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Local Business Men Plan To Make Town's First Farmers Day Big Affair; Wednesday, May 9, Selected As Date

A beauty contest, parade, a dance in one of the warehouses, bands and square-dance musicians, plus a long list of handsome prizes and other entertainment features—all free—will be highlights of Farmville's first annual Farmers Day, to be held here on Wednesday afternoon, May 9.

Business leaders of the town have long dreamed of an event such as this which would, in a measure, show our neighbors from surrounding communities and rural sections how much their patronage is appreciated and how highly their good will is valued.

This is the first year, however, that circumstances have been such that an event could be held.

Work is rapidly going forward, under the direction of Secretary Fred Moore of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants association, President Eli Joyner, Jr., and Sam D. Bundy, general chairman.

Committee assignments have been made. Civic clubs have been asked to be responsible for specific features.

The Rotary club, for instance, is to conduct the beauty pageant and contest; the Kiwanis club is to direct the parade. More details will be announced in later issues of The Enterprise.

In the meantime, citizens of the community are asked to stimulate as much interest as possible in the event and to respond when called upon for assistance.

Those in charge of the celebration are stressing the fact that its success depends upon the manner in which townspeople respond. The event is going to require the combined efforts of everyone.

Activities Of Local Church Organizations

EPISCOPAL

The Women's auxiliary met Monday with Mrs. Harry J. Byers as hostess. Mrs. John D. Dixon, chaplain, conducted the meditation period. Mrs. G. Alex Rouse, president, reminded the women of the foreign missions study class of the United Council of Church Women at which the study of St. Near East Panoramas will be developed.

The chairman of the Sunday School grade mothers' groups gave reports evidencing interest and activity, and the Altar Guild contributed \$34 to the furnishings fund. Reports of Mrs. J. H. Darden, U. T. O. custodian, and Mrs. Byers, box and supply secretary, were heard also. Proposed amendments to the auxiliary constitution of the Diocese of East Carolina were discussed at this time.

The third section in "Chapters in Church History" by Dawley, was reviewed by Mrs. C. Hubert Joyner in a comprehensive and interesting paper. This chapter dealt with the history of Christianity in England before the Reformation and with the Protestant Episcopal church's heritage of centuries as found in the life of the English church. Mrs. Joyner gave a sketch of John Wycliffe, scholar and priest, nationalist and patriot, and recounted his defiant translation of the Latin Vulgate Bible into English, which caused him to be hailed by a later generation as the Morning Star of the Reformation.

PRESBYTERIAN

The Presbyterian Women of the Church held their last meeting of the church year at the home of the retiring president, Mrs. M. E. Pollard, who presided. After an opening prayer and Scripture reading, annual reports were heard from various officers and chairmen.

This was followed by the installation service in which new and old officers dedicated themselves to the service whereunto each had been called and elected. The meeting was adjourned by the Lord's Prayer in union. Mrs. Charles F. Hancock, new president, will preside at the April meeting.

COASTAL GOLF TOURNEY OPENS WEDNESDAY

The Coastal Golf association will open its spring tournament Wednesday with eight town participants.

Prizes will be given to the best golfer in each of the four classes. The classes are: Men, 18 and over; Men, 35 and over; Men, 45 and over; and Men, 55 and over.

Edward Owens Gets Award For Battle Action

A Farmville man, Sergeant First Class Edward J. Owens, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device for heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy. It has been announced by 3rd Infantry Division headquarters in Korea.

Sergeant Owens is a member of Company B, 7th Infantry Regiment, and the award was made for his actions during the fighting last December when his platoon was assaulted by an overwhelming enemy force in the vicinity of Yongsu, Korea.

The citation reads: "The enemy force by mass attack disorganized the platoon and drove it from its positions. Sergeant Owens, in company with four others, voluntarily launched an immediate counter-attack to regain the lost positions."

"Sergeant Owens and the others charged through murderous fire and drove the enemy from the positions. This action inspired the platoon that it dashed up a bullet-swept slope, disorganizing the enemy and driving him from his positions."

"The courage and initiative of Sergeant Owens are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."

Sergeant Owens' wife, the former Miss Rose Russell of Farmville, is now living in Japan.

Sgt. Owens is the son of H. F. Owens of near Tarboro and the late Mrs. Sula Merritt Owens. He made his home with aunt, Miss Nell Owens of Fountain, now of Raleigh, after the death of his mother when he was six years old.

With Servicemen

Pvt. Jack Turnage of Kessler Field, Miss., arrived Tuesday to spend ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turnage. Jack, who dropped by the office to tell us how much he is enjoying The Enterprise, feels right at home at Kessler where eight men from Greenville and one from Ayden are among his friends.

First Lt. William T. Bilbro of Greenville, who was recalled to active duty with the Army Air Force last month, is stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He moved his wife, the former Mary Ann Townsend of Farmville, and twins, Mary and Cecil, to Montgomery last week.

Lt. Bilbro served overseas three and a half years in World War II. Cpl. Harvey L. Davis, Jr., has been transferred from the Hawaiian Islands to the Marshall Islands.

