

First Lady Favors Bid From Annual Strawberry Fete

Mrs. John D. Robinson Heads Committee Extending Invitation to Mrs. Roosevelt; Supported by Senators.

WILL ATTEND PROVIDED NO ROOSEVELT CONFLICT

Suggested That Mrs. Roosevelt Drive Down and Inspect Penderlea

President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt are taking under advisement an invitation the First Lady received Monday to attend the third annual Strawberry Festival here in the world's largest strawberry market next June.

The invitation was made by J. Aubrey Harrell, mayor of Wallace and general chairman of the annual strawberry festival, through a committee headed by Mrs. John D. Robinson, Wallace, and supported by Governor Clyde R. Hoey, Senators Bailey and Reynolds, and Congressman Graham A. Barden.

Mrs. Roosevelt indicated she would attend the event, provided President Roosevelt has not made previous engagements which will prevent her attendance.

The First Lady was interviewed by Mrs. George E. Marshall, Mount Airy, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. R. H. Larrison, Director; and Mr. J. M. Asheville, General Federation, Chairman of Districts of the State Federation. Congressman Barden obtained the interview for the committee.

"Mrs. Roosevelt said she would come if the President did not have previous engagements which would prevent", Mrs. Robinson wired Mayor Harrell at the conclusion of the interview at the White House.

It was indicated that, in the event she accepted the invitation, Mrs. Roosevelt would drive down in her own automobile and thereby would be enabled to conduct a personal investigation of Penderlea Homesteads, the homesteads subsistence project near here.

Mrs. Roosevelt, after asking the committee to furnish her with a tentative schedule of the dates of the annual strawberry festival, said she would consult President Roosevelt and see what his plans for the period were.

When Mrs. Roosevelt will make her final decision was not indicated.

Governor Hoey informed Mayor Harrell Monday he was writing Mrs. Roosevelt and he and Mrs. Hoey would attend with her. He had previously related that he would attend the event regardless of whether or not the committee was successful in obtaining the presence of the First Lady.

"You will have a great occasion for all that section of North Carolina," the Governor said.

LANSFORD LEAVES HERE FOR SPRING HOPE JOB

A. M. Lansford, well-known and popular Wallace resident for the past several years, left here this morning for Spring Hope to manage a new motion picture theatre being opened there next week by P. J. Caudell and R. T. McGowan. Lansford has been favorably known here as a personable business man and citizen. He came here several years ago from Warsaw.

Secrets

A secret is something which you find out by reading the gossip columns.—Paducah Ky. Sun-Democrat.

BARDEN RETURNS TO CONGRESS



While the above is a photograph showing Graham A. Barden, congressman from the third district, bidding good-bye to Speaker of the House William B. Bankhead as Congress adjourned early last summer, the scene could easily have been re-enacted at a caucus of Democratic leaders in Washington immediately prior to the opening of the 75th session of Congress.

Barden is known in Washington as well as in his home district for his undeniable support of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the wishes of his constituents. As a tribute to him and to his district other party leaders have placed him on important congressional committees, including those on rivers and harbors, education, patents, and the library. The congressman from the third district is moving into his new offices in the recently completed House office building.

Wallace Building Boom Is Sound Development Proof

"My Day"

In her daily syndicated column recording the events in her day that are suitable for public consumption, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt commented as follows Monday evening upon her invitation to attend the third annual Strawberry Festival in Wallace.

"Then my next appointment, three very charming ladies from North Carolina who want me to come to their part of the State the latter part of May for their strawberry festival, and to visit the homestead projects down there at that time".

Basketball Wins Duplin's Interest

Popular Recreational Activity Is Paced By Iron-Man Schedule

Duplin has long been known as a basketball county and the Clement high school teams are doing their part in making it more basketball conscious by playing iron-man schedules. Not satisfied with playing one or two games each week, they are taking on comers at all hours.

Yesterday at noon they played the New Hanover high school teams in Wilmington, with both the local teams winning. The girls won by a score of 17-7, while the boys game was much closer, 13-12.

An exciting and diversified program, worth anyone's 15 cents, was presented here Tuesday evening when three games were played with Rose Hill teams. Two of the three local teams won, the Clement boys and the town team, by scores of 19-15 and 14-12, respectively. The Rose Hill girls were victorious in a close and hard-fought struggle, 18-16.

Wallace's next games here will be with Kenansville Tuesday evening.

Beta Club Meets

The Beta Club of Clement high school, Wallace, met last week at the home of Virginia Blanchard at which time a program, "Highlights of 1936", was presented. Refreshments were served at the conclusion.

Residential and Business Developments Continue; Extensive Remodeling Underway in Trade District

If the building boom continues Wallace will soon have to look for another strawberry shed, for that's the impression one gets from the increased building activity in the business district.

Work now, and that recently completed, supports evidence that Wallace is not only the world's leading strawberry market, but aims at being a greater trading center than ever before. In the past few months it has met an unprecedented building movement which, as yet, shows no sign of halting. Included are developments in both the residential and business districts.

