

## WEATHER CONTINUES TO HAMPER ACTIVITIES; SECOND BIG SNOW IN EIGHT DAYS FOLLOWED BY RAIN

You can have it!  
I don't want it!  
This snow's much too much for me!

This paraphrase of a popular song fairly well expresses the sentiments of Farmville citizens who within eight days received two snows, both of which were heavier than any this section has experienced since 1927.

They took the first one, which fell the night of January 31, in a holiday spirit. Snows are few and far apart in this community and, on the whole, are welcomed. But the second, on Monday of this week, was most too much. Even the school children, whose delight it is to roam and play in snow, have been heard to growl. Schools have been closed for two weeks and the youngsters are getting home-sick for the class rooms. Unless inclement weather becomes "more inclement," it is anticipated that classes will be resumed Monday morning, both in Pitt and Greene counties.

Serious damage was done to Monk's Warehouse number 1 Tuesday night when drifts of snow that had accumulated during the storms caved in one section of the building. Several automobiles in the warehouse were removed when the building was heard to give way. Only car receiving any damage was a new Studebaker belonging to Jack Yelverton. One brick landed on the car.

Business activities were at a standstill. Mail service was disrupted. Carrier J. H. Bynum on rural route missed making his round on one day by using a jeep. But roads on Henry Tyson's route were almost impassable and he was forced to miss three days.

Ralph Bass, manager of the Paramount theatre, was having his troubles. The tie-up in transportation prevented him from getting his Tuesday films so he continued showing the one presented Sunday and Monday. Few patrons braved the weather to attend.

Fuel oil distributors have been able to meet the demand locally, although some of them state that they are barely able to keep any on hand.

Helping to melt the snow, rain began falling Thursday morning and is rapidly converting the snow into water. Farmville is now keeping its collective fingers crossed lest the rain turn to sleet and ice.

### INDEX OF PRICES, PAID FARMERS DROPS SLIGHTLY

The January 15 index of prices received by North Carolina farmers for all farm products was 278 per cent of the 1909-1914 average, representing a drop of one point from a month earlier but an increase of 18 points above the index a year ago, it was reported by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service.

The light drop in January was attributed primarily to lower prices received for poultry and eggs and burley tobacco. The mid-January burley index at 276 per cent was 35 points below the previous month and 34 points below the index of a year ago. For poultry the mid-January index of prices received was 302 per cent, or 19 points lower than December 15.

Indexes in other commodity groups reflected increases, with meat animals making the sharpest gain by jumping from 863 per cent in December to 879 per cent in January. Other mid-January indexes were: Cotton and cottonseed, 276; grains, 252; dairy products, 244; and miscellaneous farm products, 246 per cent—all higher than a month earlier.

Mid-month average price of many individual products said by Tar Heel farmers made noticeable changes from December to January. Rye at \$2.70 and barley at \$1.95 showed slight losses, while oats at \$1.91 and wheat at \$2.95 showed small gains. Corn at \$2.10 was the same.

### Listing Time

The County Commissioners Monday extended until February 20 the period for Pitt property owners to list for taxes. The listing is supposed to be completed during January but two extensions were granted; the first ended February 7, the second ends two weeks and ends next Friday.

Tax collector Joseph D. Joyner announced that the 19 per cent penalty will be imposed on those who list later than February 20. He added that there are only a few stragglers in every township who have not called attention to the list.

### LATE NEWS

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### Activities Of Local Church Organizations

**Baptist**  
Mrs. E. W. Holmes, assisted by Mrs. H. D. Johnson, led the program, "The Unfinished Task in Our Homeland," at the Woman's Missionary society, Thursday afternoon. The devotional study, "The Always Unfinished Task," based on the 13th and 18th chapters of Joshua, was given by Mrs. G. D. Hathaway.

Each member was urged to attend the World Day of Prayer service Friday afternoon at the Christian church.

The president, Mrs. J. R. Shearin, opened the meeting with theme hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," followed by prayer. Mrs. W. J. Rasberry, closed the meeting with prayer.

The Royal Ambassadors met Friday morning at the home of their adviser, Mrs. H. D. Johnson, with Mark Newton presiding in the absence of the ambassador in chief. Following the business session, Mrs. Johnson spoke on the subject, "As Other Nations See Our Homeland." Sentences prayers were offered for missionaries after which new manuals were distributed.

Adjournment was by prayer. Fruit juice, cake and ham biscuits were served by the hostess.

Officers elected and installed last month were: Dickie Manning, ambassador in chief; Mac Holmes, first assistant; Mark Newton, second assistant; Gerald Davis, recorder; Bill Fisher, scribe; Bobby Joyner, steward; Carroll Wooten, custodian; Gordon Lee, herald; Marion Tripp, Rud Wooten and Wiley Cobb, knightly deeds ambassadors.

