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## Jean Booth Addresses PTA at Walstonburg

An informative speech about his visit to Japan was given by Jean Booth, superintendent of Kinston city schools, at the regular meeting of the Walstonburg Parent-Teacher association on January 9.

After the meeting was called to order by the president, Henry Burch, an inspiring devotion centered around the theme, "Doing One's Best," was conducted by A. J. Craft. Mrs. Ben Gay, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and they were approved. A balance of \$477.87 in the treasury was reported by Earl Lang, treasurer. The audience was then led by Mrs. Alton Shirley in several entertaining songs.

J. R. Peeler, principal, introduced Mr. Booth, who was one of the educators sent to Japan by the government to make a study of Japanese and to submit recommendations for improvements. Mr. Booth emphasized the fact that their main purpose in going to Japan was to try to get the Japanese to think deeply and in a democratic way. He also stated that we need to better understand other people and their problems. His experiences in Japan were related in a very interesting and sincere manner, and his remarks were very worthwhile. At the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Burch expressed his appreciation for a most enjoyable program.

The next regular meeting of the PTA will be held on February 1 at 7:30 p. m.

## DEWEY HATHAWAY AT MECHANICS SCHOOL IN TEXAS

Recruit Dewey Hathaway, who enlisted in the Air Force in November, has completed his basic training at Wichita Falls, Texas, and will remain there for 28 weeks attending the A. and E. Mechanics school.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hathaway.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sgt. and Mrs. John A. Butts of Fort Sill, Okla., announce the birth of a son, Jeffrey Kent, January 15, at the Fort Sill hospital. Mrs. Butts is the former Edna Taylor of Columbia, S. C.

Sgt. Butts is the son of Mrs. John Butts of Farmville.

## Bobby Rouse Is Selected As Farmville's 'Man Of The Year'

Robert Dixon (Bobby) Rouse, Jr., 26-year-old attorney, has been selected for the Distinguished Service Award which the Junior Chamber of Commerce confers annually for outstanding work in the community.

Rouse was unanimously selected for the honor at a meeting Tuesday night of civic club officials who had been asked to submit nominations and pick the candidate for the award.

Since establishing his legal practice here shortly after his graduation from the University of North Carolina, which he attended following separation from active Naval service with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, Rouse has been closely associated with local civic and religious projects.

It was his work in such projects that prompted the committee to ferret him out for the honor.

He is married to the former Letha Holloman. They have a three-year-old son.

Rouse was active in the organization of a midweek football team here last fall and in sponsoring the second Coastal Basketball tournament. He is assistant superintendent of the Christian Sunday School and is president of the young married couples' class. He is a member of the county and state Bar associations, is president of the Jaycees and is a Rotarian, a Mason and a member of the American Legion.

He served as co-chairman of the Red Cross drive here last year.

President Walter Jones of the Rotary club, President Charles Edwards of the Kiwanis club, Commander Jack Tyson of the VFW, Commander W. D. Creekmur of the American Legion and Jaycee President Rouse had been selected by Jaycee Chairman Joe D. Joyner to take the nominations and select the recipient of the award.

When Rouse and Creekmur found out they had been nominated, they excused themselves. Sam Bundy and Curtis Flanagan took their places on the committee.

The award will be presented early in February, possibly at a joint meeting of all civic clubs.

Manager J. L. Crosh of the Country club announces that the club will be open Sunday afternoon for members and their guests.

## At The Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis club Monday night was shown a special moving picture which had to do with the role Kiwanis should play in promoting peace and building better communities.

Charles Edwards, now president of the club, had charge of the program. President Edwards announced the appointments of committees as follows:

Boys and Girls Work—Alton Bobbitt, Roger Peeler, Charlie Quinerly. Underprivileged Child—J. Glasgow Smith, Roger Peeler, Charlie Quinerly. Key Club—Louis Williams, Billy Smith, Frank Harris, Sam Bundy. Agriculture and Conservation—David Sterling, Alex Allen, Ted Albritton, Tommy Long. Public and Business Affairs—Fred C. Moore, Hubert Joyner and Carl T. Hicks.

