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## Interest Quickens In Town Election As More Candidates Enter Races

### George W. Davis Files For Mayor And Five Candidates Seek Membership On Farmville's Board Of Commissioners

Interest in Farmville's municipal election, scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, quickened this week when George W. Davis filed his candidacy for mayor and five other citizens, four of whom are incumbents, entered the race for membership on the Board of Commissioners. Seeking re-election are Curtis H. Flanagan, John M. Stansill, W. C. Wooten and W. A. Allen. C. L. Ivey rounds out the list of candidates.

Other than these six, the only candidate who has publicly announced his candidacy or posted his filing fee is Mayor James W. Joyner, who last week broke ties with his announcement.

In the meantime, town officials are going ahead with plans for the election. John D. Dixon will serve as registrar and the registration period opens Saturday. He will have the books in his office on the second floor of the old bank building for the purpose of registering newcomers or those who have reached the voting age since the last election was held. Since this is not a new registration, those whose names are on the books are not required to re-register. J. B. Joyner will serve with Mr. Dixon as poll-holder on election day. Voting will be conducted in the town hall, in the spaces occupied by the fire truck.

It has been estimated that Farmville has about 900 persons eligible to vote in the primary. The election two years ago attracted 644 of them, the second largest number to participate in a municipal election here.

## Rountree Church Memorial Will Be Dedicated April 27

The dedication of the Rountree Church Memorial by the Jesse Rountree Family Association will take place at the Rountree Christian church near Ayden, Sunday, April 27, at 3 o'clock. Featured on the program will be two songs by the Atlantic Christian College choir and addresses by Dr. H. Glenn Haney, pastor of the Eighth Street Christian church, Greenville, and by Rev. C. C. Ware, of Wilson.

The plaque, designed by Miss Jesse Rountree Moyer, bears the following inscription: "Rountree Christian Church, founded in the year 1827 by Jesse Rountree, Esquire, beloved citizen of Pitt County, patriot of the American Revolution and donor of this land and the First Church, known as a Carolina Disciple Shrine, the first church of their faith. Born 1765—died 1840. He lies buried at the site of his plantation manor one mile northwest of this place. In memory of the faithful members of this church, restored in 1883 and in 1942, this tablet is dedicated by his descendants in the year 1947."

Clarence Victor Cannon, Ayden, is president of the organization; Benjamin Bruce Sugg, Greenville, vice president; Mrs. Novella Moyer Williams, Greenville, secretary; Heber Earl Cannon, Ayden, treasurer; Miss Jesse R. Moyer, Greenville, historian; Rev. Charles Crossfield Ware, Wilson, advisor.

## James Monk Is New Rotary President

At the regular meeting of the club Tuesday evening, James Y. Monk was elected president for the coming year, which begins July 1; Curtis H. Flanagan, vice president; Rev. E. S. Coates, secretary; John Stansill, treasurer; Jesse Moyer and Lynn Eason, directors.

## Charlotte Army Depot Has Film Explaining Plans For Returning War Dead

The Charlotte Quartermaster Depot is now arranging showings of the motion picture, "Decision," to explain the program for return and final burial of World War II dead. This picture will be shown, upon request, to veterans' groups and other interested organizations.

## At The Kiwanis Club

Howard Moyer, program chairman for the evening, presented to the club, W. H. Pruden, assistant county agent, Jimmy Allen and Hubert Garris, who took an active part in the Kiwanis calf project. Howard Moyer, chairman of the agriculture committee, purchased two calves last spring and gave the calves to Jimmy and Hubert with the understanding that they were to repay the Kiwanis club after the calves were sold at the fat stock show in Rocky Mount. Hubert Garris gave the club a very interesting talk on the subject, "How I Cared for My Calf."

Jimmy Allen gave a brief talk on "My Trip to the Fat Stock Show in Rocky Mount."

