



TOBACCO Market Opening



Monday, Aug. 25th - Everything In Readiness

SCHOOL PATRONS INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING AUG. 27

The Farmville School will open for the 1947-48 session on Wednesday, August 27th, at 9:00 a. m. and will remain in session until noon, and it is possible a shortened session will be maintained for the first few days, but announcement will be made on the opening day. Chapel exercises will be held at 9:15 a. m. on the opening day and parents and the general public are cordially invited.

The building and grounds are being placed in order for use and it is expected that everything will be in readiness by the opening date. New blackboards have been installed in all rooms of the main building, the entrances have been painted, the lunchroom floor has been painted and other minor repairs have been made, among them being the screening of the Home Economics cottage and the principal's office.

The agriculture department has been re-opened and E. P. Bass, the instructor, has been busy getting things in readiness for this department. New equipment has been added to the science department, and some new equipment has been received for the lunchroom. Sam D. Bundy, the new superintendent, states that a new 16mm. sound projector will be purchased soon after the opening of school for the purpose of showing educational films in all grades of the school. A library of films is being purchased for the county and all schools will have access to these films in addition to others that may be secured from other sources. Mr. Bundy states that other additions of new equipment are being contemplated and will be announced at the proper time.

Basal texts for the elementary school will again be furnished free by the state and high school texts and workbooks will be sold as heretofore by Dupree's department store. Announcement of the charges on supplies fees, commercial fees, and others will be made on the first day of school.

Supt. Bundy states that Farmville is very fortunate in securing the calibre of teachers that will comprise the teaching personnel here this year. There has been a 50 per cent turn-over in the teaching personnel and of the 12 new teachers only two have had no previous teaching experience. The main difficulty here has been to secure living accommodations for teachers after they have been employed.

The complete roster of teachers is as follows: Sam D. Bundy, superintendent, Farmville; Mrs. Evelyn Joyner, English, Farmville; Miss Margaret Lee Duke, Spanish-English, Greenville; Mrs. Lucille Wheeler, science, Farmville; Miss Ruth Parker, home economics, Fountain; Miss Nan Little, commercial - Winterville; John Dunn, mathematics, Pinetops; John Louis Johnson, history and athletics, Raleigh; E. P. Bass, agriculture, Farmville; Miss Ruth Spier, eighth grade, Tarboro; Miss Grace Whitehurst, eighth grade, Conover; Mrs. J. E. Rynn, seventh grade, Farmville; Mrs. L. P. Thomas, seventh grade, Farmville; Miss Anna Jones, Raleigh; and Mrs. W. E. Joyner, Farmville, sixth grade; Miss Edna Robinson, 14th, and Miss Hazel Baker, Snow Hill, fifth grade; Mrs. Joe Ratchelor, Farmville, and Miss Harjoie Freeman, Kinston, fourth grade; Miss Mariah Thompson, Stanfordsville, and Miss Lola Hardy, La Grange, third grade; Miss Lillian Herring, Mount Olive, second grade; Miss Margaret Lewis, Greenville, and Miss Abigail Barber, Come, first grade; Mrs. Maywood Smith, Snow Hill, Farmville.

Children attending school for the first time will be six boys of age six to seven.

Rooms Needed

Several more rooms are needed for teachers and tobaccoists who have not yet been able to find satisfactory living quarters. Farmville home-owners with rooms to rent are requested to call the chamber of commerce office, number 4900, and list the rooms they have.

Committees Named For Annual Kiwanis Carnival, Sept. 19-20

Bernice Turnage, general chairman of the Kiwanis Carnival scheduled for Sept. 19-20, has announced the appointment of the following committees:

Square dance: Charles Edwards, Roderick Harris, Howard Moyer.

Publicity: Jim Hockaday, Louis Williams.

Solicitation: Alex Allen, Jack Lewis, John Parker, Bill Garner.

Lights and power: Dave Harris, Charles Quinley.

Erection of booths: Grady Gilchrist, Emerson Smith, Billy Smith, Larry Taylor.

