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Santa Claus To Make Annual Visit Tomorrow Morning; Yuletide Season Opened By Gala, Spectacular Parade

Merrymaking will reign in Farmville tomorrow morning, especially in the children's department. Santa Claus will make his annual official visit to herald his arrival will be a grand and spectacular parade, featuring beautiful floats, high-stepping majorettes, smart bands, ponies, Christmas carols and many other attractions.

Santa will be in a jovial mood and has promised to linger for a long time in Farmville. His float will stop in front of the Paramount Theatre, and from there he will give candies and favors to the young folks. He will also make a list of Christmas orders and talk to all the children who have personal messages for him.

The parade will make up at Home avenue by the side of the school and along the street to Monk's factory. All persons who will ride on the floats will assemble at Monk's Warehouse and those who will ride bicycles and ponies and walk in the parade will assemble at the Agriculture Building at 9:30.

The streets are being dressed in festive attire for the Yule season with greenery, bright lights and attractive window displays.

Prizes will be awarded to the business firm with the most attractive window. A cash prize of \$5.00 will be given to the following:

Boy and girl with the best decorated bicycle; boy and girl with the most attractive pony-oufits.

The parade and Santa's visit is sponsored annually by the Merchants Association. The parade this year will be one of the longest in the history of Farmville parades. The large, estimated 5,000, attendance last year is expected to be topped this year. The parade will enter Main street at the Home Economics Cottage and will travel down Main to Cotton, back to Pine, and down Main again.

FLAVIUS ALLEN DARDEN

Flavius Allen Darden, 59, died at his home on N. Greene street, Wednesday night at 10:50 following an illness of approximately three months. He was the son of the late Barbara Herring and Robert A. Darden of Greene county.

Mr. Darden, known to all as "Flave" was an independent tobacconist on the Florida and Kentucky markets. He had made his home in Farmville for the past 27 years. He was a member of the Farmville Christian Church for over 15 years, serving as a deacon on the church board at the time of his death. He was a veteran of World War I.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Christian church conducted by afternoon at 8 o'clock from the Farmville pastor, the Rev. Z. B. Cox, assisted by the Rev. H. L. Davis of Warrenton, former pastor of the local Methodist church.

Interment followed in the Hollywood cemetery.

The church choir sang: "Beneath The Cross of Jesus." Misses Ruth and Jean Moore, Messrs. Charles Baucum and Charlie Letchworth sang "In His Love Abiding." Misses Ruth and Jean Moore sang "Beyond The Sunset" most beautifully. At the cemetery the choir sang "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." Mrs. Henrietta Williamson, the church organist, selected "Under His Wings" by Haskoy for the psalms, and "An Evening Prayer" by Gabriel, for the recessional.

pallbearers were: Arch Pinnagan, Howard Mays, E. L. Smith, Russell Mizelle, W. A. Pollard, Jr., and J. W. Allen.

Surviving are his wife, Sadie Herring Darden, two sons, Robert N. Darden, Farmville, Bruce B. Darden, Burlington; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Weaver, Rocky Mount; Miss Nancy Darden, Willow Green; two brothers, George W. and William H. Darden, both of Willow Green.

Seniors To Give Play At School Tonight

"Mr. Beane From Lima" is the title of the play that will be given by the Senior Class at the school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock. Much talent has been manifest in the practices and the play has the earmarks of being the best ever to be presented by a senior class here.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

We take this opportunity to thank our many friends, both white and colored for your words of sympathy, your floral designs, your cards and all other deeds of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our father and brother.

The family of the late Henry Harris.

Mack Smith Host To Smith Family Reunion In Greenville

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At noon the group was invited to the Rotary Club Building where a delicious turkey dinner and all the trimmings were served.

Prior to the dinner, special music, a duet, was rendered by Faye Corbett Herring and Joyce Corbett, both of Kinston, accompanied by Mrs. H. G. Haney of Greenville. The invocation was given by Dr. H. G. Haney.

Brothers and sisters were seated at an appointed table covered with a white cloth, centered with an arrangement of pyrethra berries in a silver container surrounded with turkey figurines.

Nieces and nephews and special guests were seated at auxiliary tables.

