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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TOMORROW; INTEREST CENTERS ON SENATE RACE

Democrats in Pitt county's 20 precincts will go to their respective polling places tomorrow and select their candidates for offices, offices that run the gamut from United States Senate to township constable. The polls will be open for 12 hours, from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Without the help of a gubernatorial or presidential race, the primary is not expected to attract as many voters as would ordinarily be the case. The unusually torrid contest for the United States Senate, which aparently has boiled down to a two-way race between Willis Smith and Frank P. Graham, is expected to be a magnet in drawing voters to the polls. In addition, the contest between Sheriff Ruel Tyson and S. A. Whitehurst, a former sheriff, is also generating interest in the primary and will help in "getting out the vote."

Sharing the spotlight with the sheriff's race is the four-way fight for Pitt's two seats in the lower house of the General Assembly. Sam O. Worthington of Greenville and Frank M. Kilpatrick of Ayden are seeking re-election. Their return is being contested by W. Jasper Smith of Bethel, who ran for the office two years ago and fell short of success by 39 votes, and Frank M. Wooten, Jr., of Greenville. Each voter is allowed to name his choice of two of these four.

Dr. Paul E. Jones of Farmville, who served as the senator from Pitt county in the 1949 General Assembly is unopposed.

Hard-fought races are being waged in several districts for the privilege of serving on the Board of Commissioners. F. F. Hendrix and J. Vance Perkins, both of Greenville, are fighting it out in the first district. In the second district, J. T. Brown has no opposition but in the remaining three districts it is a different story. Clyde C. Harris of Ballards, a Farmville warehouse operator, is seeking the seat on the executive board now occupied by G. H. Pittman of Falkland. The fourth district has three candidates: Marvin W. Smith, the incumbent, R. L. Worthington and J. Elbert Mills. In the fifth district, a sizzling fight has developed between M. Brown Hodges, a member of the present board, and R. Guy Jackson.

M. F. Clark and Otis Haddock aspire to the position of coroner, but not without opposition from the incumbent, G. H. Rouse, who likes the job and wants to keep it.

Several county officials will go back into office without opposition. These include: Dink James, judge of the county court; D. T. House, Jr., clerk of superior court; Charles H. Whedbee, solicitor of the county court.

Four candidates are seeking membership on the Board of Education, normally composed of three members. Candidates are Alton Gardner, W. F. Stokes, T. G. Worthington and E. E. Trevathan. The last-named member is from Fountain. Membership on the board is by appointment by the General Assembly but the selections are based on the result of a popular election by the people.

Township offices at stake in Saturday's balloting incude the following:

Constable, Ayden township: Robert Lee Tripp, Horace V. McLawhorn and Heber Sumrell.

Constable, Pactolus township: H. E. Hill.

Constable, Beaver Dam township: Sidney O'Neal, Larry Worthington and Alton Joyner.

Constable, Belvoir township: Willie Bell.

Justice of Peace, Pactolus township: E. F. Switzer.

Justice of Peace, Chicod township: J. A. Suggs, S. T. Porter, Jr.

Constable, Carolina township: Cecil Crandell, T. L. Perkins.

Constable, Chicod township: W. A. Buck, Elmer Haddock.

Constable, Winterville township: Lenwood E. Tripp, Charlie T. Wells, Jr., Rock Jackson.

Justice of Peace, Winterville township: C. F. Little, C. Cecil Worthington, Floyd Robinson, George Kittrell.

Justice of Peace, Carolina township: Harold L. Watson.

Constable, Swift Creek: Zeb Manning.

Justice of Peace, Beaver Dam township: J. J. McCoy.

Constable, Greenville township: J. Guy Skinner.

HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OF MISDEMEANOR CHARGES

William H. Thomas, owner of the Thomas Grocery, was held in the county jail here Monday afternoon in default of $500 bond on charges of misdemeanor violations of the state liquor laws, following his arrest by Farmville police officers.

