

Annual Meeting of Pitt And Greene Electric Membership Corp Held Here

Dr. John M. Mewborn Principal Speaker; At- tendance Best In Years

The annual meeting of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation was held in the City Hall here Saturday afternoon and was presided over by the president, J. Lee Tugwell.

The meeting was opened with the singing of one verse of "America" and with prayer offered by Rev. E. R. Clegg of the Methodist Church.

J. W. Joyner, Mayor, extended a most cordial welcome, stating "we, the citizens of Farmville, are proud to welcome you now and at all times."

Frank L. Walston responded to the address of welcome, expressing, in behalf of the members, appreciation of Mayor Joyner's welcome.

The principal address of the day made by Dr. John M. Mewborn who spoke on man's struggle in his forward progress.

Dr. Mewborn discussed briefly man's most recent harnessed power—atomic energy.

Touching briefly on rural phone installation in connection with R. E. A., Dr. Mewborn stated this system is in the process of being developed.

David T. Harris, superintendent in connection with his annual report, thanked the members for their cooperation.

John B. Lewis, Project Attorney, and Sam D. Bundy, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Sales Supervisor of the Farmville Tobacco Market, spoke briefly.

Gwynn B. Price, of Raleigh, chairman of the North Carolina R. E. A., spoke on the growth of the organization in the state and stated that this was one of his last addresses.

A 35-foot van is being fitted with a display of equipment currently used in radio communication, radio detection and electronic navigation.

Barrow and J. E. Mowborn were elected as members of the Board of Directors for a two year term.

R. A. Joyner submitted his report in writing and called attention to the growth of lines and number of members since the project was energized.

The attendance prizes offered were won and presented as follows:

1st prize—Automatic Gladiron—Maggie Eastwood, Rt. No. 1, Greenville.

2nd prize—Hot Plate—A. Q. Soggs, Rt. No. 3, Snow Hill.

3rd prize—Electric Heater—J. A. Jones, Rt. No. 1, Fountain.

4th prize—Electric Iron—Matthew Dail, Rt. No. 1, Snow Hill.

5th prize—Electric Iron—Ralph Gorham, Rt. No. 1, Farmville.

6th prize—Electric Fan—R. A. Thomas, Rt. No. 2, Snow Hill.

7th prize—Table Lamp—Ichabod Allen, Rt. No. 2, Farmville.

8th prize—Electric Toaster—Blaney Speight, Rt. No. 1, Stantonburg.

Pleasant-Jones Vows Are Spoken

Black Mountain, June 2.—In an informal ceremony, beautiful in its simplicity, Miss Hazel Dell Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Loys Jones, of Farmville, became the bride of Willard Corbett Pleasant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marian Benton Pleasant, of Angier, on Saturday morning, June the first, at ten o'clock.

The wedding was solemnized at Black Mountain in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Maaburn which was attractively decorated for the occasion with mountain laurel, ferns and pink roses.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip after which they will be at home in Smithfield.

Heartfelt Thanks Reaches America

Washington, May 22.—Nicholas Cotroff and his family wanted to let the American people know how welcome a gift of clothing can be to the destitute of Kavala, Greece.

So Cotroff addressed his letter of thanks simply: "U.S.A. Washington. Demand to Mr. Postman to deliver this message to the first meeting citizen Washington's town."

The mail carrier who handled the letter followed instructions.

That's how Ralph H. Barrett, Capital clerk, happened to read the following:

"Some days ago to me and my family it was done essential help byriment.

"This help came in the time—because we have been in very critical position.

"We are notable to express our deep gratitude to the same person— which clothes we wear now—please, sir, in your face, let us thank all citizens of great America for the help to the poor Greek population exceedingly suffered for about four years with Germans, Italians and Bulgarians—our enemies."

Barrett, who has a wife and three children of his own, said he understood—spelling, grammar and all.

Mobile Recruiting Unit To Tour Southern States

It has just been announced by Frank J. Albano, 1st Lt. Cmp. of the Army Recruiting Sub-Station, New City Hall, Greenville, N. C., that a mobile recruiting unit is being constructed at Pope Field, N. C., to be used in a tour of the Southern States in order to acquaint the citizens with the workings of air-borne units of the army.

The nose and fuselage of a CG-15 glider will be mounted on a 35-foot flat bed trailer. A 75 mm. gun will be loaded inside the glider. Another mobile display will be a technical machine exhibit comprising a modern star machine shop complete in every detail.

Soil Conserva- tion Men Meet At Goldsboro

Coastal Plain Associa- tion Formed; Local Representatives At- tend

Greenville, June 6.—About sixty-five farmers, representing the eight soil conservation districts covering eastern North Carolina, and others interested in the soil conservation movement, met in Goldsboro on Tuesday of last week.

The chairman explained the need for an organization of supervisors in eastern North Carolina.

