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D. A. R. ORGANIZATION PLANS MEMORIAL PLAQUE, VOLUME

Movement Memorializing Pioneer and Present Citizenship Forerunner of Chapter House Dedication In June

With plans setting the Flag Day meeting in June as the tentative date for the dedication of its magnificent chapter house, the Major Benjamin May Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will launch during this week end a final call to pioneer families of this section to perpetuate the memory of the distinguished men and women, who laid an enduring foundation for noble citizenship in Eastern North Carolina, in a memorial plaque of fifty names to be cast in bronze, placed in a position to overlook the gallery of the colonial drawing room of the chapter house, and given a significant place in the dedicatory ceremonies, which will mark this as a day long to be remembered in the annals of Farmville.

A historical volume, to be compiled, will contain sketches of all the families memorialized in the building, of which there are already a large number, and their service to the State will thus be perpetuated as an incentive for future generations.

This particular section of North Carolina is considered the finest agricultural area in the United States, and by some as the best in the world. This is not a mere happening of chance, it was the enduring toil and sacrifice of those first citizens that has made it the productive and progressive section it is today.

These men and women worked with a faith in the fulfillment of the triad forces of industry, education and religion as their incentive and objective. First, they built their homes, little churches and schools, then turned to the task of clearing the land, tilling the soil and setting up stores from which to get their supplies. That was the day when stumps had to be removed by back-breaking labor instead of a bit of dynamite. Then they were called upon to go through the hardships caused by cruel wars and the privations which followed.

Gifts of additional land and substantial donations, which has enabled the Chapter to liquidate its indebtedness and to place an iron fence and handsome arched gateway to further enhance the beauty of the grounds and the historical significance of the chapter house, the only one in the State, have been received during recent months, and the majority of names for the memorial plaque secured, but due to conditions attending the close of the war and difficulties relating to strikes, it was deemed best to postpone activities in connection with the memorial movement, in preparation for its dedication, until this month.

These gifts have lent assurance to the immediate success of the objectives and to the purchase of furnishings of the drawing room downstairs in colonial style and the upstairs banquet room. Objectives include a room set aside as a museum and archives for historical research, and the establishment of a foundation fund for the upkeep of the building.

In accord with the state and national societies' memorial activities at Valley Forge, the chapter has recently placed the name of Lieutenant General Allen H. Turnage on the North Carolina memorial of the Bell Tower.

As a matter of state wide interest, the North Carolina Legislature has recently appropriated necessary funds to have the name of the USS North Carolina inscribed there.

Since 1926, when the ideal of a cultural and social center of discriminating taste and grace had its inception, it has been the heartfelt desire of the Chapter membership to make the chapter house a shrine and sanctuary as well, and to have it stand out in Eastern North Carolina as a beautiful and living memorial to its progressive leadership.

And so, in this spirit, bronze plaques, beautiful and appropriate in design, are being considered by the Chapter to be dedicated to the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice and in honor of those who served in the armed forces of our country in all wars, and to those pioneer citizens of postwar years as well, who served just as valiantly in laying the foundations for the democratic way of life, and to whom their descendants are exceedingly obligated for the heritage of prosperity and gracious living they now enjoy. A bronze tablet, with names inscribed of those who made the sacrifice of the supreme honor, will mark the building proper.

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[illegible] to be carried thru to completion.

Corporation Papers Are Prepared For Vets' Housing Group

(By D. L. Dennell, Jr.)

The Farmville Veterans housing plans are moving along slowly but surely. This was the general opinion of all those attending the third meeting of the group Monday night at the town hall.

The central discussion of the evening was concerning the incorporation of the group. The legal forms and charter arrangements, which are necessary, are being drawn up this week by Attorney J. H. Paylor in Raleigh, preparatory to approval by the state authorities. Upon approval by them, the corporation will be formed, and application for purchase of a definite number of houses will be made to the Federal Public Housing Authority in Atlanta, in the name of the corporation. These houses are then in turn transferred to the veteran purchasers who are members of the corporation. One point of importance that should be mentioned is that the prospective home seekers must have the $820 purchase price of the unit into the hands of the corporation before it orders them. The corporate group, having no financing capital, will not be able to advance veterans this money, and it will absolutely be up to them to obtain it from other sources. Discussion about the corporation also ended in a decision to disband it as soon as practical after the purchases are completed, so all ex-servicemen desiring the houses should order with the first group.