Thomas was arrested at his place of business on Wilson street by officers who said they found a quantity of whiskey there. He was taken before Justice of Peace Leon Joyner and bond was set at $500 for his appearance before the county court.

Handy Man Club Is Organized Here

Fourteen young men are now enrolled in the Handy Man club which meets every Thursday night in the agriculture shop of the Farmville high school. These men are doing repair work on furniture and farm machinery as well as construction work. Willard Ellis and R. H. Lloyd have nearly completed a baby pen. Jerry Harris has constructed a whatnot, and magazine rack. Charlie Evans has made a screen door and is working on window screens for his home. Earl Sermons, a former veteran trainee, is finishing a kitchen cabinet, while James Braxton, another former trainee, has repaired several pieces of farm machinery. Doc Flora has taken an old radio cabinet and converted it into a nice bookcase. Jack Johnson and John Dunn, teachers in the high school, have built nice book cases for their libraries. Johnson has also made a rocking horse for his daughter and a sewing cabinet for his wife. Jimmy Stocks turned out a couple of nice table lamps on the wood lathe.

Most of the members of the club are former agricultural students who are coming back to work in the shop not only for the money they can save by doing their own work, but for the enjoyment they get out of working with tools.

Because of the limited space in the shop, membership has to be limited but the club has room for three more members. Those interested are invited to contact E. P. Bass, teacher of agriculture.

Other members of the club are Sam Tyson, Howard Creech and Charles Nanney.

Three Warrants Sworn Out For Farmville Chief

Warrants charging that L. T. Lucas, Farmville's chief of police, violated three laws when he shot and killed a dog here several weeks ago were taken out Wednesday by B. O. Taylor, owner of the dog, and the warrants were served on the law enforcement officer late Wednesday. Lucas was not taken into custody. Bond will be arranged for him.

Specifically, the warrants charge Lucas with cruelty to animals, wanton destruction of personal property, and unnecessarily firing a gun within 200 yards of a house in the town of Farmville.

The dog, for which Taylor said he had been offered several hundred dollars, was killed near the Cannon home on West Wilson street.

Lucas gave his version of the affair at the May 2nd meeting of the Board of Commissioners, at which meeting Mayor Walter B. Jones told the Commissioners that Taylor had talked to him about the shooting and indicated that he wanted the town to reimburse him.

The dog was described in the warrants as a pedigreed English setter.

Lucas stated that the police office received a call from the Cannon neighborhood that a dog was "acting queerly" and requested that something be done. On answering the call, the policeman said the dog was in the yard, that the dog had a "queer look in his eyes," and paid no attention to him when first he called to the animal and then moved from one side to the other to see if the animal would notice him. Lucas stated that he would not have touched the dog "for anything," because of the unnatural condition, and that he killed the dog because he was afraid it was mad and that he believed the safety of citizens was involved. He was told, he stated, that the dog bounded up on the porch of the Cannon home and yelped wildly as he attempted to get into the house.

The Commissioners took no action when the affair was first discussed. The affair was aired again last Friday night in a special session, with the board refusing to grant Taylor's claim for settlement, an action which indicates the board is backing the officer in his stand.

It is understood that Taylor had built a special pen and taken other precautions to keep his dog from running at large. It was stated also that the dog became highly nervous during thunderstorms. On the Friday afternoon in question, a severe thunderstorm had prevailed for many minutes preceding and during the noon hour. Taylor had left his home for his place of business and had returned home at the noon hour to find his dog in the condition described by his neighbors.

Piano Pupils Are Presented In Recital

Mrs Haywood Smith presented 65 pupils of piano in recitals Friday and Tuesday nights at 8 o'clock.

