

Funeral Rites To Be Held Today For George Burnette

George Henry Burnette, 75, one of Farmville's oldest and most respected citizens, died at his home on East Grimmerburg street at 9:15 Wednesday night following a long illness.

Mr. Burnette was born and lived all his life in Pitt county and the Farmville community. He was the son of the late William and Orpha Hemby Burnette. He was a devout member of the Farmville Christian church in which he had been an elder for many years. Prior to his retirement 15 years ago, due to failing health, Mr. Burnette was in the employ of the State Highway Department for 10 years. Most of his life was engaged in farming activities.

Funeral services will be held from the home this afternoon (Friday) at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, pastor of the Farmville Christian church, assisted by Rev. Philip M. Cory, Presbyterian minister of Fountain. Burial will be in the Forest Hill cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Annie Tyson; a daughter, Mrs. Earl Forbes of Hampton, Va.; a son, Paul R. Burnette of Fountain; four grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Nancy Tyson of Ayden, and a brother, Alonza Burnette of Richmond, Va.

Bishop Wright To Preach Here Sunday

The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will preach at the Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and confirm a class to be presented by the rector, Rev. Jack R. Rountree. The community is invited to the service.

The cypress paneling of the chancel, an Altar Guild project, which was completed this week, will be consecrated by Bishop Wright at the service. Mrs. John D. Dixon is directress of the Altar Guild.

The church is indebted to Wayne Mitchell, Jr., of Kinston, who spent nine and a half hours aloft on a platform in the chancel of the church Monday and Tuesday evenings taking off for cleaning and reassembling the hundreds of prisms from the imported crystal chandelier. The chandelier was presented to the church in 1946 by Mrs. Madeline H. Rountree of St. Petersburg, Fla., as a memorial to her son, Charles S. Rountree, who served with the Armed forces in the recent war.

Fine Art Exhibit At Farmville School

A splendid opportunity for Art Education is afforded in the exhibit of Fine Art Prints which will be on display Friday afternoon and night in the Farmville high school.

During the week this exhibit has been open to the school pupils and also has attracted many people from outside the school.

There are about 150 of the finest paintings or reproductions and it is well worth anyone's time to come and see this fine exhibition. There is no charge; however, an opportunity is given for anyone to make a contribution and the proceeds go to purchase pictures for the school.

It was also announced by Principal Sam Bundy that individuals may place orders for any of the reproductions.

CHRISTIANS HOLD BROTHERHOOD SUPPER

Thursday night at 6:30 the Christian church held its brotherhood supper. More than a hundred men, women and children gathered in the basement of the church, which was decorated with red and white gladioli. A covered dish supper was served buffet style from a long table.

After the supper, the program, presided over by Mrs. H. D. Mays, opened with a call to worship. Mrs. Z. B. T. Cox led the devotional, after which Mrs. Clarence Mays of Mays, Mrs. Anne Brown, Charlie Lettworth and Bob Darden sang a song. Two short talks on the objective of the Week of Compassion were given by R. D. Rogers, Jr. and Mrs. H. Albritton. W. A. Pollard read the financial report. Wednesday, March 16, was observed as a day of fasting.

Rotary Speaker



C. SYLVESTER GREEN

Dr. Green will be the principal speaker tonight when Rotarians gather at the Southwood school near Kinston for an inter-city meeting. He is a former district governor and has long been active in Rotary.

Pat Ruffin Sails To Buy Tobacco In South Africa

R. G. (Pat) Ruffin, representative of Imperial Tobacco company, sails from New York Monday on the SS Breim for South Africa where he will spend six months buying tobacco for his firm.

Pat's ship is scheduled to land at Capetown after an 18-day journey. Then he will go 1600 miles inland to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

He expects to fly back by way of Egypt and England and will spend a brief time at the company's head office in Bristol, England.

LITERARY CLUB

Miss Annie Perkins entertained the Literary Club Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. M. Holden. Artistic arrangements of spring flowers were used in decoration. After the usual business period, presided over by Miss Mamie Davis, president, the program chairman for the afternoon, Mrs. J. B. Joyner, brought an inspiring program on "Religion in Literature." Throughout the life of our nations, from the earliest beginning to the present day, she traced the expression of faith in the works of William Cullen Bryant, Whittier, Emerson, Longfellow, Lowell, Holmes, Whitman, Lee, Lincoln, Lanier, Emily Dickinson, Markham and others—illustrating with excerpts from the loveliest and best writings of these great spiritual minds.

After adjournment Miss Jen Easley assisted Mrs. Holden in serving a salad plate with cheese biscuits, nuts and pickles and coffee.