Hubert and Jimmy were among those who won several prizes with their project. Each expressed his thanks to the club for making this project possible and gave the club a check in full for the purchase price of their animals. One even wanted to pay some interest. Both of the boys agreed that they had realized a very satisfactory profit and were looking forward to raising more calves in the future.

Mr. Pruden and Howard Moyer were complimented by the club for their loyal support that they gave the boys in making the project a success both for the club and the boys. Mr. Pruden talked briefly on the project and showed several pictures of the calves while they were being cared for on the farm and at the show where they sold for approximately 30 cents a pound.

Jack Turnage was introduced to the club by Mr. Pruden. Jack is a member of Lang's 4-H club. He did an excellent job in feeding out his calf and preparing him for the show. He gave a short talk on "What I Fed My Calf."

Club members were impressed with the manliness and fine appearance of the young men and were delighted with their progress.

Two new members, Jim Hockaday and Larry Taylor, were given a hearty welcome into the club by vice-president Louis Williams.

President Alex Allen announced plans for the cancer drive that is to begin Monday and encouraged each to help.

Henry Johnson introduced Carol Modlin as his guest.

## Orthopedic Clinic Greenville, April 25

We wish to remind our readers of the State Orthopedic Clinic to be held in Greenville, Friday, April 25, from 12:30 to 4:00 p. m.

This clinic takes all types of cripples, both white and colored, free of charge who are unable to afford private treatments. It is desired, though not required, that patients be referred by a physician or the Welfare Officer, and that the patient bring such note to the clinic.

The clinic is set up to serve especially the Counties of Beaufort, Carteret, Pamlico, Pitt and Tyrrell, though patients from other counties who desire to come may do so.

The clinic is conducted by Dr. Hugh A. Thompson, orthopedist, Raleigh. This clinic has been running for some over seven years and is now serving a large number of cripples, adults as well as children in this area.

## EMPLOYERS FILE QUARTERLY TAX RETURNS THIS MONTH

April is the month for all employers to file their payroll tax returns for January, February and March of this year. At the time this return is filed, employers are responsible for the amount of each employee and are advised to obtain them immediately. The employer includes in his tax report the name of the employee and the amount of wages paid during the first three months of this year.

The tax rate is still one cent on the dollar. At each pay period, the employer withholds one cent on the dollar of the employee's wages. One cent is also withheld from his own payroll. At the end of the quarter, the amount is sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

The Social Security Administration has a record of all wages paid to each employee. This record is used to determine the amount of benefits due him when he reaches 65 years of age, or to his family in event of his death.

The employer sends his quarterly returns to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Greenville. Then the amount of earnings of each employee is sent to the accounting division of the Social Security Administration which credits the employee's account with the proper amount.

## Paging Diogenes

Diogenes, who in other things is said to have taken a light and staged an unsuccessful search for an honest man, could have saved his quest had he been in Farmville several days ago.

A new-comer paid his check at Ellis Rabil's Royal Grill with a ten-dollar bill, scooped up his change for a dollar and hurried out, leaving the remaining nine dollars to which he was entitled.

Ellis got busy, found out who the new-comer was, and sent him word to come get his money.

Snuff out the light, Diogenes.

## Farmville Masons Plan To Build On Grimmsburg St.

### Chairman of Planning Committee Confers This Week With Architect; Two-Story Building Is Proposed

Masons of Farmville have under consideration the construction on Grimmsburg street of a Masonic Temple which will provide adequate assembly and entertainment rooms for their lodge and affiliated groups. A two-story structure, the first floor will contain a dining room and lounge. Lodge rooms will be on the second floor. The building will be constructed directly behind the Williams-Winstead Clinic.

Blue-prints of the Masonic Temple in Mount Airy were obtained and will probably be used as a guide in the Farmville structure, but local leaders have stated that their building will be nothing like as commodious as the Mount Airy temple.

C. L. Ivey is chairman of the planning committee and is conferring this week with Architect Herman of Wilson relative to construction of the building. Serving with him on the committee are J. T. Bundy, Elbert Holmes and Curtis Flanagan.