At a preliminary meeting held in Greenville on April 16, committees were formed to work on the major problems confronting the soil conservation districts in eastern North Carolina.

Reports indicating careful and business-like thought were made immediately following noon recess.

Representatives attending in addition to farmers representing the eight soil conservation districts, invited guests present included representatives from the Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, AAA, Department of Vocational Education, State Forest Service, Farm Security Administration and State Experiment Station.

The life line of an Army is its supply lines and in every battle that American soldiers have ever won, from Valley Forge to Tokyo, the Quartermaster Corps have accomplished the superhuman task of supplying the needs of the Army.

The traditions of the Corps are old and proud ones; its history is filled with deeds of courage and action.

The clothing, feeding, equipping and arming of the new Regular Army will call for a supply organization that will be the largest and most efficient of its kind in the world.

The following were nominated and elected without opposition as officers to serve for one year: L. W. Outlaw of Seven Springs, president; A. B. Herring of Wake, vice president; and J. O. Bishop of Seaton, secretary and treasurer.

American cotton will probably meet a strong world demand during 1946.

The government, though bound by law to support fine-cured tobacco prices at 90 per cent of parity, has set up no machinery for the actual purchase of leaf should prices fall below the floor.

North Carolina's 2,175 home demonstration clubs which observed National Home Demonstration Week May 2-15, are influencing the lives of 25,000 the Red families.

Italians Reject King Umberto

Christian Democrats Lead By Big Vote; King Preparing To Leave

Rome.—A government source said Wednesday "there is no longer any doubt" that Italy's voters rejected the monarchy in the week-end plebiscite.

Several newspapers said the royal family of King Umberto II was preparing to leave Italy from Naples or Genoa, but the report lacked confirmation.

The government source said that "even if all the votes remaining to be counted are for the monarchy, it would not change the outcome" in favor of a republic.

The official interior ministry announcement was still awaited.

The afternoon newspaper L'Indipendente said the republic thus far had a lead of 2,000,000 votes over the monarchy.

Christian Democrats Lead Nearly complete returns in the concurrent constituent assembly election meanwhile gave Premier Alcide De Gasperi's Christian Democrats an imposing victory.

De Gasperi called on King Umberto at the Royal Palace shortly before noon and immediately afterwards met with leaders of the coalition government parties at the Foreign Ministry.

During the war Umberto commanded one of Mussolini's armies against the Allies.

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The Bell Arthur Methodists To Hold Revival

W. S. C. S. Hostesses To Town & Country Com- mission, N. C. Confer- ence.

The public is cordially invited to attend old-fashioned revival services at the Bell Arthur Methodist Church, Sunday, June 9-16.

There will be services morning and evening on both Sundays and at 8:15 P. M. each week day, except Saturday.

Gospel music will be a special feature of each service, with the Rev. M. M. Meredith as soloist and song leader.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Bell Arthur Methodist Church recently gave a dinner for members of the Town and Country Commission of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, and other guests.

Those present from out of town were Professor and Mrs. J. M. Ormond of Durham, Mrs. Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh, Rev. J. T. Poole of Bailey, Rev. Wade Goldston of Evansdale, Rev. T. M. Grant of Rocky Mount, Rev. W. L. Clegg of Fayetteville, Rev. Robert Bradshaw of Greenville, Rev. King Scoggins of Durham, C. T. Hicks, Isaac J. Rouse and Rev. K. W. Taylor of Walsenburg.

Those present from Farmville and vicinity were Mrs. W. A. White, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Joyner, Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck, Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Clegg, Oscar Lee Erwin, R. L. Fulford, Daniel Fulford, W. L. White, J. E. Wilkerson and Mack Erwin.

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Bakery 'Bread Lines' Forming As Wheat Shortage Hits U. S.

BOND ELECTION CARRIED, 30 TO 1, FOR PAVING, ETC.

Another Red Letter Day in the continued progress of Farmville was registered Tuesday, when a Bond Election, in the sum of \$475,000.00, was carried by about a thirty to one majority for local improvements.

The projects call for the enlargement and extension of the town's water supply and sanitary sewer systems, improvement of public streets by grade, constructing and reconstructing surface, curbs, gutters, drains and the enlargement of the municipal electric system.

Although the vote was small compared to a political contest, it was about as anticipated. Only seven votes were cast against the improvements.

Trevathan-Franke Vows Are Spoken

Fountain, June 1.—The marriage of Miss Ruth Emily Franke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Franke, of Chicago, Illinois, to Gordon Earl Trevathan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Trevathan, of Fountain, was solemnized on Wednesday morning, May twenty-ninth, at ten-thirty o'clock, in the Second Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Ill.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose for her wedding costume an aqua crepe dress with black and white accessories.

The bridegroom's mother was attired in a stilt of tomato red. Both wore gardenia corsages.