Those appearing in the elementary recital Friday evening are Jane Joyner, Nancy Jane Carroll, Lou Taylor Lewis, Norris Spencer, Lurae Worthington, Pat Joyner, Hadley Morgan, Barbara Paramore, Ann Morgan, Kay Guthrie, Vera Cannon, Jimmy Joyner, Clara Belle Flanagan, Ruth Corbett, Henriperle Johnson, Zarelda Walston, James Henry and S. D. Bundy, Jr., Faye Mewborn, Emily Cannon, Sudie Mae Davis, Jane Russell, May Turnage Eason, Magdalena and Janie Blalock, Jean Davis, Betsy King, Patsy Roberts, Paul Cox, Brenda Barrett, Ann Melton, Sue Flanagan, Mary Lou Moore, Nan Williams, Linda Mewborn, Blanche Satterthwaite, Jackie Nolen, Faye Allen, Linda Corbett, Eleanor Glenn Newton and Marion Pickett.

The recital Tuesday night was highlighted by Connie Rollins and Pat Corbett, the only two senior students, playing three numbers on two pianos in addition to their solo numbers.

Others participating that evening were Carolyn Roebuck, Everette Roebuck, Gerald Davis, Guitta Cannon, Videau Joyner, Doris Wilkerson, Dorothy Fulford, Joyce Harris, Sylvia Allen, Shirley Gay, Grace Miller, Claire Cannon, Mary Frances Joyner, Marcia Forbes, Willa Rae Harper, James Thorne, Jean Moore, Carolyn Rasberry, Hazel Garris, Ann Bynum, Mary Ellen Dail and Jack Williford.

Bonner Addresses Joint Meeting Of Kiwanis and Rotary

Congressman Herbert H. Bonner, who was here last Monday night to make the commencement address in the local school, talked to a joint meeting of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs about some of the duties of a Congressman.

Dr. Paul E. Jones introduced the Congressman in a glowing manner, as "your friend, my friend, and a friend of the people."

Speaking in an informal manner, Bonner expressed his appreciation for the courtesies shown him by the people of this community and reiterated his determination to serve them to the best of his ability. He told the civic clubs that he had been in favor of Tart-Hartley act and had voted to over-ride the President's veto. He stated that he was in favor of balancing the budget, just as soon as it was possible to do so without endangering the national welfare and the nation's defense.

Many visitors were on hand for the Bonner talk.

The Congressman paid his respects to Fred Thomas, who served as Bonner's sergeant in World War I.

JUNIOR ORDER TO HAVE DISTRICT MEETING TUES.

The district meeting of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, will be held with the Farmville Council next Tuesday evening at 7:30.

All members are urged to be present.

At The Lions Club

The Lions clu b held its regular meeting Monday night at the E. A. Moye club house at Lang's Cross Roads. After supper the meeting was called to order by President Allen Drake. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Jack Yelverton, who has charge of the plans for charter night, related some of the progress that has been made for the occasion.

By a majority vote, the date of the charter night was changed from June 2 to June 16.

Special guests at the meeting were Wilbur Pike and Thomas Vail of Pikeville, W. R. Duke, Littlejohn Faulkner and R. D. Stallings of Wilson, and Dalton Corbett of Farmville.

THOMAS E. HARRIS

Thomas Edward Harris, 49, engineer with the Farmville Water and Light department for the past 24 years, died at his home in the Horton apartments Saturday morning following an illness of a few hours. Mr. Harris, who had been a faithful worker, was a native of Georgia, but moved to Salisbury in childhood. He was the son of the late James Clyde and Minnie Wooten Harris.

Funeral services were held from the Farmville Funeral home at 2:30 Monday afternoon with Rev. E. W. Holmes, Baptist minister, in charge. He was assisted by Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, of Rocky Mount.

Survivors include his wife, the former Emma Beth Tripp; a daughter, Janet Elizabeth; a sister, Mrs. La C. Pritchard of Richmond, Va.; two brothers, Charlie E. of Rocky Mount and Hubert V. Harris of Richmond.

Pallbearers were Leon Joyner, Tony Collins, Jack Williams, Ed Smith, Ernest Pope and Earl Barnes.

