

DELAYED BY BAD WEATHER, SANTA CLAUS WILL APPEAR ON FARMVILLE STREETS TODAY

Inclement weather Wednesday forced cancellation of Santa Claus' scheduled visit to Farmville but the Chamber of Commerce committee which invited the good old fellow has been assured that he will make his appearance on Farmville streets this afternoon (Friday) at 5 o'clock.

At The Rotary Club

Milton Eason had charge of the program at the Rotary club and presented his guest, H. A. Fisher of Wilson, who was speaker of the evening.

EASTERN BELT ENDS SEASON WITH AVERAGE OF \$43.02

Small volume and lower prices prevailed on the Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets during the final week of the 1947 season, report the United States and the North Carolina Departments of Agriculture.

A AND B DRIVERS URGED TO TAKE RE-EXAMINATION PRIOR TO JAN. 1

Persons whose last names begin with A or B have only 17 days left in which to renew their driving licenses without fear of penalty.

DANIEL LEROY DAIL

Daniel Leroy Dail, Jr., 30, of Kingston died Wednesday morning in a Rocky Mount hospital. Funeral services were held at the home of his mother, Mrs. Layne H. Dail, in Farmville, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. E. R. Clegg, Farmville Methodist minister, officiating.

ATTENDING FARM BUREAU CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

Mrs. Sarah Meadows, R-1, Ayden, John W. Worthington, Robert Nethercutt, R-1, Snow Hill, and Mrs. Emma G. Kearney, R-9, Snow Hill, have submitted soil samples for an analysis to be made of certain fields on their farms for a fertilizer and lime recommendation for crops that will be planted in these fields in 1948.

ATTEND OPERA

Attending Monday night's performance of "The Student Prince," an opera in which Miss Rosemary Holmes of Raleigh, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Holmes, took one of the leading roles, were Rev. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wilkerson, Misses Betty Rose and Doris Wilkerson, Jean Baker, Lola Day Kemp, Selma Tucker and Faye Corbett, and Maynard and James Jones, Sidney Greenway, Beulah Jones, Everett Corbett and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Redberry.

Scouters Complete Training Course

Ed Nash Warren and Charles Corbett, who have been directing activities of the Farmville Boy Scouts, were among the 15 or more who completed the training course in Greenville, S. C., last week.

Junior Chamber To Perfect Organization At Dinner Tonight

Election of Permanent Officers Will Follow Report of Nominating Committee; Charter Will Also Be Presented

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, Farmville's newest civic group and one which, if properly supported, can be of paramount importance to the town, will complete its organization tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock at a dinner in the Royal Grill.

Permanent officers will be elected following the report of the nominating committee, the membership of which was picked at a meeting Thursday night in the town hall. Serving on this important committee are Dr. Frank Harris, Chester Outland, Joe D. Joyner, John Turner Walston and Vaasar Fields. W. T. (Bill) Cantler is serving as temporary president and Emerson Smith as temporary secretary-treasurer.

The constitution and by-laws were adopted at the meeting last Thursday night; tonight the charter will be presented.

Sponsors of the organization are anxious to have all of the town's civic-minded young men in the 21-35 age bracket as members of the Junior Chamber, which already has the blessing and the sanction of the senior group's board of directors. Dues for the first quarter, \$7.50, are now payable to Secretary-Treasurer Smith.

The need for a wide-awake organization of this type has been keenly felt here and its members are looking forward to rendering a distinct service. Emphasis has been placed on the fact that the group will be a stagnant, useless one, though, unless those joining are willing to shoulder their share of the responsibilities and enter enthusiastically into projects and activities.

An example of whole-hearted cooperation can be seen in a scrap paper campaign conducted by Wilson Jaycees. The group netted \$8500, after the paper collected had been tracked to Roanoke Rapids and sold.

