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FARMVILLE'S FIRST FARMERS DAY ATTRACTS SEVERAL THOUSAND VISITORS; EVENT LIVES UP FONDEST EXPECTATIONS OF LOCAL SPONSORS

Thanks to Farmville's business and civic leaders, who planned well and worked hard, this town's first Farmers Day, held Wednesday, will go down as one long to be remembered and paves the way for an event that can well become an outstanding holiday in this section of the state.

From early afternoon when the Farmville high school swung into Main street at the head of a parade which required nearly 40 minutes, to pass a given point, until the last note had been sounded at a dance in the wee hours of Thursday morning, the affair was a tremendous success, with outstanding events coming one after another.

The parade, termed by many as the "finest parade I ever witnessed," had everything one could expect, or even ask for. There were visiting bands from Tarboro, East Carolina College and Goldsboro. Two clowns added a touch of comedy. The beauty queens, who were to play such a big part in the day's festivities, graced the floats. Then, there were commercial floats, cleverly designed, following in the wake of displays representing civic and patriotic organizations.

The first prize, \$50 in cash, was awarded the Farmville Furniture company for its float featuring a tropical scene with tiny tots, dressed in grass skirts, swaying in true hula style. Second prize, \$30, went to the VFW "Price of Freedom" float, an impressive display which showed tiny green mounds representing graves of those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. Third prize, \$20, went to the Seven Pines Home Demonstration club, whose float emphasized the difference between the old and the new.

While the crowd, which packed Monks warehouse, was being assembled, the Goldsboro high school band presented a concert as a prelude to the more serious section of the afternoon's program, an address by A. Y. Ballentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture. After Mayor Walter B. Jones had extended an official welcome on behalf of the town, Sam D. Bundy, who did a magnificent job as master of ceremonies for both the afternoon and night programs, and kept the festivities moving at a lively clip, next presented the dignitaries who were on the platform. They included State Senator Carl Hicks of Walstonburg, Mayor Jones, J. B. Bunting of Bethel, president of the Pitt Farm Bureau, W. Alex Allen of Farmville, former president of the Farm Bureau and chairman of the committee in charge of securing the speaker for the occasion, Representative A. C. Edwards of Hookerton, a former president of the State Farm Bureau, Dr. John D. Messick of Greenville, president of East Carolina college, A. C. Monk Jr., representative of a pioneer tobacco company, State Senator Paul E. Jones of Farmville, T. Bill Joyner, Jr., president of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, whose leadership and untiring work were vital factors in the day's success and Commissioner Ballentine.

Introduced by Senator Jones, Commissioner Ballentine pointed out that agriculture in this section of the state is becoming industrialized and attributed its progress and development to a combination of research, machinery and distribution. He also stated that the surface of development had hardly been scratched and emphasized that the research laboratories provide the frontiers toward which the future will turn for continued progress. Commissioner Ballentine, applauded when he came to a portion of his address which referred to Farmville as the best tobacco market in the state, paid his compliments to the leaders of the part in the development of this tobacco-growing section. He asked his listeners to support a recent legislative proposal that a five-cent per ton tax be placed on fertilizer and feed so that extra research can be carried on at State colleges.

A clown act and a special act by Tex Street and his horse, Smokey, received the program.

Frank Casey of Walstonburg was awarded \$10 his accordion solos in an amusing contest.

Clones of the four-fifths came in the evening when 15 young ladies led by Mrs. J. B. Jones, president of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, presented a program of songs and dances.

as the queen. Tossing aside his mayoral dignity, the Mayor bowed the queen as he presented with a bouquet of roses, the crown and \$100. She was sponsored by the Matory Ruritan club.

In second place was Miss Lola Mae Moseley of Fountain, sponsored by the Fountain Ruritan club, and in third place was Miss Mary Alice Gay of Walstonburg, sponsored by Walstonburg Senior 4-H club. Second-place winner received \$50, while \$25 went to the third place winner.

These three finalists were selected from the six semi-finalists: Miss Ann Delores Owens of Elm City, Route 3, sponsored by Gardeners school of Wilson, Route 4; Miss Dorothy Ann Fulford of Farmville, Route 1, entered by the Farmville Home Demonstration club; and Miss Mary Frances Oakes of Farmville, Route 2, sponsored by the commercial club of the high school.