Bids by contractors for construction of the units were further studied and all of them were considered too high. Many of the veterans are seriously figuring on the construction of the houses on their own plans, and unless a more reasonable figure is reached with a contractor this will probably occur.

The financing end of the project also held the attention of the group and it was revealed that several towns people are offering financial aid to the veterans. These offers are greatly appreciated by the group, and veterans, it's up to you to make arrangements for a loan on your home.

Mixed discussion of the houses, repairs necessary, and what is to be done to get them in good shape for living in, was carried out. Also the legal requirements of the town of Farmville and the state of North Carolina were considered. All agreed that these small units, with some interest taken in them, could be made into very nice livable homes.

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did what they did in days gone by, and they did this because they had the faith which they had in their God.

"You can't fight a religion with no religion of your own. You can't fight a faith, even a bad faith, with no faith of your own. You can't fight a vision or a dream unless you have a better vision and a greater dream."

Chapter activities, which will get underway in full force during the week end, will mark the close of the present memorial movement, with April 10 set as the final date for securing names, and April 20 for family sketches. This plan, motivated with the objective of memorializing and maintaining a citizenship that has been passed on to descendants of worthy forbears as a heritage and obligation, has met with enthusiastic response by families of pioneers of Eastern North Carolina, who have expressed themselves as glad to have the opportunity of thus memorializing their dead and living as well, and who regard it as a privilege and reasonable service.

At a recent meeting held in connection with final plans for the memorial movement and to draft tentative plans for the dedication program, the chapter regent, Mrs. T. C. Tunnage, appointed the following committees:

Brochure—Mrs. Ellen Lewis Carroll, chairman; Miss Eunice McGhee, vice chairman; Mrs. Kenneth Brown, Mrs. Jack Lewis, Mrs. J. E. James; historical volume—Miss Helen Smith, chairman, Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, vice chairman, Mrs. C. S. Eagles, Mrs. Travis E. Hooker, Mrs. Bruce Eagles, Mrs. Preston Murphrey; house—Mrs. A. C. Monk, Sr., chairman, Mrs. W. G. Holston, vice chairman, Mrs. Paul E. Jones, Mrs. Chas. Mozingo, Mrs. R. O. Lang, Mrs. T. Eli Joyner, Sr., Miss Julian Smith; memorial plaques—Mrs. J. C. Pollard, chairman, Mrs. S. T. White, vice chairman, Mrs. W. H. Whitmore, Mrs. Anthony Holland, Jr., Mrs. W. S. Rogers; publicity—Mrs. G. Alex Stone, chairman, Mrs. M. V. Jones, vice chairman, Miss Christine Smith, Mrs. Jack Gray, Mrs. Guy Furbee.

Other committees to serve as arrangements for the entertainment will be named subsequently, as further plans for the dedication are matured.

Lighted Field For Night Athletics Sought for Town

Civic Leaders Interested In Floodlights For Enlarged Recreational Program

Although plans for a floodlighting system which will enable Farmville to have an extensive night recreational program are still in the embryonic stage, several of the town's civic leaders have expressed a desire to provide lights for an athletic field and have taken steps in this direction.

While no accurate estimate of the costs has been received, it is known that the proposal is most too large a project for one organization to undertake singlehandedly. One town in the western part of the State is reported to have spent $5,000 for a system similar to that needed by Farmville. It has been suggested that a pooling of resources, with a mite of help in some form from municipal authorities, would provide the improvement without straining any one of the organizations participating.

It has been pointed out that attendance at high school football games last Fall was not what it should have been because local citizens could not attend without closing up their businesses and walking off. Since business must of necessity come before pleasure, store-keepers and others remained on the job during the afternoons games were scheduled. A lighted park, with bleachers or a grandstand of some kind, would enable many to attend night games who otherwise would have to forego the pleasure.