"O Zion Haste" was used as the opening hymn at the Y. W. A. meeting Thursday night in the church with Miss Myrtle Nichols presiding. Psalm 33:8-22 was used by Mrs. H. B. Humphrey for the scriptural meditation after which Mrs. Herbert Moore led in prayer.

Focus week, February 8-14, was discussed. Activities planned for the special week have been postponed due to the weather.

"As Other Nations See U. S. A." was the topic developed by Mrs. H. D. Johnson, adviser, for the program.

**Catholic**  
On Ash Wednesday before Mass, ashes were blessed and sprinkled on the heads of those attending the service.

In the evening, under the leadership of Father Loyola O'Leary, the parish made the meditation on the sorrowful journey of Jesus to the hill of Calvary. It is planned to have this service every Friday night in preparation for Easter.

**Christian**  
The Woman's council met in the study of the church Monday afternoon with Miss Elizabeth Moore giving the program and with Mrs. Archie Cayton in charge of the devotional. Discussions on the World Day of Prayer service and the forming of a mission band for the young people were held. The Lord's prayer was used at the beginning of the session and the missionary benediction at the close.

**Methodist**  
The last hundred years of Chinese education, religion, government were traced by Mrs. Herbert Hart Monday afternoon in her review of the first chapters of "Ten Thousand Years," by Richard T. Baker. The early experiences and difficulties of the first missionaries sponsored by the board, Mr. and Mrs. Moses White and J. D. Collins, were discussed.

Opening the meeting was a hymn, "Give of Your Best to the Master." Mrs. Wesley R. Willis conducted the devotional using the scripture, John 13:34-39. Her subject was "That We May Serve as One."

Each member was urged to attend the World Day of Prayer service which is being held at the Christian church Friday afternoon with the society in charge.

In the report of the circles it was stated that each circle had donated to the community youth center and the president, Mrs. B. D. Harris, announced three additional donations from the Episcopal altar guild, the Junior Women's club and the Methodist Wesleyan guild.

To close the meeting Mrs. T. Ell Joyner, Jr., read resolutions for the new year pertaining to the building of a better community and a better world. This was followed by silent prayer.

### Contract For REA Lines Is Awarded To Virginia Firm

Bid Finally Approved By Washington Officials In Just 3202 Less Than Bid Rejected In November

A contract for republishing present rural electrification lines of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation and installing new ones has been awarded the McKinley Construction Company, of Arlington, Va., at the stipulated price of \$63,908.25. Bids were opened January 8.

The Virginia firm's bid was \$239 less than the bid it submitted at the original letting in November and which was rejected by officials in Washington as being "out of line" with prices for similar construction work in other sections of the nation. Three town and REA officials—Secretary Seth Barrow, Office Manager Cleveland Taylor and Attorney John B. Lewis—made a special trip to Washington in November in an attempt to have the first bid approved so construction work could be started without delay.

A staking crew from the engineering firm of B. O. Vannort of Charlotte has been located here to help with the work. The construction company, likewise, has opened offices in the Bank of Farmville building.

One of the factors which will determine how soon additional construction can be added to the circuit is the completion date of the work at the municipal power plant which now is getting a new engine and equipment that will greatly increase the plant's capacity.

### Christian Church Plans Series Of Special Services

A series of special services has been scheduled for next week by the Farmville Christian Church in observance of the Week of Stewardship. These services will be held at 7:30 each night, beginning Sunday, and will be climaxed with a fellowship supper Wednesday night in the high school lunchroom.

Rev. Thomas P. Inabinet of Wilson, director of Religious Education for North Carolina, will speak on Sunday. Rev. Cecil A. Jarman, pastor of the Wilson Christian Church, will have charge of the Monday night service. Rev. W. H. Brunson of Ayden will speak on Tuesday night and Rev. Glen Haney of Greenville will have charge of the final service, Wednesday night.

A cordial invitation is extended by the church for the public to attend these services.

### WALSTONBURG ... NEWS ...

Mrs. W. A. Marlowe spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. T. V. Head, III, in Florence, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Hicks are spending a few days this week in Charlotte and Rockingham.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. S. Dixon visited their daughter, Mrs. Tom Vinson, in Clayton last Sunday.

Miss Clara Jenkins spent the week end at her home near Fairmont.

Mrs. J. H. Wheeler and Mrs. Myrtle Beaman visited Mr. J. H. Wheeler, who is ill in a Nashville hospital, last Saturday.