Special guests were Dr. Joe Smith, Mark Smith and daughter, Trilley Lee, and Mrs. Katrina Allen, all of Greenville, cousins of the Smiths; Dr. H. G. Haney and Mrs. Haney of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lane and children of Gardner's Crossroads; J. M. Smith, president of the reunion gave a few facts about the family tree and brought a wonderful message using as his title, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Scripture reference was taken from Psalm 124.

Mr. Smith began his message with the statement, "We should be thankful for a long life and consider health as a sacred possession and as a direct gift from God. To be granted more years to live and enjoy the thrill of living is a very wonderful privilege."

Mr. Smith pointed out many things that we should be thankful for and closed his remarks by saying, "Our bodies are temples of God. The latch is on the inside of our hearts and when we shall have passed and gone into the Great Beyond it is my prayer that our souls may begin a "Thanksgiving through thanksgiving for the remainder of our lives."

Dr. H. G. Haney, pastor of the Christian Church of Greenville, introduced by Mack G. Smith, gave an inspiring message stressing the many advantages of a big family. He stressed the observation that God set up His Kingdom with one large family from all four corners of the earth working and sharing together the many blessings of love and kindness, today has been shown in the love and kindness of brothers and sisters. He stated that many large families are working together and are accomplishing great things for the master. Dr. Haney closed his remarks with prayer.

After the dinner, and visitors had departed, the family held a business session presided over by the president, J. M. Smith. Due to the absence of the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Mack Abrams, the minutes of the 1951 meeting were read and the financial report made by Mrs. L. S. Willoughby. A contingent fund was received at this time to be used to beautify the graves of deceased members of the family, or to be used in any other way the group saw fit.

During the business, the incumbent officers, J. M. Smith, president, Mrs. R. L. Corbett, vice-president, and Mrs. Mack Abrams, secretary and treasurer, were re-elected to serve another year. The group drew names for Christmas gifts.

An invitation was extended by Mrs. Emily Tatem of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Ethel Perry of Wilson, to hold the 1953 meeting at the home of Mrs. Perry in Wilson.

A perfect day was enjoyed together and many thanks were directed to the gracious host and hostess, who did so much to make the occasion a memorable one.

All the brothers and sisters were present, except Ned Smith, of Greenville, and Mrs. Hilda Duke of Kinston, who is seriously ill. More than 50 relatives and guests attended.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday—macaroni and cheese, string beans, apple cobbler, salad, nutmeg cookies and milk.
Tuesday—soup, crackers, sand-wiches, tangarine and milk.
Wednesday—barbecue, peas, sliced sweet potatoes, corn bread, string beans and milk.
Thursday—baked ham, potato salad, garden peas, minestrone, cookies, peaches and milk.
Friday—franks, pork and beans, stew, bread, doughnuts and milk.

"Look On Bright Side" Urges Rev. Morton At Thanksgiving Worship

"If the Pilgrims Colony at Plymouth had measured their blessings in terms of material things, the story would have been quite different. Instead of a day of thanksgiving they might well have proclaimed a day of mourning and have designated a place such as the wailing wall of ancient Israel," stated Rev. W. D. Morton, who brought the message for the Union Thanksgiving Worship service at the Baptist Church, Thursday morning of last week. He continued, "Instead of indulging in selfishness and efforts to explain the misfortunes which had befallen them, these men and women showed a willingness to look on the bright side of life and to participate in the future. Therein lay the secret of their thanksgiving."

Rev. Morton took as a text, Philippians 4:6—"In nothing be anxious but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known unto God." His message had two main points of emphasis, the thanksgiving of the Pilgrims and the attitude of thanksgiving always manifested by the apostle Paul. Of Paul, he said in part, "Paul's attention was not taken up with the fact of his imprisonment. He saw the Roman soldier, a soul that could be won for Christ."

Rev. E. W. Holmes, Baptist minister, and Rev. L. C. Vercen, Methodist minister, led in the prayers of the service. Mrs. Arthur Joyner, Sr., church organist, rendered as a prelude, "Come, Ye Thankful People," by Leo Rogers and as an interlude, "Teteride," by Ashford. She accompanied the choir, composed of choir members from several churches, and singing under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Turnage, in the anthem, "Praise Ye The Lord," by Ellen Lorenz. Mrs. Turnage is the Baptist choir director.

Rev. Morton closed his remarks with the assertion, "To see the bright side of life when all around there is nothing but blackness, and render thanks to God in any situation of life; to lay one's hand to the creative task which is before him—these are the secret of true thanksgiving."

