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I appreciate the opportunity of extending sincere congratulations to the citizens of the Town of Farmville on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

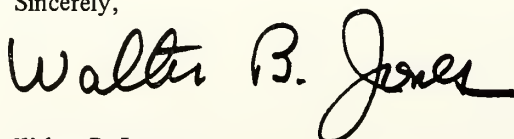
The first 100 years have shown a marked degree of progress; this, of course, due to an inherent desire on the part of all for a wholesome community and a progressive spirit. In addition to complimenting the citizens, I especially would like to commend the unselfish, competent leadership of the officials offered both past and present, for contributions they have made to the town's development.

To those who have given so much to making this Centennial celebration observance the outstanding success that it is, on behalf of everyone, I express my appreciation. Also, please permit me to thank each and everyone of our citizens for their part in making it possible for me to serve in the high office of the United States Congress.

I am convinced that the esprit-de-corps which has existed during the past 100 years will continue to prevail, and the next 100 years will bring about even more exciting events and greater progress.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member, United States Congress

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Origin of the Centennial Seal

The Farmville Art Society was asked by the Centennial Committee to have the responsibility for designing the Seal to represent Farmville.

All members of the society were asked to submit designs they felt would best depict the beginning and progress of Farmville through the years. The winning sketch for the design was presented by Mrs. Willie Owens of Fountain. The finished Seal was executed by Mr. Dan Morgan of Farmville.

The central idea of the seal shows the tobacco leaf, the main source of income in Farmville after 1890. Out of this is depicted growth in industry, religion, education and agriculture.

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Looking Back 100 Years

Farmville is proudly celebrating its 100th birthday this year, but its origins were established more than 200 years ago by earlier pioneer citizens. Outstanding among them was Major Benjamin May, who came from Scotland in 1750 and settled in what is now Pitt County, acquiring thousands of acres of land in the Farmville vicinity. Major May was married three times and left a large family. His first wife was Mary Tyson, daughter of Cornelius Tyson, an early Pitt County settler, a large landowner on the North side of Little Contentnea Creek to the east of Farmville. George Moye, whose descendants became progressive leaders in the Farmville area of Pitt County, settled near Pactolus about 1700, possibly earlier. Robert Williams, a Welshman, settled on the south side of the Tar River in 1727, buying several thousand acres, all the lands between Tyson's and Otter's Creeks, from the Earl of Granville. Mr. Williams was married four times, lived to be 105 years old and left many prominent descendants in the vicinity. The forefathers of many of the other outstanding names in the present Farmville also purchased land and received grants in or near the Town. Some of these are reflected in a statement by R. L. Davis on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary Celebration, "This was one of the most advanced sections of the County before the Civil War. There were many large land owners - - - Prominent among them were: The Joyners, Kings, Moyes, Mays, Belchers, Turnages and Askews."

New Town, as the sparsely settled hamlet was called before incorporation, began to grow around the log cabin dwelling of Miss Sallie Williams (about 1840), the Antioch Disciple Church (established in 1854), and the Pitt County Female Institute (built in 1857). Its location was about midway between Marlborough, a thriving village to the South, and Joyner's Crossroads to the north. At one time there had been a Maysville to the west and on the east was Moye's Crossroads, now known as Lang's Crossroads. The village grew in the midst of farm lands, some of the most fertile and productive in the world.

The village was close-knit from the begin-

ning with nearly all its citizens descendants of the pioneer families. Farmville citizens have always worked together in promoting their town. The incorporating act followed a mass meeting in February 1872, when they decided to ask the General Assembly, then in session, for a Charter of Incorporation. The act, ratified on February 12, 1872, named as Commissioners: James W. May, Sherrod Belcher, Dorsey Jones, William Joyner, William G. Lang and James Joyner. The name Farmville was chosen because it was a community of farmers and all its undertakings and activities were farm related. Some say Peter Hines suggested the name, others credit Gideon Ward with the naming of the town. It is interesting to note Ulysses S. Grant was President of the United States and Tod Robinson Caldwell was Governor of North Carolina when the Town was incorporated.

Farmville grew slowly in population. The 1880 census showed 111 in Farmville and 79 in Marlborough. The 1890 census shown an increase of only 29 in Farmville in ten years. But the turn of the century brought prosperity. The cultivation of tobacco had begun in Pitt County in 1890 and this, with the coming of the East Carolina Railroad in 1900, brought a business boom. Brick buildings, of handmade brick from a kiln in Farmville, began to replace wooden structures. The tobacco market was begun in 1905, and with it came more mercantile businesses, two banks, tobacco plant, an oil and fertilizer plant, automobile businesses and repair shops, stables, filling stations, lumber mills, and another railroad, the Norfolk and Southern in 1907.

The town has grown steadily through the years and in the later years has drawn into its community several outstanding industries through the industrial development program of the Farmville Economic Council formed in 1956.

Farmville was founded around two exceptional institutions; one religious, the other educational. Throughout its 100 years emphasis has been placed on such institutions. In the year of its Centennial Celebration, the Town has twenty-one churches and four outstanding schools.

Among the Founding Fathers



James Williams May



William Gray Lang

Among the intelligent, influential founding fathers of Farmville were two whose dedication to the development of the town was outstanding to a marked degree. They were James Williams May and William Gray Lang. Both were named commissioners in the Town Charter.

Mr. May was giver of the Antioch Christian Church site. It was said of him "Generous to his church, devoted, constant, and attentive, giving bountifully to sustain the preacher, and to help the needy". He served his town well as commissioner for several years and was one of its earliest business leaders. He was always willing to invest his services and resources toward the success of the Town. Mr. May was a grandson of Major Benjamin May and Mary Tyson May, and his parents were James and Harriet Williams May. He married Tabitha Bynum,

daughter of Gideon and Sarah May Bynum. He was born in Pitt County July 24, 1820 and died in 1882.

William Gray Lang was born in 1830, a son of Robert and Mariah Rogers Lang, great granddaughter of Major and Mrs. May. He married Anne Priscilla Moye, daughter of Alfred and Orpha Tyson Moye. Mr. Lang served the town as commissioner for more than 10 years and filled many positions on the governing board. He also was one of the early business leaders and served on the executive committee appointed to establish the Tobacco Market. He was a dedicated supporter of the Antioch Christian Church. It was said of him, "Mr. Lang was a devoted husband, a respected and honored citizen and a consecrated Christian. In his death, the church and the town have sustained a sad loss".



Tabitha Bynum May



W. G. Lang Home



Priscilla Moye Lang

Our Town's First Settlers

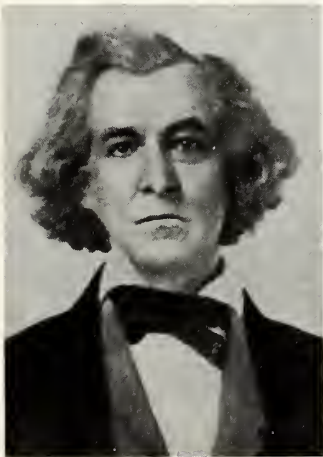
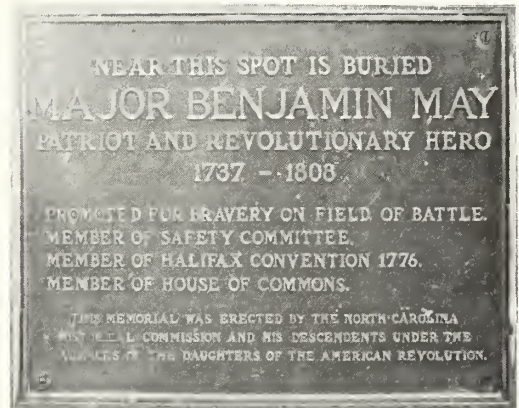
Major Benjamin May, a man of sound judgment and good counsel, was one of the first settlers of the Farmville Community. He was born in Scotland in 1736 and settled on the south side of Contentnea Creek near Farmville in 1750, where he was granted thousands of acres of land, some on which Farmville developed.

Throughout his lifetime Major May promoted and motivated his community in an exemplary manner. Before the Revolutionary War, he was a member of the Committee of Public Safety and helped to stabilize conditions and keep the country from anarchy when the royal government began to disintegrate. He was a Pitt delegate when the Halifax Declaration of Independence was passed, April 12, 1776 and a brave officer in the cause of the struggling colonies.

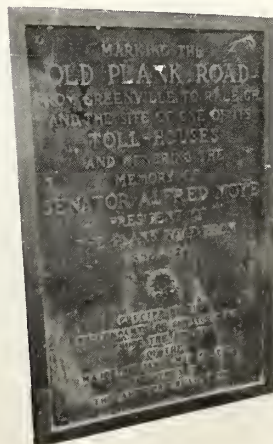
After the war he continued to take a leading part in the life of his community. He served many years as a Justice of the Peace, was trustee of the Pitt Academy, was on the building committee for the Court House at Martinborough (now Greenville) and served in the North Carolina General Assembly from 1804 until his death in 1809.



Major Benjamin May



**Senator
Alfred
Moye**



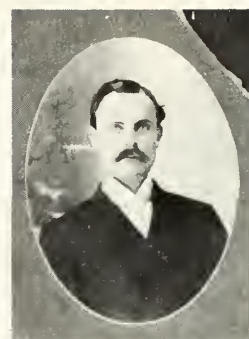
Among the many other men who gave much of their services to the upbuilding of their community and the county was Alfred Moye. He was born January 19, 1793, at Moye's Cross Roads (now Lang's) the son of Joel and Sarah Darden Moye and in 1818 married Orpah Tyson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Tyson of Pitt County.

Mr. Moye was a man of many talents. He possessed a quick and penetrating mind and was distinguished for sound and accurate judgment. He was chairman of the Special Court of Pitt County and held many offices of public trust. He was Representative from Pitt County in the House of Commons in 1828-29; Senator from Pitt County; Trustee of Contentnea Academy, and in 1850 was elected President of the Raleigh and Greenville Plank Road, and served for eleven years, which was the duration of its operation as a toll road. He was a Justice of the Peace, Public Administrator, Special Surveyor, Chairman of County Superintendents and Examiner of Teachers and an outstanding churchman.