Charles Shirley of Wilson spent the week end with friends here.

Miss Doris Wheeler spent the week end with Miss Ole Grace Gardner at Atlantic Christian college, Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whitley have returned after an extended visit with Mrs. Whitley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whitesides, of Shelby.

William Whitley of Winston-Salem and Luther Whitley of Chapel Hill spent the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitley.

Mrs. J. V. Parker and little son, David, of Raleigh are spending some time here with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bailey, before joining Mr. Parker in Charlotte where they will make their new home.

Mrs. W. E. Lang visited relatives in Fountain last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Willoughby and son, Ben Cobb, of Snow Hill spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ray West, Jr.

passed. The table was spread with a white cloth and was centered with a heart flanked by tapers. Valentines were pinned to the sides of the cloth.

Mrs. Ernest Guthrie was welcomed as a new member and Mrs. Carl Tanner as a visitor.

### Presbyterian

Mrs. C. O. Joyner was hostess to Circle I in her home Monday afternoon. Mrs. G. R. Smith gave the program and Mrs. J. M. Hobbins, the Bible study, both of which were based on the topic, "Have I Got What It Takes?"

### Farmville Woman Elected Officer Of Farm Bureau

(Contributed)

The Associated Women of the North Carolina Farm Bureau opened its sixth annual session in the main ball room of the Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville on Sunday night, Feb. 1, at 8:30, with a most impressive vespers service with Mrs. B. B. Everett, chairman, presiding. The theme, "Lighted Lamps," was evidenced throughout the program. The service was opened amidst candlelight, by congregation singing "Day is Dying in the West," and "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," after which Mrs. Randolph Eagles of Crisp gave an inspiring devotional and Douglas Bolton of Asheville sang the "Lord's Prayer." As Mrs. W. W. Eagles of Crisp paid tribute to those who have departed from the Farm Bureau family, Mrs. Herman Baker of Farmville picked a red rose from the center of a beautiful white arrangement of flowers. After this impressive ceremony, Mrs. L. M. Massey of Zebulon sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

Mrs. Chas. W. Sewell, administrative director, Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, Ill., made some timely remarks, using as her subject "Lighted Lamps." She vividly portrayed the evolution of lamps from the beginning of time to the modern day.

The candlelighting service that followed was beautiful. Mrs. Sewell lighted the candles of the officers of the North Carolina Farm Bureau and they in turn lighted the candles of the people in the audience. As we stood there amidst the glow and beams of these candles Mr. Bolton sang "An Evening Prayer."

Monday morning, the Associated Women convened for the main session with Mrs. Baker presiding. Mrs. E. S. Newton of Walstonburg led in the collect and prayer after which we sang the "American Farm Bureau Spirit." Mrs. B. B. Everett extended a welcome to which Mrs. J. W. Whitfield of Burgaw graciously responded.

Mrs. Baker introduced her by using an appropriate poem on builders. She explained that Mrs. Everett doesn't actually build buildings but she has laid a strong foundation for our Associated Women of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Everett gave a timely and informational address in which she urged the women to keep abreast of the times and become familiar with the Marshall plan and keep up with local, county, state and national affairs.

The nominating committee presented the following list of officers: Mrs. B. B. Everett, Palmyra, chairman; Mrs. Herman Baker, Farmville, 1st vice chairman; Mrs. Luther Kirby, Kenly, 2nd vice chairman; Mrs. H. H. Bullock, Whiteville, secretary; Mrs. Grady Deans, Wilson, assistant secretary; and Mrs. W. W. Eagles, Crisp, Mrs. Ruby Yates, Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Whitfield, Burgaw, and Mrs. P. N. Taylor, Elizabeth City, directors.

The report was unanimously adopted. Mrs. Baker turned the meeting over to the president and we concluded our business session. Mrs. W. W. Eagles read the constitution and it was adopted. Mrs. Baker, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the resolutions which were adopted.

Mrs. Seawell, who attended the Country Women of World's meeting in Holland, brought on a few remarks about conditions there and how women had been rallying to the cause of rebuilding and preserving what they could. She displayed a patchwork apron that she purchased from one of the women. It was made of old material (what we term antiques) from their hope chest which depicts the great spirit of sacrifice and self denial those people are still enduring.

On Tuesday we held our luncheon in the Victory room of the George Vanderbilt hotel. The tables were made very attractive with cut flowers and the place cards (small lamps of green and yellow contributed by Mrs. Baker) made an ideal setting for our last get together.

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### Farmville Soldier Killed Overseas To Be Buried In Calif.