Support of Churches—Jake Fields, Carl Modlin, Sam Bundy.

Achievement Report—Seth Barrow, Sam Bundy, Charlie Edwards.

Attendance and Membership—L. W. Allen, John Jones, Sam Lewis.

House and Recreation—Sylvester Aycock, Henry Johnson, Alex Allen.

Interclub Relations—Frank Allen, Fred Thomas, Bill Creekmur.

Kiwanis Education and Fellowship—Harvey Davis, Zesely Cox, Ernest Pottaway.

Music—Earl Holmes, Raymond Shearin and Herman Baker.

Program and Public Relations—Bernice Turnage, Jim Hockaday, John Wright.

Finance—Jack Lewis, Ben Lewis and George Allen.

WMS HONORS BAPTIST MINISTER AND WIFE

The Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church honored Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Holmes during the church service Sunday morning by remembering them with flowers on the completion of five years of work here.

George W. Davis, chairman of the board of deacons, made a few remarks as Mrs. E. D. Johnson, immediate past president of the WMS, pinned a boutonniere on Mr. Holmes and an orchid corsage on Mrs. Holmes.

## At The Rotary Club

Rev. H. L. Davis, guest speaker at the Rotary club Tuesday night, stated that in these times of tension, stress and turmoil, there are two battles against Communism and the battle between good and evil. The most fertile soil for Communism is paganism and Rev. Davis pointed out that should the present trend in this direction continue, the next generation will be two-thirds pagan.

The only way Communism can be stopped is for us to produce God-fearing men and women through a great spiritual awakening and prayer. Rev. Davis was introduced by Irvin Morgan.

Two members were absent. The attendance average for December was 84.85%.

The fellowship prize was awarded to Frank Williams and the attendance prize to Rev. Davis.

James Monk will have charge of the program next Tuesday.

Walter Jones, president, presided.

## Sam Bundy Heads March Of Dimes;

### \$1500 Is Quota

Sam D. Bundy, who is serving as chairman of the March of Dimes in Farmville township again this year, is seeking to raise at least \$1,571.44 as his community's share of Pitt's quota.

That was the amount raised in this community last year and Chairman Bundy sees no reason why it should not be reached and exceeded.

Pitt county had 16 cases of polio in 1950. These were scattered all over the county.

During the year the Pitt chapter expended \$3,898.76 for treatment and services to victims of the disease.

## Maury Ruritans Install New Officers

Officers for the new year were installed by the Maury Ruritan club at its first meeting of 1951. Newly-elected officers are: Loys May, president; Earl McLawhorn, vice president; Jessie Tripp, secretary; F. J. Hensby, Jr., treasurer; W. H. Howell, reporter; K. L. Wooten, chaplain and song leader; and R. T. "Bud" Forrest, sergeant at arms.

In accepting the office of president, Mr. May expressed his desire to make the club even better than it has been in past years, and pledged his time and effort in making this a great year for Maury Ruritan work.

"This note of optimism," stated the new president, "is sounded even in the face of the serious problems which confront our nation and the world in the days ahead. We must all work harder and pray for a lasting peace to come without another war."

J. W. McLawhorn, L. L. Hardy, Roy Vandford and Stoney Worthington were elected directors of the organization.

Committee chairmen were appointed as follows: Program and Entertainment, Robert Nehercutt; fellowship, J. B. Friesell; finance, F. J. Hensby, Jr.; recreation and community work, Sidney Albritton; youth, J. W. Stocks; agriculture, W. H. Howell; rural church, K. L. Wooten; rural utilities, Fred C. Darden; public highways, W. E. Moore; education, L. L. Hardy; home improvement, L. O. Seddard.