GIRL SCOUTS

An informal discussion about the Freedom Train and its contents was participated in by the Brownies at their meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Each member was asked to bring Christmas ornaments or trimmings which will be used to decorate the tree at the Christmas party given by the troop committee composed of Mrs. J. M. Mewborn, Mrs. LeRoy Rollins and Dr. R. T. Williams.

After adjournment the group was invited to the home of the assistant leader, Mrs. J. R. Harris, May Turnage Eason and Barbara Paramore served fruit juice, cookies and candy.

LOCAL BASKETBALL TEAMS WIN TWO FROM CHICAGO

Farmville boys defeated Chicoed December 9 in their second victory of the season. The Farmville boys led at the half by a score of 21-3. The final score was 53-10. Highest scorers for Farmville were Carson Windham and Dan Satterthwaite, each with 10 points. The other players in the Farmville line up played well.

Farmville girls won their second game, on the same night, by defeating Chicoed, 22-16. At the half, Farmville girls were ahead by only two points but they rolled to an easy victory with a fine second half rally. Jean Baker was high scorer for Farmville with 17 points and Faye Corbett had 7. Joyce Corbett and Jean Bynum each scored two points. High scorer for Chicoed was Jones with 8. Mittle Rouse, playing her first game for Farmville, was a stand-out at guard.

U. D. C.

The remembering of each of the 34 ladies at the Confederate Ladies' home in Fayetteville was discussed at the December meeting of the Bebees Winborne chapter of the U. D. C. Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Sidney Carr on the Ayden highway. Widows of Confederate soldiers, the ages of the ladies range from 66 to 92 years.

Mrs. F. M. Davis, Sr., introduced Mrs. Herbert E. Hart who, as guest speaker, discussed the history of stained glass windows.

Red berries, geraniums and silver candles emphasized the Christmas theme, which was carried out in the decorations.

Assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Stacey Worthington and Mrs. John Wilkerson, and by Miss Adelaide Darden, the hostess served ambrosia, cakes, stuffed dates and salted nuts.

Special guests were Mrs. Hart and Miss Elizabeth Davis.

BASEBALL CLUB MEETING

The Farmville Baseball club has called a special meeting concerning the sale of the club in 1948 to be held at Farmville's new Monday evening at 8 o'clock. All players, fans and other interested persons are urged to attend.

Fountain Votes On Bond Issue Tuesday

Citizens of the town of Fountain will vote next Tuesday on a proposal to issue \$4,000 in bonds for the construction of curbing along several blocks of the thriving community. Necessary ordinances were adopted by the town Commissioners early in November and are being placed before the voters for ratification or rejection.

It is stated that the town has been told by the State Highway Commission that a couple of blocks will be paved if curbing is installed.

Activities Of Local Church Organizations

Baptist Mrs. A. B. Tyson, Mrs. Floyd Rouse and Mrs. A. J. Melton were hostesses to the Annie Perkins circle Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Tyson. "World Missions" was the topic of the program given by Mrs. George W. Davis who showed a movie on mission work in the Philippines.

Scripture from Colossians was read by Mrs. Joseph Batchelor, devotional leader.

An offering for the Little Moon mission fund amounting to approximately \$50 was taken. After the regular program, Mrs. Davis showed a film entitled "The Night Before Christmas."

Pecan pies, wafers and coffee were served to 17 members and three visitors, Mrs. G. M. Holden and Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Holmes. Plate decorations were Christmas bells and yuletide decorations were used in the Tyson home.

Mrs. A. B. Moore presided over the December meeting of the Woman's Missionary society Monday afternoon when plans were made to help several people during the Christmas season.

"O Come All Ye Faithful" was used as the opening hymn.

Prior to showing the film, "Go Forth," which dealt with a young man becoming a medical missionary, Mrs. George W. Davis, program chairman, spoke about the topic, "Challenge for Service."