The other 12 contestants and their sponsors were: Jean Jones of Rt. 2, Greenville, Seven Pines Home Demonstration club; Marjorie Elizabeth Sutton of Rt. 2, La Grange, Jason HD club; Bettye Gay of Rt. 2, Walstonburg, Walstonburg Men's club; Peggy Rose Bowers, Rt. 5, Greenville, Paulus Ruritan club; Ruth Whitford of Rt. 2, Ayden, Chicod Ruritan club; Jane Eason of Stanantown, Stanantown Kiwanis club; Janice Frances Taylor, Rt. 1, Stokes, Stokes Ruritan club; Jackie Leigh of Maclefield, Maclefield Lions club; Margaret Jean Johnston of Rt. 5, Greenville, Pactolus HD club; Lucy House of Rt. 1, Greenville, FHA of Farmville; Carol Ann Pitt of Pineola, Pineola Lions club; Janie Ruth Edmondson, Bethel, Bethel Beta club.

Prior to the contest, the Farmville high school band presented a concert, using the same numbers given last Thursday at a concert in Fort Royal, Va.

The only part of Farmers Day that hogged at all—if such was the case—came at the close of the season when awards, donated by local business and professional men, were distributed. There was just too much to give away. Chairman Bundy was handing out prizes and cash like a sailor enjoying his first shore leave in six months.

The generosity of local citizens, and their determination to make the affair a success, prevailed until the end of the program. James Monks whose number was drawn to receive the \$100 grand award, graciously declined it so that another number could be drawn. Mrs. Sterling Dickinson of Greenville, RFD, won the award.

Winners of special contests were: Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Moseley of Farmville, RFD, for having the largest family present (10); J. T. Bundy of Farmville, Mrs. Emma Jones of Snow Hill and Will Sumrell for having sold tobacco in Farmville the longest period of time. Each sold tobacco here in the opening year, 1905.

Gardner Jones of Snow Hill, oldest man present.

Mrs. Mollie Pippin of Farmville, oldest woman present. She is 86.

Mrs. Emma Jones, 83, and Mrs. Lila Forbes, 82, were also remembered with gifts.

Dave Elmore of Myrtle Beach, S. C., J. L. Burnett of Washington, D. C., and Anthony Costa of Bedford, Mass., for coming the longest distance to attend Farmers Day.

James Cox of Greenville, youngest person present. He is 2 months old.

Earl Sladd of Farmville, person weighing the most. He is 314 pounds.

leaders whose efforts for two months have been focused on the event.

The huge crowd exceeded the fondest expectations of sponsoring officials.

BUFFET SUPPERS HONOR VISITING DIGNITARIES, QUEENS

Two suppers were given Wednesday night to honor some of the visitors attending the Farmers Day celebration. The Chamber of Commerce, with the Junior Woman's club as hostesses, entertained the queens and their escorts at 5:30 at the Girl Scout hut.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Alex Allen honored Commissioner of Agriculture J. Y. Ballentine of Raleigh and a number of the visiting Farm Bureau officials at a buffet supper at their home.

At the hut, Mrs. Allen M. Harris pointed tomato juice cocktail, carrot and celery curls, wheat thins, pickles and olives were served buffet style from the cocktail table. At the main table, spread with a green organza cloth over yellow, guests helped themselves to ham, ribs, peas, potatoes, lettuce-tomato salad, iced tea and individual lemon pies.

Centering the table was an arrangement of roses and sweetpeas in shades of pink, flanked by pink tapers. Individual tables were laid with pastel cloths and centered with pink tapers.

Assisting in serving were Mrs. J. M. Gibbs, Mrs. Robert Fields, Mrs. Lyman Bass, Miss Mary Elizabeth Carr and Miss Elizabeth Elbert.

In addition to the queen and their escorts, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Joyner, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore and the Matory and Maclefield attendants were present.

At the Allen's supper the menu consisted of shrimp cocktail, ham, scalloped peas, potatoes, congealed salad, lemon pie, iced tea and rolls.

The table centerpiece was pink and white carnations and snapdragons. Spring flowers were used throughout the house.

MRS. BAKER TO SERVE 7TH YEAR IN SCHOOL POST

Mrs. Herman Baker, whose work as principal of the Fountain school has been the pleasure of county and state officials, has been unanimously re-elected for another term, her seventh as head of the school.

The following teachers were also re-elected: Mrs. Koma L. Walker, first grade; Mrs. Ann W. Mercer, second grade; Mrs. Emily S. Mercer, third grade; Mrs. Geneva W. Phillips, fifth grade; Mrs. Glendon S. Orr, sixth grade; Mrs. Laura Tanner, seventh grade.

