

1948 Pitt County Basketball Champions



Although it's a bit late in the season to be talking about basketball, it's never too late to give honor to whom honor is due. Pictured above are members of the Farmville high school team, 1948 champions of Pitt county. From left to right, they are: Front row—Jennie Murphy, Grace Brock, Gays Pippin, Captain Faye Corbett, Jean Baker, Joyce Corbett, Jean Eynum, Back row—Coach John Dunn, Dot Hathaway, Lola Grey Kemp, Pat Corbett, Connie Rollins, Joyce Morgan, Mittie Rouse, Barbara Nelson and Manager Randolph Brock.

Raleigh Round-Up

(By Thompson Greenwood)

THE MILLS—On a casual stroll up Fayetteville Street here in Raleigh—from the polioactive Sir Walter to the relative serenity of the Capitol—you can hear more chatter on candidates than on a trip from Raleigh to Asheville, with stops along the way.

The people in Piedmont and Western North Carolina have shown little interest in the political races this year... and this worries all the candidates. But the mills... little girls with typewriters and huge presses at a half-dozen printing plants... are now working long hours overtime to combat this apathy. They are working on YOU, dear reader.

NERVES—"If I have to write this letter one more time, I'll die," remarked a little stenographer in one of the camps last week. About that time another sang out, "where in the world is Walnut, North Carolina?" The hired help is getting wonderful lessons on Old North State geography.

"Can you read this card... what's he trying to say... He says here he hasn't received that material yet... I thought we sent him a batch of stuff last week." This is a nerve-wracking business, this thing of trying to get the people interested... and it costs plenty of money.

NOTES—Although Mayne Albright's lovelies are serving free Cokes... at least they were free last week... to any and all comers, the Albright camp is not expecting any huge contributions from the Coca-Cola Company.

W. Kerr Scott has just concluded a series of conferences with dry leaders and is expected to come out for a Statewide referendum within a few days now. He says the best way of handling liquor may be through ABC stores, but that the people have a right to say just how they want it handled.

One Raleigh printing plant has printed 20,000 telephone-post placards the size of this newspaper page for Charles Johnson, and 25,000 for Senator W. B. Umstead.

Wade Lucas, one of Raleigh's better reporters, has terminated his employment as a sort of public relations man with the State Veterans Commission after only three months in this position... Not enough writing to suit Wade.

Despite the fact that Highway Head Sandy Graham is supporting Charles Johnson (with several highway employees throughout the State reportedly telling friends they will be out of a job if he is not nominated Governor), he has done very little to help cities and towns secure that one cent of the six-cent gas tax which municipalities have been wanting and needing, to help them keep up the highways running through their communities... Doesn't make sense... Johnson says he is for the municipalities, and yet one of his most ardent supporters has been leader in the fight against the one-cent "diversion."

Although having no paid publicity man and possessed of a staff much smaller than most of the candidates for Governor and Senator, J. M. Broughton has picked up tremendous strength within the past three weeks and has Senator W. B. Umstead supporters scratching their heads. There is a State Employees Association, with one Mason Swearingen as its leader, which has the candidates jumping through the hoop. This group is thought to favor J. M. Broughton and W. Kerr Scott. It apparently has little use for Cherry or Johnson.

JOHNSON-UMSTEAD—As day follows day, it becomes more apparent that Gregg Cherry and his stalwarts, Lloyd Griffin of the N. C. Citizens Association, W. F. Horton, chairman of the State Democratic Executive committee, and LeRoy Martin, secretary of the Democratic committee, are pulling out all stops for Charles Johnson and William B. Umstead. Johnson and Umstead are depending on tight courteous organizations for their support, while Kerr Scott, J. M. Broughton and Mayne Albright are appealing to the masses, organization vs. popular appeal.

OPPOSED—Governor R. Gregg Cherry has always been opposed to Kerr Scott's running. Why? First, he knew it would bring out a large vote—now estimated at 600,000—and this would mean strength for J. M. Broughton, who is better known than Umstead. Second, he felt that Scott's candidacy would bring out a large vote, and the farmers are for Mr. Broughton. The fewer the votes on the other side, the better.