Some Former Mayors of Farmville



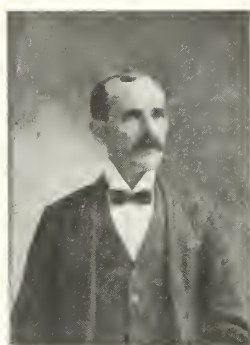
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(1899)



Rev. D. W. Arnold
(1901)



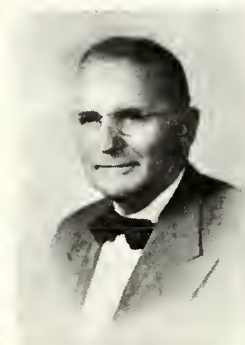
C. L. Barrett
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John R. Davis
(1903)



Jack S. Smith
(1904)



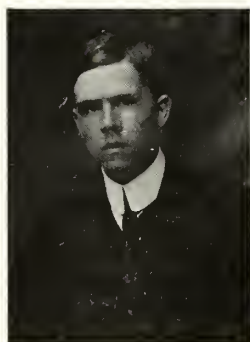
T. C. Turnage
(1910)



R. E. Belcher
(1919-21)(1929-31)
(1937-39)



W. H. Moore, Sr.
(1921-23)



M. V. Horton
(1923-27)



John B. Lewis
(1933-37)



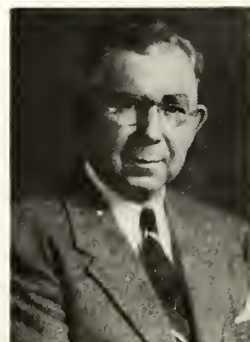
George W. Davis
(1939-45)



James W. Joyner
(1945-49)



Walter B. Jones
(1949-53)



O. G. Spell
(1953-61-63)



Joseph D. Joyner
(1963-65)



Charles S. Edwards
(1955-59)



Frank K. Allen
(1965-69)

Farmville Through Memory and Record

Dwellings, Churches and Schools

Editors' Note: (In preparation for the writing of a book about Farmville, the Commemorative Booklet editors have spent more than six months in research. In addition to our searching in libraries, court houses, and the N. C. Department of Archives and History, we have interviewed most of the elderly citizens and others. All the personal interviews granted so graciously, were interesting and informative. Our regrets are that we cannot include all we have recorded. Since this article is especially written for the older citizens, we wish to give a glimpse of the past. Also, it is our hope that the younger folk will find it interesting and it will be stimulating to their pride and concern for their town and community.)

According to local records available, Miss Sallie Williams, who lived in a log cabin, was Farmville's first resident. The cabin in 1840



sat in a pine thicket diagonally across from the present Farmville Christian Church. Miss Williams was of the Primitive Baptist faith, the prevailing religion of the county's first settlers. It is probable Miss Williams attended services at Tyson's Meeting House which was erected in 1796 by Sherrod Tyson, a prominent planter and head of a large family. The oaken timbers for the original building were hewn from his plantation and slaves living there constructed the edifice. Records kept faithfully through the years by descendants of Mr. Tyson are now in



Tyson's Meeting House

the keeping of Mr. and Mrs. Joab Tyson, and show that from the earliest recordings the name Williams has been on its rolls. Miss Williams might have walked the four miles to church, or perhaps, gone by ox cart by way of Joyner's Crossroads, turning east on the old Stantonsburg Road.

The next building in this growing community was that of the Antioch Disciples of Christ. The congregation of this church, which began at Tyson's Meeting House, consisted of 96 members who left Tyson's after a dissension over temperance. On December 12, 1854, James W. May who owned "much land at the crossroads" which became Farmville, deeded one acre to the Antioch Christian Baptist Church. Trustees named in the deed were: Peter E. Hines, Richard A. Bynum, Sherrod Belcher and Josiah Barrett. It is apparent from the deed that a frame building had already been erected. It stood 56 years, until 1910, on the original site.



Antioch Christian Church

The sanctuary of the church was arranged in the rural custom of the day, with a three-foot high median built through the middle, front to back, separating the sexes, men on the right, women on the left. Evidently there was tobacco chewing and snuff-dipping in those days as

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spittoons were in constant use in the old church. According to church records the townspeople helped to carpet the church in 1897 and the young people of the town gave a King heater for the use in it. Mr. May's home adjoining the church property was built before the Civil War of timbers sawed from trees on his grandfather's farm, and is still in use, being now occupied by his granddaughter Miss Tabitha M. De Visconti.



James W. May Home

In 1831 there seemed to be a spirit of education, several academies were chartered, among them, Contentnea Academy near Moye's Cross Roads, on the road to Farmville a little north of A. P. Turnage's home. Later there was also a Moye School house near the same location but farther north. Trustees for the Contentnea Academy were: Moses Turnage, Lewis Turnage, Abram Baker, Elbert Moye, William D. Moye and Alfred Moye.

In 1857 the Pitt County Female Institute was established in the center of the settlement that would become Farmville. A committee consisting of Alfred Moye, P. E. Hines, Dr. Joseph N. Bynum and Dr. Samuel Morrill were appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Institute Association. This they did in a praiseworthy manner. In a day when "learning" for the female was thought to consist of knowledge of household duties and tasks, this institution provided educational facilities in general culture and the subjects of reading, writing, arithmetic and needlework. The strictest discipline was observed in this school, as in all schools of the time.

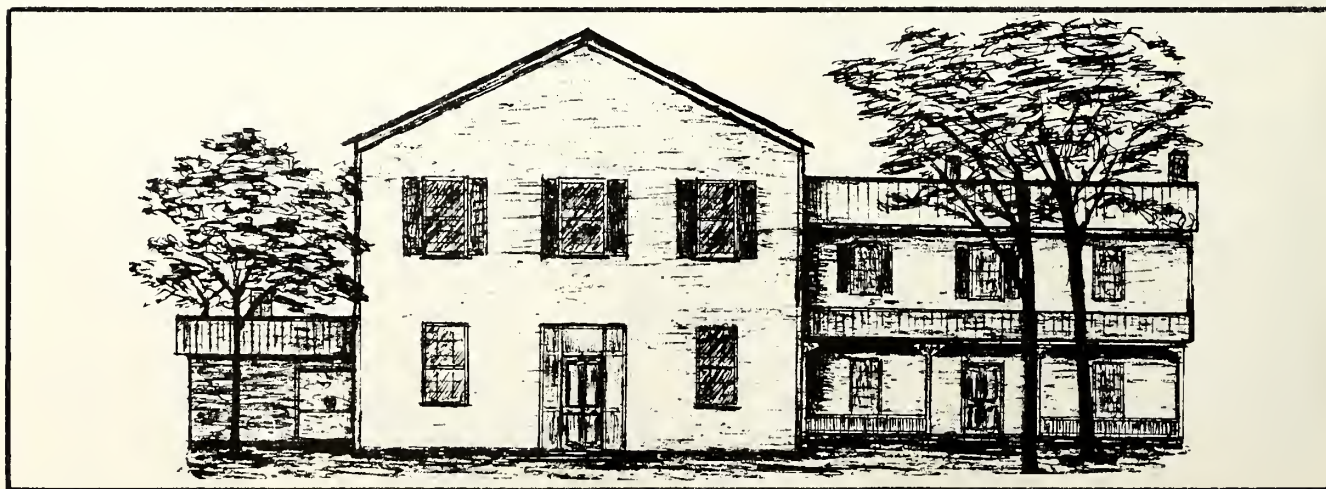


Dr. Samuel Morrill
1829-1905



Dr. Joseph N. Bynum
1832-1909

In later years the old Institute building was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Moses T. Horton and operated as the Horton Hotel. This hotel which sat at the time on Moore's Lane (now Walnut St.), back from the street in a spacious grove of oaks, was the scene of many social events as well as church sponsored ice cream parties. It was the only recorded hostelry in the vicinity at that time.



Pitt County Female Institute (1857)

The Davis Hotel was built in 1912. The Marlboro Inn, built in recent years, by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Allen is reminiscently named, there having been a tavern in Marlboro in the 1850's.



Davis Hotel

A free school was opened in 1882 in a small building on the site of the present Junior High School. Among the teachers were: Miss Delphia King, Miss Alice Hines, Miss Irene Grimsley, Miss Lena Spain, Rev. D. W. Arnold and Miss Pearl Hardy. It is interesting to note these teachers were all of sterling character and devout in nature. In the summer of 1898 John T. Thorne, a former student at the Institute and of the University of North Carolina, urged by townspeople, opened a two-room school, erected by a stock company on the site of the Howard Harris residence on West Church Street. This school was moved farther west and made into the two houses adjacent to the old W. A. Pollard residence. Miss Agnes Moore assisted Mr. Thorne in teaching and the first Mrs. Thorne, formerly Miss Ada Fields, was instructor in piano.



Askew's General Store

Men in doorway (left to right) John I. Baker and W. C. Askew.

EARLY BUSINESSES, TOBACCO MARKET

Two years after the ending of the war between the states, 1867, a difficult time politically and for business ventures, James W. May, Sherrod Belcher and a Mr. Grimmer, opened the first of many general stores in Farmville. The wooden structure was on the southwest corner of Wilson and Main streets where MorMac is located. Soon J. T. Ward and J. T. Dixon opened a similar business directly across the street where the J. H. Harris & Son building is now. Barrooms occupied the other two main corners of town at this time. Places for the sale of liquors were numerous. There was hardly a community without them, and as the plantations before them, most farms had brandy houses. Many of the early ordiances of the town dealt with the operation of barrooms and the sale of "spiritous, vinus or malt liquors". According to Mrs. C. R. Townsend ladies crossed the street to avoid passing where liquors were sold.

In 1872, Robert Lang Davis, who had been making his home with his uncle, Robert Lang, near Farmville, came to New Town, as the settlement was called before incorporation. Mr. Davis's mother died when he was a young child and his father died in Charleston, South Carolina during the Civil War. The young Mr. Davis attended the first semester of school at the Institute which had been re-opened after the Civil War as a boarding school for boys and girls. G. D. Hines was principal of the school. In the fall of the year, he went to work in the firm of Lang (W. G.) and Moye (Elbert A.). Mr. Lang who had been in the mercantile business in Marlboro, purchased several acres of land in Farmville in 1872 from a Mr. Williams, who very likely was Ely Williams. A plot showing the lands of Mr.