Another of the arguments broached by those in favor of the lighted park is that the soft-ball league, which thrived one summer and then died a natural death from lack of leadership and an unsatisfactory playing time, could be revived. Games were scheduled in late afternoon, between business closing hours and darkness. This too often interfered with other plans, hence the complete abandonment of the program. It is believed that night games would draw the support of many persons who are kept too busy in the afternoon for participation in regular scheduled day-light contests.

Blue prints for lighting both softball and football fields have been received by at least two local leaders who believe that these plans can be combined so the same lights can be used for football in the Fall, softball or baseball in the Spring and Summer, and for other outdoor programs.

Closely allied with this project is a move to employ a year-round director of the recreational program.

It has been pointed out that the town affords ample facilities which are not being utilized to the fullest because of lack of leadership, or a trained person who can assume responsibility for the various types of recreation. The country club and DAR chapter house, for example, are excellent centers for social gatherings and planned entertainment, and from a moral standpoint, it would certainly be better for the entire community if these were gathering places, instead of questionable places of entertainment. It would be impractical to give youngsters—or oldsters—free access to these buildings without proper supervision.

Funds for these recreational programs will have to come primarily from private agencies. The Attorney General, in a recent decision, ruled recently that tax levies could not be used for recreational purposes of a city without a vote of the people. He added, however, there was no objection to using surplus funds for the purpose proposed.

Fred Dail Dies In Greenville Wednesday

Fred Dail, 64, died at Dr. Smith's Clinic, W. Third and Washington streets, Greenville, at 2:35 a. m. Wednesday. Funeral services were held at S. G. Wilkerson & Sons' Funeral Home on Thursday at 3 p. m. by the Rev. R. W. Bradshaw, Methodist minister of Greenville. Burial was in the Episcopal Church cemetery at Snow Hill.

Mr. Dail was born in Snow Hill and lived there until about 15 years ago, when he moved to Greenville. He was a fruit dealer. He was a member of the Snow Hill Methodist Church.

Surviving are two brothers, Haywood Dail, Jr., and George F. Dail, of Greenville; three sisters, Mrs. Rachel Boyd of Walkerton, Mrs. C. M. Holden of Pinetown and Miss Minnie Bert Dail of Snow Hill and a number of nieces and nephews.

"Farm and Home Week" will be held at Guilford College the week of August 25-29, it has been announced by Director I. O. Schaub of the State College Extension Service.

City Tags

For the first time in several years, Farmville automobiles will be dressed up with new city license plates. Town Clerk C. M. Paylor has received notice that tags have been manufactured and he expects to have them on "sale" in his office within the next week or 10 days. Notice will be given in The Enterprise, says Mr. Paylor, when he has the tags ready for distribution.

The shortage of metals during war years necessitated discontinuance of the use of town tags in most of the municipalities.

High School Boys Win 2nd County Basketball Title

School Becomes Proud Possessor of Fourth Championship Since 1944

Farmville high school last Saturday night became the proud possessor of its fourth championship basketball title since 1944 when the boys' team duplicated its feat of 1946 and walked away with the annual Pitt County tournament in Greenville.

Played in the gymnasium at East Carolina College, the final game found the Farmville boys trouncing the Grifton team by the handy score of 31-16.

The local team won its way to the finals with a 36-21 win over Grimesland, a 50-22 victory over Ayden and a 21-20 thriller over Bethel.

The girls were eliminated by Grimesland in a disappointing one-point defeat, 19-18.

Conclusive proof that the boys are of championship caliber and that the tournament was no upset is given in the fact that the quint was a top-ranking contender for the Eastern title, only to lose their bid for State-wide honors to Rolesville high school in a conference contest Tuesday night in Wake Forest. Rolesville defeated the Farmville team, 34-32.

With two minutes to go in the Rolesville game, the score was tied at 29-29 but Grady Chalk bucketed a free toss and Oscar T. Barham and S. W. Marshall got a field goal and a free toss to narrow the gap for Farmville.

Willis, who tossed in 15 points, grabbed scoring honors of the evening for Coach Harrell's losers. Russell scored 12 for the Farmville cagers. Bill Pulley, with 10, sparked the winners.