The scripture study was given by Mrs. Lang Davis and Mrs. Manly Liles led in prayer. Miss Mamie Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

The hostesses, Mrs. Ben Lewis and Mrs. Gordon Lee, served sandwiches in star shapes and cakes iced to represent packages. Each plate held a Christmas tree favor.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning, the service will emphasize Universal Bible Sunday, and the sermon subject will be, "The One Book for the One World." The special music will consist of a solo, and anthem.

A Christmas program will be given at the evening hour with pictures and special music. Both the junior and senior choirs will be featured in special numbers. The Junior Choir will appear robed for the first time. Twenty six slides will be projected on the screen to bring the Christmas Story, "Christ is Born."

The stirring beauty of gorgeous scenes and inspiring portrayals cannot be surpassed for impressing the story of Jesus on the mind of young and old." This service will prove a blessing to all who will attend.

Pictures made at the Rally day exercises and during the Book parades were shown to members of Troop 4 Tuesday afternoon at their weekly meeting. Articles to be placed in the friendship kit were compiled and assignments made in regard to the missing articles necessary to complete the kit.

Troups for parts for the radio play to be given in March about the Girl Scouts' birthday were held. Ann Morgan, who presided, presented a gavel to the troop.

Games were played after adjournment.

Ann Pollard will be hostess to the next meeting and present a musical program as a part of her badge work.

MECHANICAL INSPECTION PROGRAM IS EXPLAINED

Arthur T. Moore, director of the Mechanical Inspection Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, is making a series of speeches in North Carolina towns, explaining the new mechanical inspection program, which goes into effect January 1.

A training school for inspectors who will man the State's mechanical inspection lanes is now in progress at Chapel Hill, being conducted by the Institute of Government, and will be completed Friday, December 12.

Moore plans to open inspection lanes in five cities in North Carolina on the first Monday in January, and on the second Monday, he will open lanes in five additional cities. The schedule for inspections over the entire State will be announced at an early date.

Farmville Contributes \$229 To Tuberculosis Xmas Seal Sales

Farmville citizens this year have contributed \$229 to the annual sale of tuberculosis seals, sponsored here by the Literary club, as compared with \$689.50 raised in the community last year.

\$99 came from the bond sale. Bonds are sold in \$5, \$10, \$25 and \$50 denominations and a certificate is issued to the purchaser.

In 1946, tuberculosis killed 38 persons in Pitt county and 1090 in North Carolina. Thousands more had to go to bed with the disease—some to get well; others to die. Ambitions of many young North Carolinians were shattered; homes were broken up; incomes amounting to thousands of dollars were lost, and many other conditions tragic to the individuals as well as to the communities came about as a result of tuberculosis.

Contributing factors to this condition were ignorance, fear and complacency.

Something can be done about tuberculosis if cases are found in the early stages. The free mass X-ray survey to be conducted in Pitt county in 1948 will help to find cases so that treatment can be started.

The 1947 Christmas seal with its pair of oxen is a symbol of teamwork.

Letters received through the mail are returned to Greenville this year so that all records are kept in the Pitt County Tuberculosis Association's office. The totals for each community are posted together—at any time information can be obtained to show the standing of any community.

Seals are not being sold by school children this year. Every one should return his mail seal letter direct to Greenville with his contribution and any seals he is unable to buy.

Any Farmville persons who failed to get seals are urged to get in touch with Miss Tabitha M. DeVisconti, the local chairman.

Farmers Elect Township Committees

Committees who will administer the 1948 farm program in Farmville township were elected Tuesday as growers in this township joined those of other Pitt communities in the selecting their committees and electing a delegate who, in turn, will have a say-so in the election of the county committee.

Jesse Moye, John D. Dixon and F. E. Moore were elected as members of the township committee. Moye was picked as delegate to represent Farmville town in selecting the county committee, now composed of J. V. Taylor, Ben M. Lewis and Jamie L. Wilson.

The farmers voted unanimously in favor of continuing the peanut marketing program.