Mass Service Will Be Held For Jesse Gay And 10 Comrades Whose Remains Could Not Be Identified By Army

Mrs. Archie Cayton and Mrs. Mack Abrams, sisters of the late Private Jesse S. Gay, who was killed in an airplane crash in the Far East in May, have been notified that their brother will be buried in California, along with 10 of his comrades, victims of the same crash, whose remains the Army has been unable to individually identify. There were 48 persons killed when the plane went down in the Japan-Korea sector.

Following are portions of the letter from Army officials:

"Please be assured that every effort to individually identify the remains of your brother was made by the Department of the Army. It is sincerely regretted that you must be advised that due to the fact that his remains could not be individually identified, it is not possible for the body to be shipped home for burial. The Department of the Army is cognizant of the fact that relatives derive a measure of comfort and consolation from viewing the remains of their loved ones and interring them at their home.

"Since your brother's remains could not be individually identified and shipped home for burial they are being shipped from the Far East Area to the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California, for burial in the Post Section with the remains of ten of his comrades who lost their lives in the same airplane crash and whose remains could not be individually identified. This office has no definite information concerning the time the remains will arrive.

"When the remains arrive in the United States, the Superintendent, Golden Gate National Cemetery, will schedule funeral services to permit relatives of each decedent included in this group burial to attend and will notify you of the date and time set for the funeral. It is suggested, however, that if relatives of your brother do expect to attend the funeral, you contact the Superintendent at this time and advise him of this fact. His having information prior to arrival of the remains concerning which relatives desire to attend will enable him to comply insofar as is possible with any wishes expressed by each next of kin.

"After interment has been made a specially designed headstone inscribed with the names of all eleven graves will be ordered to mark the grave. This office will be pleased to send you a photograph of the grave when the permanent headstone is placed."

Chairman Pitt County  
Red Cross Honored  
At National Meeting

The Pitt County Chapter, American Red Cross, held its regular executive board meeting on January 22, in the Red Cross office.

John G. Fleming, chairman, called the meeting to order, after which K. T. Futrell, county welfare superintendent, led the group in prayer.

A. G. Stallworth, treasurer, gave a report. Mrs. J. Knott Proctor, chairman, Junior Red Cross, gave a complete report concerning organization of this year's work in Junior Red Cross.

Mrs. Walter Taylor, executive secretary, reported for Mrs. James T. Little, chairman community services to camps and hospitals, that Christine Chen was sent to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune.

Board members were informed by Mrs. Taylor that Mr. Fleming had been appointed to the National Convention in Cleveland to serve on the nominating committee for the 1948 convention for membership on the Board of Governors. Mr. Fleming was one of three men, chosen from the entire Southeastern Area. The other two chosen were from Memphis, Tenn., and Dublin, Ga. Board members recognized this as a signal honor for the chapter chairman and the work done by the Pitt unit.

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## ECONOMISTS VIEW DOWNWARD PRICE TREND AS HEALTHY SIGN AND NOT CAUSE FOR ALARM

### Postponed

Officials of the recently-formed Farmville Junior Chamber of Commerce have announced that the banquet and dance, which were to be the principal events for Christmas Night, will not be held Friday night of this week as planned. The program has been postponed indefinitely, and a new date will be set as soon as weather conditions are more favorable.

The Jaycees will have their regular meeting tonight, however. It will be held at 7 o'clock in the town hall.

### Legion Endorses National Guard; Names Member Fair Board

Commander Charles Edwards Elected Ninth Veteran To Represent Farmville On County Group; Rev. Cox Makes Address

The Rev. Wesley B. T. Cox, whose five years as an Army chaplain included a tour of duty in the European theatre, told the Farmville American Legion Post Friday night that Christianity is the only power strong enough to insure world-wide peace and prevent another outbreak.

Promising at the outset that he wasn't going to preach a sermon, the ex-Army chaplain talked frankly about the unsettled conditions existing today and the remedies for them. A native of Pitt county, Rev. Cox now serves as pastor of the Farmville Christian Church.

Attending the meeting, the regular monthly dinner session, in the school lunchroom were nearly 50 members of the post. Commander Charles Edwards presided.

Following Mayor J. W. Joyner's summary of plans to establish a unit of the National Guard in Farmville, the post went on record endorsing the proposal and offered its assistance to municipal officials who at an early date will meet with Colonel Claude T. Bowers of Warrenton and discuss plans for the organization of the unit. A meeting scheduled for Tuesday of last week was cancelled because of the snow.