ADDRESSES

Pvt. Billy G. Gregory, US 63020772, Army Personnel Center, Shipment No. NR-Y-135 (SA), Fort Lawton, Washington.

Pvt. James A. Murphy, AF 1488-1640, 3741 Tag. Flight 952, Sheppard AF Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

ROTARY PLANS FOR INTER-CITY MEETING, MAR. 27

Tuesday night at the conclusion of the Rotary meeting, plans for the Inter-City Meeting were discussed by representatives of several of the clubs which will participate. For the past several years, Kinston has been the host club; however, this year, the honor is that of Farmville's and plans are underway to make the event an outstanding occasion.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, at 7 o'clock and it is expected that approximately 200 Rotarians and Rotary Anns will be present. The five clubs to be represented are Kinston, La Grange, Snow Hill, Ayden and Farmville.

Joe King of Winston-Salem, a member of the Legislature and an outstanding entertainer, will be the principal after-dinner speaker.

About Farmville People

Mrs. John T. Thome and Miss Thelma DeVossant attended the funeral of Mrs. John F. Lynch in Erwin last Wednesday. Burial was in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Allen and children, Milton, Carl and Jack, of Conway, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clardy of Myrtle Beach, S. C., Miss Jean Bostick of Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Player and Paul Player of Rockingham will spend the week end here and attend the Aycock-Player wedding.

Billy Weatherford of Rocky Mount spent a few days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holmes of Raleigh spent the week end with Mrs. Holmes' sister, Mrs. E. O. Lang, Jr. Mr. Holmes sang a solo Sunday morning at the Methodist service.

Miss Jean Caraway underwent an appendectomy at Woodard-Herring hospital in Wilson Sunday.

Mrs. Virginia Howerton spent the week end in Greenville with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joyner, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joyner, Jr., were guests Sunday of Mrs. Ruth McCracken in Scotland Neck.

Mrs. E. A. Barley and daughters, Nancy and Rebecca, of Abbeville were guests Sunday of Mrs. T. M. Minda. Mrs. Early is Mrs. Minda's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tyson and children, Stanley and Olivia, spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton. Mrs. Tyson and Mrs. Edgerton are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kornegay of Seven Springs and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sawyer and son of Elizabeth City were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lilley and daughter, Maggie, spent the week end in Gettysville with Mrs. Lilley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lilley.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ritchie of Thomasville and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Sink and son of Lexington were week end guests of Mrs. Mary Russell and relatives in Walstonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Essel of Goldsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Massey of Roxboro visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Massey last week.

Mrs. George W. Davis, president of the local Women's Missionary society of the Baptist church, attended the state WMO meeting in Charlotte this week.

Mrs. Callie Roberson, Mrs. E. E. Urimes and Mrs. W. E. Page of Robersonville visited Mrs. C. E. Case during the week end.

Nancy Winstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Winstead, is ill with mumps.

John G. Clark, OPS Director For East Carolina, Promises Controls Will Be Imposed In Equitable Manner

Former State Highway Commissioner John G. Clark of Greenville, who was recently appointed as director of the office which will administer price controls and regulations in 64 counties of eastern North Carolina, told the Farmville Rotary club Tuesday night that he will carry out his duties with the knowledge that the average North Carolinian is an honest and conscientious citizen, anxious to cooperate with his government in every way possible.

Mr. Clark, who turned down the Price Stabilization position four times before he finally accepted it, explained that he assumed the position fully cognizant of its unpopularity and difficulties; he added, however, that he was not afraid of it, and he promised "no milk cows will be involved if Washington wants to investigate me after my work is finished."

By virtue of his years of service to the people of Pitt county in quite often thankless and uncompensated jobs, Mr. Clark carries to the OPS office a knowledge of how the rank-and-file citizen feels toward controls, a feeling of distrust outweighed and offset, however, by a desire to comply with regulations and serve his country in whatever ways he can. Mr. Clark's understanding of the average citizen, his eagerness to deal fairly with them, and the commonsense manner in which he has handled difficult tasks in the past, give assurance that the Raleigh office will administer controls in an equitable way.

Introduced by G. Alex Rouse as a man of whom Pitt county is proud and one well-qualified to perform the difficult duties of price stabilization, Mr. Clark expressed pleasure at being in Farmville and recalled that his first speech as highway commissioner was made here—one reason why he was particularly anxious to accept Mr. Rouse's invitation to address the club. Mr. Clark assured his hearers, at the very beginning, that he was thoroughly disgusted with bureaucracy and that he had no idea of setting himself up as a bureaucrat. Rather, he stated that it was intention to work with the people, in enabling them to comply with the unpopular and difficult, though necessary, price controls and regulations.

He stated that through no fault of his the Raleigh office was late in being organized but he promised his hearers that no one would be penalized if failure to comply was due to circumstances beyond their control.

Excerpts from Mr. Clark's speech appear on page three.

The attendance prize was won by Frank Williams.