After the ceremony the bride and groom, together with members of their families, attended a wedding breakfast at the North Shore Hotel in Evanston, following which the couple left for a wedding trip in the mountains of Virginia.

Mr. Trevathan, a former student of the University of Colorado, was recently discharged from the U. S. Navy. Mr. Trevathan attended the University of North Carolina until his enlistment in the Navy in 1943.

The couple will make their home in Fountain, and in the fall will resume their University work at Chapel Hill.

West Meets East In Cotton Supply Plan

Cotton Marketing Expert Dan F. Holler of the State College Extension Service today announced completion of plans whereby Piedmont cotton growers will supply eastern growers with one-variety seed in years when weather blacks out the eastern seed crop—just as it did last fall, crippling this year's crop and making satisfactory replantings virtually impossible.

"About three years out of every five, Eastern Carolina cotton producers suffer from severe rains in the fall which cause seed from the crop to be unsuitable for planting," Holler declared. "These conditions do not normally prevail in the Piedmont," he added, "and for this reason a special effort has been made to furnish a consistent supply of adequate seed to the east."

Many mid-state ginners, including George Blanton of Rutherford County, 1945 cotton growing champion, will install delintors, seed graders and treaters at gins in cooperation with the Holler plan to maintain an even, state-wide cotton seed supply.

Ginners have been asked to secure broader seed for sale to growers each year at "normal" prices. The ginner then would agree to buy back from the grower all seed produced from the broader supply and pay a \$15 premium above the local market price on the date of the sale.

The grower would benefit by having seed direct from the grower, insuring a better staple and greater yield. The ginner would profit by establishing a reputation for ginning the latest strains of broader cotton and providing a better seed market to customers.

Shortages Not Expected To Be Relieved Un- til Mid-July

Chicago.—Bread lines were forming in most of the Nation's stores and bakeries as the country experienced its worst wheat shortage, but the Millers National Federation predicted relief in two or three weeks.

However, Herman Steen, executive secretary of the federation, said "this is the worst week the Millers will have" and added that from 80 to 90 per cent of the Nation's flour mills will shut down for lack of wheat to grind into flour.

Scarcely any city escaped the pinch. Relief In Sight. However, two factors pointed to an upturn. They were the new winter wheat crop, running 25 per cent above expectations, coming in Texas and Oklahoma; and a plan by the Department of Agriculture to divert some foreign relief wheat stocks to the most acute domestic bread storage areas.

Steen predicted the shortage would be considerably relieved by mid-to-late July as more of the new winter crop reaches the mills. He said, however, "Government red tape," shipping the grain from elevators to mills, getting the right "blend" for bread flour, and delivering the flour to bakers, all would require a time lag of two or three weeks.

The picture by states: New York: A spokesman for a large grocery chain in New York City said he feared some bakeries would have to stop producing bread for a short time. Early morning purchases by housewives depleted supplies.

Illinois: The Food Distributors Association for Illinois said bread was "disappearing by noon" in bakeries and stores throughout the state.

Minnesota: Large wholesale bakeries in Minneapolis-St. Paul reported only a two weeks' reserve of flour stocks, and smaller retail bakeries said they had a one week supply.

Kansas: Jess B. Smith, manager of the Associated Millers, of Kansas wheat, said in Kansas City a "very critical" situation would result in bread flour from June until the new wheat crop is available about July 1.

California: The bread supply in northern California groceries has been depleted by about noon. Flour mills in the area have been operating three days weekly. Southern California bakeries will exhaust their present flour reserves between June 20 and July 10.

Michigan: Detroit bakeries reported they were operating at "less than 75 percent of normal" with only a two week supply of flour on hand.

Pitt County Farm Plans For 1946

A recent summary made of 1946 Farm Plans filed with the Pitt County AAA Committee, as request for assistance through the 1946 Agricultural Conservation Program, reveals that 97 per cent of the county's 2,800 farm operators have mapped out their plans for the current year.

According to J. V. Taylor chairman Pitt County AAA Committee, approximately 10,000 tons of limestone are expected to be used to improve the quality of crops and to promote the growth of cover crops that will aid in retarding erosion.

Mr. Taylor said that the amount of limestone now being used on Pitt County farms is 6 times greater than was used in 1936. "Despite this fact," Mr. Taylor added, "it is only a small part of the amount which should be used each year on our farmland."

A large amount of winter cover crop seeds are expected to be used in the county this fall to renew the soil and protect it during the winter months. Approximately 2,500 acres are expected to be planted in Austrian winter peas; 800 acres in crimson clover; 200 acres to vetch; and 5,000 acres in ryegrass.

Sixty percent of the county's allocation of funds were used last year but this year, under the more flexible method of administering the program—with assistance based on the need for conservation and the operator's ability to perform the practices—it is expected that 100 percent of the county's allocation of \$306,000 will be used.