GREENE FARM NEWS

John Gray, assistant extension forester from State college, assisted M. E. Smith, Jr., Charlotte, in making plans to thin a 20-acre tract of young pines on his farm in Speight's Bridge township on December 1. The stand of trees in this tract is too thick and Mr. Smith is planning to cut the undesirable trees, which have been marked, and sell as pulpwood.

This will leave him a good stand of growing trees for future timber.

Joe Herring, R-3, Snow Hill, had a flock of 160 Buff Orpingtons ranging in age from one year to six years old. Mr. Herring was getting about 20 eggs each day from his flock. This flock of birds was culled and only 86 good hens left, which enables Mr. Herring to save nearly one-half on his feed bill and he is getting as many eggs as before.

CANCER SOCIETY LEADERS HAVE MEETING IN RALEIGH

To launch the most comprehensive attack ever waged against cancer in North Carolina, Mrs. Helene Higgs Kirkpatrick, county commander of the American Cancer Society's Field Army, met with other leaders in the fight from over the state in Raleigh on Friday, December 5.

The group laid plans for a public information program designed to reduce from one-third to one-half the number of deaths from the disease each year.

"The plan calls for the utilization of all resources in the community for disseminating information. Cancer, with its terrific toll, is a community problem. The Pitt county unit of the American Cancer Society proposes to organize a community attack on this killer. The Raleigh meeting might be called a strategy for Field Army Commanders," Mrs. Kirkpatrick declared.

Pitt county is expected to take a leading part in the public information program, which will be coordinated and developed county-by-county throughout the State.

FARMVILLE LEGION POST ADOPTS RESOLUTION ENDORSING WORK PITT COUNTY FAIR DIRECTORS

At The Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanians Monday night were given a "brain-teasing" examination by Jim Hockaday, who had charge of the program, and asked fellow club members to solve such questions as writing 100 with six nines. The answer: 99 99/99.

The meeting Monday night will be turned into an open forum discussion concerning the club's work and the activities. Suggestions will be welcomed from members who have been asked to take the meeting seriously and submit any proposals they think would benefit the club and community.

Items of Interest from Ballard's Crossroads

The Presbyterian Women's auxiliary will meet Friday afternoon, Dec. 12 with Mrs. G. T. Tyson at 2:30.

At the meeting of the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship on Thursday evening it was voted that the young people would give the Christmas program for the church on Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 7 o'clock.

The program on "Good Will" was given by Betty Pearl Joyner.

The meeting closed by a prayer by the Rev. Edwin S. Coates.

Refreshments consisting of candy and coca colas were served by the hostess, Betty Joyner.

The Christmas luncheon of the Ballard's Home Demonstration club was given at the home of Mrs. H. D. Moye on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 12:30 with Mesdames J. R. Gowan, Lloyd Allen, A. J. Garris and G. S. Nichols as assistant hostesses.

The home was beautifully decorated throughout with Christmas evergreens and candles.

The luncheon was served from a beautifully appointed table with the Christmas color scheme being carried out.

During a social hour following the luncheon, gifts were presented to each one present from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

The home agents, Miss Vera Belle Lowrey and Mrs. Fred Langford, were also remembered with gifts from the club.

The gifts were very attractively wrapped and were lovely and useful things made by the club members.

Mrs. Bessie Byrd of Ormondsville was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Larry Worthington, last week.

Dick Stanley and Moses Tyson were Goldsboro visitors last Friday.

Mesdames Annie Flanagan and Mamie Ruth Holloway visited relatives in Farmville Monday.

Elder L. W. Pettis of Charlotte was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan Tyson last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion Moore visited relatives in Hopeville, Va., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harris were Raleigh visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gibson of Ormondsville have returned from a visit to friends in Texas and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hart last week.