During the business meeting, plans were made for organizing a Ruritan club basketball team. Jasper Lewis, principal of the Maury school, was appointed manager and coach of the team.

## Kilpatrick Has Bill To Change Voting

Frank M. Kilpatrick of Ayles, one of Pitt's two representatives in the lower house of the General Assembly, has introduced in the House a bill to amend the present method of electing aldermen in Ayles.

Adopted in 1885, the present system provides that one alldeman shall be elected from one of the five wards in the town. The Kilpatrick bill outlines the system but provides that each ward shall vote for all five alldermen rather than for the alldeman from his ward only.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Cities and Towns.

## OPEN HOUSE

Mrs. E. T. Williams and Mrs. W. R. Bunkle entertained the Old South Club at their annual meeting at the Old South Hotel.

The program, singing and games were enjoyed by all. Christmas gifts were presented to the members.

Refreshments were served by the members.

The meeting was held at 8 p. m.

## Jaycees' Gold Medal Basketball Tournament Gets Underway Monday; 16 Strong Teams From Nine High Schools Compete For Awards

### Dr. A. J. Hobbs and Dr. J. D. Messick on Closing Program

Dr. A. J. Hobbs of Rocky Mount, superintendent of the Rocky Mount district of the North Carolina Methodist conference, will deliver the commencement sermon at the Farmville high school on Sunday night, May 20. The address will be delivered on Monday night, May 21, by Dr. John D. Messick, president of East Carolina college.

In securing his commencement speakers at an early date, Principal Sam D. Bundy is making certain that he is obtaining the best speakers possible.

### WILEY STRICKLAND'S MOTHER DIED SUNDAY

Mrs. Fannie Baker, 68, of near Falkland, mother of Wiley Strickland of South Turnage street, died Sunday after an illness of two weeks. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday from Little Grace Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Baker was first married to Bennie Strickland, who died some years ago. In addition to her second husband, Ben Baker, she has two sons survive: Wiley; Lemon Strickland of Washington, D. C.; Willie Strickland of Robertsonville; E. C. Strickland of near Falkland; several step-children; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### ON ETCO HONOR ROLL

The dean's list and honor roll at ETCO for the fall quarter have been released. Jean Byrum and Marie Cannon were among the 300 students on the honor roll.

### Mrs. Josh Dixon Dies At Her Home

Final rites for Mrs. Josh T. Dixon, 68, a resident of Farmville for 40 years, were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor of the Farmville Methodist church, officiating. Mrs. Dixon had been an active member for many years, in charge. Mrs. Dixon, who had been in failing health for a number of years, died Monday afternoon. She had been critically ill for several days.

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, Christian minister, assisted with the service. Music was rendered by a mixed choir. Active pallbearers were A. W. Bobbitt, Manly Liles, Maurice Brinson, L. E. Walton, C. C. Simpson and Hal Winder. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery, Wilson.

Mrs. Dixon, the former Dora Thompson, was born in Halifax county and moved to Farmville from Wilson. She was the daughter of the late Betty Jane and Mitchem Thompson.

Surviving, besides her husband, are three daughters, Mrs. K. B. Britt of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. Ernest C. Cartwright of near Elizabeth City, and Mrs. LaVerne Greese of Farmville; four sons, Joe L. Dixon of Decatur, Ind., Harry, George and I. V. Dixon of Farmville; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Two sons, Jimmy of Rocky Mount and Josh, died within the last 10 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 2, 1950, at a reception given by their children.

Farmville's annual basketball extravaganza, the Jaycees' Coastal Gold Medal tournament, will be staged next week in the local gymnasium, with games scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

Seven high schools—Ayden, Farmville, Vanceboro, Snow Hill, South Edgecombe, Stantonburg and Walstonburg—will be represented in the tournament by both boys and girls. Naburns is entering a boys team and Bell Asthur is sending along its girls to play in the tourney.