It was a push shot by Willis as the first half ended which enabled Farmville to gain a 16-16 tie at intermission. Field goals by Marshall and Barham shortly after the half got underway sent Rolesville into a 20-16 lead but Farmville rallied to grab a 29-25 edge at the close of the third quarter.

The lineups: Rolesville: Forwards—Pulley 10, E. Pearce 2; Center—Marshall 7; guards—B. Pearce, Barham 9, Chalk 3.

Farmville: Forwards—Russell 12, Carraway 5; center—Willis 15; guards—Satterthwaite, Allen.

Referendum

Without ado, the General Assembly early this week passed legislation authorizing a referendum for tobacco growers to vote on assessing themselves 10 cents an acre on the 1947 crop. Funds raised in this manner will be used by the recently incorporated Tobacco Associates, Inc., which was organized by different branches of the tobacco industry to bolster a market which may sag this year due to the withdrawal of British purchases and other economic factors.

The new program has the hearty endorsement of local tobacconists who are anxious, naturally, to maintain high prices if possible.

'Sweet' News

Housewives were reminded by OPA that Spare Stamp 53, currently good for five pounds of sugar, must be spent in the next few days or not at all, them is expires March 31, one month earlier than originally intended.

On April 1, OPA begins the use of ten-pound stamps, with Spare Stamp 11 becoming good for that amount. This stamp will be good right on through September 30, and OPA officials have expressed a hope that it will be possible to distribute another 10-pound stamp good on July 1.

It is emphasized that these ten-pound stamps are not a "bonus" and the sugar must be used carefully. Furthermore, no special stamps have been set aside this year for canning sugar.

The Rural Electrification Administration has approved loans totalling 3 and a quarter million dollars to 19 borrowers in nine states. Funds will finance lighting of 4341 farms.

Hungry European Asks Assistance From The Mayor

Pitiful Plea For Food, Money Comes From Continental Europe

That Farmville's reputation as a generous, charitable town may have spread into foreign countries was indicated early this week when Mayor J. W. Joyner received a pathetic, apparently sincere, plea for assistance from a continental European who termed herself a war widow with no one to help her.

Although Mr. Joyner did not know how the writer conceived the idea of writing him, he expressed the belief that in some manner she came to know the name of the town through one of the prisoners of war employed on Farmville market during war years. It is also possible that the woman, along with others who are able to write passable English, are addressing letters to mayors of many American towns with the hope that the personal appeal will strike a soft spot in the heart of addressees and influence the amount they contribute.

While showing clearly that the writer's knowledge of English is limited, the letter nevertheless gets the idea across that the author is in need and looks to America, in general, and Farmville, in particular, for assistance.

Written March 8, and addressed to "The Mayor, Burgomaster, Farmville, N. C., North America," the letter follows:

"I have no friend in the world, me to help in this bad time. I have to you, sir, a great please. Have taken the liberty to write you. I would ask a parcel, some to eat. We are very much hungry. Help me! I am a Wienerin. My sisters is very sick, much sorrow and much hunger. I am the woman of an official, now widow, and of good character. Through the war, poor now, the dwelling defective through air war. The life in the city Wien is very sad, much hunger.

"I do try to write you, sir, to help us, please. I love this land and the good so noble people. Europe to help now, we are very grateful for that. May I hope too a help? Please send you me a parcel to eat, or please send some of money to Ostraco Overseas Service and Trading Corp., 198 Broadway, New York, and I received a parcel to eat through this. To hope for a help from you, sir, and wish you very much happy and health and thank you of all heart. I shall be very grateful for this present and not to forget this beautiful work. I will try and faithful to think to you, sir. Believe me to be, sir, with kindest regards, yours truly, Frau Leopaldine Praraky."

Mr. Joyner has written the New York address given in the woman's letter to find out the type of agency it is and to determine, if possible, the validity of the plea. Some local citizens have expressed a desire to help, if the request is bona fide, but Mr. Joyner does not intend to forward any contributions until he gets an answer to his letter.

Local VFW Discusses Plans For Blood Bank

Thriving Post Boasts Membership Total To 67

Farmville Post No. 9071, Veterans of Foreign Wars, met Friday night in the Town Hall with Lt. (jg) Hood, USN, giving a talk on the advantages of joining the U. S. Naval Reserve.