While residential building appears to have ceased, excepting the construction of small frame dwellings for the employees of Longest Lumber Company, business developments continue.

John Harmon Sheffield is having constructed a new cafe building alongside that of his present site, and R. E. L. Dees is having the former Bank of Duplin building, recently acquired by him, remodeled. After its completion he will move his drug store into the building, while Jacob Hurwitz will (Please Turn to Last Page)

Marriage Licenses Issued

Licenses to marry were issued to eight couples during the past week by the Duplin Register of Deeds. White couples included Horace Groves, Mildred Parker; L. M. Bennett, Emma Lee Barnett; Chancey E. Nethercutt, Eva Herring; Edward Yancey, Lula Mae Hunter. Colored couples were Joshua W. Smith, Esther E. Allen; Henderson Nixon, Aretta Murphy; Robert Dixon, Lucy Moore Middleton.

VETERINARIAN LOCATES FOR PRACTICE AT KERR

Dr. A. H. Kerr, a licensed veterinarian of many years' experience, including seven years of work with the state, has announced the opening of his offices at Kerr for the treatment of all species of animals. Dr. Kerr states he will answer calls from Wallace and the surrounding territory. Interested parties might contact him through Z. J. Carter and Sons, Wallace.

Delinquent Care Policy Discussed

Speakers At P.-T. A. Meeting Stress Protection Due Idle Children

The necessity of proper recreational facilities was pointed out at the meeting of the Wallace Parent-Teacher Association in the Clement high school auditorium Monday evening as a method of protecting delinquent children, the topic of the program.

Mrs. J. E. Lanier, president of the local Parent-Teacher Association, presided.

Contributing salient and obvious views on the program topic were Misses Lois Whitesides and Elizabeth Woody, both members of the Clement faculty. Care for delinquents, particularly the idle, were stressed with physical, mental and social activities being emphasized as the foundations for social development.

Others on the program included Mrs. J. S. Blair, who read a message from the president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and discussed the goals of Parent-Teacher associations, and Mrs. Paisley Boney, Jr., who pointed out that parents should back their representatives in securing passage of the State Congress' three-point legislative program for the benefit of the school child. The proposed program, for which the State Congress is currently stressing in the General Assembly, calls for restoration of adequate salaries for teachers, nine months and 12 grades, and stronger teacher requirements.

Reynolds Opens New Farm Office

Two of Three Office Spaces Filled in Roosevelt Agricultural Building

County farm agent W. D. "Peavine", Reynolds moved his offices into the recently-dedicated Roosevelt Agricultural Building Saturday, marking the second occupancy of the building constructed through cooperation of the Works Progress Administration to house offices for county farm departments and a suitable auditorium.

The Kenansville Production Credit Association was the first to move in, vacating their former offices earlier last week, and moving into offices rented them in the new building by the county.

Miss Janyne Martin, home demonstration agent, has not moved into her new quarters as yet, but expects to change within the near future.

The building, dedicated November 16 by Congressman Graham A. Barden, was constructed at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Mother Sues For Damages In Death

Faison Man Is Sued For \$30,000 Damages, Result Fatal Accident

Hattie Stephenson, mother and administratrix of Jesse Stephenson, seven-year-old boy, who was fatally injured in Mount Olive on the night of December 22 when struck by an automobile driven by Herman Taylor, Faison, has filed suit against Taylor in Wayne Superior court for \$30,000 damages.

At an investigation immediately following the accident it was reported that the fatality was unavoidable.

WPA survey discloses an "alarming" rise in farm tenancy.

Steady Increase Egg Production

Records of Past Nine Years Show Annual Increase of 27 Eggs Per Bird

An average increase of 27 eggs per bird in the annual production of demonstration poultry flocks in North Carolina has been noted during the past nine years.

Some of the poultrymen keeping records on these demonstration flocks have secured much bigger increases, said C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist at State College.

But the average is held down somewhat by new producers who have started demonstration work within the last few years, he added.

When the work first started, the average was 132 eggs per bird. During the 1934-35 year the average was 152 eggs per bird, and the 1935-36 average was 159 eggs per bird.

The poultrymen send reports on the flocks to the State College poultry department every month, and the specialists make recommendations whenever they believe improvements can be made in the way the flocks are handled.

The greater egg production is only one of the ways in which the demonstration flocks have been improved by the adoption of better practices, Parrish pointed out.

The increase in the number of poultrymen who are keeping careful records indicates the growing interest in better methods of breeding, feeding, and management, he also stated.

The first year, only 5 flock-owners made completed records. In the 1934-35 year, an average of 176 owners reported on 33,388 birds each month. During the past year, 287 owners reported monthly on a total of 55,277 birds.

During the year, these 55,277 birds consumed \$97,617.73 worth of feed and laid eggs valued at \$206,729.

COUNTY COURT TO BE CONVENED ON MONDAY

The regular monthly session of General County Court will be convened at Kenansville Monday with a jury on hand to help expedite the work of clearing the docket, which is a comparatively light one. It is understood that the court will only remain in session one and a half days, adjourning Tuesday at noon in order that court officials and lawyers who desire to do so may attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt in Washington on Wednesday.

PLAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SHOWING IN CHINQUAPIN

The auditorium of Chinquapin high school will be the scene Friday night of a presentation "Bound To Marry", a three-act play given by the Beta Club, student honorary organization of Clement high school, Wallace.

The feature is slated to begin at 7:30. Nominal admission will be charged.

"Bound To Marry" was shown here recently and elicited much favorable comment from those attending.

WALLACE WOMAN'S CLUB TO DISCUSS COMPOSERS

The regular meeting of the Wallace Woman's Club will be held next Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Hugh Morrison, it was announced by Mrs. Stedman Carr, the president.

The music department will have charge and present a program on American composers.

Hostesses will be Mesdames Lee Dees, William Farrior, Robert Hursey, Jacob Hurwitz, J. Aubrey Harrell, and W. B. Jones.

Board Of Health Considers Sex Hygiene School Policy

HEALTH OFFICER



Dr. R. L. Carr, pictured above, was re-elected Monday as health officer for Duplin and is slated to investigate the possibilities of introducing sex hygiene studies in schools of the county.

Wallace Officers At Crime School

Boone and Jackson Attend School Conducted At University of N. C.

Chief of Police F. L. Boone and night policeman L. F. Jackson have been attending the police school conducted at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, by The Institute of Government.

Jackson was present at the sessions Thursday and Friday of last week, while Boone attended the classes Monday and Tuesday.

On the speaking and teaching schedule were state police officers and a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Scholarship Open To Essay Writer

Author of Best Essay On Co-operative Program Is Available Scholarship

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Plans for the 10th Annual Co-operative Essay Contest were announced here today by M. G. Mann, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association and of the Farmers Co-operative Exchange.

The general subject of the contest, which is open to any rural high school boy or girl in North Carolina, will be "A Well-Rounded Co-operative Program for North Carolina", Mr. Mann announced. First prize of a one-year tuition scholarship or the equivalent thereof in cash will be awarded to the contestant who answers best the three questions that go to make up the general subject.

Mr. Mann continued, adding that the plan of asking questions as a lead to the contestant was inaugurated last year and found to be highly successful. Runner-up and district prizes will also be awarded.

"During the past nine years the contest has been sponsored", Mr. Mann said, "more (Please turn to Last Page)

AUTOMOBILE IS STOLEN AND DESTROYED FRIDAY

A Chevrolet coach belonging to L. J. Duet, Willard, was stolen from a Wallace street Friday and recovered the next day at Sill's Creek, Penderlea. The automobile was burned completely.

Aim at Using Talks and Motion Pictures in Promotion of Sex Study in Schools of Duplin; To Investigate.

DR. R. L. CARR ELECTED TO CONTINUE ACTIVITY

No Changes Made in Personnel of Duplin Health Board At Meeting

Holding its first meeting of the year at Kenansville Monday, the county board of health selected a health officer and nurse for the ensuing two years and discussed matters pertaining to the public health.

Dr. R. L. Carr, who has served as health officer for the past two years, was the choice of the board for this position and was subsequently appointed, along with Mrs. Irene Huffman as nurse. The matter of furthering sex hygiene in the schools of the County was discussed at some length and resulted in the Secretary being instructed to contact the State Board of Health in an effort to secure assistance in furthering the work, it being the opinion of board members that a series of lectures or motion pictures dealing with the subject would be the simplest and most satisfactory way to handle this important matter. The Board also discussed the common practice of soda fountains serving drinks in glasses and instructed the Secretary to ascertain if the state law required that paper cups be used or if within their power to make such regulations for this county.

The executive committee of the board of health, who appoints the other members, made no changes in the personnel at their recent meeting and the same board will hold office this year. The members are: J. L. Miller, chairman of the board of commissioners, O. P. Johnson, county superintendent, J. E. Jerritt, mayor of Kenansville, who compose the executive committee, and Dr. J. M. Williams, Dr. R. F. Quinn, and Dr. A. E. Bland. The chairman of the board of commissioners is also ex-officio chairman of the board of health.

NEWSPAPERMEN GATHER IN PRESS CONFERENCE

The editors and publishers of newspaper forces in this county have been invited to attend the thirteenth annual sessions of the North Carolina Newspaper Institute in Chapel Hill and Durham on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. The Institute is being held under the auspices of the University of North Carolina and Duke University cooperating with the North Carolina Press Association.

The sessions this year will not open until Thursday evening, instead of Wednesday evening as heretofore, to suit the convenience of members of the weekly press, many of whom usually find it fits in with their working schedule better to be away from home the last three days of the week. The program will be R. B. House, Dean of Administration, University of North Carolina; Carl C. Council, President North Carolina Press Association; Clyde R. Hoey; Paul V. McNutt, Governor of Indiana; Dr. George Gallup, Director American Institute of Public Opinion; O. J. Coffin, Head of UNC Department of Journalism; Dr. Carl Ackerman, Dean Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University, and others.

P. A. Pitcher succeeds Fearon as Republican Senate leader.