Ely Williams House

Occupied Present Post Office Site

Williams, executed in the division of his lands in 1902 following his death, show a large tract of land on the east side of Main Street running north and south from Little Contentnea Creek to Marlboro, containing 200 acres. The Town Market Place and the W. G. Lang lots are shown on the plot. Land description of the old Williams home place, which sat where the post office is located, is described as formerly Henry Joyner land. Mr. Williams was a great uncle of Miss Bettie Joyner and Eli Joyner is a namesake.

Mr. Davis remained with his uncle, who had bought the Moye interest, five years. Then he, in partnership with W. R. Horne, went into business in the old May & Sons Store. In 1886 he bought the Horne interest and sold a one third interest to each of his half-brothers, Francis M. and John R., and it was operated as R. L. Davis and Brothers. This firm was operated under the same name for more than fifty years, being sold at the death of "Mr. Bob". Belk-Tyler bought the dry goods department of the business which had become a complex operation. The old, sturdy, office safe, used by this firm, was often used as a banking facility by many townspeople before the Bank of Farmville was established in 1904. The safe is still being used in the F.M. Davis Heirs Office.



Ed Warren, J. V. Johnson, Ernest Barrett, Ernest Gaynor, Collier Turnage, Frank Puryear, Ed Beamen, R. L. Davis & Bros.

Mr. Davis was a man of singular business acumen with a clear vision of his time. According to "Sketches of Pitt County" by Henry T. King, "when Mr. Davis began business in 1879, his capital was limited (he had saved one thousand dollars while working for his uncle) and competition almost death-dealing but by strict attention to his business he surmounted many difficulties". Mr. Davis became Pitt County's largest landowner, farmer, banker, and capitalist and financed successful manufacturing enterprises. In addition, he held positions of

trust and esteem in his home town. He served as commissioner for many years, as city clerk and in many other positions.



Davis' Dry Goods Store

Before 1900 and the coming of railroads, supplies and produce were hauled by mule drawn wagons to and from Centre Bluff (formerly known as Foreman's Landing) nine miles north of Farmville, on the Tar River, near Bruce. Travel on the road to the landing in wet weather was almost impossible because of deep ruts. Robert Cotton operated a general store there and W. H. Moore, Sr. was agent for the Old Dominion Shipping Co. at the warehouse at Centre Bluff. It is said there was also a barroom at the landing.

Before Centre Bluff was a center for Shipping and trading, Benjamin Atkinson, second master of Bensborough, operated, in addition to his plantation, a large shipping business and landing center across the river on the North Side. In 1789 Mr. Atkinson was the most prominent businessman and planter in upper Pitt County. His correspondence with his exporter, John Gray Blount of Washington, N. C. is recorded and can be found in the Brown Library of that City.



The last years of the 1880's began to be busy times in the little hamlet, the sound of animal hooves, the hammer on the anvil, the creak of buggy, wagon and cart wheels were heard, and men gathered in groups on the streets that were often muddy, to talk of the times, politics, business and farming. Often they congregated under the storeheds that covered the sidewalks.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF
FARMVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF PITT.

SECTION 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, That the town of Farmville, Pitt county, be and the same is hereby incorporated by the name and style of the town of Farmville, and shall be subject to all the provisions contained in the one hundred and eleventh chapter of the revised code, not inconsistent with this act.

SEC. 2 The corporate limits of said town shall be as follows: Beginning at a stake two hundred and fifty yards west of the Antioch Church, and running thence north two hundred and fifty yards, thence east five hundred yards, thence south five hundred yards, thence west five hundred yards, thence north two hundred fifty yards, to the beginning.

SEC. 3 Until commissioners shall be elected as hereinafter provided, the government of said town shall be vested in the following named commissioners, to-wit: James W. May, Shield Belcher, Dorsey Jones, William Joiner, Wm. Long, James Joiner.

SEC. 4. An election shall be held the first Monday of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and each successive year, for five commissioners of said town, and persons living within the corporate limits of said town and qualified to vote for members of the general assembly shall vote in the election for commissioners of said town.

SEC. 5. All persons within the corporate limits of said town that are liable to work on public roads are liable to work on the streets in the aforesaid town, and are hereby exempted from working on all other roads.

SEC. 6. For the good government of said town, the said commissioners and their successors in office shall have all the powers, rights and privileges, and be governed by the rules, regulations and restrictions conferred upon, and to which commissioners of incorporated towns are subject, by chapter three, revised code.

SEC. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 12th day of February, A.D. 1872.

The above act passed 100 years ago by the General Assembly is the reason for the current celebration. The act has been amended several times.

The first Town Hall was a wooden structure located in the vicinity of the alley beside Newton's Red and White Market. The town offices were built above a market place. An alley with stalls on either side were below the offices. Ben Murphrey operated a market in one stall, Monroe Cameron ran a similar business on the opposite side. Meats, vegetables and farm products were for sale. There was a bell tower over the Town Hall and every night at 9:00 P.M. the bell would toll and all stores close. The bell, perhaps, was also used to call firemen and to announce mass meetings. There was a bar-room beside the Town Hall and most likely a

town pump and watering trough. An ordinance stated, "No person shall clean fish or fresh meat or wash fish or meat vessels at the public wells or pumps of the town. No horse with distemper shall be allowed to be watered out of the public tubs or buckets of the public wells or pumps of the town." The Town Hall was moved in later years to Wilson Street, upstairs over the offices of The Economic Council, C.A. Lilley and Congressman Walter B. Jones. There was an outside stairway to the offices and jail.



Main Street About 1915

Town Ordinances, effective July 15, 1899, (possibly enacted shortly after incorporation) found at the N. C. Department of Archives and History reflect the times. Many of the ordinances, dealt with the proper manner of caring for and using horses, mules and oxen. It was unlawful to drive or ride a horse or mule at a greater speed than eight miles an hour through the streets, or to lead them on sidewalks. They were not allowed to run at large nor graze on the public lots and it was unlawful to tie mules, horses or oxen to street corner posts or lamp posts. Also there was an ordinance restricting hogs roaming, "chicken-eating hogs." At the May meeting prior to the enactment date of these ordinances the following commissioners were elected: R. L. Davis, W. G. Lang, E. J. Pollard and M. T. Horton for the 1st ward and I. S. Bennett for the 2nd ward. Also a mayor, David Eugene Burch, was appointed, the first found recorded. Previously it appeared a temporary chairman was chosen at each meeting.



I. S. Bennett Home



1914 Cotton Yard

Because of the need for a money crop, other than cotton, the cultivation of tobacco began in Pitt County around 1890. Oxford, Henderson and Durham were the most accessible markets. To help the local growers with the cultivation and curing of tobacco, several families, the Westbrooks, Bowlings, Russells and Hobgoods came from the areas of the above mentioned markets to make their homes in the Farmville vicinity. Jim Edwards, who became one of the outstanding and best-known auctioneers, also came to Farmville from the area.

Hauling tobacco by wagon and team had been an arduous undertaking. But true to their manner of meeting needs, the energetic and enterprising business men of Farmville held a meeting in the spring of 1904 to discuss the possibility of a sales market in Farmville. The executive committee composed of: W. M. Lang, T. L. Turnage and M. T. Horton, let a contract for the building of two wooden warehouses 80 feet wide by 150 feet long with metal roof and stipulated the buildings would be ready for sales in the fall of 1905. The warehouses were

located on West Wilson Street. The first warehouse, called Carolina Warehouse, was operated by C. R. Townsend and J. C. Holderby. The other house was operated by Stark and Usher of Oxford. Stark and Usher operated their house two years, selling to James Y. Monk in 1907. A third warehouse was built about 1910 and operated by R. L. Joyner and Tom Timberlake, Sr.

The Farmville Tobacco Board of Trade was organized Wednesday night, August 8, 1906 at a meeting for that purpose at the Carolina Warehouse. The following officers were elected: E. K. Baptist, President; J. S. Thomas, Vice President; W. J. Webb, Secretary and Treasurer. Present at the meeting were: A. C. Monk, Mr. Thomas, W. S. Stark, J. C. and W. L. Holderby, Mr. Baptist, C. R. Townsend and E. W. Dickerson.

The first tobacco sold on the Farmville Market was bought by A. C. Monk. A. C. Monk & Company, founded by this gentleman, grew and expanded steadily and became one of the largest independent dealers and exporters of the leaf in the world. This industry continues to buy the bulk of tobacco sold on the Farmville Market. At first "Mr. A. C." packed his purchases in hogsheads on the warehouse floors. Later he built a small redrying room on West Wilson Street in front of the Jimmy Lewis Service Station, operating his business there until the main plant was built on Horne Avenue.

"Mr. J. Y." Monk, brother of "Mr. A. C.", soon entered the Farmville Market. In 1907 he bought the Stark and Usher Interest. R. L. Davis was Mr. Monk's partner until 1913, when Monks #1 was built on West Wilson Street. McDonald Horton, R. E. Belcher were associated with Mr. Monk until 1917. He was in the business until his death in 1941 when his equally popular and affable son, J. Y. Jr., took over the management of the firm until his death in 1962, making 55 years of operation and the Monk banner is still being used for the warehouse.

R. H. Knott, J. M. Hobgood and L. R. Bell were also prominent warehousemen in the early years of the market. Many other capable men had



Monk Warehouse



Horne Avenue Monk Plant

important roles in its development and success. The opening of the market in August continues to be an exciting time. Employment peaks, trading is accelerated; and except for the difficult days of 1931 - 32 when it was necessary for President Franklin D. Roosevelt to close the warehouses to stop the below production prices, the town enters into the spirit of harvest time. Although farming is becoming more diversified, tobacco is still the big money crop.