Contractors who have made a preliminary survey of plans for the proposed building have informed Mr. Ivey that the costs should be within the \$12,000-\$15,000 range. In view of current construction costs, this was encouraging news to members of the Lodge.

The new building will be 50 feet by 70 feet.

## Tuneful Choruses Feature 'Cornzappoppin'

Tuneful choruses, gay costumes and drills will be features when the curtain rises on "Cornzappoppin", the hilarious "gran ole opey" with local talent that is being sponsored by the Burnette-Rouse Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in the Farmville high school gymnasium Thursday and Friday nights, May 1 and 2, for the benefit of the Post's hut building fund.

The show opens with the farmerettes singing and dancing to "I Like Mountain Music." They are suitably dressed in overalls, brilliant shirts and straw hats. As they sing and dance, many audiences join in with the rhythm of the number.

Another feature chorus is the Malsie Mae number to the music of "Put Your Little Foot Right Out." Specialties, singing and dancing all add color to the entertaining, "Cornzappoppin," and make it a truly entertaining program.

## EX-SERVICEMAN TALKS ON GERMANY AT HOME DEPT. MONSTRATION MEETING

Marvin Hinson, ex-serviceman, made a talk on Germany, its people, customs and attitudes before the members of the Farmville Home Demonstration club, Thursday afternoon. He compared their agricultural methods with those in use here and exhibited souvenirs from Germany and Holland.

The meeting was held in the club building with Mrs. W. J. Baker and Mrs. W. R. Hinson as hostesses. After the singing of "The Bells of St. Mary's" the collect was repeated. Two new members were added.

Mrs. Baker made a garden report. Mrs. Fred T. Langford, home agent, gave a demonstration on the care and finishing of old and new floors.

Congaled fruit salad, cookies, salted nuts and a drink were served in a social period. There were four visitors.

## JOHN HENRY FRIZZELLE

John Henry Frizzelle, 73, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. A. Taylor, of near Farmville, early Tuesday morning following a long illness.

Funeral services were held from the late home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. L. B. Manning, Free Will Baptist minister, of Fountain. Interment was in the May cemetery near Maury.

Surviving are three sons: Earl of Snow Hill, RFD; Robert, of Lizzie, and James, of Greenville; two daughters, Mrs. F. A. Taylor, Farmville, RFD, and Mrs. W. W. Walker, Farmville; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Braxton, Snow Hill, RFD, and Mrs. Charles Craft, Grifton.

## Orders Received From First Veterans

Governmental orders for the Farmville veterans again turned up last Saturday but they were entirely different from the type of order by which they were drafted for military service before the closing of World War II. These were the numbers of the houses which the veterans are obtaining through the government from Alexander Park, Portsmouth, Va. The local ex-servicemen, assigned a block of 15, placed their numbers in a hat and let the luck of the draw make the final assignment.

Farmville's original allotment of 15 houses was increased to 17 at the request of the housing corporation formed to complete the procurement of the pre-fabricated houses. Orders for the two additional homes have been placed but no word has as yet been received from Atlanta designating the numbers of the other two units.

Inclement weather has prevented veterans from laying the foundations for their new homes but it is anticipated that within the next two weeks the first of the houses will be moved.

## Bonner Reports On Trip To Panama

### First District Representative Completes Inspection Of Panama And Finds Conditions Have Been Over-emphasized

Activities of Communists and other subversive groups in the Panama Canal Zone are not nearly as great as has been pictured by defense alarmists and are considerably less extensive than in New York City and Southern California, Rep. Herbert C. Bonner, who represents his district in Congress, reported on his return recently from a three-week cruise to Panama.

While Bonner's trip was made as a member of a 10-man delegation of the House Merchant Marine Committee, he made a separate survey of subversive conditions as a representative of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

"I talked with intelligence agents of the Army, Navy and Panamanian government," said Bonner, "and I think operations of subversive or disloyal groups have been kept well under control."