Interment followed in the Farmville cemetery.

Evangelist

REV. A. PURNELL BAILEY

Rev. Bailey will conduct a revival next week at the Walstonburg Community Methodist church. Services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Bailey, a former war chaplain, conducted a revival at the Walstonburg church last year and was invited back this year. He is from Norfolk, Va.

Scouts Spend Enjoyable Visit At LeJeune

Jan Cayton, Bert Warren, Charles Greene, Emmett Pickett, Harold Flanagan, Walter Burgess, Jess Spencer and Bobby Hathaway were special guests at Camp Lejeune last week end and were among the 218 Explorer Scouts who were guests of the camp at a special gathering.

High mark of the visit was the Armed Forces Day celebration last Saturday.

Softball Games Start Here Tuesday Night

The city softbal l league, composed of four teams, will open the season with two games to be played Tuesday night, starting at 8 o'clock.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Davis and daughter spent Wednesday and Thursday in Rich Square where Mr. Davis officiated at the Taylor-Bryant wedding.

Miss Anne Boykin of Raleigh spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boykin. She had Miss Carolyn Richardson, a roommate, as her guest.

Robert Crawford of near Bell Arthur spent Wednesday with his sister, Miss Elizabeth Crawford, student at Phieffer college, Misenheimer. Miss Crawford will arrive Sunday to spend her vacation at home.

Henry Tyson spoke at the morning worship service at Wesley Community church Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Key Taylor, who conducted a revival in Morehead City last week.

Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Smith had as their guests for several days this week Mr. and Mrs Emmett Dye and son, Emmett, of Balboa, Panama Canal Zone. The Dyes will tour the states before returning to their home.

Mrs. Mattie Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bland and daughter of Kinston were guests Sunday afternoon of Mrs. Floyd Daughety. Mrs. Bland and Mrs. Thornton are sisters of Mrs. Daughety.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Wellons, Jr., and daughter, Nancy, of Newport News, Va., and Mrs. C. K. Edwards and son, Raby, of Greenville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Edwards.

Mrs. E. W. Staton, Mrs. Henry Nonkes, Mrs. Earl Bradley and Mrs. Roy Allsbrook of Scotland Neck and Mrs. Ray Smith of Washington, D. C., attended Miss Connie Rollins' graduation from Farmville school Monday night.

Mrs. G. A. Rouse, president of the Farmville Episcopal auxiliary, Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Mrs. R. C. Copenhaver, Mrs. John D. Dixon, Mrs. E. C. Beaman and Mrs. C. H. Joyner attended the district meeting of the Episcopal Women's auxiliaries Thursday in Greenville.

Mrs. A. B. Gawthrop and daughter, Grace, of Jacksonville spent the week end with Miss Rosa Williams and Hal Winders. The Gawthrops, Hal Winders and Lester Winders attended the graduation of Miss Janice Winders from Kenly high school Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Joyner, Jr., recently moved from Decatur, Ga., to Raleigh. Mrs. Joyner and their son, who have been spending two weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Joyner, left Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wood, in Pasadena, Calif.

Mrs. Lonnie Kornegay of Fuquay Springs and Mrs. W. E. Pettit of Fuquay Springs, R.F.D., and Mrs. Mae Bryant Wood, Jr., of Fredericksburg, Va., spent Monday of last week with their parents, Mrs. Bryant Wood and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wood.

Vacation Bible Schools Will Be Held In Five Churches Next Week

Three Vacation Bible schools in Farmville and two in nearby country churches will open Monday and continue through Friday.

Farmville Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian churches will open sessions at 9 o'clock and close at 11:30.

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox and Sam D. Bundy, serving as co-superintendents of the Christian school, have called a meeting of teachers and helpers for 8:30 Monday morning. Teachers will be: Kindergarten, Mrs. G. M. Shirley; primary, Miss Agnes Quinerly; recreation, Elbert Moye. Mrs. J. O. Pollard is in charge of serving refreshments.