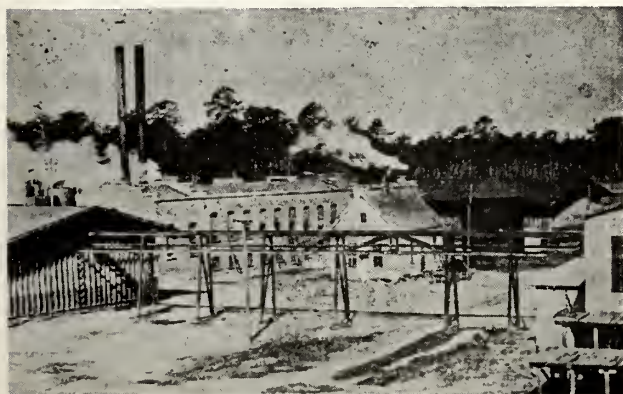


M. T. Horton Hogshead Factory

MILL, ELECTRIC LIGHTS, STABLES

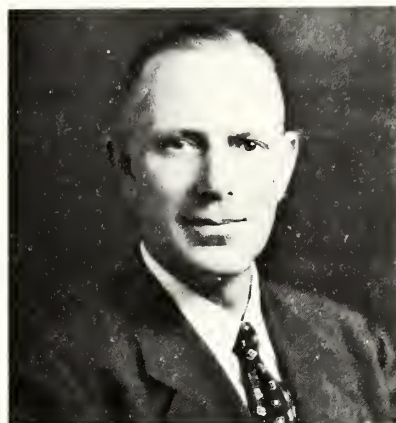
In 1910 Farmville received another boost to its economy. Because of abundance of cotton in the area, J. I. Morgan, who had been manager of the Wilson Branch of Southern Cotton Oil Company, saw the possibilities of a mill in Farmville for the processing of crude cottonseed into oil and fertilizers. He formed the Farmville Oil and Fertilizer Company, building an industrial plant on West Pine Street. Mr. Morgan selected as original stockholders with him: R. L. Davis, W. A. Pollard, A. C. Monk, J. R. Davis, B. M. Lewis, all of Farmville and P. L. Woodard of Wilson.

The town's first light plant and ice plant were at the mill. In 1903, before electric lights, Daniel Joyner was lighter of the town's street lamps, but there were probably many lamplighters before him. J. O. Pollard was Secretary-



The Mill

Treasurer of the first plant which used the Farmville Oil & Fertilizer Company's generators. Tom McKinney, who maintained his business in his home, was the town's first electrician. W. A. McAdams who was elected Superintendent of the Water and Light Department in 1921, served the town well until his retirement in recent years.



W. A. McAdams

Walter G. Gay, who was Postmaster at one time, operated an ice plant and bottling company on South Main Street. Gay Kola and Bromo-Kola were bottled and sold in the Farmville community for several years by W. G. Gay & Sons.

In 1916 Mr. Davis, W. A. Pollard, McDonald Horton and J. M. Christman built a large brick stable where the Davis Furniture Company is now located. The stable entrance can be seen in the show window facade of the building. But Mr. Davis and R. L. Smith were in the stable business earlier, in a different building at the same location in 1899. B. S. Smith bought the Davis interest in this stable business in 1902 and his brother's interest in 1921. In 1907 this stable business moved to its present location at the intersection of Contentnea & Wilson Streets and continues after 73 years as a business serving the community under the firm name R. L. Smith & Company now selling farm supply products. When the stable business began, horses and buggies were much in demand, as there were few trains to accomodate the traveler. Traveling salesmen, called "drummers" would come to Farmville, work a few hours, and in order to go on to Greenville, Tarboro or other places, would hire a horse and buggy with driver to take them. As farming increased in this area mules were much in demand as work animals. One mule could tend about 35 acres of land.

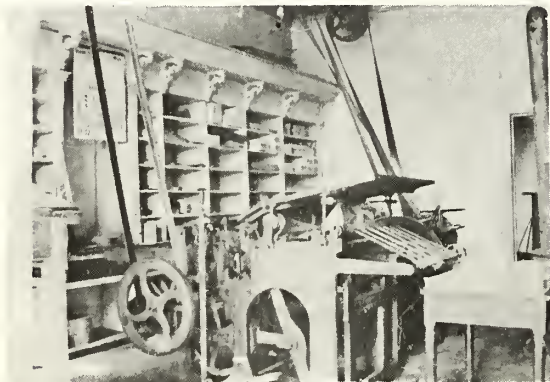
In connection with the stable business other shops went into business. A Mr. Wilkerson operated a harness shop about the location of the Chevrolet annex building and next door in a shed type building Austin Hamlin ran a blacksmith shop. There was also much demand for wood repair shops where wagons, buggies and furniture were repaired. W. G. Little operated

one of these shops where Miss Lula Forbes resides and J. B. Norris, a similar shop where Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore live.

POST OFFICE, NEWSPAPER, TELEPHONES

The development and growth of the Post Office, schools and railroads are told in other articles in this booklet. Until 1913, the post offices were kept in the homes or buildings and stores of the Postmasters. Many beginning enterprises were first located in corners of general stores and other businesses. Such was the beginning of the Farmville Building and Loan Association which was first located in the W. M. Lang store with A. H. Joyner, Secretary. Beginning in 1923, while G. A. Rouse was Secretary and Treasurer the organization had its headquarters in the Rouse Printery. Mr. Rouse became Executive Vice-President of the Association and also realized his dream of a home for the organization.

Mr. Rouse had come to Farmville in 1910 at the invitation of the Farmville Publishing Company. He organized the Enterprise Publishing Company, forerunner of Rouse Printery, as a successor to the former company and was owner and publisher of the Farmville Enterprise for forty-five years.



An Early Printing Press

Bryon Ford is recorded the first editor of the paper. R. L. Davis was president and John T. Thorne, secretary and treasurer of the first publishing company. Mr. A. C. Monk was publisher and general manager of a paper at one time and in 1915 B. A. Joyner was Associate Editor. It is creditable that these farsighted men along with other town leaders saw the town's need for a newspaper.

There were forty-three telephones in Farmville in 1910 when Home Telephone and Telegraph Company purchased the facilities from Southern Investment Company. Sixteen years later when Carolina Telephone and Telegraph and Home Telephone and Telegraph Company merged there were 247. Early service was operated from an exchange, upstairs over Pitt County Insurance Agency. Charles Rountree was one of

the office managers and known operators were: Allie Brown Robinson, Etta Gay Stewart, W. P. Smith and Flossie Wilson. These operators, called "Centrals", could have been well-informed if they had listened.

Street paving in the town began in 1919. Ninety-six citizens, the largest taxpayers, petitioned the Board of Commissioners to pass a resolution implementing this undertaking.



1926 Firemen

Milton Eason, Truck Driver; Others shown, J. L. Taylor and E. S. Hobgood, Police Chief and Assistant.

For thirty-three years after its incorporation the town depended on a volunteer Bucket Brigade of willing and loyal firemen. The history of the present Fire Department began with a mass meeting, called by public notice March 9, 1915 with Mayor T. C. Turnage, chairman. The By-Laws and Constitution were read by J. Lloyd Horton, a young attorney of the town, who became the state's youngest Superior Court Judge. R. E. Belcher was unanimously elected Chief of the department. Haywood Smith served the town as Fire Chief for forty-five years and the station built and dedicated in 1958 was named for him.

AUTOMOBILES, DRUG STORES

In April, 1912 Editor Rouse proclaimed in the Enterprise, "The sound of the auto is getting to be a very common thing on the streets of Farmville. There are several in the city now and others are contemplating purchasing in the near future." W.A. Pollard and Sons were among the first automobile dealers, selling the Moon. later Fords and others. B. Otis Taylor and Jesse A. Carraway, who first operated a bicycle repair shop, sold the Overton, later the Hudson, Essex and Terraplane. Julius Turnage and W.C. Askew owned two of the earliest car repair garages.

Also in 1912, J. Y. Monk, Sr. "one of the energetic and hustling young business men", won Second Grand Prize in a News and

Observer contest. His brother, A. C. Monk, and W. J. Rasberry accompanied him to Raleigh to get the prize, a handsome Stoddard-Dayton touring car. Many undoubtedly remember the excitement among the young ladies of the town when young Will Horne Askew bought a Rio touring car. Mrs. J. O. Pollard (May Barrett) one of the young ladies, remembers, "everyone felt they had discovered a new world". Dr. J. E. Patrick owned one of the first cars, a Maxwell.



1916 — Hudson

Fondly remembered was the Model T Ford Coupe driven so many years by Dr. C. C. Joyner, one of the highly respected physicians of the town. The portly Dr. Joyner continued to hand crank this car long after the invention of automatic cranking, because its spacious interior fitted him. Neighbors of the Joyners at the intersection of Pine and Contentnea streets often heard him succinctly express his thoughts when trying to crank this vehicle, early on a cold morning. The Joyner family was lively and known for wit and humor.



Big Snow — 1927

Dr. Joyner, Dr. W. M. Willis, Dr. John Hooker, and Dr. David S. Morrill operated a clinic-hospital, above Pope's Store on Main Street, for several years around 1926. Many tonsilectomies were performed there with Dr. J. G. Raby of Tarboro assisting. Dr. Robert Williams served the Pitt Community during Colonial times. Dr. Joseph N. Bynum, Dr. Samrell Norrill, and Dr. Noah Joyner were among the physicians in

the vicinity before and after the Civil War. Dr. Bynum was appointed an Assistant Surgeon of the Army by Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America and served with Lee's Army in Virginia.

R. R. Newton, one of the town's best known persons, in his later years, related this story about the drug store business. He came to Farmville in 1903. J. T. Thorne had a drug store and Mr. Newton worked there. At the time there were no refrigerators, a few had ice boxes. Folks went to the drug store for a nickel's worth of ice at the time. Sometimes as much as 300 pieces of ice were sold in an afternoon. About 1911 Coca Colas were sold in the stores. Crowds filled the store daily to buy the drink. A 60 gallon barrel would last from Saturday until Monday. On one occasion Mr. Newton turned on the Coca Cola faucet to fill a jug, went to help another customer, forgetting the running Coca Cola. When he remembered, the barrel was almost empty and 60 gallons of Coca Cola were running down the back alley. John Baker owned possibly the first drug store. Mr. Newton and Hal Winders, a well-liked pharmacist, owned and operated the City Drug Store for many years in the Horton Building next door to MorMac. Wheless Drug Company was also in operation about mid-way the same block. These stores in the 1920's were the gathering places of the town. Nearly all the young ladies and matrons of the town met at the drug stores in the morning around 10 o'clock "for a coke", and many young and older men dropped in and drank at the counter.



Parker - Newton Drug Store
Sam T. Parker & R. R. Newton

INVENTIONS, OTHER BUSINESSES

One of the first known bean pickers was invented and manufactured by a man named Robert Spikes of Farmville. This picker was built and manufactured in 1915 on East Wilson Street in the building now occupied by the Farmville Laundry. The picker drawn by mules in the fields would pick up the beans, run them through a knocker type wheel with spikes on it and throw the beans into a tray. Mr. Spikes had his

invention patented and they were made in Farmville for a number of years. Mr. Spikes also invented an oil curer. Frank Davis, Jr. bought an interest in this invention which was later sold to Clarence Hardy in Maury.