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Governor. This occurrence may assure his going to the Senate. In fact, an astute political analyst might be able to trace Broughton's recent show of strength to the new interest which Kerr Scott's candidacy has created among the voters.

OFF THE CUFF—Bruce Etheridge, head of the Department of Conservation and Development, is doing all he can in his native Dare county for Charles Johnson... and so is Roy Davis of the State ABC Board. But they are in Raleigh and Victor Meekins, publisher of the Dare County Times, is in Manteo. He is for Kerr Scott, and so is Harry Westcott, who is head marketing specialist for the State Department of Agriculture and the other Westcott's in Dare. Keep an eye on little Dare. It is frequently to the State as Maine is said to be to the Nation. Bruce Etheridge seldom loses in Dare.

Thad Eure, Secretary of State, is sending out 100,000 post cards asking you to vote for him. He has used the parliamentary for the House in every Legislature since 1929. His opponent this time is John Armstrong of the Utilities Commission. Also on the State Utilities Commission is Robert Grady Johnson, first cousin of Charles M. David Lee Kelly of Yadkinville, who although not a veteran has been the main cog in the Veterans Administration wheel in Winston-Salem, is leaving this post to become assistant secretary of the State Farm Bureau, succeeding Will Rogers, who succeeded Joe Williams, Kelly's brother-in-law, who is the Tobacco Board of Trade man in Winston-Salem. Kelly, one of the smartest young guys in the State, saw the veterans closing in, and the Farm Bureau profited thereby.

Raleigh hears that the Wake Forest College drive to go to Winston-Salem—and it must be there by 1955 or the deal is off—is faltering, due to the lack of large contributions. Many a Baptist is looking in the direction of W. N. Reynolds, whose wealth is estimated at as high as \$60,000,000 and never lower than \$40,000,000. Could be.

Since the death of Josephus Daniels, the Raleigh News and Observer has become more streamlined. At least in the reporters' hall. Doesn't look like the same place. Efficiency plus. Sharp news reporting, and good reporters working for about the best newspaper pay in the South. Several school libraries throughout the State are now receiving the N&O to obtain first-hand reports on Raleigh news. But they all pay for it, just as you do. The spirit of Joe Daniels is still there, as even the typewriters will tell you, even though some of the cranks who got their articles in the paper through friendship with Mr. Daniels are now looking elsewhere. No children honored their parents more than Josephus, Jr., Jonathan, and Frank, or so those who know them say, and this goes for Dr. Worth Daniels of Washington, D. C.

FOR THE SECOND—Kerr Scott and Mayne Albright feel that one of them will be in the second primary with Charles M. Johnson. Albright, knowing that Scott is the main object in his way, has been making shots at the Alamance county champion. Scott, hoping to have Albright support in the second, has been slow to criticize R. Mayne, but lately he has been retaliating to Albright's slights. Now, however, there is a feeling in the Albright quarters at least, that this must stop. If it continues, say Albright's advisors, Mayne and Kerr might cancel each other out, permitting Johnson to go in without a runoff.

R. B. Albright's headquarters to date in Johnson's is in Sir Walter, while Scott, playing the lone wolf as usual, is over in the Carolina.

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At The Kiwanis Club

The Girl Scout Glee club delightfully entertained the Kiwanis club Monday night. Dr. Rod Williams was program chairman.

Composing the club were Lou Taylor Lewis, Mary Ellen Dall, Grace Miller, Theodora Albritton, Faye Mewborn, Ann Morgan, Sybil Crumpler, Jane Russell, Clara Bell Flanagan, Doris Wilkerson, Janet Harris, Macia Forbes, Sue Flanagan and Jean Moore.

Two special dancing acts were presented. Dottie Jones did a jitterbug on tiptoes while Nan Williams, daughter of the program chairman, performed an acrobatic dance which brought round after round of applause.

Guests of the club were Levi Walston and John Hill Paylor.

FARMVILLE SCHOOL NEWS

On Monday, 150 pupils from the Farmville school attended the afternoon concert of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in Wright auditorium in Greenville.