Assistants in the school will be Misses Ann and Jean Bynum, Gayle Flanagan, Louise Lovic, Mattie Dail, Carole Pippin, Margie Lilley, Alma Grey Lilley, Joan Atkinson, and Dot Lucas, Mrs. William Wooten, Mrs. Howard Allen, Mrs. J. D. Murphrey, Harold Flanagan, Jan Cayton and Emmett Pickett.

Teachers in the Presbyterian school will be Misses Peggy Burgess, Nancy Lu Moore, beginners; Mrs. James Bennett, primary department; Miss Jen Easley, juniors.

Monk Memorial Methodist church on the Fountain highway will hold sessions each afternoon from 2 to 4:30 with David Starling as superintendent. In charge of the departments will be Mrs. W. E. Fulford, beginners; Mrs. Robert Whitfield, primary; Mrs. Ira Oakley, juniors; David Starling, intermediates.

The Ballards Presbyterian church will have classes each afternoon from 3 to 5:30.

Workers in the Methodist school will be Mrs. Wilton Wilkerson, Mrs. Dan H. Jones, Mrs. J. H. Bynum, Mrs. Joe Bynum, Jr., Mrs. Melton Allen, Mrs. G. M. Holden, Mrs. Jack McDavid, Misses Mary Leah Thorne, Mary Frances Allen, Betsy Morrisa, Willa Rae Harper and Carolyn Roebuck, John Russell Joyner and Rev. H. L. Davis.

Refreshment will be served by the circles.

Activities Of Local Church Organizations

EPISCOPAL

The Women's auxiliary met Monday with the president, Mrs. G. A. Rouse. The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn. Mrs. John D. Dixon, chaplain, conducted the devotional based on the account of Pentecost from Romans and read a meditation from the "Mission Herald."

Miss Helen Smith and Mrs. Will Jones, Jr., were appointed as luncheon committee for June; Mrs. C. H. Joyner as hostess for the auxiliary meeting that month and Mrs. Madeline Rountree and Mrs. Jack Lewis as caretakers of the church.

A report of the May Fellowship Day observance by the local Council of Church Women was given by the president, Miss Helen Smith. Mrs. R. C. Copenhaver brought echoes of the recent district meeting of women's auxiliaries in Greenville.

The following members volunteered to serve on the finance committee for the Sunday School rooms project for the month: Mrs. J. H. Darden, Mrs. Rountree, Mrs. F. A. Williams, Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Copenhaver.

The Truett circle met with Mrs. R. T. Williams Monday afternoon, with Mrs. C. M. Paylor presiding.

Mrs. J. R. Shearin gave the devotional based on hidden treasures, explaining how the Lord brought them to light and emphasizing the fact that nothing can be hidden from Him and that His children must have in their hearts the willingness to give Him all that they possess.

Mrs. John T. Walston gave the program.

During the social period, when refreshments were served, Mrs. E. W. Holmes discussed highlights of the Southern Baptist convention in Chicago, which she and Rev. Holmes attended.

MORGAN-BROCK

The marriage of Grace Brock to Ernest Morgan will take place June 1 at 4 o'clock in the Marlboro FWB church. No invitations are being issued, but friends are invited.

KINDERGARTEN GIVES PROGRAM MONDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Florence Thorne's kindergarten will present its annual program Monday night at 8 o'clock in Perdue hall at the high school.

Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

GREENVILLE GIRL HAS LUNCHEON

Miss Betsy Morris, Greenville girl, was hostess at a luncheon Saturday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morris, in honor of her cousin, Miss Mary Frances Allen, of Farmville, whose marriage to Mr. Charles Fitzgerald, Jr., of Farmville, will be an event of June 3.