In the boys' division, Ayden and Snow Hill have been seeded as number one and two, respectively, while the Snow Hill and Farmville girls have been accorded the favored spots in their class.

Four games will be played Monday. Farmville and Bell Arthur girls play boys play at 7:30.

At 8:30, Farmville and Vanceboro boys play at 7:30. Snow Hill and Walstonburg girls play at 8:30 and the final game of the evening will be between South Edgecombe and Stantonburg boys.

Four more games will be played on Wednesday night. The semi-finals will be played Thursday, and the championship rounds will be played on Saturday.

Handsome trophies will be awarded by the Jaycees.

## Farmville Negro Soldier Reported Missing In Action

Cpl. Ira Lee Foreman, 27-year-old Negro soldier whose mother, Octavia Bryant, has been making her home in Farmville, has been reported by the Army department as missing in action in Korea since December 1.

Foreman's family moved to Farmville from Greene county a few weeks ago. They had a letter from him about two weeks before Christmas.

Foreman, before enlisting in the Army, attended Snow Hill school and farmed. He served a three-year tour in the Army and then re-enlisted.

Foreman is the second local colored soldier missing in action or killed in the Korean conflict. Barnabas Joyner was killed on Sept. 25.

## Joe Joyner Installed As Master of Lodge

The Farmville Masonic Lodge installed officers for 1951 at its regular meeting this week. Officers installed were as follows: Joe D. Joyner, master; C. L. Ivey, senior warden; Claude Joyner, junior warden; Joe Flinka, senior deacon; Ed Neal Warren, junior deacon; D. G. Spall, secretary; L. F. Thomas, treasurer; J. E. Driley, senior steward; Gordon Lee, junior steward; Donald Nichols, teller; Sam D. Bundy, chaplain.

W. E. Joyner, a past master of the lodge and presently a certified lecturer for the Grand Lodge, installed the officers; retiring master, Sam Bundy, acted as marshal. Reports given for the year's work showed an increase in membership, an increase in financial status, and increase in interest, and a greater contribution to the Oxford Orphanage.

## Local Teams Win Basketball Games

Farmville high school basketball teams rang up two more victories within the past week. The girls defeated Walstonburg, 40-35, and won from South Edgecombe, 29-25. The boys defeated Walstonburg, 48 to 37, and defeated South Edgecombe by a score of 48-25.

High scores for Walstonburg girls were G. Motie and J. Fields, each with 9. For Farmville, Bays Hathaway had 15, M. Rouse 12, and L. Wooten, 11.

Little Rouse had 14 points in the South Edgecombe game.

Joyce Morgan was the defensive star for Farmville in the two games.

For the boys, Randolph Allen was high scorer against Walstonburg, with 14 points. Charlie Flanagan scored on defense.

Against South Edgecombe, Albert Cannon had 15 points.

Friday night's game with Vanceboro has been postponed until Feb. 13 in order that the gymnasium floor may be prepared for the Coastal Gold Medal tournament to be played here.

## Tom Dail Lucky to Get Out of Korea Alive

Pfc. Tom Dail, who is getting a taste of "State-side" life while recovering from wounds and frostbites received two months ago in Korea, would like to get back to Japan when the Army returns him to duty but he has reason to believe that he will be assigned to a unit in the continental United States, whose job will be to train recruits.

Dail, who is spending two weeks here with his mother, Mrs. Doris Dail, will return to Fort Bragg hospital at the end of his furlough for additional treatment and hospitalization. He was wounded in the right foot, and his feet were frost-bitten. Since he refuses a medical discharge, he will be restored to duty when the Army medical staff says so.

Enlisting in the Army on November 2, 1948, shortly after his graduation from Farmville high school, Dail was sent to Japan in September, 1949, and was based on the northern tip of the island until August, 1950, when he and other engineers were hurriedly called upon to help quell the disturbances in Korea. From his statement about wanting to go back to Japan, one gathers the impression that he liked duty in the land of the Rising Sun. Dail was wounded in November '50, exactly two weeks before his 21st birthday. He was taken by air to Japan for hospitalization, and then returned to this country. He arrived at Fort Bragg in time to send his mother New Year's greetings via telephone.