Farmville high school baseball team has played four games to date, winning one while losing three. Ayden defeated Farmville twice, by scores of 9 to 0 and 7 to 1. Two weeks ago the Farmville team won a ten-inning thriller from Grifton by a score of 2 to 0. Wednesday afternoon of this week, the Grifton team retaliated by winning 6 to 2 in a seven-inning affair. The baseball schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

Friday, April 16—Belvoir, here.

Wednesday, April 21—Walstonburg, there.

Wednesday, April 28—Walstonburg, here.

Wednesday, May 5—South Edgecombe, at Pinetops.

Wednesday, May 12—South Edgecombe, here.

Wednesday, May 19—Belvoir, here.

In the recent Easter Seal sale, the Farmville school pupils bought and sold \$51.51 worth of seals.

Friday, April 23, will be the main social event of the school year when the annual Junior-Senior banquet and prom will be held at the D. A. R. chapterhouse.

The Farmville school will participate in the Pitt County Music Festival to be held in Ayden on Friday, April 30. Miss Annie Lee Jones is training a group of 45 grammar grade pupils for this event.

Dr. J. K. Long, Registrar of East Carolina Teachers College, has been secured for the commencement address for Friday, May 21.

LOCAL CHURCH WILL BE HOST TO PRESBYTERY APRIL 20

The one hundred and eighteenth stated session of Albemarle presbytery will meet in the Farmville Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The opening sermon will be preached by Dr. J. W. Hassell of Greenville, retiring moderator.

Proceeding the business session, the local pastor and session will hold communion.

from whence he came and is determined he will run his station. So the union last week went to the News and Observer, talked to Frank Daniels in an effort to get the N&O to run unfair-to-labor, etc., advertisements again WRAL. But the N&O a few days ago opened its own radio station, WNAO, and Frank turned down the advertising, saying it would be taken as a below-the-belt slap at its rival station, WRAL. Who said Josephus Daniels is not still in the land of the living?

The Communion drive in China has formed Dr. and Mrs. Bud McMillan in return to North Carolina. They are active Baptist missionaries, are at the present living in Whitfield.

Activities Of Local Church Organizations

Episcopal

At its meeting Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Will Jones, Jr., the Altar guild re-elected the following officers: Mrs. John D. Dixon, director; Mrs. Jack Lewis, secretary; Mrs. E. C. Copenhaver, treasurer, and Mrs. C. S. Edwards, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Jones was chosen as vice director.

Prayers and the creed opened the meeting. It was announced that the new study books, "Some Common Sense Reasons Why," had arrived.

After the business session, which was closed with prayer, the hostess served cheese dainties and coca colas.

Methodist

Circle 4 met Monday afternoon with Mrs. C. C. Simpson with Mrs. Claude Joyner conducting the worship program by reading verses from Matthew 24. She used a poem, "There Shall Be Signs," followed by prayer.

Local and foreign mission giving was Mrs. Pearl Johnston's topic. Plans for the Memorial shrubbery planting were discussed.

Assisted by Mrs. E. C. Carr, the hostess served ice cream, chocolate cake and nuts. Sprites and iris were used in the home.

Methodist

The Wesleyan Guild met Monday night with Mrs. L. J. Williford in the home of Mrs. G. M. Holden. Committees were appointed for the district meeting which will be held here April 25.

For the program Miss Bettie Joyner discussed rural church work and the necessity for such activities. "The Whole Creation is Our Lord's" was the theme of the devotional which was by Mrs. Williford.

Strawberry shortcake was served after adjournment.

Presbyterian

New officers were chosen by the Carraway's Chapel circle at its meeting Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Allen. They are: Chairman, Mrs. Oscar Holloman; vice chairman, Mrs. Jimmy Stocks; secretary, Mrs. Bud Holloman; treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Carraway; program committee, Mrs. J. G. Holloman, Mrs. Robert Allen and Miss Goldie Windham.

Mrs. J. M. Hodgson conducted the Bible study. The meeting was closed with a chain of prayer. Refreshments were served during the social hour to 13 members and two visitors.