CHANGE RESIDENCE

Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Jr., and son, Wally, moved Wednesday from Lang street to the residence on East Church street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Caraway who moved to Eden.

ARMY FRIENDS VISIT NORRIS LEE HASON

Martin Gaff and Murray Goldstein, both of Brooklyn, N. Y., returned to their homes last week after a visit with Norris Lee Hason, a former Army buddy. Guff, Goldstein and Hason were stationed in Korea together.

EPISCOPAL NOTICE

11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion and sermon.

MOVE INTO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Plato Bass and sons, Eddie and Bobby, moved this week into their new home in Davis Circle.

DORA EDWARDS BAKER

Mrs. Dora Edwards Baker, 47, wife of Bolden Baker, died at her home on Route 1, Maclefield, Sunday morning, November 23, at 9:55, following an extended illness. Mrs. Baker was a member of the Forbes Free Will Baptist Church for about 15 years. She was active in the affairs of her church until her declining health forced her to cease participation in such about 2 years ago. She attended Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church many years before moving her membership to Forbes.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. from the Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Phillip Wiggs officiating, assisted by Rev. Elbert Edwards. Interment followed in the Abrams cemetery of Edgewood county.

The choir composed of Mrs. Luther Morris, Mrs. Tom Smith, Mrs. Max Gardner, Miss Margaret Webb, Mrs. Lennie Webb, Mrs. Edward Taylor and Mr. C. F. Abrams, sang "God Will Take Care of You," "Precious Lord Take My Hand" and "Beyond The Sunset." They were accompanied by Mrs. C. F. Abrams at the piano. Ladies of the church served as floral bearers.

Pallbearers were J. E. Holland, Del Higgins, Zeh Harris, George Womble, Johnny Pollard and William Jones.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Clara Harris, Wilson, Mrs. William Paul, Norfolk, Va.; two sons, Richard Baker of the home, Thomas Baker, Wilson; three sisters, Mrs. Ella Owens, Wilson, Lily Stallings, Whitehaven, Mrs. Sam Neal, Tuboro.

About Farmville People

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Powell and sons, Stewart and Charles, of Baldville, were guests of Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow Smith during the week end. Mrs. Powell and sons arrived Friday and Mr. Powell joined them Saturday.

Mrs. Margaret Newell who has been ill at her home on Grimmerburg street, is able to be up. Mrs. Newell makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Glasgow Smith.

Mrs. John T. Thorne and daughter, Mrs. Larry James, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Thorne's nephew, Dr. S. B. Hunter and family in Kenly. Mr. James spent the day with relatives in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Eason, Sr., attended a birthday dinner given by Willie Eason in honor of his wife's birthday, Saturday night, in Washington.

Mrs. E. A. Fields spent the week end with Mrs. D. F. Herdison in Snow Hill.

Mrs. S. G. Gardner and Miss Bettie Joyner spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Gardner's daughter, Mrs. George Wilkerson and family in Greenville.

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams, Nan and Rod, spent Thanksgiving Day with relatives in Greenville.

Miss Margaret Andrews, student nurse at Park View Hospital, spent Thursday of last week with her parents here.

Miss Jess Johnson was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jesse Moye.

Mrs. Ed Davenport spent Thanksgiving Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Manning in Plymouth. Junius Berger, Duke University student, was the guest of Mr. Davenport, Friday and Saturday and accompanied him to Plymouth Saturday night for a visit on Sunday with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Watson and children, Reids, Ray and Larry, of Wilson, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Monk.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Eason, Jr., and son, Robert, spent Sunday with Mrs. Eason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. White in Williamston. Son, David, who had been visiting his grandparents, returned home with his parents.

Mrs. J. M. Newborn and children, Faye, Linda and Johnny, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Newborn's mother, Mrs. A. B. McNeill, in Faison.

Miss Julia Satterthwaite, student at Campbell's College, Bule's Creek, spent Thanksgiving Day and the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Satterthwaite.

Donald Bacon, student at Davidson College, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bacon.

