their maid, Tillie; Betsy Jones, Gaylord's wealthy sister, "Aunt Polly."

Ann Moore plays the character, Agatha Cornwell, who has her eyes cast in Prescott's direction; Sidney Carraway is Phelps Webb, who is always as busy as a beaver; Doris Yelverton appears as Beulah Shannon, from the Emerald Isle; Jean Baker as Miriam Day, who embarks in a new adventure; Lela Gray Kemp, as Mrs. Josephine Day, who is the mother of the young couple.

PLANS UNDERWAY HERE FOR BICYCLIST SAFETY CAMPAIGN

CLOSING EVENTS SCHOOL PROGRAM

The remaining events, scheduled to be held in connection with the closing exercises of the Farmville Public School include:

The Sophomore class play, "Busy As A Beaver," a comedy in 3 acts, which will be presented tonight, Friday, at 8:00 o'clock in Perkins Hall.

Thursday night, May 23, at 8:00 o'clock—Mrs. Haywood Smith will present elementary pupils in a piano recital.

Friday night, May 24, at 8:00 o'clock—The Parent-Teacher Association will hold its final meeting of the year, after which a Patriotic Pageant will be given by the grammar grades. The awards, offered annually by individuals and groups, will be presented at this time, after which a reception will be held in the new lunch room in the basement directly beneath Perkins Hall.

May 24 is the official closing date of the 1945-46 term, which has been one of the most successful in the history of the school, according to the Superintendent J. H. Moore, despite the fact that there was no graduating class, this being due to the addition of the 12th grade, some four years ago, which gave the present class another year in Farmville High.

Y. W. A. Mother-Daughter Banquet Is Lovely Affair

One of the features for the Baptist Young Woman's Auxiliary's observance of Focus Week was the Mother-Daughter Banquet given in the Assembly Room of the church Tuesday evening. Covers were laid for twenty-four.

The invocation was given by Miss Annie Perkins. Greetings of welcome extended by Miss Elvira Tyson, president of the group, were responded to by Mrs. C. L. Beaman. Miss Perkins, who is to be honored this month upon completion of her 60th year of teaching in Pitt County Schools, was recognized. Miss Perkins attended the banquet as guest of Mrs. Robert P. Wheelock, who offered a few appropriate remarks in praise of "Miss Annie."

Mrs. J. W. Miller led the group in a number of entertaining games and contests, after which all joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Lovely arrangements of sweetpeas and roses decorated the dining tables and a baked ham menu was served with iced tea, banana salad and stuffed angel food cake.

Hostesses for the banquet were Mrs. Robert Joyner, Mrs. C. L. Langley, Mrs. E. L. Jones, Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mrs. George W. Davis, Mrs. Roland Lang, Jr., Mrs. Carol Modlin, and Mrs. A. J. Melton, members of the Annie Perkins Circle, who serve as sponsors of the Y.W.A. from January through May.

MRS. BARRETT HONORED ON HER 78TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Zeb M. Whitehurst entertained at an informal tea, Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 o'clock, honoring her mother, Mrs. Cora Lang Barrett, on the occasion of her 78th birthday. The home was decorated throughout with gladioli, peonies, snapdragons and roses.

Refreshments were served from the dining room, the table being spread with a lace cloth and centered with a mixed floral arrangement, effectively carrying the color note of pink, white and yellow. The centerpiece was flanked by white tapers in crystal candleholders.

Mrs. T. W. Lang, sister-in-law of the honoree, served punch. Mrs. S. A. Roebuck, Mrs. G. L. Gilchrist and Mrs. R. G. Buffin served sand tarts, bird nest cookies, raisin sticks, chicken salad and cheese and olive sandwiches, ham biscuits, nuts and mints.

Assisting the hostess in receiving were Mrs. B. S. Smith and Mrs. T. T. Moore, sister and granddaughter of the honoree.

Around 50 guests called during the tea hour.

Mrs. Barrett was the recipient of a number of lovely gifts.

OF INTEREST HERE

State Golfers Drop Match To Tar Heels

Raleigh, May 15.—Carolina's golfers had a 14-to-12½ win over the visiting Tar Heels today.

Chief Lucas Enlists Aid of Civic Groups and Requests Cooperation of Parents In Move For Safety of Children

With the school vacation season "just around the corner" and the resulting increase in bicycle traffic in the town, Chief of Police L. T. Lucas is laying plans and taking necessary steps to safeguard the children of the town from potential accidents, permanent injuries and death.

In response to a call from the Chief, committees from the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association and the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs met with him in the town hall, Tuesday evening, for the purpose of discussing and carrying forward plans for launching a Bicyclist Safety Campaign. These representatives included LeRoy and Bill Rollins, Dr. W. M. Willis, Curtis Flanagan, F. W. Satterthwaite, Charles Edwards and Dr. G. L. Gilchrist.

It was decided at this time to hold a meeting for children from 6 to 16 years, and their parents, in the town hall, on Friday night, May 31, at 7:30 o'clock, at which a short training course in Safety will be conducted by State patrolmen and local officers. Prizes, which will be displayed in store windows next week, will be offered to those taking part in a quiz, held at the close of the class in bicycle traffic rules and instruction. These will be awarded winners in two contesting groups, 6-10 and 11-16 years, and individually.

Chief Lucas, in discussing today the need for instructing children in rules for operating bicycles, expressed his concern and alarm at the violation of the town's bicycle ordinance and the laxness of parents in giving their boys and girls proper instruction for compliance, stated that the parents' responsibility in this regard must be impressed upon them if the attendant dangers are to be lessened in any degree. With the increasing delapidation of automobiles now in use, parents are taking a grave risk in allowing their children to own and ride a bicycle without sufficient knowledge of what constitutes a hazard in its operation.

Clean Up Campaign Postponed To Monday

Due to inclement weather, the plans, announced by town officials for Clean Up Week, which was to have been observed last week, have been changed to next week, beginning Monday, 20, with a rat eradication campaign.

The Town Board is appealing again for cooperation by the entire citizenry in order that a successful campaign may be waged.

LEAVES FOR OVERSEAS DUTY AT BRAZIL BASE

Pvt. David P. Letchworth, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Acy Letchworth, entered service November 19, of last year, and took his basic training at Westover Field and later to West Palm Beach, Fla. On May 9th, he left for overseas duty in Brazil. Prior to entering the service in his country, Pvt. Letchworth was engaged in farming with his father.

VIVIAN DALE PARKER

Funeral services for Vivian Dale Parker, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Parker, Jr., were conducted from the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Parker, Sr., Monday afternoon. Interment was in the family plot near the home place. The Rev. L. R. Manning, pastor of Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, officiated.

She died in a Portsmouth, Va., hospital following an illness of several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have been residents of that city for four years.

Surviving with the parents, is one brother, Boyd Cameron Parker; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Parker, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Waller of Portsmouth, Va., maternal grandparents.

Pitt Tobacco Crop In Good Condition

Greenville, May 14.—The Pitt County tobacco crop is 90 percent planted, and transplanting was done under such favorable weather conditions that prospects for an excellent crop are gratifying. Charles W. Cobb, county agent, expressed the hope that the crop will be a record one.