Special guests were Mrs. Ina B. Lamar, Mrs. S. E. Ewell, Mrs. Arch Flanagan and Miss Easley.

The next meeting will be with Miss Mamie Davis.

At The Kiwanis Club

Mrs. Cherry Easley, a keen analyst of current and religious events, gave an interesting talk to the Kiwanis club Monday night on "business-lun," and explained that all of the ill-besetting our government and the world could be cured if Christ's principles were applied.

Mrs. Easley was introduced by Rev. E. W. Holmes, who told the club that Mrs. Holmes had heard Mrs. Easley deliver the speech at one of the ladies' organizations and suggested that it would be beneficial for the men-folks as well. The Kiwanians agree, without a dissenting vote.

Billy Russell and Bobby Smith, members of the Key club, were guests. President Frank Allen and Rev. Z. B. T. Cox were named delegates to the convention in Miami in May. J. Glasgow Smith and Loyola O'Leary were named alternates.

MISS TYSON ELECTED TO STATE BAPTIST OFFICE

Miss Elvira Tyson was elected vice chairman for the eastern division of the Federation of Baptist Business Women of North Carolina at the annual meeting and convention in Winston-Salem, N. C., last week. She was one of the financial reports.

Jaycees Having Annual Banquet, Dance Tonight

A big night is planned for Farmville Jaycees and their ladies when they meet tonight at the Country club for a banquet and dance.

After everyone has consumed a more than ample supply of food they will sit back and hear themselves praised by the nimble tongue of Sam D. Bundy who will be the principal speaker of the evening.

At 9 o'clock, after the dinner has been settled by the laughs which will result from Bundy's after dinner speech, the Jaycees and their ladies will dance to the music of Walter Plummer and his band.

Honored guests expected to attend this affair will be Micon Brown of Raleigh, state president of the Jaycees; Bernard Leary of Morehead City, district president; Mayor and Mrs. Walter Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Moore; Mrs. J. M. Gibbs, president of the Junior Woman's club; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen of the Kiwanis club; Charles Rasmussen, commander of the American Legion, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hinson of the VFW.

WALSTONBURG SUPPER

The Woman's Missionary society of the Walstonburg Christian church is sponsoring a barbecue-brunswick stew supper from 5:30 to 8:30 tonight (Friday) in the school lunchroom.

SPEAKS AT ECTC

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, Christian minister, was one of the speakers for the Religious Emphasis week at ECTC on Tuesday and Wednesday. His topic was "Race Relations."

They Laughed When Cox Started Making Furniture, But Stayed To Buy

Necessity brought out the genius in Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, local Christian minister, who is almost as well known for his furniture making as for holding revivals and caring for his congregation.

After his marriage in October, 1936, to Elizabeth Chandler of West Point, Virginia, where he was pastor of the Christian church, he declared that he would make a dining table. The Coxes were living with her parents and had no furniture of their own.

The townspeople heard about the minister's crazy idea. It was fantastic that a man who had never had any instruction in building, who couldn't even read blueprints and who had not even glued two pieces of board together edgewise would attempt to make a dropleaf Hopple-white table. One merchant gave him some walnut boards and Mr. Cox set to work with a borrowed saw, hammer and plane and a few small tools of his own in his father-in-law's garage. Two six-inch boards nailed to the garage were his work bench and nail bags served as saw benches.

The table, in use in the Cox dining room today, turned out fine. When he started on a corner cupboard, without even a picture to look at, the people began coming to watch and laugh. And Mrs. Cox cried. Within six months, however, the young carpenter was never within two years of filling orders. Neighbors came, told him what they wanted and within a few days or weeks after he received the order, the furniture was ready for delivery.

For some of the more elaborate period pieces, he turned pictures in a nearby city. To gain experience, he made a Governor Washington desk of solid mahogany for only \$35, plus the wood, which the customer furnished. The desk was a copy of one selling for \$125 at the Craft home in Williamsburg, where Mr. Cox secured the dimensions by walking around the desk and measuring on his body. After about two years, he increased prices.

Color design, however, became his specialty and he has done a great deal of work in this line.

At The Rotary Club

Few realize just how the State Fish and Game Commission goes about the restocking of rivers and streams with game fish, and the highly specialized manner in which this task is undertaken and conducted. The technicolor film entitled "Trout Factory" was presented at the Rotary club Tuesday night and showed the exacting and careful treatment received by the fish from the time life begins in the hatchery until they are secretly released in numerous fishing areas. As an added attraction, a picture which in part was taken along the North Carolina coast, depicted the acquired art of surf casting for strikers and channel bass. Jack Darden had charge of the program and Plato Bass ran the projector.