With recent resignation of the Fountain school board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary D. Horton, who has taught the fourth grade for the past four years. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Bagley of City has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Horton's resignation. Mrs. Bagley was highly recommended for the post.

The Parents-Teachers association has voted to sponsor a music lecture for another year.

With Servicemen

Pvt. Jacob Holloman has been transferred from Fort Jackson, S. C., to Fort Bliss, Texas.

Warrior Officer George O. Dall, USN, who has been visiting Mrs. Layne Dall, his mother, leaves today for San Francisco, Calif., for his new assignment. Dall, who has been in the Navy for 14 years, was stationed in Kodiak, Alaska, for 17 months.

Pvt. Edward Beckman of Camp Atterbury, Ind., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Beckman.

Horton Rountree Withdraws From Farmville Race

All possibility of a second primary for the fifth position, on Farmville's Board of Commissioners was erased yesterday morning when H. Horton Rountree announced that he was withdrawing from the race in favor of H. Chester Outland.

Outland and Rountree each received 215 votes in the town election on Tuesday of last week. The run-off, had on been necessary, would have been held next Tuesday, May 15.

Rountree's withdrawal means that Outland will take his place on the board, beginning July 1st, and will serve with four members of the current board, all of whom received nominations in the first primary: Fred C. Moore, John M. Stansill, Claude C. Joyner and O. G. Spell.

The board, minus Mayor Walter B. Jones and Commissioner R. O. Lang, Jr., met Friday night in a routine meeting that was postponed from Tuesday, election day.

Among other things, the board approved an application from A. C. Letchworth to operate a taxi.

Plans for re-opening the swimming pool were discussed and W. A. McAdams, superintendent of the water and light department, was authorized to repair the pool and make preparations for the summer.

WESLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating the eighth anniversary of the establishment of the Wesley Community Methodist Sunday School, members of the organization held a family night Friday at the church, located near Joyner's Crossroads.

After the picnic supper, Rev. Key Taylor of Walstonburg, pastor, led hymn singing. Rev. E. L. Davis, pastor of the Farmville Methodist church, was guest speaker.

Special guests included Miss Edna Boone, rural worker; Vernon Tyson of Walstonburg, youth director; Rev. David, Mrs. Davis and their daughter, Jean.

R. L. Fulford has been superintendent of the Sunday School since its organization in 1943. Today the enrollment is 88 with an average attendance of 68. The church was organized about five years ago and has about 60 members.

EPISCOPAL

The Women's auxiliary met Monday in the assembly room at the church with Mrs. Charles S. Edwards as hostess. Mrs. G. Alex Rouse presided and Mrs. John D. Dixon conducted the devotional exercises. The Church's One Foundation was sung.

Reports were heard from the visiting committee chairman, Mrs. R. C. Coppenbaker; the C. T. O. custodian, Mrs. J. H. Darden; the May Fellowship Day, held by the Farmville Council of Church Women by Mrs. Rouse, and from the ways-and-means chairman, Mrs. C. Hubert Joyner.

The houses had charge of the music, "Sisters in Church History," which dealt with the English National Church, National Catholicism in England, Reform Under Authority; Protestant Experiment and Roman Reaction; the Book of Common Prayer; the Mass of Religion and the End of the Reformation Age.

MISSION CLASS AND SUPPER

Mrs. W. H. Miller will teach "Exodus" in the mission class which opens Monday night at 7 o'clock in the church.

About Farmville People

Donald Banton and Jenks Jervey of Greenville, S. C., students at Davidson college, spent the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Banton.

Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Hammond, Jr. and daughter of New Bern and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Barrow and sons of Greensboro, spent Sunday with the Barrow family in Greene county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barefoot and son, Billy, of Benson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wainwright.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Dupree, Jr., left Wednesday to visit Pfc. F. G. Dupree, III, in Dallas, Tex. They took their son's car to him and will return by plane, stopping at Oak Ridge, Tenn., to visit a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Redmond.

Mrs. L. E. Flowers and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Taylor attended the funeral of Walker Benson in Raleigh Tuesday. Mrs. Sears, the former Lionel Benson, is a niece of Mr. Taylor.

Mrs. Edger H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Windham and J. T. Windham and son, Johnnie, attended a Windham family reunion in Aberdeen Sunday.

Miss Minnie Overstreet returned to her home in Whiteakers Saturday after visiting her sister, Mrs. F. G. Dupree, Sr. in Dallas, Tex.