Bonner declared that the Panama trip emphatically was not a "pleasure junket" as some press reports have indicated. "We were busy with inspections or hearings from early morning until late in the day every day we were in Panama," he said, "and most of the time we had lectures at night on various phases of canal operation."

"The committee is charged with partial responsibility for canal defense planning as well as operation and administration of the canal proper. We planned the trip during the Easter recess when there was little or no activity in the House. We worked harder than we would have if we had stayed in Washington."

Bonner said that his wife's expenses on the trip ran to about \$162, some \$89 of which went for a round-trip fare on the government owned and operated ship, "Panama." He said that committee members' wives were given the same passenger rate offered to Panama Canal Zone government workers.

During their stay in Panama, the congressmen studied models of the three principal recommended methods of improving the canal for future use.

The lowest estimated cost for improvements runs to between 200 to 400 million dollars, and the top estimate is approximately two billion dollars, according to Bonner.

"There is no doubt but that some of our bigger fighting ships can get through the canal only with difficulty," he said, "and that, for defense reasons alone, the canal should be improved. The big question for the United States to figure out is—'just what improvements would be practical and economically feasible in view of possible effects and damages of war in an atomic age.'"

The special commission studying Panama Canal improvements and defense is scheduled to make its report this summer, Bonner said.

## TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC WILL BE HELD IN WINTERVILLE

The county health officer, Dr. J. M. Barrett, announced that a free tuberculosis clinic will be held in the office of Dr. A. M. Mansford, of Winterville, Friday, April 18, from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The clinic will be conducted by Dr. Mansford, patients, both white and colored, are invited to attend the clinic. It is held on the regular monthly basis. The county health officer is Dr. J. M. Barrett.

## JEFFERSON DAY DINNER TO BE BROADCAST SATURDAY

North Carolina's Jackson Day Dinner, the annual dinner meeting of the State Democratic Party, will be held in Raleigh, Saturday, April 17, and will be broadcast on the radio.

## Drive For Cancer Control Begins Next Week

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Visitors included Mrs. Edgar Barrett, Mrs. Lynn Eason, Mrs. John Flora, Mrs. J. M. Lee, Ester Basten, Ethel Flora and Sam Joyner. Edgar Barrett was the guest of P. A. Williams; Wilbur Rollins was the guest of his father, Bill Rollins; Lester Turnage was the guest of Jesse Moyer.

## New Construction Firm Due Credit For Spurt In Building

### Mercer Brothers' Decision To Locate Here Aided Farmville's Development

The large amount of construction work now underway in Farmville, as contrasted with practically none nine months ago, is partially due to J. D. and W. H. Mercer, contractor-brothers who in February were persuaded to locate here and have a part in the town's development. Their decision to locate here removed one of the obstacles standing in the way of new construction, the fact that Farmville did not have a contractor of its own.

Encouraged by the Chamber of Commerce to come here, the Mercers' primary difficulty is not lack of work but a lack of capable labor with which to meet all the demands made upon them. They have undertaken construction costing approximately \$65,000 and have in sight—jobs they are fairly certain of getting if proposed buildings are constructed—at least \$50,000 more. Not all of their work has been in Farmville.

One of the largest single jobs is the double-storey they are building on South Main street for Sam Zellner, a New Yorker. Several residences are under construction, one of the most recent being that of Mrs. Frances Allen on Barrett street.

Farmville's current building spurt isn't limited to activities of the Mercer company. A tobacco factory is being added by the A. C. Monk Company. It involves an outlay of \$10,000. C. C. Bell has been issued a building permit for the construction of a \$40,000 warehouse adjacent to the warehouse he constructed last summer.

## District Commander Marr Installs New VFW Officers Here

### Report On Walking Blood Bank Is Given By Robert P. Wheelless And Rom Webber; Town, School Officials Thanked

When District Commander Hugh K. Marr of Elizabeth City put in his appearance last Thursday night, members of the Burnette-Rouse Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, once and for all disavowed their belief in the old saying, "What happens twice, happens thrice." On two previous occasions, the district commander, who made a special visit to install new officers for the period ending March 31, 1948, had been forced to forego the pleasure of meeting with the Farmville veterans due to last-minute difficulties.