GIRL SCOUTS PRESENT PLAY AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

Troop 2, Girl Scouts, will present a three-act farce, "Jessie's Journey," tonight at 8 o'clock in Perkins hall (the high school auditorium).

The play is centered around Beulah and Wendy Foster, members of one of Greenville's oldest families, who, in spite of being in debt and having the home mortgaged, are trying desperately to meet their financial obligations and keep their rambling old mansion. They find this very hard to do, even with combined salaries, because of a promise made to their father to send an allotment each month to their aristocratic, old aunt. The family arrangements which follow are amusing.

Admission to the play are 15 and 20 cents. Proceeds go to the Girl Scout fund.

P. T. A. POSTPONED

The Parent-Teacher association has postponed its next meeting, scheduled for April 22 to April 29. Miss Ruth Parker's home economics classes will present a fashion show at that time.

VISIT RALEIGH

Sixty-five members of John L. Johnson's class classes of Farmville high school visited points of interest in Raleigh Tuesday. They were accompanied by Mr. Johnson and Miss Ruth Parker.

Farmville Given \$1,200 Quota In Cancer Campaign

Pitt county recorded 30 known deaths from cancer last year. Many others in the last stages of this most incurable of all highly fatal diseases could have had prolonged life had treatment been started early enough.

Money raised in the cancer control drive which gets underway Tuesday will be used in fighting ignorance by providing information concerning cancer and by making facilities available for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cancer. Twenty five cents of each dollar collected is spent for research.

Farmville's quota for this year is \$1,200, or \$200 more than it was a year ago. The community, in 1947 contributed \$1,063.38. Forty per cent of the \$5,000 to be raised in the county will be used in the county. The balance goes to state and national headquarters.

Since July 1, 1947, \$754.44 has been spent in the county for indigent cancer patients.

BOY SCOUTS ATTENDING CAMPOREE IN GREENVILLE

The Boy Scouts of Troop 25 are attending the camporee in Greenville, along with about 1500 other Scouts from the East Carolina Council. Approximately 20 boys from Farmville are attending.

Assistant Scoutmasters Charles E. Quinley and Joseph Bynum, Jr., accompanied the boys, leaving Friday afternoon. Archie Cayton and Ed Nash Warren will join them Saturday afternoon.

This will be the first camporee for a majority of the Farmville boys, most of whom have been members of the troop a short time.

BRIGHT LEAF LEAGUE WILL OPEN SEASON SATURDAY

Farmville and South Edgecombe baseball teams will meet on the local diamond tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon in the opening game of the Bright Leaf League's 1948 season.

Farmville expects to field a winning team this year and the public is invited to watch the curtain raiser.

The same two teams play at South Edgecombe Sunday afternoon. A special section of next week's Enterprise will be devoted to the league and local team. It will include the schedule and greetings from supporters and business firms. Promoters announce that they were unable to complete their work in time to have it appear in the paper this week, as they had hoped and planned.

Players have been gratified over the manner in which local firms have been rallying to their support and they've promised their best to give the town the kind of winning team it deserves.

JASPER SMITH IS CANDIDATE FOR STATE LEGISLATURE

W. Jasper Smith of Bethel has announced his candidacy for a seat in the lower House of the North Carolina General Assembly from Pitt county.

Smith is a native of Pitt and heads the Bethel Manufacturing Co. He is the present chairman of the Pitt County Board of Commissioners and has held that post for the last six years. Besides serving for a number of years on the County Board of Education, he has also served with the Airport Commission and the County Board of Health; he is a member of the State Board of Correction and Training, is a member of the Committee on Transportation, the State Board of Education, and has extensive interests in the county.

In his private life, Smith is a member of the Bethel Rotary club, the Masons and is active in church work, being head of the Laymen in the N. C. Conference of the Methodist church.