Booth assignments - minstrel: Sam Bundy, Frank Allen, Jake Fields, Seth Barrow, Frank Harris; novelty stand: Earle Holmes, Jim Joyner; hot-dog stand: Zeb Whitehurst, Henry Johnson; pony ride: Ben Lewis, Charles Quinley; archery: Z. Cox, Bob Wheeler; drink stand: John D. Dixon, Carol Modlin; ring-a-prize, Ted Albritton, Alton Bobbitt; darts: Jack Lewis, R. C. Copenhaver; weight guessing: Bob Plegg; ice cream, candy, etc.: Ernest Clegg; Carl Hicks; bingo: Hubert Joyner, Doc Gregg, Fred Satterthwaite, Jim Hockaday; auction: Edgar Barrett, Louis Williams; grab bag: Emerson Smith, John Parker; ball pitch: Sam Lewis, Alex Allen; penny pitch: Louis Allen; bowling: Ernest Petteway, George Doe; train ride: Bernice Turnage, Doc Williams, Bill Garner, Grady Gilchrist.

Two From Farmville Get Master's Degrees

Among the 53 students scheduled to be graduated at East Carolina Teachers college today are two from Farmville: Ellen Lewis Carroll and Dorothy Hope Lewis.

All but two of this summer graduates are North Carolinians. Twelve are candidates for the masters degree; 10 for the B. S. degree; and 11 for the A. B. degree, which is conferred upon those taking part in teacher-training. Of the total seven are men, and the others are women.

Principal speaker of the exercises will be Dr. J. D. Messick, president-elect of East Carolina college, who will speak on the topic, "Our Part in the New World Order." Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, who has resigned his office as president of the college, effective September 1, will preside and confer the degrees.

Mrs. Carroll and Miss Lewis are candidates for the masters degree.

Crop Reporting Service Raises Estimates on N. C. Tobacco

North Carolina's fine-cured tobacco was estimated at 881,095,000 pounds as of August 1, an increase of sixteen million pounds over July 1 proposals, the Federal Crop Reporting Service of the State Department of Agriculture reported.

Considerable improvement was made by the fine-cured crop during July, especially in the Foster Belt of the Eastern Piedmont. Producers, however, were not as bright in the Old and Middle Belts as they were in July.

The total fine-cured tobacco crop is estimated at 11,360,000 pounds from 1946 to 1947.

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Policeman Hurt, Negro Killed In Affray Saturday

Web Vines, Jr., Shot By Officers Gregory and Fields After They were Attacked; Coroner's Jury To Hold Investigation

Policeman J. A. Gregory, veteran of several years' service with Farmville's police department, may lose the sight of one eye as the result of an affray Saturday night in the southern section of town, in which Web Vines, Jr., Negro was shot and killed when he launched an attack on Officers Gregory and R. B. Fields.

Reports from the Wilson hospital to which Gregory was taken state that another week or 10 days will be required before it can be determined whether he will lose the eye, into which was embedded shattered bits of glass from his spectacles when he was struck and knocked down by the Negro. Gregory expects to return from the hospital tomorrow.

According to reports, the two officers were riding through the colored section of town shortly after midnight, in the patrol car. As they halted in front of a group milling around and making more noise than was necessary in the middle of the night, one of the crowd warned that "the law is here." Vines is reported to have expressed his contempt for the officers in profane terms, smashed Gregory in the eye when he stepped from the car, knocked him down, and was over him, evidently trying to get the pistol. Fields then joined Gregory and the shooting occurred when Vines rushed toward Fields. Both officers fired several times, five of the shots finding their mark in the body of Vines who took several steps before keeling over.

An inquest will be held as soon as Gregory's condition permits. Empowered for duty on the coroner's jury are Cotton Davis, Billy Martin, Eddie Caraway, R. D. Rouse, R. J. Joyner and A. J. Flanagan.

Vacation Days Over

(By Mrs. Herma Baker, Principal, Fountain School)

Vacation days are over for the Fountain boys and girls. On Wednesday, Aug. 27, the children and teachers resume their work.

During the summer the agriculture building has been renovated, thus assuring the children a modern lunch room. Mrs. Martha Bundy and Mrs. Mildred Norville will again prepare and serve the meals.

The faculty for 1947-48 is composed of Mrs. Kona Lee Walker, Fountain, first grade; Miss Muriel Day, Orient, second grade; Mrs. Emily Mercer, Fountain, third grade; Mrs. Mary D. Horton, Fountain, fourth grade; Mrs. Geneva Phillips, Maclefield, fifth grade; Mrs. Glendon Smith, Fountain, sixth grade; Mrs. Herman Baker, Farmville, seventh grade and principal; and Mrs. Laura H. Tanner, Farmville, eighth grade. Mrs. Carlos Walton, Walstonburg, piano, and Mrs. Mary B. Fountain, Fountain, public school music.

With the transportation system somewhat improved and in view of the capable faculty, we are anticipating a banner year in the Fountain school.