R. LeRoy Rollins, who as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pitt county fair has taken an active part in its operation and growth, stated that the directors decided at a recent meeting to increase the board to 30 members, the maximum provided by the constitution and by laws. Greenville is to furnish 15 of these members, Ayden six, and Farmville nine. The board at present is composed of 22 members, eight of whom are from Farmville. By unanimous election, Commander Edwards was selected as Farmville's ninth member. He and Mr. Rollins will serve with the following fellow Legionnaires: J. Frank Harper, C. F. Barcum, Alton W. Bobbitt, Dr. Paul E. Jones, R. D. Souise, J. M. Gibbs and J. H. Bynum.

Also discussed Friday night was the formation of an honor guard which will serve at last rites for veterans, killed overseas, who are being returned to the United States and given a final resting place in their native land. On motion of Mr. Rollins, the post voted to cooperate with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and have an honor guard which will represent not only the American Legion but the VFW as well. It was further suggested that the guard, normally consisting of a bugler, platoon leader and six men, be organized with a sufficient number of men so that a full honor guard could be assembled on short notice.

A reminder that the membership campaign was lagging was given by the commander, who added that an intensive drive for members would be made within the coming weeks.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Nichols announce the birth of a daughter, on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

**LET US PRAY!**

Today Has Been Designated by Churchwomen Throughout The World As A Day of Prayer.

A service for the Farmville community has been planned for 3:30 p. m. in the Farmville Christian Church. Thirty people will take part including a number of our youth.

Although weather conditions are uncertain, it is the earnest hope of the committee in charge that the service may be held as scheduled and that each person in the community will feel a personal responsibility for the success of the service and make a sincere effort to attend.

Careful economists who are not given to wishful thinking do not see signs of any serious depression in the United States as a result of the current break of commodity prices in the Chicago and New York exchanges.

Predominant judgment is that the present market slump represents not the beginning of a major industrial recession, but more likely a turning point in the inflationary spiral.

In consequence, they interpret the present price break in grain and other basic food commodities as likely to mark a healthy adjustment of the price structure which would be beneficial to the United States and to many foreign countries as well.

This does not mean that economists assume there will not be some business recession in the visible future, since the present level of prosperity, full employment, and expanding trade certainly will be affected when production begins to catch up on accumulated consumer savings due to wartime shortages.

One political effect of the sudden decline in the commodity markets is to reduce some of the pressure behind the campaign to restore federal price controls. This point is made by Bernard Baruch, an advocate of controls.

Numerous Government economists called the commodity-price break "healthful." They held small fear of any collapse which would lead to a business slump.

Officials of the Federal Reserve Board, Department of Agriculture, and the President's Council of Economic Advisors gave background judgments which can be summarized as follows:

1. This week's drop of grain prices, after two weeks of gradual decline, probably is a "wholesome" adjustment rather than a token of collapse.

2. The markets will come to a stop, look and listen point fairly soon. They may move considerably lower before pausing.

3. The leveling period will last several weeks at least, until spring weather signs are readable.

4. Prices will not rebound to the dizzy peaks of late 1947, and \$3 wheat will not return.

5. Retail prices of bread, dairy products and other foods won't match the current sag on the exchanges. But the upward trend may be checked.

6. Grain prices could go lower without hurting farmers unduly.

Washington observers do not see the commodity market slump as a decisive check to the inflationary dangers of which President Truman warned in his press conference two weeks ago, and experts in the Bureau of Labor Statistics did not think that the drop of grain prices would be reflected in any immediate drop in the consumers' cost of living.

Before adopting an alarmist view, most observers emphasize that speculative buying, based possibly upon an excessively gloomy view of the food outlook abroad, had seriously inflated the commodity market. The fact is that crop prospects both here and in Europe are better now than a few months ago. Farmers are beginning to put onto the market grain they had been holding in expectation of still higher prices. Deflation of the commodity market, therefore, was not unnatural, and the Government's support seems to set definite limits upon the extent of the decline.

The New York stock market, on the other hand, was not generally considered to be inflated. Therefore a serious break is not seen as either a necessary or a logical consequence.

Under the circumstances, the present drop in farm prices generally is interpreted as more likely than not to have a beneficial effect upon the whole economy.

The Department of Agriculture assigned these three reasons to the commodity drop:

1. Increased buyer resistance to high prices, particularly on the part of livestock and poultry producers.

2. Liquidation of livestock and poultry, resulting in lowered demand for grain for feed.

3. More favorable world prospects for wheat.

One Government economist, discussing the effect on family food budgets, said:

"The market will strengthen consumer resistance to high prices. This is not a collapse. We have hit a bump but we're not going over the precipice."

"The underlying demand situation remains strong."

**SQUARE DANCE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW NIGHT**

Sponsored by the Junior Women's Club, a square dance will be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the Farmville high school gymnasium.

Proceeds