Three members were absent, but the president announced that a 100% meeting was recorded for March 7.

The club was again reminded of the Inter-City meeting to be held at the Southwood school near Kinston, Friday night, March 17: Farmville, Kinston, Snow Hill, Ayden and La Grange to be represented.

Milton Eason received the attendance prize and Jack Darden the fellowship prize. Arch Flanagan will be responsible for the program on March 21. Christie Fitzgerald, club president, presided.

Bonnie Allen Plans For Baseball Team

Bonnie Allen, who would have had the winning baseball team he deserved last summer if Lady Luck had been a bit less unkind and if he had had a bit more hitting power, promises that Farmville will have another team this year. Bonnie already has lined up several outstanding players who should make a winning aggregation if townspeople support the team as they should.

Local Chapter Wins Cash Award For Publicity

Local Chapter Awarded \$50.00 For Having Largest Number Of Articles Published

Paul LaRoque, Kinston and, for the past few years, executive director of the Kinston Housing Authority, was guest speaker Saturday afternoon at a meeting of the Major Benjamin May chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson, regent, announced that she had been notified by the state press chairman that the chapter had won a first prize of \$5 for having the most published in the interest of the chapter.

Presented by Miss Helen Smith, Mr. LaRoque spoke on "Juvenile Delinquency," based on his personal observations.

Mr. LaRoque stated at the beginning of his enlightening address that his theory as to the cause of juvenile delinquency was not that of an inherited tendency to commit crime, but a direct result of environment. As proof of this theory he gave an account of the raising of 1,700 houses with slum conditions in Kinston and of the erection of modern units under the Federal Housing program, after a struggle involving months of bitter controversy and court action.

The Rev. Jack R. Rountree of Kinston has been president of this organization during its ten years of existence. The speaker depicted the miracle-like awakening of a sense of pride in citizenship among the dwellers of the new units, the betterment of health, the decrease in vandalism and lessening in expenses to the city of fire and police protection as results noted from the standpoint of crime prevention. Among the benefits now recognized, even by bitter opponents of the public housing project in its infancy, the speaker cited the fact that it has not discouraged private housing interests and told of the contribution of \$30,000 in the past two years to the city treasury in lieu of taxes.

In closing Mr. LaRoque announced a special survey for a new program involving an expenditure of \$2,250,000.

Prior to the talk, Miss Smith presented Miss Grace Miller who sang "Little Lad of Dreams" and "When Love Is Kind."

In the absence of Mrs. E. B. Beasley, Mrs. Ellen Carroll conducted the devotionals. Mrs. M. V. Jones led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The chapter voted to sponsor Mrs. James B. Patton of Columbus, Ohio, first vice-president general, for president-general. The George Perry concert was announced for April 13. Mrs. Margaret Bell Farley of Greenville was presented as a new member.

During the social hour, the hostesses, Mrs. D. S. Morrill and Mrs. Preston Murphy, served heavenly hash, cheese wafers and coffee. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davis, Mrs. E. W. Holmes and the speaker.

Mantels were decorated with pine and tables held arrangements of jonquills and Dutch iris.

MRS. BURKE ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE SATURDAY

Mrs. W. H. Burke entertained at a bridge party Saturday afternoon at the Country club.

Mantels were adorned with huge green anemones, flanked by magnolia blossoms and magnolia leaves. Pink and white gladioli, pink roses and white hydrangeas, in vases of blue and white, were used throughout the dining room.

The group, which gave \$275 to the building fund, Mrs. Pollard expressed her appreciation for cooperation during the past year.

Heads Trade Group



T. ELI JOYNER, JR.

New directors of the Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday afternoon and perfected their organization for the year starting April 1st. Joyner succeeds Ernest Petteway as president and Hal Winders was elected vice president. Fred Moore is secretary.

Plans are now being made for a Farmers Day.

Girl Scouts Are Celebrating Birthday

The Girl Scouts are celebrating their national birthday this week. On March 12, 1912, Juliette Low organized the first troop in Savannah, Ga. She secured her idea from Lady and Lord Baden-Powell in Great Britain.

As a part of their celebration Troop 5 entertained the Parent-Teacher association two weeks ago with two plays. The troops are also preparing kits to send to school children overseas. In addition to the needed school articles, each package will contain a love gift.

Johnny Jane Joyner, Ann Morgan, Martha Holmes and Ann Pollard have completed requirements on first class badges. Faye Mewborn and Lou Taylor Lewis have nearly finished work on theirs.