Football Candidates Will Report Monday

Captain John L. Johnson, who will direct Farmville's athletic program this year, has called for initial football practice on Monday, Aug. 25, at 8 o'clock. All those interested are requested to report to Coach Johnson at the high school gymnasium at the time designated.

Last Wednesday Off

At The Rotary Club

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, who for the past four years has been a member of the Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives, spoke on Communism Tuesday night at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club. After citing the evils of Communism and its development in Russia, Mr. Bonner said, "I do not fear Communism at home. We have too much to offer, once the two systems are placed side by side." Congressman Bonner was the guest of Joe Rasberry, by whom he was introduced.

Congressman Bonner drew the attendance prize. Guests and visitors were: Henry Johnson, Alex Allen, Dr. Edwin Rasberry, Bill Rasberry, Marvin Swartz.

D. A. R. Dedication Of Chapter House Set For Early Fall

With additional gifts and substantial donations reported by committees of the Major Benjamin May Chapter, D. A. R., an immediate result of their work during the summer months for completion of the memorial plaque and dedication of the magnificent chapter house, comes assurance of the event being held in the fall, at which time descendants of pioneer families will meet here to celebrate the perpetuation of the memory of the distinguished men and women, who laid an enduring foundation for noble citizenship in Eastern North Carolina.

Announcement of the date and program for the dedicatory ceremonies, which will mark this as a day long to be remembered in the future annals of Farmville, will be made soon.

The bronze memorial plaque which is to be cast next month, and the historical volume, to be compiled, which will contain sketches of all the families memorialized in the building, will be given a significant place in the dedication program not only as a means of perpetuating their services to the State but as an incentive for future generations.

Since 1926, when the ideal of a cultural and social center of discriminating taste and grace had its inception in the minds of the regent and members of the chapter, it has been their earnest desire to make the chapter house a shrine and sanctuary and to have it stand out in Eastern North Carolina as a beautiful and living memorial to its progressive citizenship.

It has been gratifying indeed to the local Daughters to find a ready response and appreciation for their efforts to hold these citizens before the youth of the land as examples worthy of emulation and to establish in this section a center of symbolic beauty and historical value.

In this connection the words of Winston Churchill, who gave the last full measure of his strength to bring a victory in the recent struggle to insure for posterity the ideals of their forefathers, is brought to mind: "Let all of us remember that we are on the stage of history and that whatever our station may be, great or small, our conduct is liable to be scrutinized not only by history but by our own descendants. Let us rise to the full level of our duty and of our opportunity and let us thank God for the spiritual rewards He has granted for all forms of valiant and faithful service." Address at Harvard, on receiving honorary degree, September 6, 1943.

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Farmville, Eastern Belt's Second Highest Market In 1946, All Set To Capture First Place

Former Army Pilot Succeeds Bundy As Sales Supervisor

Oscar P. Hoffman Takes Over Work As Executive Secretary Of Chamber Of Commerce And Supervisor Of Tobacco Market

Oscar P. Hoffman, former Army Air Force pilot who has been making his home in Selma, has been appointed executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and sales supervisor of the Tobacco Board of Trade, succeeding Sam D. Bundy, who is rounding out 15 months of efficient service with the organization and is taking over as superintendent of Farmville schools.

Mr. Hoffman comes to Farmville with excellent recommendations. He is living at Hotel Davis until suitable quarters are obtained for his wife and their two children.

Prior to his entry into the service, he was employed by Schenley Distillers Corporation, in New Orleans. He first served as private secretary for the southern regional director, later being promoted to the sales department and traveling the entire state of Louisiana. During this period, he was active with the Junior Chamber of Commerce work in New Orleans, particularly in promoting the Civitan Pilot Training Program.

He also worked with the Ford Motor Company. He terminated this employment in order to go on Civilian Submarine Patrol on the Louisiana Coast with the Civil Air Patrol and later entered the Army as pilot.

Local VFW Sponsors Carnival Next Week

In its efforts to raise funds for a building to be constructed in the near future, the Burnetts-Rouse post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is sponsoring a carnival here all next week, featuring W. C. Kniss shows.

The way to the exposition grounds will be lighted by a powerful searchlight.

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At The Kiwanis Club

Farmville Kiwanians reached over into the ranks of the Rotarians Monday night and drafted an able speaker in the person of Irvin Morgan, Jr., who rolled three speeches into one and gave his listeners interesting lessons in humor, agriculture and geography.