Miss Elsie May, student at Fiers Macdonald College, Red Springs, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward May.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Owens of Norfolk, Va., spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Owens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Willford. Mr. Owens returned to Norfolk, Friday, and Mrs. Owens spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Johnson and daughter, Henri Perle, spent the holidays with Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. A. C. Saunders, in Columbia, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Henri Perle and Mrs. Saunders were Thanksgiving Day guests of Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Earl Goldman and family in Augusta, Ga. Miss Mamie Davis, who had been on an extended visit with friends in Palatka and other places in Florida, met the Johnsons in Columbia and returned home with them.

Harvey Davis, student at East Carolina College, spent Thanksgiving Day with the Arch Pinnagan family.

Mrs. M. L. Eason, Sr., spent several days last week with relatives and friends in Raleigh and Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Erwin and children of Bayville, Va., spent the week end with Mr. Erwin's brother, Oscar L. Erwin, and Mrs. Erwin.

Cadet Gordon Tighman Lee, student at Oak Ridge Military Academy, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lee.

Mrs. Albert Lewis and sons, Vain and Tyndall, spent Thanksgiving Day with the week end with Mrs. Lewis' sister, Mrs. A. M. Sawyer in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. M. O. Minges, of Greenville, spent Thanksgiving Day with her daughter, Mrs. Lyman Bass and family.

Mrs. Virginia Howerton spent Thanksgiving Day with relatives in Wilson and visited there and in Raleigh during the week end.

Mrs. E. M. Whitehurst visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turnage in Washington, D. C., during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Moye and sons, spent Thanksgiving Day in Rocky Mount with Mrs. Moye's sister, Mrs. H. G. Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morrison and children of Sandston, Va., spent Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Morrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hasty.

Editor James B. Hockaday, Mrs. Hockaday and daughter, Georgia Tull, were called to Lillington, Wednesday night, on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Hockaday's mother, Mrs. W. F. Hockaday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barrett, Jr., and daughter, Julia Brent, of Henderson, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Barrett's parents, here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turnage had as dinner guests Thanksgiving Day, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turnage and children of Greenville, Sgt. Jack Turnage, Keebler Air Force Base, Miss, and Miss Tabitha M. DeVincenzi. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hill and daughter, Mary Turnage of Sunbury, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Turnage on the preceding Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ross, of Robersonville, visited Mrs. Ross' sister, Mrs. Joyce Taylor and Mr. Taylor, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Turnage spent Thanksgiving and the week end with their daughter, Mrs. Clyde Walker and family in Cleveland. Mrs. L. E. Ritchie, another daughter of the Turnages and her family were also guests of the Walkers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Turnage, Jr., of Rocky Mount spent Thanksgiving and the week end at the home of Mr. Turnage's parents near here. Mr. Turnage's parents near here, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riley of Durham, were their guests. Mrs. Turnage and Mrs. Riley were attendants to Miss Anne Carson in her wedding that was solemnized in the Ayden Methodist Church, Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pierce and children, Anne and Bob, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Pierce's mother, Mrs. G. W. Jefferson in Fountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Allen and son, Domic, of Jacksonville, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. Allen's brother, Howard Allen and family, and visited other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Corbett and daughter, Pat, spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week with Mrs. Corbett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Etheridge in South Mills.

Mrs. G. H. Pittman of Falkland, was the guest of Mrs. Ethel Thornton, Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turnage and son, Sgt. Jack Turnage, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hill in Sunbury, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Denner Shackelford of Atlanta, Ga., who have been visiting Mrs. Shackelford's mother, Mrs. Frank Dupree, Sr., returned to Atlanta, Sunday afternoon by plane.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Bergeron, son Pat, and Miss Ann Pollard were in Raleigh, Monday, to see the Christmas parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peck and son, Joey, of High Point, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moringo and children of Snow Hill, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moringo.

Mrs. W. C. Hathaway and Mrs. M. V. Horton were Wilson visitors, Monday.

Mrs. Jack Yelverton returned from Pitt Memorial Hospital, Monday. Mrs. Yelverton was taken to the hospital Wednesday of last week and underwent an appendectomy. Mrs. C. E. Case, Mrs. Yelverton's mother, is with her at the Yelverton home in Davis Circle.

Mrs. Ernest Petteway and sons, Ernie and Hayes, spent Thanksgiving Day and the week end in Lake View, S. C., with Mrs. Petteway's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Hayes. Mr. Petteway joined his family there Saturday night and accompanied them home Sunday. While visiting with the Hayes family Mrs. Petteway visited relatives in Florence and Greaham, S. C., and Lumberton.