Those present were the honoree, Miss Betsy Morris, Miss Willa Rae Harper, Miss Carolyn Roebuck, Miss Ann Williams, Miss Ann Melton, Miss Sue Flanagan, Miss Mary Lou Moore, Miss Linda Mewborn, Miss Blanche Satterthwaite, Miss Faye Allen, Miss Linda Corbett, Miss Eleanor Glenn Newton, Miss Marion Pickett, Miss Betsy King, Miss Patsy Roberts, Miss Brenda Barrett, Miss Jane Russell, Miss Sudie Mae Davis, Miss Jean Davis, Miss Mary Turnage Eason, Miss Magdalena Blalock, Miss Janie Blalock, Miss Nancy Carroll, Miss Lou Taylor Lewis, Miss Norris Spencer, Miss Lurae Worthington, Miss Pat Joyner, Miss Hadley Morgan, Miss Barbara Paramore, Miss Ann Morgan, Miss Kay Guthrie, Miss Vera Cannon, Miss Jimmy Joyner, Miss Clara Belle Flanagan, Miss Ruth Corbett, Miss Henriperle Johnson, Miss Zarelda Walston, Miss Faye Mewborn, Miss Emily Cannon, Miss Jane Russell, Miss Jean Davis, Miss Betsy King, Miss Patsy Roberts, Miss Paul Cox, Miss Brenda Barrett, Miss Ann Melton, Miss Sue Flanagan, Miss Mary Lou Moore, Miss Nan Williams, Miss Linda Mewborn, Miss Blanche Satterthwaite, Miss Jackie Nolen, Miss Faye Allen, Miss Linda Corbett, Miss Eleanor Glenn Newton and Miss Marion Pickett.

FARMVILLE TO HAVE QUEEN, FLOAT AND BAND IN RALEIGH CELEBRATION

Jaycees Honor School Athletes At Annual Athletic Banquet

The Farmville Junior Chamber of Commerce Saturday night honored members of the local high school athletic teams and their dates at the second annual athletic banquet, in the lunchroom at the school.

After the delicious barbecued chicken dinner, Toastmaster Bob Rouse, Jr., welcomed the Jaycees, their ladies and the honored guests. Mayor Walter B. Jones presented the speaker of the evening, Sam Bundy, who substituted for Football Coach D. C. (Peahead) Walker of Wake Forest college who failed to show up for the dinner, after he had accepted the invitation to be the principal speaker.

Bundy was most eloquent in his praise of the athletes and their accomplishments during the past year. In his usual jovial manner, Bundy encouraged the young people to go through life practicing the precepts and principles of teamwork and sportsmanship which they had so ably demonstrated on the athletic field. Jack McDavid, chairman of the awards committee, assisted by Marvin Speight, Jr., presented high school letters and Jaycee awards to the members of the football, baseball and boys' basketball teams. John Dunn, coach of the girls' basketball team, presented letters to the members of the girls' basketball team and a surprise most valuable player award to Voncell Mozingo. Special recognition was paid to Charles Fitzgerald, Jr., Wilbert Morris, and Randolph Allen who excelled in all three sports.

Special guests for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Jones, Coach Bert Moye.

General Turnage Supports Graham In Senate Race

General Allen Hal Turnage of the United States Marine Corps, a Farmville native who led 3rd Division in the landing at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville, in the Pacific, on Nov. 1, 1943, and in 1944 played a major part in the recapture of Guam, is supporting Senator Frank P. Graham for re-election to the U. S. Senate.

In a transcribed radio address broadcast early this week, General Turnage stated that ordinarily he would take no stand in a senatorial race but that the world situation demands men of Graham's type in the Senate. He branded as false the rumors that Graham is a Communist.

"His public statements and his whole life show how fundamental a part of Frank Graham is his loyalty to freedom and Christianity, and his opposition to Communism and all totalitarianism," said General Turnage, "and the people of North Carolina know that Frank Graham was making this record long before anyone dreamed that he would ever be a candidate for public office."