The hard man's outfit was at Ichon September 8 and stayed there a couple of weeks until the fighting quieted. Then they went to Pusan until, on 13th, the "line" started above the 38th parallel. Leaving Pusan about September 25 their next stop was Wusan where they stayed about 10 days while the Navy cleared out water mines. Then they headed for the American border to enter the 24th Infantry regiment and the 3rd Cavalry who were there.

They were in the Chosin reservoir, about 45 or 50 miles from the border, and had been there since they received orders to move.

gan coming over the border about that time, Dail noted, "You can kill 10, but 100 will come in their place." He said the North Koreans were as happy as the Americans and the South Koreans, before the Chinese Communists entered the battle, thinking the war would soon be ended.

Dail noted that the Chinese and North Koreans acted more like they were on opposite sides, rather than allies. Fights often broke out between Chinese and North Koreans, who had been herded together after being taken as prisoners of war. After the Chinese swarmed in and held the upper hand in the fighting, the North Koreans reorganized and joined them.

Dail did not come in direct contact with any of the atrocities ascribed to the Chinese and North Koreans. When his company began withdrawing, they had orders to destroy all equipment and papers. They decided to take the wounded back in trucks. The Chinese had set up road blocks, so the only way the Americans could get through was for the men to scatter and fight their way back. His unit tried to pull an organized withdrawal, but failed, due partly to lack of ammunition.

On the following day, a small group of Marines, who had retreated ahead of this particular company of soldiers, took tanks and went back to get the wounded in the trucks. According to observers, the Chinese Communists sprayed the trucks with machine gun fire and had taken the vehicles and men.

A few of the wounded escaped from the trucks when they found the vehicles blocked by the Chinese. Dail later saw one of those men in the hospital in Japan.

"At times," he stated, "the Chinese treated our prisoners all right. Once they released 20 men, after taking their clothing. Most of these men suffered from frostbite. Dail saw one of the 20 in a hospital. He had had been hospitalized because frostbite melted them when the Chinese took his shoes.

It appeared to Dail that the only thing the Communists wanted was to get the Chinese out of the area.

Only 42 members of Dail's battalion were accounted for the day after they escaped from the Chinese. In the battle, fighting alongside the 127 men were known to be alive. They are in Dail's outfit were captured. They were sent to the hospital in the hospital in North Carolina. An officer in the hospital said that the 42 men were the only ones who were captured.

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rescue work, but these were often the target of small-arms fire. Much of the equipment used by the Chinese was American-made. It was equipment that had fallen into Chinese and Communist hands by way of Nationalist China's collapse.

Many of the Chinese soldiers were educated in American schools. A large number of the South Koreans speak Chinese.

In talking with prisoners through interpreters, Dail said the greatest thing they found out was that the Chinese were confident of winning the war.

He stated that the North Korean intelligence service was far superior to ours. It is composed of men dressed as civilians and it was impossible to tell who was in it. Another reason for Americans finding it impossible to know who was the enemy was because some South Koreans joined the Northern army at the outbreak of the war. America had told the people one thing and the Communists told them another—until enough confusion existed for them to believe the North was right.

It appeared to Dail that most of the Chinese soldiers had been doped. Frostbites didn't seem to bother them. He added that most of them carried a small vial of opium as standard equipment.

Though Russian propaganda incited the Chinese, Dail saw no Russian and only two Russian-made planes while in Korea.

Dail had unstinted praise for the U. S. Air Force. "If it hadn't been for the Air Force, we couldn't have gotten out." And he also had a plan for an Australian outfit, an English brigade and an English marine outfit which he had seen in action. He had praise for them.

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