Tom Willis of Newton, spent Thanksgiving Day with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Willis.

Albritton Child Dies In Wilson Hospital

Robert Sanders Albritton, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Albritton of Greene county, died in Woodard-Herring hospital, Monday. The child was hospitalized on Saturday following an accident at his home. He fell into a tub of hot water which was being used in the process of high-killing.

Funeral services were conducted for the child, nephew of T. L. Albritton of this city, at the Edwards Funeral Home in Snow Hill, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Young of the Snow Hill Methodist Church and Rev. Vickory of the Mount Herman Methodist Church, officiated.

A trio composed of Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. Melvin Albritton and Mr. Alkan, sang selected hymns at the Funeral Home and the graveside.

Farmville people standing were: Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Albritton, Miss Theodora Albritton, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas.

At The Rotary Club

"We as Christians had better know what we believe, on the next period of human history will be taken over by people who do," said L. C. Vercen, Methodist minister as he addressed the Rotary Club, Tuesday night of last week.

Rev. Mr. Vercen, who has attended sessions of the United Nations as a Member of Peace Seminars, gave a very vivid description of both the physical building, and the manner in which the world organization is conducted. He cited the purpose of the UN as that of saving succeeding generations from war and reaffirming faith in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human individual. Reviewing its origin, Vercen listed the official languages of the UN as English, French, Russian, Chinese and Spanish; stating that there are only three hundred fifty interpreters in the world, all of which work with the UN.

Finally he described the work of the six various organizations of the six various organizations of the UN, such as the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice, and the Secretary, and showed the relationship of each group with the entire UN picture.

In conclusion the seminar member pointed out that the UN is our only remaining hope for World Peace; however he emphasized the fact that all interested parties are working in earnest to help the organization achieve its objective.

The Rev. Mr. Vercen was introduced by LeRoy Rollins, program chairman for the evening.

John B. Lewis stated that the Community Chest is now in the "home stretch" and urged support by those who had not already made their contribution.

Four members were absent and Jesse Moye received the attendance prize.

Flato Bass will be in charge of the program next week.

Goodwill Traveler To Speak At Christian Church Sunday Night

Mrs. H. M. Johnson of Kinston, who was a member of the United States Goodwill Tour to Europe, will be guest speaker at the annual Woman's Day program at the Christian Church, Sunday night.

Mrs. Johnson, who is also president of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, will speak on the subject, "Woman's Responsibility and Building Christian Citizenship in The World Today."

The musical program will include special music by Mrs. William May.

U.D.C. NOTICE

Mrs. C. H. Moringo will be hostess to the Rebecca Winborne Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at her home this afternoon at 3:30.

LYDIA EASON COOKE

Mrs. Lydia Eason Cooke, 63, of E. Pine street passed away Thursday afternoon at 1:10 at Pitt Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Cooke was taken ill Tuesday afternoon at her home suddenly. Mrs. Cooke was the wife of the late William E. Cooke, who died about seven months ago at his home on W. Wilson street. She was the daughter of the late Sarah Amison and John D. Eason of Edgewood county. She moved to Farmville approximately 15 years ago from Stantonburg. She was a member of the Howell Swamp Free Will Baptist Church for 25 years.

Funeral services were held from the Stantonburg Methodist Church, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Z. B. Cox, assisted by Rev. Burkett Raper, pastor of the Howell Swamp Church. Interment followed in the Stantonburg cemetery. Pallbearers were Durwood Eason, Joe Corbett, Gariand Shingleton, Alton Eason, L. W. Allen and W. C. Garner.

The Stantonburg Methodist church choir composed of Mrs. S. E. Yelverton, Mrs. S. F. Hales, Mrs. J. E. Wooten, Mrs. W. H. Exum, Mrs. Paul Coley, Mr. W. H. Applewhite and Mr. Rudolph Pascoet, accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Grantham, the church organist, sang "Sometime We'll Understand" and "Abide With Me." Mrs. Grantham selected "Crossing The Bar" for the recessional.