The chairman of the membership committee, Claude Tyson, presented the applications of nine new members, which will make the total membership of the post to 67. Plans for dances were discussed and committees appointed to secure an appropriate place for holding them. A lengthy discussion on instituting a local blood bank was held and will be continued at the next meeting when members of the Greenville post will be present and tell about their blood bank which was organized nine months ago.

District Commander Hugh Mary will be the guest speaker at the next meeting, March 28, in the Town Hall. All overseas veterans, whether members of the post or not, are invited to be present to hear the speaker discuss matters pertaining to veterans only.

SAM BUNDY GUEST SPEAKER AT TARBORO KIWANIS CLUB

Sam D. Bundy, secretary of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce, was guest speaker at the Tarboro Kiwanis Club on Tuesday night.

Mr. Bundy is a past president of the Tarboro Club and was a member when it sponsored a team in the Greater Kiwanis Dinner in 1946.

The topic discussed was "Thirty Two Years of Kiwanis in the Life Insurance Business."

FARMVILLE NEARS QUOTA IN ANNUAL RED CROSS DRIVE

Graydon Liles Picked As New Durham Pro

Farmville Man, Former Carolina Star, Heads Golfers At Hillandale Club

W. Graydon Liles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manly Liles of Farmville, has been appointed golf professional at Hillandale Club in Durham to succeed Andy Merrilees.

Liles, former B-25 pilot and captain of the University of North Carolina golf team last Spring, has been assistant to Merrilees since last October, and had been serving as acting pro since Merrilees resigned three weeks ago. Prior to his service at Hillandale, Liles served as part-time assistant to Marshall Crichton at Hope Valley Country Club in Durham.

"I'm happy to get the chance to serve as Hillandale pro," Liles was quoted by a Durham paper, which also carried his picture and a lengthy article about him.

"We're fortunate to get a fellow of Liles' capabilities," said President Ed Gwin. "We believe he will make us an ideal pro under the new setup at Hillandale whereby the pro has been relieved of the club management responsibilities."

Liles, the new pro, enrolled at UNC in 1939. He went into the service in 1943, serving three years in the Army Air Corps. He piloted B-25s in the Pacific theater and over Japan.

He returned to Carolina last year, graduating in June. In his four years, one freshman and three varsity, he lost only four individual golf matches, serving as captain of the Tar Heel linksmen last Spring.

Liles is 25 years old. He is married, his wife being the former Frances Covington Howard, also of Farmville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Howard.

At The Kiwanis Club

In observance of St. Patrick's Day, Farmville Kiwanians opened their meeting Monday night by singing "My Wild Irish Rose" in a manner that would have made the Saint himself—and all other Irishmen—swell with pride, and then enjoyed a fine program which featured an address by Lieut. Governor Ed K. Rawls of Greenville.

After expressing his pleasure at being "home" and extending thanks for the fine treatment he has always received at the hands of the Farmville club, Ed explained that he was making an official visit in the role of lieutenant governor of the seventh division.

He lived up to his reputation, as always having a timely and interesting subject. The speaker gave an account of the origin of Kiwanis and the principles upon which it was organized. Its growth from its beginning in 1914 to its present strength of 160,000 was briefly traced.

He also discussed "The Power of Kiwanis to Share the Future" and selected several illustrations of how members can benefit society.

Ed read a citation that had been sent to Charlie Hotchkiss, past president of the club, from Kiwanis International for the fine work that he had accomplished during his term of office. Ed expressed his regrets on learning that Charlie was leaving Farmville. He stated that Charlie's cooperation with the Greenville Club was largely responsible for the organization of the local group.

President Alex Allen called for a show of hands from members who could attend charter night of the newly-established Washington Club, Monday night, April 7. Farmville Kiwanians, who have done much fine job with their own club, expressed a desire to get the new member started "on the right foot" and it is expected that a goodly delegation will attend the gala occasion.