Spikes' Harvester

An interesting business venture involving three native sons was the beginning of the commercial development of Atlantic Beach around 1920 by J. Lloyd Horton, McDonald Horton and John Baker. The Ocean Beach Company formed by these men built a large ocean-side bath house, a hotel and several cottages, the first on the island. This development near what is now called Money Island was built when access to the beach was by ferry.



Ferry To Beach

Several firms of Farmville have remained in business at their original locations for more than fifty years. They are: The Turnage Company, begun in 1899; Bank of Farmville, 1904; The Farmville Furniture Company, 1905; Joe R. Joyner Funeral Home, 1909; and D. F. and R.O. Lang (Lang's Inc.) 1914. Other firms of the early 1900's which were in business many years: J. H. Harris & Son, 1904; Farmville Drug Company (City Drug Co.) 1907; Wheless Drug Company, 1911; D. R. Morgan Jewelry Company, 1912 and Fields Jewelry Company, date unknown, Dr. Paul E. Jones opened an office over the W. M. Lang store for the practice of Dentistry in September 1910.

SOCIAL LIFE AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

"Early to bed and early to rise" was a way of life in early Farmville. At nine o'clock at night, the town bell rang, the stores closed and all traffic ceased until four the next morning. Nonetheless there was much conviviality. For many years Farmville was known as "the friendliest little town in the state." Also for many years "Welcome to Farmville" signs above the Greenville highway and Wilson highway entrances greeted visitors. Visiting was especially enjoyed. Relatives, neighbors and friends came to spend the day, week-ends, weeks, sometimes longer and there was always room. "Yearly" meetings at the various Meeting House churches brought folks for miles around for the services, good food and visiting. Box Suppers, picnics, barbecues and balls were also enjoyed.

The Lady Turnage Opera House was the scene of much entertainment. "The Pickett Family" came every year. Mrs. J. Stanley Smith gave a concert there in 1912, and minstrels and home talent shows were presented. The Opera House was built by T. L. Turnage and named for one of his daughters, Emily Lou, "Lady" (Mrs. A. C. Monk, Sr.) It is located above Blalock's Store on Main Street.



**Paramount Theatre
1933 - Worth Stewart, Manager**



Hospitable James Taylor Lewis Family

One of the early movie theatres was named the Rialto. Mrs. Rubye Rigsbee Jones and Mrs. Eva Horton Rouse, two of the town's most talented pianists played during the silent movies. Their piano renditions of stirring notes, and dulcet tones, emphasized the tempo of the scenes depicted. Summer vacations were often spent at Seven Springs near La Grange. It was a family vacation spa, with rambling, wooden

hotel where delicious food was served, guests sat on the verandas in high-back, cane-bottomed chairs and chatted, while others played cards, croquet and drank from the ever-flowing springs. Boat excursions to Morehead and train trips to the State Fair in Raleigh, the World's Fair at Chicago and the Charleston Exposition were long-remembered.

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Farmville, N. C.

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Honorary Managers.
W. A. Barrett, T. E. Keel, R. J. Lang, R. L. Davis.

Committee on Invitations.
C. L. Barrett, A. M. Joyner.

Door Keeper—J. J. Taylor. Prompter—J. W. Parker.

Basket Picnic.

—TO BE GIVEN IN—
G. W. Barrett's Grove,
—ON—
Thursday, - July - 27th, - 1893.

Managers.
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Honorary Managers.
W. R. NORRIS, C. L. BARRETT, J. W. PARKER, W. A. LANG.

Table Committee.
Mrs. W. R. NORRIS, Mrs. W. A. LANG, Mrs. C. L. BARRETT, Mrs. J. W. PARKER.

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT

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Music by Walter Bagd.

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Some Past Business Leaders



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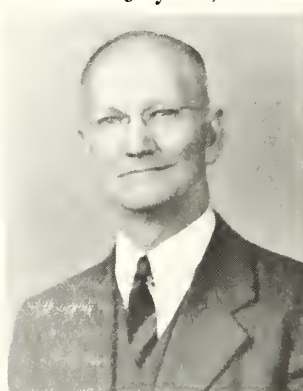
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Judge J. Lloyd Horton



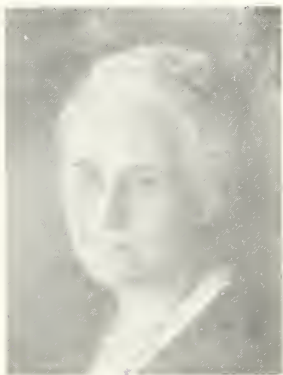
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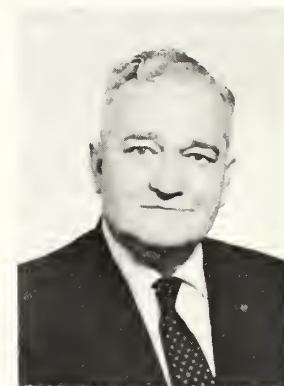
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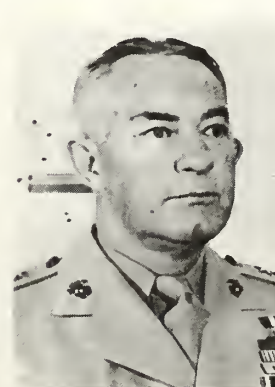
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History Of The Post Office - 1884 - 1954

By: Mrs. Pearl Johnston

There is not a man, woman or child in the Town of Farmville and community who gets more excited than I do over the prospect of having a new post office here in Farmville. In as much as I was partly brought up in the post office here and know its humble beginnings, I have been keenly interested as the years have gone by in watching its growth and expansion.

Before there was a post office in Farmville, there was a post office in Marlboro and also one at Joyner's Cross Roads. The post office at Joyner's Cross Roads was discontinued before my recollection, but I heard the old people speak of it, and its existence is confirmed in the history of Pitt County which was written by Mr. Henry T. King many years ago.

I do not remember the first post office in Farmville nor who the postmaster was. My first recollection of the post office dates back to when I was about eight years old (around 1884). The postmaster then was a Mr. Tom Hill and the post office was on Wilson Street, about where Mr. Manly Liles (now Cedric Davis Office) had his office in 1950. The building was about 20 feet long, rather narrow, with a lean-to-shed and three or four windows. It had wooden shutters which were fastened with iron bars. (Mr. Hill was the husband of Miss Sue May, aunt of Miss Tabitha DeVisconti.

At that time, we lived just across the street from the post office in a house located where Turnage's warehouse now stands. My father, Joseph J. Moore, and Mr. Sherrod Belcher, father of the late Robert Belcher and Mrs. Mattie Taylor, and great-grand father of the present Mrs. Robert D. Rouse, Jr. and Mrs. Pennell Burnette; had a merchantile business in a store located on the corner where Turnage's Store now stands. Mr. Hill was a great lover of children and he would give me circulars and rejected mail and I would take it home and play post office. At that time there probably were around 125 people in Farmville – the Census of 1880 give the population as 111. Marlboro was still delivering a greater portion of the mail. Mrs. Annie Merryman, later Mrs. Trotman, mother of the late Mrs. Pauline Britt and great grandmother of the late Paul Allen, Horace Allen and others of our town, was the only postmaster of Marlboro that I ever remember.

The Farmville post office remained at Tom Hill's for some time and then was moved to the corner store where the Royal Grill stood in 1950. (Now where Ray's Restaurant is located). It was a wooden store facing Wilson Street. A Mr. Phillips and a Mr. Joyner had a dry goods and grocery store and the post office was in the right-hand corner of the store. I think Mr. Phil-

lips was the post master as he always handled the mail. I was again a frequent visitor.

At that time, mail was brought to Farmville by star route and in July 1884, my father, Joseph J. Moore, was awarded the contract as the lowest bidder for the route. The route was from Marlboro to Wilson via Farmville, Fieldsboro, (now Walstonburg), and Saratoga. The Fieldsboro post office was first kept in a store run by Mr. H. C. Turnage and Mr. W. R. Fields, across the road from the old W. R. Fields home. After that store was burned, as soon as arrangements could be made, Dr. West was appointed postmaster and the post office was kept in his home, where Ray West, Senior now lives. The schedule called for arrival in Wilson at 12 noon, departing from there at 1:30 p.m. and getting back to Marlboro at 7 p.m. The trip was made three times a week, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Sometimes the weather was so bad, with heavy snows and bad sleets, that we had no mail for a week. Every day that was missed, except for sickness, was deducted from the pay of the carrier, who had no substitute. The carrier's pay was rather small and in order to supplement it, my father carried passengers from Wilson to other places on the route, and also carried a lot of freight, my father had a light spring wagon built to the back of his buggy. He also had attachments put into the middle of the front seat and in the foot of the buggy to hold his umbrella – the largest one I ever saw – which protected him from the sun in the summer and the rain in winter.

Although the distance from Marlboro to Wilson, by way of Farmville, was about the same then as now, we had much colder weather. The roads were bad and there was much getting in and out of the buggy to be done. My father and mother would get up at four o'clock in the morning, build a fire in the fireplace and put a big rock, weighing several pounds, in the fire to heat while they had breakfast and packed his lunch. Then began the job of wrapping my father. My mother sewed a layer of newspaper across the shoulders of his dress coat. He wore long flannel underwear from his wrists to his toes, woolen socks and fleece-lined shoes, a wool scarf which was called a "Newby", a very heavy overcoat, a fur cap with earflaps or covers, and also had a very heavy lap robe and sometimes a bed blanket to put over him. All wrapped in that regalia, he looked like an Eskimo and sometimes even his own baby was afraid of him. When he was ready to go, the hot rock was taken from the fireplace and put into a covered iron pot which was placed on bricks in the foot of the buggy. The rock stayed hot

a long time and when my father's feet got too cold, he removed his shoes and held his feet over the hot rock in the pot.

When I wasn't in school and the weather was sutiable, I went with my father on his trips.

The mail contracts were let every four years to the lowest bidder, and in 1888 my father was underbid by \$20.00 by a man from Wilson. In the fall of that year, Benjamin Harrison was elected president of the United States, and my father, who had been a life-long Republican, applied for the position of postmaster. He received his commission in the summer of 1889 and when he took his oath of office, I took the oath of assistant, with Mr. C. L. Barrett administering the oath.