Mrs. Myrtle Rebeck is spending the week in Wilmington with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rebeck.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Spivey will spend next Friday at Wrightsville Beach attending the Telephone Engineers of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Joyner, Jr., spent the week end in Charleston, S. C., with Mrs. Joyner's sister, Mrs. Douglas Wilkerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Davies and children of San Carlos, Calif., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tyson. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alfred of Washington, D. C., will spend the week end with the Tysons.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie T. Baker and daughter and Mrs. Nettie Joyner were Sunday guests of Mrs. Frances Johnson near Hookerton.

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox spoke to Matory Ruritan club Monday night.

Mrs. Rom Webber was removed to Duke hospital Tuesday from a Wilson hospital. She has been ill for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Blair are spending their vacation this week with relatives in Gretna, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flake and children moved Friday from Pine street to 107 N. George street, into the home occupied by the late Mrs. J. C. Gibbs.

Walter Jones, Jr., has recuperated from chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Morgan and children spent the week end at Moore's Cove.

Mrs. Cora Barrett had the misfortune of falling last week and breaking her arm.

Friends of LeRoy Rollins, who has recently undergone an operation, are delighted that he is able to be out again.

W. L. Blalock of Goldsboro spent a few days last week with his daughter, Mrs. Lavin Roberts.

Capt. Marvin Hinson and M/Sgt. and Mrs. Jesse Baker, Jr., of Fort Campbell, Ky., spent several days last week with their families. Mrs. Frank Sauton, who had been spending two weeks with her husband, Cpl. Frank Sauton, returned to her home. Mrs. Marvin Cobb, who has been here for two weeks, accompanied them back to Fort Campbell.

Mrs. A. D. McNeill of Faison returned Wednesday to her home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. M. McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carr spent Sunday with their sons, Douglas Kemp and E. C. Carr, Jr., students at State college.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Liles and son visited to Fayetteville Sunday after visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Morgan will leave during the week end for West Palm Beach, Fla., to attend the convention of the National Cottontail Products association. They will be guests at the Biltmore hotel.

Sandy Allen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen, is ill with measles.

Mrs. Roy Caraway and Mrs. J. C. Brock, Sr., spent the week end in Newport News, Va., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Hart and children visited in New Bern Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. C. Turnage and Mrs. L. E. Turnage attended the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Boyd in Ayden last week. Mrs. Boyd resided with the late Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Turnage for several years.

BOBBY ROUSE TO HEAD LEGION

R. D. (Bobby) Rouse, Jr., was elected commander of the American Legion at regular monthly meeting Friday night at the Legion home on West Church Street.

Other new officers, who will begin their terms in office in September, are Charles Quinley, first vice commander; Herbert Moore, second vice commander; C. F. Sauton, finance officer; Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, chaplain.

Under the guidance of Commander Bill Crockauer, plans were made to have several sars in the Farmers Day parade.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. George W. Davis presided over the Women's Missionary society of the Farmville Baptist church Monday afternoon at the church.

The watchword, "Ye shall be my witnesses" was discussed by the group. Mrs. Robert Joyner led the votional, using as her Bible text, "Many Women Ministering." Her scriptures were from Matthew 27 and Luke 10.

The speaker, Mrs. M. J. Allen, who showed a girl with reversible jacket; Emily Owens, Jacqueline Morgan, Ella Little, Sylvia Allen, Catherine Baker, Clara Cannon, Marcella Forbes, "Gitta Cannon," Shirley Hardee, Doris Jones, Pat Jones, Mattie King, Doris Meek, Shirley Stepp, Faye Owens, Jean Matthews, Shirley Turnwell, May Elizabeth, Shirley Stepp, Shirley Mooting and Grace Miller.

Mrs. E. LeRoy Rollins' sixth grade girls won the credit roll drill.

Blue and red ribbon drawings in the elementary art contest, sponsored by the Literary club, went on display in the hall. Other drawings entered in the contest were displayed in Mrs. James Bennett's third grade room.

TAR HEELS SENDING CARE PACKAGES TO EUROPE

Residents of North Carolina have so far contributed \$320,313 to the total of 200 million dollars worth of food and textile packages which have been distributed by CARE among the needs of a score of overseas countries during the past five years.

These figures were announced by Paul Comly French, CARE executive director, in connection with the 10th anniversary of CARE operations as a non-profit, government-approved service. CARE's first shipment of 10 thousand food packages arrived in France in May, 1946. Since then the number of CARE food and textile packages sent abroad by Americans to aid their friends, relatives and other needy in foreign countries, has reached a total of 10 million. The North Carolina contribution represents about 32,000 CARE packages.