ATTEND CONCERT

Among those attending the North Carolina Symphony orchestra concert in Greenville Monday evening were Mrs. W. A. Pollard, Jr., Mrs. E. L. Barrett, Miss Dora Mae Barrett, Misses Elizabeth, Mae and Ruth Moore, Miss Elizabeth May, Miss Selma Tucker, Mrs. Elbert Holmes, Mrs. Mack Holmes, Mrs. Carol Modlin, Mrs. W. C. Gannaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris, Mrs. J. H. Harris, Miss Gayle Flanagan, Miss Jane Kirtland, Mrs. Jack Lewis, Mrs. Ellen Carroll, Miss Elna Lewis, Charles Joyner, Miss Frances, Bobby Darden, Donald Beason, Noel and Fulked, Bernice Turnage, Charles Quinley, Margaret and James Thomas, Misses Ann and Jean Bynum, Misses Ruth and Elvira Tyson, Miss Nell Beason, Miss Margaret Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Johnson and daughter, Miss Mamie Davis, Miss Mary Thorne Tyson, Miss Margaret Lewis, Mrs. C. L. Langley, Mrs. Hayward Smith, John R. Joyner, Paschal Barrett, Clarence Davis and Charlie Burnett.

To Address Clubs

SEN. WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD

will make an address here Monday night at a joint meeting of the local Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

At The Rotary Club

"Time Is Life," a motion picture dealing with the cancer menace, was presented Tuesday evening at the Rotary club by E. P. Bass, who had the program for John Stansell, who was ill.

Manly Liles had as his guest his son, Graydon Liles of Durham. Bert Barrow Warren was the guest of his father, Ed Nash Warren, and J. P. Harris of Bethel was a visitor.

The attendance prize, given by John B. Lewis, was drawn by Mr. Harris.

The club will have a joint meeting Monday night with the Kiwanians at which time Senator William B. Umstead will talk. Rotary will not meet Tuesday night.

LICENSE EXAMINER URGES C'S AND D'S TO TAKE TEST NOW

E. E. Cayton, license examiner for the State Department of Motor Vehicles, is stationed in Farmville each Thursday and Friday to give driving tests to North Carolina drivers but much of the time he has had little to do because those drivers whose last names begin with C or D have shown no disposition to pass their tests before the deadline, June 30.

As a matter of fact, he stated that last Thursday morning only nine applicants presented themselves.

The Motor Vehicles Department has announced that to date only 26,524 C and D drivers have taken the test, and they must do so by June 30. After that date, the law steps in—and any person, whose last name begins with C or D, caught driving on an old license after that date will be guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined not less than \$25.

Department officials stated that C and D drivers have had ample time to report for their new licenses, as their period began on January 1. However, most of them have consistently put off the task.

GIRL SCOUTS

Mrs. J. N. El-Ramsey, who came to America 35 years ago from Mount Lebanon, spoke on her native land when she addressed Girl Scout Troops 4 and 5 at a joint meeting in the high school music room.

Lebanon is in the northern part of Palestine. Educated in the village of Hammana, her birthplace, Mrs. El-Ramsey learned both French and Arabic, both of which are widely used in that country.

The famous cedars of Lebanon, which are mentioned in the Bible, grow to heights of 80 feet and are sometimes between 25 and 40 feet in diameter, she explained. The country is mountainous with snow remaining on the highest peaks the year round. Sheep are extensively grown with the mutton being used as shortening.

Although the country is predominantly Catholic, there are some Protestant churches and a Presbyterian university.

A plea for tolerance among different races was made to the girls by the speaker who pointed out that several nationalities live peacefully in Lebanon without interfering with one another's religious customs.

On display were several garments made from silk spun in Lebanon. She read in Arabic and taught the girls a phrase in this language.

Mrs. Ramsey's talk marked the completion of work on second class badges which will be awarded at a court of honor in May.

Tickets for Troop 2's play were distributed and will be sold by the girls.

MARJORIE KILLEBREW IS SECRETARY OF ACC CABINET

Miss Marjorie Marie Killebrew, a graduate of Farmville High school, has been selected by the Atlantic Christian college student body as secretary of the Student Christian Association cabinet in a recent election held on the campus. Miss Killebrew is a freshman and will begin her new duties in May.

She served as secretary of her graduating class in high school.