"And those who want to smear him as pro-Red don't talk much, either, about Frank Graham's record in the United States Senate, because his record there has brought him even more national recognition as a spokesman of democracy in the cold war against Communism. His speech in the Senate for the ratification of the Atlantic Pact and his statement on Indonesia won him the gratitude of free men throughout the world as they face the menace of Communist infiltration and Russian aggression.

"These are the facts and this is the record. To quote it would be fatal to those who seek to smear Frank Graham.

"I have known Frank Graham for more than 40 years," said Turnage. "I first met him one Sunday afternoon in 1908 at the University of North Carolina. He was a senior and I was a lowly freshman. He was coming out of the YMCA with a Bible under his arm and prayer in his heart. He had just finished a session before the prayer meeting in the YMCA that Sunday afternoon.

Farmville, "the best and steadiest tobacco market and the State's friendliest town," expects to be well represented in Raleigh next Wednesday at festivities which go hand in hand with the world premiere of the new motion picture, "Bright Leaf," the story of tobacco.

Plans for Farmville to be represented by its high school band, "Miss Bright Leaf of Farmville" and her attendants were completed Tuesday by Fred C. Moore, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, at a conference with Raleigh officials who are promoting the event. Moore's report was made Tuesday night at a special meeting of association directors and chairmen, called by President T. Eli Joyner, Jr., to organize committees and lay the groundwork for plans that will insure Farmville of making an excellent showing in competition with the 20-odd other towns entering the event.

The selection of "Miss Bright Leaf of Farmville" will be made Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the Paramount theatre. Pressed for time, the group Tuesday night voted that the most practical way of picking the girl who will represent Farmville would be a plan which would have all of the candidates appear before a panel of impartial judges. Manager Keith Nickelson of the Paramount theatre offered the use of his stage for that purpose and all of the candidates will appear in evening gowns at the time specified.

Associations officials emphasized the fact that the contest is open to al single young ladies between 18 and 25. Citizens of the town are invited to call the Chamber of Commerce office, phone 4900, and enter the name of the young lady they think would best represent Farmville. The 16 young ladies who have accepted invitations to enter the contest are: Mary Frances Allen, Seleta Tucker, Mary Alice Meeks, Sybil Barrett, Connie Rollins, Dot Hathaway, Myrtle Nichols, Margaret Bynum and Jean Bynum, Grace Brock, Joyce Corbett, Marie Cannon, Mary Leah Thorne, Peggy Burgess, Jane Kittrell and Joyce Wood.

Regrets have been expressed that college examinations and commencement programs prevent other young ladies from entering the contest.

Winner of the contest will receive $25 in cash and an evening gown appropriate for wearing in the Raleigh parade. The two runners-up will receive evening gowns appropriate for the occasion and, in addition, will serve as the queen's attendants at the social functions and parade in Raleigh. Each of the entrants will receive a prize.

These awards are being donated by the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association and the Tobacco Board of Trade. The three winners will also ride on Farmville's float in the parade and will be guests at the world premiere of "Bright Leaf."

Manager Nickeson is making arrangements for the contestants to be presented again, on Monday, June 5, when "Bright Leaf" will be shown here. At that time, the prizes will be awarded.

Robert D. Rouse, Sam D. Bundy and Mrs. Walter B. Jones were appointed members of a committee to arrange transportation for the band, whose members have been asked to meet at the school at 10:30 on Wednesday morning. Bundy announces that personnel of the 1949-50 band will be taken. Since Raleigh will be crowded that day with more than 100,000 out-of-town visitors, more than enough to over-tax the capacity of Raleigh restaurants, members of the band are asked to bring box lunches with them. The band, Nickelson says, will be granted passes to the show when it appears here.

Farmville's float is being prepared in Raleigh by a professional float maker, who assured Moore Tuesday that the town would be pleased with what he would fix, or he won't take a dime."

Mayor Walter B. Jones will be among the distinguished guests at the Raleigh affair. He will be brought back to Farmville that night in a jeep, with a police escort.

The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. and will last for two hours. It will be followed by a mammoth barbecue at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.