Frank Allen, attendance chairman, presented pins to seven members who were credited with two years of perfect attendance. In this honor group were Edgar Barrett, Allen Bobbitt, Charlie Hotchkiss, Rod Williams, Frank Allen, Lewis Allen and Alex Allen. Six who received recognition for one year of perfect attendance were Sam Bundy, R. C. Cooperhaver, Charles Edwards, John Parker, Frank Harris and Lewis Williams.

President Allen (Alex, that is) called for a special meeting of the board of directors and committee chairman.

Visitors for the occasion were Jim Hinkle, Bill Pullen and Julian Beddy.

R. C. Cooperhaver will be in charge of the program next Monday night.

REV. JOHNSTON IS NOW STATIONED AT FT. LEWIS

[illegible] Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] of Farmville, is now stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he is a member of the Fourth Infantry Division, A. A. F. Band.

Bundy Confident Goal Will Be Reached; Only $76.70 Short Now

Farmville's task of raising $2,060 in the 1947 Red Cross drive for funds nears completion with the announcement by Sam D. Bundy, chairman of this year's campaign, that contributions already on hand total $1,983.30, only $76.70 short of the mark. These figures represent the amounts received through Wednesday and do not include any donations reported to the chairman after that day.

All returns are not in, which fact makes leaders confident that Farmville will again raise its quota. Complete reports have been turned in by four of the Red Cross captains.

Last year the community raised the handsome sum of $3200, which over-subscribed its quota by one-fourth. With the cessation of hostilities and the gradual return to normalcy, demands on the organization are fewer and quotas have been considerably lowered for chapters participating in this year's campaign. The task of raising $2,000 was not an easy one, however, and a vote of thanks is in order for all workers who helped.

The chairman stated that several contributions have been made via the mail by persons who were not at home when the workers called. Persons who have not been contacted and wish to make a contribution to this humanitarian cause still may do so by mailing a check to Sam D. Bundy, Box 576, Farmville, and the proper credit will be given. Farmville has never failed to measure up to the assigned goals of the Red Cross Fund and it is sincerely hoped that sufficient funds will come in to make up the small deficit now outstanding.

The final report will be made next week showing captains, workers, and amounts raised by each team. Even now congratulations and appreciation are in order to team captains, workers, and contributors.

The chairman's final plea is, "Remember that you still have time to contribute to the 1947 Red Cross fund."

C. S. HOTCHKISS ACCEPTS POSITION IN CURRITUCK

Friends here have learned during the past week of the acceptance by Charles S. Hotchkiss of the position as manager of the Currituck Smith-Douglass Exchange, which will require a change of residence to Elizabeth City. Mr. Hotchkiss, who has represented the fertilizer firm here for the past eight years, is well qualified to take over the duties of this new post, having served his firm and this community efficiently and well during his stay here.

The Farmville community will regret the transfer of the Hotchkiss family, consisting of Mrs. Hotchkiss and son, Charles, Jr., as both Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss have, through their keen interest and varied activities in business, religious, civic and social circles, carved a niche of their very own here and endeared themselves to a host of friends.

Mr. Hotchkiss, in addition to his untiring efforts in behalf of his firm, has rendered a signal service to the local Kiwanis Club as a charter member in its organization and as its second president, has served as secretary to the Farmville Masonic Lodge, and has served the Episcopal Church faithfully as vestryman, teacher of the adult class of the Sunday School and a member of the choir.

Mrs. Hotchkiss, charming and personable, and equally as versatile as her husband, has lent her talent and abilities to the Church choir and guild, served as president of the Woman's Auxiliary and as a Sunday School teacher, and acted as treasurer and reporter of the Junior Woman's Club for several years.

We regret that Farmville friends will have a feeling of regret, of genuine regret, when the Hotchkiss family leaves to reside in Elizabeth City, following the closing of the public school here in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss will leave today on a combined business and pleasure trip to Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

The local Smith-Douglass office will remain open and be operated by a supply agent until the new representative, succeeding Mr. Hotchkiss, arrives.

Ballards Presbyterians Lay Church Foundation

Presbyterians in the Ballards community, midway between Greenville and Farmville, are this week laying the foundation for their church, a chapel [illegible] which they hope to complete in [illegible] weeks.

The church was organized only a few years ago [illegible] the congregation has [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]