Surviving Mrs. Cooke are three daughters, Mrs. Thel Tyrer, Greenville, Miss Barbara Cooke, Greenville, and Betty Cooke of the home; four sons, William E. Cooke, Route 2, Farmville; Harry M. Cooke of the home; James Cooke, Farmville; P. C. Joseph E. Cooke, Jr., Mead, Md.; three sisters, Mrs. N. L. Horton, Stantonburg, Mrs. M. C. Ellidge, Thomasville, Mrs. T. E. Britt, Stantonburg; three brothers, E. T. Eason, Miami Fla., J. D. Eason, Washington, D. C., and J. L. Eason, Guilford, N.C., and five grandchildren.

Tyson-May Reunion Held November 23

Descendants of the Tyson and May families, numbering around a hundred assembled at the Major Benjamin May D.A.R. Chapter House, at 10:00 o'clock, Friday, November 23, for their annual reunion.

The meeting was opened with the singing of The Star Spangled Banner and the invocation was given by the Rev. W. D. Morton, pastor of rural Presbyterian churches in this section.

Mayor Walter B. Jones extended a cordial welcome to the assemblage. Mrs. John B. Wright, Jr., secretary and treasurer, read the minutes of the 1951 meeting.

The president, Robert T. Dixon, of Fayetteville, presided and addressed the reunion members and guests on the subject of "Our Heritage" with reference to pioneer ancestors, their struggles and achievements in settlement of this country, the founding of a democratic government, of problems of the present generation and its responsibility to preserve the right and freedoms bequeathed it for the sake of future generations.

Vocal selections, Bless This House—Blake; My Heart—Oscar Straus, and Shortenin' Bread—Wolfe, were rendered by Mrs. William May of Winterville, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. G. Alex Rouse.

Colonel W. T. Joyner of Raleigh, a son of Dr. J. Y. Joyner of LaGrange, and great, great grandson of Major Benjamin May, was speaker of the occasion. Introduction was made by John B. Lewis, Farmville attorney.

Colonel Joyner spoke of his pleasure at being present, brought greetings from his father's faithful attendant at this assembly, and traced his own family connections with this group.

In a comprehensive and inspiring address, he traced the origin of family and community life and spoke of their importance to civilization. He compared human knowledge with animal instinct and differentiated between the brute strength of the animal and the vision, logical mind and conscience of man, stating that man's knowledge and progress was due to the tremendous strides made in education.

The speaker outlined the spiritual development in the march of progress made by civilization and advancement of communication, telegraph, telephone, radio, and of science in its varied branches even in his own lifetime. He deplored the fact that certain forces were retarding this progress; the scientific inventions of the implements of war and disregard for human life and the welfare of humanity, and ventured the theory that perhaps the spirit of man, in the sense of selflessness and humane treatment of his neighbor, had been unable to keep pace with this advancement.

Colonel Joyner read a portion of a letter from General Robert E. Lee to one of his officers in emphasizing the need of patience and courage in the face of present world conditions:

"The truth is this. The march of Providence is so slow and our desires so impatient; the work of progress is so immense and our means of aiding it so feeble; the life of humanity is so long and that of the individual so brief; that we often see only the ebb of the advancing ways, and are thus discouraged. It is history that teaches us hope."

In conclusion, Colonel Joyner referred to the past that religion plays in the progress of civilization, saying that even ancestor worship has the good points of reverence and esteem for the lives and deeds of those gone before and thus instills self-respect. He advised the following of the golden rule as a means of living in neighborly fashion and admonished his kinsmen to maintain a standard of family life that would impart to the youth of the land, courage, valor, wisdom, strength and other noble attributes of character sufficient to cope with problems current and future.

The genealogy report was made by Miss Tabitha M. DeVincenzi, who introduced special guests and those attending the reunion for the first time. Mrs. Elbert Tyson led the open forum session.

The Rev. W. D. Morton conducted the memorial service, during which highlights of the medical career and notable achievements in research extending to South American countries, of the late Dr. E. Cooper Person, Jr., prominent New York surgeon and uncle of Pikeville, were given by Horton Bonstros, Farmville attorney. This service was concluded with a vocal selection, The Lord's Prayer—Melotte—by Lawrence Tyson of Greenville.

The following new officers were elected at this time: Milton Kay of Winterville, president; Horton Rountree, 1st vice president; Col. W. T. Joyner, 2nd vice president; Mrs. John B. Wright, Jr., secretary and treasurer. Miss Tabitha DeVincenzi was selected as genealogist.

A banquet lunch was served in the banquet hall. Decorations of the table included autumn leaves, miniature turkeys, fruits, vegetables and candles.