Several of the troops are planning a skating party for Saturday night.

Activities Of Local Church Organizations

Presbyterian Twenty-five members were present Monday night in the home of the president, Mrs. M. E. Pollard, for the final meeting of the year for the Farmville Women of the church.

Mrs. Charles Baucum conducted the devotional and Mrs. I. D. Kirkin related two stories for the program, which was titled "Why Don't You Change?"

In an impressive ceremony, led by Mrs. E. S. Coates, the following were installed as new officers: Mrs. Pollard, president; Mrs. J. T. Nolen, vice president; Mrs. Russell Carraway, secretary; Mrs. W. G. Dupree, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. F. G. Dupree, Jr., chairman of Circle 1; Mrs. C. E. Fitzgerald, chairman of Circle 2; and Mrs. Allen Drake, chairman of Circle 3; committee heads—Mrs. J. C. Corbett, spiritual growth; Mrs. G. P. Bergeron, missions; Mrs. Kirkin, church extension; Mrs. W. H. Moore, Jr., education; Mrs. F. K. Ewell, stewardship; Mrs. Nolen, annuities; Mrs. Coates, assembly causes.

Members were urged to turn in coupons to Mrs. Baucum; to give used books for returned missionaries to Mrs. G. R. Smith; to attend the officers' training school in Greenville on March 27; to attend presbytery in Kinston on April 4 and 5. Delegates to presbytery will be Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Bergeron and Mrs. Corbett. Alternates are Mrs. J. M. Newborn, Mrs. John Lewis and Miss Jan Easley.

The group asked to give \$275 to the building fund. Mrs. Pollard expressed her appreciation for cooperation during the past year.

Farmville Teams Lose Finals Of County Tourney

In the quarter finals of the Pitt county basketball tournament in the ECTC gymnasium, Farmville Red Devils defeated Chocow, 54-24. Farmville advanced to the quarter finals by virtue of a bye which was awarded in view of its being seeded number 1. The Farmville second stringers played the entire second half after the regulars had piled up a substantial half-time lead of 25-5. Albert Cannon paced the scoring with 15 points. Carl King and Harry Albritton were the defensive ace.

Friday night the locals played Winterville in the semi-final game. Farmville was unable to find the basket and was behind 4-3 at the end of the first quarter. The pace was speeded up in the second period and at half-time the locals led 13-9. The Red Devils maintained the lead throughout and won 31-25 to advance to the finals. Carl King and Harry Albritton were the defensive ace.

In the finals Farmville was pitted against Bethel for the fourth time this season, the other three meetings having resulted in Farmville victories.

Saturday night, however, it was almost obvious at the onset that it was simply not Farmville's night. Bethel was sharp in its shooting while the locals for the second straight night had extreme difficulty in locating the basket.

At the end of the first half Bethel had a two point lead, 17-15. They increased this margin to 11 points midway of the fourth quarter. At this point the Farmville team suddenly came to life and came up to within three points of a tie at 30-27 with 45 seconds left to play but the rally fell short and Bethel walked off with the county title for the third consecutive year, the final score being 31-27.

The defensive work of the local team was outstanding but the inability to locate the basket proved to be their downfall. The play of Harry Albritton, both offensively and defensively, was the bright spot for the Red Devils.

The all-county team which was composed of two Farmville stars, Carl King at forward and Harry Albritton at guard. The play of these two boys was outstanding in almost every game.

The local midgets entered the basketball tournament starting Wednesday night but lost to Winterville in the opening round. The midgets, a scrapping bunch, won a tournament at Fountain a few days ago.

Members of the team are Bert Warren, Carroll Allen, Bobbie Hathaway, Teddy Allen, Jack Allen, Bobbie Evans, Douglas Norville and Mack Holmes.

The girls, in the county tournament, won their way to the finals with victories over Bethel (36-31) and Grifton (36-30) and played a marvelous game in the finals, losing to Ayden by the score of 27-26 in a game that went into an overtime period and was not settled until five seconds from the end of the stanza, when an Ayden forward sank a foul shot.

Farmville was doped to lose by several points but the girls kicked over the dope bucket and played their hearts out, only to lose by one point.

The girls were awarded the runner-up trophy and Grace Brock made the all-tournament team. Voncell Moxing received honorable mention.

School Takes Part In Music Festival

The Farmville high school mixed chorus and girls glee club, under the direction of Miss Anna Taylor, will participate in the district music festival being held today at ECTC in Winterville. The school will be represented by the following: Mrs. J. M. Newborn, Mrs. John Lewis and Miss Jan Easley.