When my father took over the post office, it was still in the corner store where Mr. Joyner and Mr. Phillips had it, and I believe my father succeeded Mr. Moses T. Horton. After a few months, it was moved back to the place on Wilson Street where it had been before, when Mr. Tom Hill was postmaster. It was kept there until the fall of 1890 when it was moved into our home, a house on the back side of the present high school campus. Up to the time the post office was moved into our home, my father and I would go over every morning together and stay all day. However, after it was moved into our home, my father worked at the carpenter's trade and I kept my eye on the post office and handed out mail, while my mother took in sewing. The post office was in one corner of one of the front rooms and the enclosure wasn't more than seven feet square, just large enough for two people, for general delivery boxes, a

small desk for stamps, cards, and blanks, and the few books which were necessary at that time.

Everything was going smoothly until my father died on my sixteenth birthday in April 1892. The people of Farmville and community seemed anxious to help us keep the post office, however, and sent a petition to our congressman in our behalf, and soon my mother received her commission as postmaster of Farmville.

We had been notified before my father's death that this office was to be made a money order office and would handle postal notes, and blanks, books, etc., began coming in shortly after my father's death. Since I was only sixteen and had a limited education, I didn't know how to start to handle these items, so I wrote to the postmaster in Greenville and asked if he would instruct me, which he did. Mr. Jim Perkins, father of our own Miss Annie Perkins, was postmaster at that time and Miss Annie was helping him - a very pretty and attractive young lady she was too.

Again we were getting along nicely when I came down with a long and severe case of Typhoid Fever. My mother had not had much time to familiarize herself with the work and did not know what to do, but God has a way of looking out for the helpless. Mr. McDonald Horton, who was clerking for Mr. R. L. Davis and who had had some previous experience in post office work, offered to help my mother and Mr. Davis gladly consented to the offer. So Mr. Horton helped her open the mails, make reports, and send money orders to the Depository in Raleigh, until I was back on the job.



Looking North from the corner of Main and Church Streets

In 1895, the house we were occupying was sold and in 1896, we moved down Main Street into a house that stood about where Sing's filling station is located now, diagonally across from Miss Tabitha's home, and of course we moved the post office with us.

The Marlboro post office had been discontinued in the meantime and we had right many people to serve, so that the post office enclosure was made larger. We had boxes for the newspapers and used the general delivery boxes for letters and cards.

We had a new mail carrier again from Wilson, but the Department had ordered the mail to start from Farmville at seven o'clock in the morning and return at seven in the evening. During the winter months seven o'clock in the morning was rather early and the post office was at least one and a half blocks from most of the firms. Consequently many of the business men, rather than face the cold winter winds so early in the morning, would wait for the mail man to come along on his way to Wilson and hand their mail to him. This reduced our cancellation and was not helping the post office in other ways, so my mother went down and talked it over with the business men who agreed something must be done about it. When my mother was talking to Mr. John Davis, my sister, Rosa, a little girl at the time, was with her, and Mr. Davis suggested that Rosa run down every morning and collect the mail. For several years after that, rain or shine, Rosa arose early every morning and ran around to all the stores and collected the mail.

Since we had no office hours, someone was continually dropping in and much time was spent in telling people they had no mail — a fact they sometimes did not believe. We had no privacy in our home and sometimes in a rush to go out, I would get my skirts on wrong-side-out. One time I even went to Church without any hose — a serious omission at that time.

During all the years we had the post office in our home, the only protection we had was bars nailed across the windows. We kept stamps and money in a small trunk in our bedroom in in the day time and at night we kept them in a little tin trunk under the bed so no one could see it. We kept a loaded pistol in place but never had to use it as no one ever broke in or tried to rob us. I'm convinced God took care of us.

Time makes many changes. The post office closes now for Saturday afternoon, but then Saturday afternoon was our busiest and biggest day. Often our day's work was not over until 11 o'clock in the evening. We sold more money orders on Saturday afternoon than any other time and we often had right much money on Saturday night. Since we had no safe place, I would take the money down to Mr. R. L. Davis to put it in his safe until Monday.

In 1902 our house was sold and we had to move again. We couldn't find a house near the business section which was large enough for the family and the post office, and since my mother's health was not good, we decided to give up the post office and I would work for the new postmaster.

Mr. A. D. Hill, brother of Mr. Tom Hill, was soon appointed postmaster and the post office was moved to his home on the corner of Church and Walnut Streets (the lot where John D. and Edna Foust Dixon lived until recently) in a little house in the yard towards the T. M. Dail Home. The little house had a side porch and people often sat on the porch in the summer while waiting for the mail. When the post office was moved to Mr. Hill's, it was again made larger. Not long after he took office, Mr. Hill saw an ad in the Tarboro "Southerner" that the post office, in Tarboro was getting new boxes and would sell the old ones cheap, so he bought them and paid for them himself. They were the first lock boxes. Mr. Hill also moved his iron safe into the Post Office and for the first time we had a safe place to keep things. With lock boxes where people could get their mail at any time, and with a safe, we felt that we were really climbing up in the world.

In 1901 three rural routes were established in Pitt County, but it was the latter part of 1902, or the early part of 1903, before we had any routes. I helped pack the first mail that went out as I knew every one in our community. Mr. C. L. Barrett carried the No. 1 route for several years, and Mr. Tom Hinson carried the No. 2 route until his death, nearly thirty (30) years later.

In the late 1890's, there was a post office established at Mr. T. L. Turnage's store, called Dongola, and Mr. Turnage was postmaster, assisted by his nephew, Mr. Bob Turnage, a brother of Mr. Jason Turnage. The Post Office remained there until Mr. Turnage was murdered and the store burned in 1901. Mr. Turnage never rebuilt the store and soon moved to Farmville. About the same time the Dongola Post Office was established, there was one established in the Billy Woodard neighborhood, between Saratoga and Wilson, but it proved to be more of a nuisance than a convenience, so was discontinued.

The first railroad into Farmville was completed in 1900 when East Carolina line from Tarboro to Farmville was finished. At first the East Carolina carried only heavy freight and and logs, but in 1902 that line began hauling passengers and bringing the mail. With the coming of the mail route, many isolated areas were opened up and people began buying lots and building homes, and new business firms began coming in. From then on Farmville was on the growing list.

The first mail carrier to bring mail from the train to the Post Office was Ed Tyson, a Negro and he brought it down on his back. As a result of the train service, star route carriers were eliminated for many years. We had waited all through the years for the star route carriers and thought now the mail would come in on time, but since the train served many purposes, we soon found ourselves waiting for the mail and it was often 10:30 or 11:00 P.M. when the mail man walked in with his one sack of mail thrown over his shoulder.

I worked with Mr. Hill up through the 13th of December, 1904, and was married the next day. After being connected with the post office so long, I missed it and missed the people. For a long time, when I heard the train blow, I felt the urge to get to the post office by the time the mailman got there.

Mr. Hill was succeeded by Mr. W. R. Dixon and the Post Office was brought back down town and kept in a building right near the present Enterprise Office. Mr. Dixon was Mr. Mark Dixon's father. Mr. Dixon was succeeded by Mr. Ed Beaman, who was assisted by his brother Carl Beaman and by Miss Agnes Barrett, now Mrs. T. E. Joyner, Sr.

In 1907, the Norfolk-Southern Railroad was completed and the mail was transferred to it. By this time our mail was much heavier and had to be brought down by a horse drawn spring wagon. We had four trains a day, two each way, carrying mail and they were supposed to meet here about 10:30 A.M. and again in the afternoon about three.

In 1912, Woodrow Wilson was elected President of the United States, and as soon as his election was assured, which took several days, Mr. R. L. Davis and Mr. B. M. Lewis, Sr., got together and without his knowledge sent my husband's name into the Post Office Department. He got his commission in July, 1913 and I helped him for several months. At first the post office was kept in a small building on what is now a parking lot midway between the present town hall, (now new Fire Station), and the Fitzgerald Clinic, while Mr. Turnage (T. L.) was getting one of his stores ready for a real Post Office. In the later part of 1913, the post office was moved to a store just about where it is now. Right many new boxes were put in and we had plenty of room. After I found it was necessary to give up the work, Miss Sue Owens, Miss Neva Owens' sister, worked there until April 1914 when she quit to marry Mr. Johnny Tugwell. She was followed by Miss Margaret Trotman, now the late Mrs. Hugh Barrett. Another rural route was established during my husband's term of office and the late Mr. Hugh Barrett, Mr. Walter Gay, and Mr. R. T. Norville were carriers at some time or other during his term of office, as of course was Mr. Hinson.

In November 1917, my husband died and he

was succeeded in office by Mr. Ben (B. J.) Skinner. Mr. Skinner kept the Post Office in a store located in a store about where Frances Allen Davis had her Flower Shop (presently Cato's.)

Mr. Skinner was succeeded by Mr. Walter Gay, who was assisted several years by his daughters, Virginia Gay Cayton and May Gay. In 1933, Archie Cayton, Mr. Gay's son-in-law, began working for him. In February 1934, the Post Office moved to its present location (Now McDavid Associates Building.)

Mr. B. O. Turnage succeeded Mr. Gay and Mrs. Sallie Horton, now the late Mrs. Mark Dixon, Mr. Charlie Baucom and Mr. Ed Nash Warren joined the staff. Mr. Turnage died while postmaster, in 1946, after serving almost ten years, and was followed by Mr. Henry Johnson, who was serving at the time this article was written, his first term of office.

City delivery was begun on April 1, 1938 and Archie Cayton was our first city carrier. He served until July 1, 1949, when he retired to become a rural carrier. He took the place of Mr. Joe Henry Bynum, who carried mail on one of the rural routes for 29 years. Mr. Bob Barrett, who has been carrying the mail from the train to the post office for the past 34 or 35 years, succeeded Tom Exum, a Negro. In the past few years, star route have succeeded the train, and lately other changes have been made.

Present, 1954, personnel in the post office, in addition to Mr. Henry Johnson include: Mr. Baucom and Mr. Warren, Mr. H. B. Humphrey, and the two regular city carriers, Mr. J. C. Brock, Jr. and Mr. Jennis Perry Harper, one substitute carrier, Joe Henry Bynum, Jr. There are also two rural carriers: Mr. Henry Tyson and Mr. Cayton. Mr. Wilbur Morris is special delivery carrier and does other jobs about the office.