The Farmville Post No. 151, American Legion, held its regular monthly meeting Friday night, December 5, in the high school lunch room with Commander Charles Edwards presiding. There were 62 ex-servicemen present. A splendid turkey dinner was enjoyed by all present, after which a financial report of the Pitt County Fair was read, and a check for the Farmville Post's percentage of the profits was presented to the Post.

A splendid musical program was presented by Misses Mildred and Louise Adams of Greenville.

Special guests were Mrs. Charles Edwards, wife of the commander, Rev. E. R. Clegg, minister of the Farmville Methodist church, and Miss Mills of Greenville.

On motion made by R. O. Lang, Jr., and seconded by Leslie F. Yelverton, the following resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote:

Whereas, at the regular monthly meeting of the Farmville Post No. 151, held on Friday night, December 5th, 1947, it was moved by R. O. Lang, Jr., and seconded by L. E. Yelverton and unanimously carried;

That Whereas, an agricultural fair has been operated in Pitt county beginning with the year of 1936, and continuing up to and including the year of 1947, except the year of 1943; and

Whereas, the said Fair was operated or conducted by the Pitt County Agricultural Fair, Inc., which corporation is composed of members of the Greenville Post, via. Pitt County Post number 39, and Farmville Post number 151, of the American Legion, and which Fair after the payment of the expenses of the Fair each year, then allocated or pro-rated to the two posts of the American Legion, the net proceeds, based on the then current year's membership of each Post; and

Whereas, it is the considered opinion of the membership of Farmville Post number 151; that the Pitt County Agricultural Fair, Inc., has at all times been conducted on a high level, with the intent and purpose of the net profits accruing to the benefit of the two American Legion Posts; and that the said Posts have always received their pro rata portion of such net profits;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Farmville Post number 151 that it expresses its confidence in and commends the membership of the Pitt County Agricultural Fair, Inc., for the excellent and honorable manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the said Fair, and duly and justly paid to the two Posts their fair and proper portions of the net proceeds of each Fair conducted by them.

DEADLINE NEARS IN 97 STORE CONTEST

Manager Jack Freedman of the 97 Store again calls attention to the fact, announced two weeks ago in Enterprise, that the contest to find a name for the little man appearing in his series of advertisements ends Saturday, December 20, and winners will be announced in the Christmas week issue of the paper.

\$10 will be awarded the person submitting the best name for the man. Second prize will be \$5 and third, \$2.50. Judges are Sam D. Sundry, Rev. E. R. Clegg and Curtis H. Flanagan. Names become the property of the store; decision of the judges is final.

There's nothing to buy. Manager Freedman says, "Write the name you think best on a piece of paper and carry it to the 97 Store. There's nothing to buy—no tags to save—just submit a name. In event of tie, prize money will be divided."

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Jimmie Pollard entertained eight friends Saturday afternoon in honor of his sixth birthday which occurred December 5. After playing games outdoors, the children were invited into the house where the presents were opened and ice cream and cake were served from the dining table.

The cake bearing lighted candles was used as a centerpiece on the table.

Favors were Christmas boxes of candy.

Kay Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Allen, celebrated her sixth birthday with a party Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

A red and white color scheme was carried out in the cake decoration, ice cream and cake were served with the cake, which was cut after the dual games were enjoyed.

Cake and gifts and presents made were given to Kay.

Mrs. John H. Allen, mother of Kay Allen, who is currently ill at a hospital there.

Kiwanians Give Show At Elizabeth City

The Farmville Kiwanis club's minstrel team—Frank Allen, Frank Gaskin, Jake Fields and Frank Harris—presented the program at the Elizabeth City club's Ladies Night on Tuesday night, December 2.

Charlie Hotchkiss, a former president of the Farmville club, had charge of the program and served as interloper.

HARDYSONS TO CELEBRATE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Friends here received the following invitation this week: "Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hardyson announce to their marriage partners, the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, from five to six o'clock, Snow Hill, North Carolina, December 13, 1947. Mrs. Hardyson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Allen."