Irvin read several jokes from current periodicals, showing the trend of modern humor, told of a corn-growing experiment in an adjacent county on which the owners hoped to raise 800 bushels on a measured acre, thereby setting a new record, and gave an account of a trip he took several years ago into countries "south of the border." He appeared on the program at the invitation of Alton Bobbitt, who was unable to be present and for whom Louis Allen substituted. In introducing the speaker.

President Alex Allen, Vice President Louis Williams and Secretary John Parker were named as delegates to the district convention in Columbia, S. C., in October. Alternates elected were Frank Allen, Henry Johnson and Jim Hockaday.

Policemen Prepare For Congested Traffic

Speed Limit On Two Blocks Of Horse Avenue By Monk's Factory Cut To 20 Miles An Hour

In anticipation of the tremendous increase in the number of automobiles and trucks which will be using Farmville's streets during the marketing season, Chief of Police Lloyd T. Lucas and members of his department have laid off parking lanes in the warehouse area and designated driveways with yellow paint. A request that the laws of safety be adhered to is made by Chief Lucas, who offers the wholehearted cooperation of his department to insure a smooth, orderly flow of traffic on local streets.

The two blocks on West Horse Avenue by A. C. Monk's factory have been designated as business areas, a move which automatically cuts the speed in that area to 20 miles per hour. The speed laws will be enforced.

Mr. Gayle With Printery 30 Years

August is the month of many anniversaries, one of the most important, insofar as The Rouse Printery is concerned, is Aug. 14, the date on which Charles B. Gayle first came to Farmville and accepted employment with The Rouse Printery. It was 30 years ago that he cast his lot with The Printery; ever since, he has been an important part of its operations, taking the hard knocks as they came, making the best of them without a single complaint. His loyalty has been unquestioned; his help, unflinching. Frankly, without him the going would have been tougher, much tougher.

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Royal Welcome Awaits Visitors On Opening; Offerings In First Few Days Expected To Be Light; 5 Warehouses Bid For Leaf

Fervent activity of the past few weeks, unmistakable harbingers of another tobacco marketing season, will reach a climax Monday morning when sales are started on Farmville's five warehouse floors.

As has been the custom in the past, the selling time on opening day will be divided between the operating firms.

Due to the lateness of the crop and the slowness in getting the leaf in order, offerings during opening week are expected to be light.

The current trend, established on Border markets, of averages in the mid-forties, is expected to be continued here. Farmville hopes to better its records of more than 31 million pounds sold in 1946, but has no idea of reaching the average, about \$53.00, maintained last year.

Farmville's 1946 record, the second best in the belt, isn't good enough for the town's warehousemen and business people, who don't relish the idea of playing second fiddle.

Auctioneering of tobacco moves into the third five-cured type this year when the 15 markets in the Eastern North Carolina five-cured belt begin sales Monday, August 25. According to the U. S. Crop Reporting Board, indications as of August 1 pointed to the second largest crop on record in the area, with production expected to fall slightly under last year's all-time high. The board forecast an output of 460,870,000 pounds, or only around 3 1/3 million pounds less than the 1946 crop. Total five-cured production was placed at 1,295,865,000 pounds, which would be approximately 4% below last year's harvest. The United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture report that producers' sales in the Eastern North Carolina belt the prior year totaled 433,766,000 pounds.

This year's crop was produced under rather unusual growing conditions. Cool and dry weather prevailed during the normal planting season in May and delayed transplanting two to three weeks. A great amount of resetting was necessary resulting in a large percentage of fields containing plants with great variation in age and size. Weather conditions in July were very favorable to growing and this brought about much improvement to the crop. It appears that the crop will be somewhat light in weight and a good quality of cigarette tobacco.

The belt is scheduled to open with a 4-hour sales day, but when the Middle Belt opens on September 15 will revert to 3 1/2 hours. The selling rate will be 400 baskets per hour for each set of buyers and the maximum weight of each basket will be 250 pounds. At the request of the Fine-cured Tobacco Marketing Committee and the Bright Belt Tobacco Warehousemen's Association, U. S. Department of Agriculture inspectors will count the number of baskets sold each day. The number of baskets to be sold is determined by the Marketing Committee.

Commodity Credit Corporation loans will be attainable this year through the Fine-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation. Loans will be made available at tobacco warehouses to all Fine-cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation members who are cooperating under the marketing quota program. The grade price loan rates for five-cured tobacco average 40 cents per pound, which is 90 per cent of the June 15 parity price. For unseed tobacco the loan rate is 40 cents per pound for the tobacco of the same grade. Receipts by the Stabilization Corporation last year in Eastern North Carolina amounted to only slightly over three million pounds, or less than 1% of sales in the belt.

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