NOTE ON EARLY HISTORY

By: H. B. Humphrey

The history of Mrs. Johnston begins with her recollection around 1884. I would like to go back even further to the establishment. Records at the Department of Archives document establishment of the Post Office at Farmville, North Carolina, on June 15, 1868. The first Postmaster was Mr. George Belcher. I do not know where the office was located at this time. Mr. Belcher was succeeded by Mrs. Fannie E. Proctor on November 2, 1871. Mrs. Proctor was succeeded by Mr. Thomas F. Hill on October 11, 1872. Mr. Hill was succeeded by Mr. William G. Lang on March 24, 1879. This was about the time that Mrs. Johnston began her account of the history of Farmville's Post Office.

Former Postmasters of Farmville



Thomas F. Hill
(1872)



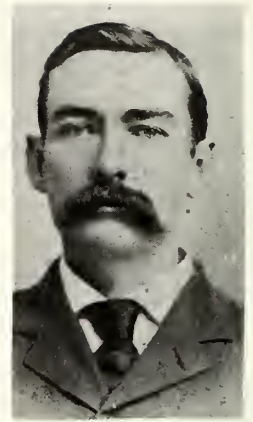
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Moses T. Horton
(1888)



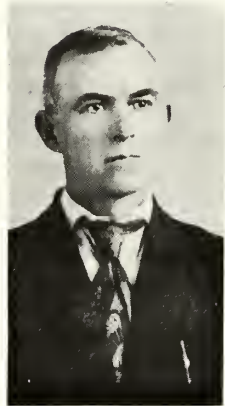
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W. R. Dixon
(1908)



J. V. Johnston
(1913)



B. J. Skinner
(1918)



Walter G. Gay
(1922)



B. O. Turnage
(1936)



Henry D. Johnson
(1946)

POSTMASTERS NOT PICTURED

Postmasters:

George Belcher
Mrs. Fannie E. Proctor
William G. Lang
James A. Lang
Albert Horton
Almarne D. Hill
Edward C. Beaman

Date of Appointment

June 15, 1868
November 2, 1871
March 24, 1879
February 29, 1884
April 27, 1885
December 28, 1901
September 18, 1909

A History of Education in Farmville

FROM THE BEGINNING TO 1947

By: Sallie Oglesby Eason

Looking back on the history of education in Farmville takes one to the very beginnings of New Town, as it was called until its incorporation in 1872. As soon as this area was cleared out of the large pine forest and settled as a neighborhood, a school was opened. However, no authentic records exist of any of the names of the first teachers in these neighborhood schools.

As stated in a previous article, the earliest records of any institution of learning found are the Constitution and Bylaws of the Pitt County Female Institute which was established in 1857. It was located on Walnut Street where Molene's Beauty Salon is presently located. The school flourished but was closed during the Civil War. However, following this war, Mr. W. Prather made marked changes in its educational policies and expanded the school's facilities. He reopened it as a boarding school for both boys and girls operating under the name of the Institute. The school was closed in 1892 and the building was sold to be used as a hotel.

A free school was opened about 1882. A small frame building was erected on the site where the present Farmville Junior High School is located.

The efforts made by the people of this community to ensure the instruction of all the children of the community in the "Three R's" is commendable. Between the Institute and the Free School practically every native white child from the community and surrounding area had the opportunity to attend school. The contribu-

tions made by these two institutions of learning were essential and enduring for the growth and development of the community.

At the urging of local citizens Mr. John T. Thorne opened a small two room school with 18 pupils in September of 1898. The number of pupils grew so rapidly that after two years he hired Miss Agnes Moore as his assistant. Mrs. Thorne (formerly Ada Fields) taught piano in a small music room which was built near the main building. Professor J. F. Stokes and his wife followed Mr. Thorne as teachers in this school. Several years later the school was closed and Mr. Thorne purchased the building. He converted it into two dwellings which are presently located on West Church Street in the 600 block.



Music Class

Teacher: Mrs. Ada Fields Thorne

A history of education in Farmville would not be complete without mentioning Miss Annie Perkins who saw much of that history take place. In 1896 "Miss Annie" came to the plantation home of Thomas E. Keel to begin her teaching career. As a school marm she taught the Keel children as well as the children from the surrounding neighborhood.



Keel Plantation Home

Quarterly or Monthly Report.

Annville High School.

Monthly REPORT.

Report of Mr. Richard Grimley

For the Month ending June 3, 1892

Reading,	97	Civil Government,	17
Spelling,	95	Geometry,	3
Arithmetic,	100	Composition,	0
Geography,	98	Calculus,	100
Phys. Geography,	92	Misc.,	
Pennmanship,	98	No. of Days Present,	
Grammar,	98	No. of Days Absent,	
General History,	94	No. of Times Tardy,	
N. C. History,	100	Department,	
Algebra,			
Philosophy,			
Rhetoric,			
Latin,			

General Average

EXPLANATION: 100 signifies Very Good, 90 Good, 80 Medium, 70 Fair, 60 Unsatisfactory.

TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

Parents and guardians will find it greatly to the interest of the child to have the teacher make a record of the child's progress, so that it may be made to interest pupils and to stimulate them to a thorough and efficient execution of their studies, and in general facilities. Some reports are from will greatly aid in making the work successful.

1892

Teacher.

It is believed that during the period in which the Institute was in operation, there existed another private school called Farmville High. The report card shown on the left, kept by Mrs. J. D. Andrews, daughter of Richard Grimley is the only record found to indicate the above.

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1903 Five Room Graded School

In 1903 an adequate five room graded school, which was the forerunner of the old Farmville High School, was built on the present Junior High School site. The late Professor Cameron was the first superintendent of the graded school and Mrs. W. Y. Swain, Mrs. Taylor, and Miss Annie Perkins were the teachers.

During the 1907-1908 session a piano was

purchased by the Ladies Betterment Association, and a music teacher was employed independently of the school to give lessons in piano at the school building. This met with such success that in June, 1911, a two-room building was erected and in the fall of the same year, another piano was purchased in order to accommodate the increased number of music pupils.



Mary Croom Thorne's 1911 - 1912 Music Class



At the end of the 1945-1946 School Year, Miss Annie Perkins announced her retirement. In appreciation of her loyalty and enduring contributions to the Town, the citizens of Farmville declared a half day holiday from school on May 22, 1946, and honored her with a day of her own. "Miss Annie" taught school for fifty years, 43 of which were in Farmville schools. Three generations (approximately 4500) of children had begun their quest for knowledge under her capable direction.

Superintendent Cameron was succeeded by Harry McIver, E. M. Rollins, H. H. McLean, and E. C. Harris, all of whom gave their best educational thought and practice during their tenure as superintendent.

Each year after the 1903 session four teachers were employed to instruct the students at the graded school. Enrollment grew to 120 and in 1908 a fifth teacher was added to the faculty to furnish instructions for the nine year course of study offered.

The school session of 1907-1908 showed such an increase in enrollment it became necessary to enlarge the building by the addition of two large rooms and an auditorium. Eventually, the auditorium had to be divided off into two more rooms.

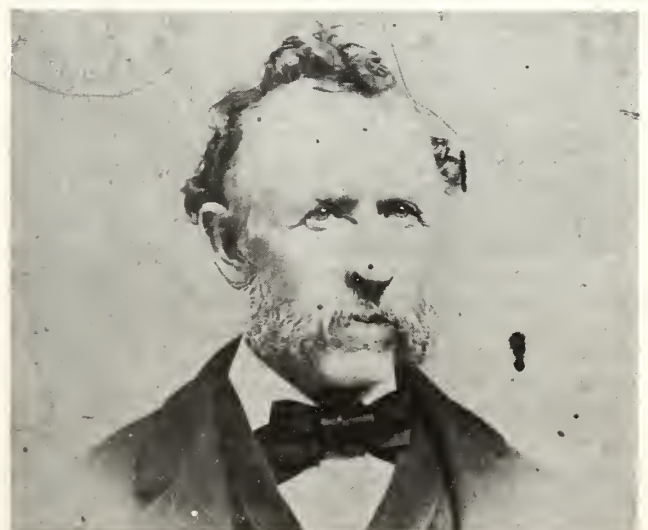
In 1919 at a mass meeting of the townspeople it was decided that the Town needed a new, modern school building. A vote for a bond financing the erection of this new school building was held and the outcome was the building which is presently the Farmville Junior High School. R. L. Davis, W. J. Turnage, and W. M. Lang were among the first trustees of the school and they, as well as many other citizens, played an important part in the early growth and development of the school. This building was completed in 1921 at a cost of \$180,000. Following the completion of the new school, the school board decided in considering the long and faithful service of Miss Annie Perkins, to perpetuate her memory and achievements by giving the name of "Perkins Hall" to the beautiful auditorium and to place an oil portrait of her in a position of honor there.

The standards of the school were raised and many new advantages attained under the management of G. R. Wheeler who was superintendent for 12 years. He was followed by R. E. Boyd and his successor was J. H. Moore, who remained at the Farmville School until 1947 when Sam D. Bundy became principal.

In or around 1938 the citizens of the Town

made a provision for the restoration of a nine month term and the addition of a 12th grade. During the period between 1922 and 1940 there were many additions and improvements to the school such as a modern gymnasium; four classrooms; a vocational building with a modern shop, tools, power equipment, lecture room and laboratory; a Home Economics building with furnishings and equipment which were donated by local people. This was the first school in the State to have a Home Economic unit of this kind. In the spring of 1940 the old gymnasium was equipped with lunchroom furnishings.

In December of 1940 the school was listed in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. There were only about 65 schools to have attained this distinction at that time. The elementary school made "A" with the State Department of Public Instruction at the same time. The Science Department was at that time and still is rated among the best in the State. The Library is well equipped with modern reference books and a good selection of overall reading.