Most of these were CARE standard food packages at the price of \$10. In addition, a large number of special British, Czech, Italian and other food packages, as well as of CARE's various textile packages went to make up the state's total. Orders for 457 of these packages continue to be received from North Carolina consumers at CARE headquarters, 24 Broad St., New York 10.

KIWANIS TO HAVE GREENVILLE CLUB AS GUESTS

The Greenville Kiwanis club will be guests Monday night of the local Kiwanis club. President Charles Edwards requests that all of his members meet at the school lunchroom a few minutes ahead of regular meeting time in order to greet the visitors.

R.E.A. Officials Nominated For Another Term

The nominating committee of the Pitt County Electric Membership Corporation held its meeting Monday in the office in Farmville and nominated officers whose names will be presented at the annual meeting on June 2.

Members present for the meeting were H. L. Fulford and J. Lee Tugwell of Farmville, Route 2; A. C. Oakes of Hookerton, Route 1; and Lancel Dawson of Snow Hill, Route 2. One member of the committee was absent.

The committee unanimously nominated the seven members of the present Board of Directors for re-election. They are: S. L. Dilla of Fountain, Route 2; S. L. Dilla of Farmville, Route 1; George L. Matheson of Route 1; G. L. Dilla of Farmville, Snow Hill, Route 3; E. B. Neffert of Snow Hill, Route 1; and J. C. Pirker of Fountain, Route 1.

Additional nominations may be made by petition signed by 15 members of the cooperative and posted at its office 15 days before the annual meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

FASHION SHOW GIVEN AT PTA

The annual fashion show and art exhibit provided a busy, entertaining program for the Farmville Parent-Teacher association Thursday night.

Mrs. Frank Allen presided over the meeting, the last of the school year. Mrs. L. P. Thomas, treasurer, noted that approximately \$150 was received from the Jones dance recital.

Mrs. Curtis Flanagan, program chairman, announced the program.

Under the direction of Mrs. David Mayo, the home economics department presented about 25 students in a colorful revue of dresses which they had made during the year. Dresses suitable for school, the Easter parade, springtime and summer were shown.

Miss Avey Squires, practice teacher, was announced and Mrs. Grace Miller, pianist, played the piano.

Telling part were Miss Margaret Ann Allen, who showed a girl with reversible jacket; Emily Owens, Jacqueline Morgan, Ella Little, Sylvia Allen, Catherine Baker, Clara Cannon, Marcella Forbes, "Gitta Cannon," Shirley Hardee, Doris Jones, Pat Jones, Mattie King, Doris Meek, Shirley Stepp, Faye Owens, Jean Matthews, Shirley Turnwell, May Elizabeth, Shirley Stepp, Shirley Mooting and Grace Miller.

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OPERETTA TONIGHT AT WALSTONBURG

Tonight the dramatic studies of Walstonburg high school will present "Fanny Hill," an operetta, at 7:45 in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Alice Shirley, public school music teacher, and Mrs. Nan Gay, teacher of the first and second combination, are directing. Teachers of the first through seventh grades are assisting with costumes, lighting and make-up.

The main members of the cast include Leewood Whitford (Galle), Joyce Cox (Fanny), Wanda Howell (Topsy Ann), Morris L. Brann (Pat), Ann Walton (Dorothy), Wyatt Taylor (Nell), Sylvia Shackelford (Annie), Coburn Owens (Ollie), Bonnie Beck (Jean), James Ray Parker (Johnnie), Roy Lee Wooten (Paddy), Faye Cook (Sue), Carl Gay (Pete), Hortense Gay (Eloise), Juanita Starrel (Madge), Frances Lang (Suzanne).

Assisting with the presentation are 18 girl dancers, six boy dancers and 25 chorus members.

Arlene Hobbs, tenth grade student, is pianist for the operetta. The first show is given by the grammar school in several years.

JUNIOR SUPPER NETS \$225

The barbedon children and home-makers supper given by the Junior club Friday night was very successful, with proceeds totaling \$225.

Several stores, including the Colonial store, Williams grocery, Figg's grocery, Andrews grocery, Norman's grocery, Charles's grocery, Neffert's grocery, and City cafe in Farmville, Harris' all-service market, J. B. Electric company, G. W. Lee's store, Leroy Owens' school and E. E. Ellis' Furniture, were present. An appreciation was presented to the sponsors.

BOB JONES

Bob Jones, who has been in the hospital for some time, is expected to be discharged soon.