President Walter Jones presided and announced that plans were being made for the inter-city meeting to be held here March 27. He also stated that Rotarians were definitely invited.

On suggestion of Eli Joyner, Jr., who is serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce, the club voted to have a joint meeting with the Kiwanis, Jaycees, and Chamber of Commerce on Monday, April 8, the meeting to be the annual dinner session of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants association.

Robert Rouse, Sr., reminded the club that Farmers Day would be observed here on Wednesday, May 9, and added that the Rotary club had been asked to have charge of the beauty pageant, etc. Walter Jones, director of the contest.

Guests of Alex Rouse were Fred C. Moore, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and Jim Hockaday, Rev. O. T. Canale of Salisbury, consulting architect of Presbyterian churches in North Carolina, was the guest of Dr. John Newborn.

Jack Home and Russell Foster were visitors from Kinston, and Jim Young and George Hart were club visitors from Snow Hill.

VEW ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

New officers of the Burnetts-Rouse post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, were named Thursday night at a meeting at the bar. They include: C. B. Nash, commander; Scott Peels of Fountain, senior vice commander; Lynn Bess, junior vice commander; and Mack Bess, quartermaster.

The new officers will be installed at the regular meeting on April 15.

SUPPER GIVEN FOR YOUTH AT MONK MEMORIAL

Ladies of the Monk Memorial Sunday School entertained about 100 members of the youth conference Monday night at a supper at the regular MVM meeting.

Mrs. A. J. Green spent several days last week in Raleigh and Durham with relatives.

ROTARY SPEAKER

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RED CROSS DRIVES PASSED \$1888-MARK

Collections in the Red Cross campaign which opened 20 days ago are lagging. Through Wednesday, \$1888 had been turned in to the co-chairmen, Mrs. Allen M. Harris and Mrs. Horton Rountree. The goal this year is \$2,000. Reports from the rural sections have not been received.

At The Kiwanis Club

The Farmville Kiwanis club, which already has a scholarship fund derived from the Kiwanis Carnival, voted Monday night to branch out in another direction—extending aid to underprivileged children—and agreed to operate one of the eating concessions at the Pitt Fair in October. The club hopes to realize several hundred dollars from the project. The club for several months has realized the opportunity exists and it hopes to bring medical aid and other assistance to children in need of such.

Dr. and Mrs. James Wright and son, Walter Lee, Dr. Ike Wright and Mrs. Margaret, all of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ankw and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Taylor and daughter, Jo, of Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mitchell, Jr. and daughter and Mrs. Wayne Mitchell, Sr., of Kinston were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wright, Jr. James Wright, who had spent 10 days with Jack Wright, returned with his parents.

Mrs. John B. Wright, Jr., Mrs. R. C. Copenhaver and Mrs. J. D. Dixon were Greenville visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Frost spent Tuesday in Durham.

H. B. Humphrey accompanied his sister-in-law, Mrs. Hal Humphrey of New Bern, to Fort Campbell, Ky., during the week end. Mrs. Humphrey's husband is a member of one of the National Guard units stationed there.

Mrs. Helen Horton underwent examinations at Duke hospital for several days last week.

Mrs. Gilbert E. Whitley of Stanlonsburg arrived Tuesday for a few days visit with her son, Gilbert L. Whitley, and Mrs. Whitley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams and Mrs. G. C. Wilson and daughter of Greenville and Mrs. G. S. Williams spent Sunday in La Grange with Dr. and Mrs. J. W. P. Smithwick.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Pete Dixon entered Pitt Memorial hospital Wednesday for treatment and examinations.

Mark E. Dixon is a patient at Duke hospital.

Miss Babs Willford, senior at WCU, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Willford.

Miss O. C. Stewart and son, Conrad, of Chapel Hill will spend the week end with Mrs. Stewart's brothers, Frank and Louis Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kools and daughters, Betty and Esther, of Charon, S. C., will spend the week end with Mrs. E. N. Pettway, Mrs. Kools' sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor of Raleigh will spend the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taylor.

Miss Elanora Rouse of Tarboro visited Mrs. Gordon Lee Saturday afternoon.

Miss Lela Lee Esch, student nurse at Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem, will spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gills Esch.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Crumpler and children visited in Lenoir Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Daughtridge and Miss Sara Lee Taylor of Rocky Mt. and Eli Satter of Tarboro visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Swanson Sunday.

Mrs. Willie Gray Allen, Sr., underwent an operation at Pitt Memorial hospital, Greenville, Tuesday.

Mrs. A. J. Green spent several days last week in Raleigh and Durham with relatives.

Selected As General Practitioner of Year

Dr. E. R. T. Cox was selected as the general practitioner of the year by the 7th County Medical and Dental Society at the county "General Practitioner of the Year" Dr. Cox has been practicing in Fountain since 1918, and during those 33 years has served the community unselfishly and ably. The members of the county medical society expressed the majority feeling with the unanimous "Well done, he has filled a place in the community that most of us can only hope to approach."