A report of the walking blood bank, instituted by the post late in March, was given by the chairman of the committee, Robert P. Wheelless, and Rom Webber. They told the members that cards would be distributed this week. After these cards have been completed and returned to the post surgeon, the Burnette-Rouse Post will be in position to donate blood to patients who need it. The organization asks, however, that post members not be called upon for blood unless member of immediate families and nearest relatives do not have the same type of blood as the patient and are unable to give it.

When these sources fail, the bank offers its services without charge. The Greenville post is exchanging information with the local group, thus expanding the scope of the work of the two blood banks.

The post voted to meet the second and fourth Thursday nights in the Red Men's hall over Turwell street. Applications were received from seven new members, increasing membership to 33.

A vote of appreciation was extended to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners for their cooperation in the dinner which the boys are sponsoring tonight, and to Principal J. H. Moore of the Farmville high school for allowing them the use of the gymnasium.

## SUBMARINE WILL TAKE PART IN FESTIVAL

Charleston, S. C., April 18—Today, on the 47th anniversary of the submarine service in the United States Navy, announcement was made that the Sixth Naval District headquarters at the USS Trumpetfish, the Navy's latest submarine, will visit Charleston for the festival.

From the far reaches of the Harbor, and making a long journey, the submarine has been made available for the festival.

These were nominated by a committee appointed by the president. Results of the balloting will be announced Friday, April 25, at the annual banquet in the high school lunch room. Principal speaker will be R. B. House, dean of the University of North Carolina. Nominees and firms they represent are: R. R. Newton, Jr., City Drug Co.; Chester Outland, Keap Barber Shop; John Parker, R. A. Parker Motor Co.; C. L. Langley, Langley Jewelry; Ernest Petteway, Belk-Tyler Co.; Nassif Cannon, N. Cannon Dept. Store; Maynard Thorne; Farmville Furniture Co.; Jim Hockaday, Rouse Printery; Jack Freedman, The 97 Store; Dr. Chuck Fitzgerald, the professional man; Arch Flanagan, Freeser Locker; Bill Fisher, Ross's Store; Bernice Turnage, The Turnage Co.; Louis Williams, Williams Grocery; Lum Wooten, Wooten Oil Co.; Billy Smith, Southern Supply Co.; Bill Rollins, Rollins Cleaners; Bill Garner, Garner Furniture Company.

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## 18 Nominated For Directors Of Local Chamber Commerce

### Names Submitted To Members Who Will Pick Nine For Governing Board; Results Will Be Announced April 25

Eighteen local business and professional men have been nominated for membership on the Board of Directors of Farmville's Chamber of Commerce and their names are being submitted to members who are asked to name their choices and return the post card ballots to Sam D. Bundy, secretary, not later than Monday, April 21. The nine who receive the largest number of votes will serve with the outgoing president, on the Board of Directors. A president and vice-president will be named from this group.

Nominations are not limited to the names already submitted and members are advised to write in the names of their choices if they are not included in the list of nominees.

"No one is safe from cancer. Education, research and service can combat this disease and can force the death rate of three people every minute much lower."

"Cancer control costs money. Cancer costs lives. Which would you rather give?"

## Schools Hold Music Festival At Ayden

The Second Annual Music Festival of the Pitt county schools was held in the auditorium of Ayden high school Friday evening. Approximately 500 children from 10 of the county's schools participated in the elementary and high school choruses. The entire elementary group, singing one number, was directed by Miss Martha Cammack, E. C. T. C. The entire high school group, singing one number, was directed by Dan Von Holt, of E. C. T. C.

Following the program, the Ayden high school parents and guests were social in the gymnasium.

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These were among the first to be struck off and as soon as others received they will be mailed to veterans in the state.

## JAM BUNDY GUEST SPEAKER AT TURKHAM AND WINTERVILLE

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