Funeral Services Are Held Tuesday For W. C. Askew

Prominent Pitt Citizen Succumbs After Long Illness in Wilson Hospital

Relatives and friends filled Emmanuel Episcopal Church to overflowing Tuesday afternoon, assembling at 4:00 o'clock to pay a last tribute of respect to William Columbus Askew, 73, a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of this community. Business was suspended here during the funeral hour.

The Rev. J. E. Rountree, rector of the church, of which Mr. Askew was a member, was in charge of the final rites.

Favorite hymns, O Lamb of God Still Keep Me, My Faith Looks Up To Thee and Give Thine Own Way, Lord, were rendered by the church choir, augmented by the voices of Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, J. L. Bynum, Charles P. Bacon and Arthur Joyner, Jr.

Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery beneath a large and handsome floral tribute. The reading of Tennyson's Crossing The Bar was used by the rector in bringing the graveside services to a close.

Active pallbearers were T. C. Turnage, Sr., Dr. J. M. Newborn, C. Herbert Joyner, R. R. Newton, Sr., B. Edison Moore, Ben L. Lang, George S. Williams and Robert Lee Smith.

Mr. Askew succumbed Monday afternoon at 3:25 o'clock in the Woodard-Herring hospital, Wilson, after a period of three and a half years of invalidism due to rheumatic complications and a critical illness of two week's duration.

A native of Pitt county, Mr. Askew was born March 2, 1875, the only son of the late William Columbus and Victoria Sugg Askew, prominent pioneer citizens of the Farmville community. He received his education in private schools and in the Farmville Academy.

He married Miss Bettie Belcher, also of Farmville, August 14, 1895. She passed away April 9, 1943. They reared a family of five children, four of whom survive: Mrs. J. W. Joyner of Farmville; Mrs. Bert McCullum of Louisville, Ky.; Cyril B. Askew of Farmville, and Harold Sugg Askew, of Wilson. The eldest son, Will Home Askew, died in December, 1944. He is survived also by three grandchildren, Billy McCullum, of Louisville, Ky.; Bettie Lawson and James Elspeth Askew, of Wilson, and a sister, Mrs. Dora H. Keel, of Farmville.

Mr. Askew was prominently identified with the business life of Farmville for a period of forty years as a general merchant, and was well known throughout Eastern North Carolina as an extensive landowner and tobacco grower. Since retirement from business, seventeen years ago, he had resided at Horneworth, one of his farms on the outskirts of Farmville.

Fraternally he was a member of the Washington Lodge, B. P. O. E.; Farmville Masonic Lodge and the Sudan Temple of the Shrine New Bern, prior to his physical inactivity.

KILPATRICK EXPLAINS HIS STAND ON AUTO INSPECTION

Not knowing what requirements the Motor Vehicle Department would demand in framing the bill providing for the inspection of motor vehicles, I voted against it in the General Assembly. However, since it became a law, I have worked with the department to get it changed a little. In my opinion, the bill was too drastic. About the first of the month I worked out a program and submitted it to the department for consideration, asking that the inspection law be placed in Ayden, Farmville and Bethel for at least a week twice a year. This has been accepted somewhat on an experimental basis. This inspection law will be in Farmville the week of May 17. I am very anxious that we cooperate to the fullest extent.

Frank M. Kilpatrick

JOHN IVEY ABERNATHY

John Ivey Abernathy, 55, died in a Wilson hospital Thursday afternoon of last week following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held from the Farmville Funeral Home Saturday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. E. S. Coates, Presbyterian minister of Farmville, assisted by the Rev. E. W. Holmes, Farmville Baptist minister. Interment was in Hollywood cemetery.

For 17 years Mr. Abernathy operated a plumbing business in Farmville and was a veteran of World War I. He was a member of the American Legion and members of the local post served as honorary pallbearers. Surviving are his wife, the former Willie Green of Laurel county, two daughters, Mrs. Milton Beckett of Quantico, Va., and Nella Abernathy of the home, one grandson, two sisters, Mrs. Willie Hamilton and Mrs. Hazel Williams, both of Ayden.