Mr. Elezas Wilcox — Institute Teacher

History of Farmville Public Schools 1947 - 1972

By: Sam D. Bundy

In 1947 Mr. J. H. Moore resigned to go to Elizabeth City and Sam D. Bundy, a Farmville High School Graduate in the Class of 1923, was selected to head the Farmville School. The Farmville School Board, Mr. H. B. Sugg, principal of the H. B. Sugg School, and Mr. Bundy immediately began to make plans to replace the old frame building at the H. B. Sugg site and plans culminated with a \$200,000.00 bond issue being passed in 1948. The Board used \$180,000.00 of this to build a modern brick plant for the H. B. Sugg School in 1950 and in 1954 a gymnasium was constructed with county funds at a cost of \$170,000.00. Also, Mr. A. C. Monk, Sr. and Mr. A. C. Monk, Jr. gave an amount sufficient to build a separate unit for Home Economics. These buildings were moved into or occupied in 1950. From the Bond issue \$20,000.00 was used to rewire and install a modern lighting system plus modernization of the washrooms at the Farmville High School.

In 1948 two things happened that gave a real push to the Farmville School. The first was the lighting of our athletic field, so that football and baseball could be played at night. The school board purchased the equipment and the Town of Farmville installed and maintained the system with the understanding that the Town could use same for recreation programs in the summer. This gave a boost to the athletic program of the school and to the recreation program of the Town. The second thing of major importance in 1948 was the instituting of a band program for the school. The Town and school working together raised money for instruments and uniforms and Mr. N. C. Maenhout from New York became our first bandmaster. Succeeding bandmasters through the years have been W. A. Glasgow, James Furr and our present bandmaster, S. L. Starcher. Since its inception the Farmville High School Band has appeared in many Christmas and Shrine parades over Eastern North Carolina, the Azalea Festival in Wilmington many times, the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, Virginia, plus football games at N.C. State University, University of North Carolina, and Duke University.

In 1953 the elementary school department had grown to the point that a six room unit for the first three grades was constructed at 600 Grimmersburg Street or five blocks from the Farmville High School. As the years progressed



Rep. Sam D. Bundy

the school grew in numbers and additions of rooms from time to time resulted in a nineteen classroom building with additional space for a library, cafeteria, teachers lounge, and audio-visual supply rooms. Much of this growth was due to the closing of the schools at Bell Arthur and Fountain. Students from both of these schools were assigned to the Farmville School District. Sam D. Bundy remained principal of both schools with Mrs. Lula Beaman serving as building principal of the elementary school. At this point the Farmville Elementary School housed grades 1 - 6 and the Farmville High School contained grades 7 - 12, and the H. B. Sugg School continued to have grades 1 - 12. It is interesting to note that the first nine rooms plus the cafeteria of the Farmville Elementary School were constructed with funds of \$140,000 from State Bond Issue, while the remaining portion was built with funds from District and County Capital Outlay.



Athletic Field

As the years progressed, the old athletic field became obsolete and out of date. For a period of three or four years, negotiations and plans were carried out for a new athletic field



Athletic Field House

to be lighted and have a modern field house. Immediately back of the Farmville High School at the corner of Horne and George Streets, this dream came to pass and the first football game was played in this new facility in September of 1964. At the time of its dedication it was the envy of schools for miles around. A year or two later lights were installed at the athletic field of the H. B. Sugg School.

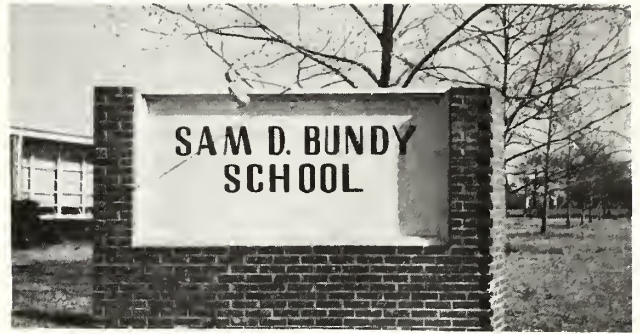
As the schools grew in number and in pupils, they grew in their circulum, offering to the students at the Farmville High School courses in French III, Advanced Biology, Advanced Math, Trigonometry, Business Math, Journalism, Economics, Sociology, American Government and others. At the H. B. Sugg School increased offerings were made in vocational areas.

One of the high points during these days or years was the retirement of Mr. H. B. Sugg on June 8, 1959. For his service of 41 years to his school and community the school of which he was principal had been named in his honor during the school year of 1953-54. A reception and banquet were given in his honor and there was established by his faculty and friends. An H. B. Sugg Scholarship Fund. One December 8, 1965, Mr. Sugg became the first Black to serve as a member of the Farmville School Board.

It is worthy of note to mention that in April, 1952, Mrs. Sara Albritton became the first woman to serve on the Farmville School Board and on November 4, 1968, Mrs. Nellie Outland was the first woman to become the Chairman of the Farmville School Board.

In 1965, the State Board of Education by regulation stated that a school system with a school on one campus and a school on a second campus had to be separated with a classified principal at each school. Sam D. Bundy, principal of the Farmville High School for eighteen years, requested assignment to the elementary school with grades 1 - 6. The Farmville School Board approved the request and at the same time appointed Charles Tucker as principal of the Farmville High School with grades 7 - 12. It was at this point that the Farmville School Board of Education approved

the Farmville Elementary School to be named the Sam D. Bundy Elementary School in honor of Principal Sam D. Bundy in recognition of his meritorious service over the years to the school and community.



Marker or School Sign

Beginning with the school year 1966 - 67, black students were enrolled for the first time in the two previously all white schools on the basis of freedom of choice. Approximately fifteen black students enrolled in each school for this year with the number increasing to about twenty-five in each school for the year 1967 - 68. By court order the first and ninth grades were integrated in 1968 - 69 followed by the second, third and eleventh grades in 1970 - 71. In the summer of 1971 a new building was completed to house a comprehensive high school for both races at a cost of approximately two million dollars. Complete integration was culminated with the opening of the 1971 - 72 school year. The Sam D. Bundy Elementary School was assigned grades 1, 2, & 3; and during the first year had an enrollment of 600 with John McKnight as Principal and a professional staff of 21. H. B. Sugg School was assigned grades 4, 5 and 6; and during the first year had an enrollment of 644 with Frederick Graham as principal and with a professional staff of 30.

Farmville Junior High School (the old Farmville High School) was assigned grades 7 and 8 with an enrollment of 560 with Frederick Smith as principal and a professional staff of 25. The name of the new high school was approved as Farmville Central High School and was assigned grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 with an enrollment of 1,002 with Russ Cotton as principal and a professional staff of 57. To transport the students there was a fleet of buses numbering 54. In the four schools during this first full year of integration there is a combined enrollment of 2,806 students with four principals and a combined professional staff of 130.

The Farmville Area Advisory Council at this time was composed of Mrs. Nellie Outland, Chairman, Mrs. Fran Hurley, Secretary and James Taylor, Joe Phillips, Carl Venters, Pete Norville, Joby Griffin, Raymond Webb, Linwood Owens, Carter Smith, Charlie Dupree, and Mrs. Emma Spruill.

Brief Synopsis of the Origin and Development of H. B. Sugg School

By: Mrs. Joe Phillips

In the early 1800's, through and by community leadership of Rev. George Blount, Mr. Freeman Vines, Mr. Edmond Askew, Mr. Henry Tyson, and others not known, there was a little one room school constructed on or near the May Place on what is now highway 264-A, and near what was known as the Pecan Grove.

In 1903, the school moved to Farmville, N. C., and set up in the Odd Fellows Hall with two Teachers.

During the early 1900's, the county bought a plot of wooded land, corner of George and Wallace Streets. This was cleared by the students. The boys cut down the trees and the girls piled the bushes. Mr. Joseph A. Blount and Mr. Dennis Dupree, the only boys large enough at that time, cut down the trees.

About 1908, a small two story, four room building was constructed on South George Street. The building is still standing and is known as the Harper Hotel.



Old School on South George Street

Through friendly cooperative spirit of the community, the school continued its progress to higher goals. The school board worked willingly and faithfully with the community. By 1922 they had purchased a lot in the next block and constructed a ten room, two story frame building and the school was moved into this building.

In 1936, through the Federal W. P. A. Program, a six room building was added. During 1948 a \$200,000 building was constructed. Later a gymtorium was added. Through the benevolent generosity of Mr. A. C. Monk, a Home Economics cottage was erected.

By request of citizens of Farmville community, the Pitt County Board of Education named the school H. B. Sugg School. It stands today as a fitting memorial and tribute to Mr. Sugg.



Prof. H. B. Sugg

Born and reared on a farm in Greene County near Snow Hill, N. C., Mr. Sugg was educated in the grammar school in Snow Hill, the Mary Potter Memorial School of Oxford, N. C., and Lincoln University at Oxford, Pennsylvania. He served in World War I and after his separation from military service, he entered upon his services as principal of this school, H. B. Sugg School, Farmville, N. C.

In 1918, Mr. H. B. Sugg came to the school. The previous year, there were four teachers and one hundred fifty-six students. Eight were promoted to the seventh grade which was the highest grade reached. For forty-one years he labored at "putting" the school among the best in North Carolina. Under his supervision and direction the school grew from a four room make-shift building into a modern brick edifice of thirty-two rooms and thirty-four teachers. He holds the title of Principal-Emeritus of the school which bears his name. He served two three-year terms on the Farmville School Board.



H. B. Sugg School Marker

He was the kind of principal that really believed and practiced the Teacher's Creed. Herman Bryan Sugg is a credit to himself, a credit to his community, a credit to his forebearers, and a credit to his race.

Mr. Sugg has a daughter. He is a member of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Farmville's Railroads: Past and Present

By: W. R. Newton, Vice President
East Carolina Chapter,
National Railway Historical Society

Railroads had a lot to do with the economic growth of Farmville and Pitt County. I would like to give you a short history of the railroads of Farmville.

The East Carolina came to Farmville first. It had its beginning running a few miles out of Tarboro as a logging tram line.

It was officially chartered by the Secretary of State on July 1, 1899 with Henry Clark Bridges of Tarboro as the President. The line was gradually extended until it reached Farmville around 1900.

Lumber trains were the main revenue of the railroad during the early years. Several big lumber companies depended on the East Carolina to get their logs to the Northern markets. Among the largest of these lumber companies were the Eureka Lumber Company and the Wilson Wood and Lumber Company. These companies had their own narrow gauge tram lines running out into the deep woods of Wilson, Edgecombe and Pitt Counties. These tram lines, sometimes from as far out as 20 miles, would bring the logs into the East Carolina main line at Macclesfield and Toddy. They would then transfer the logs to the East Carolina cars.

1913
Logging
Train



Lumber trains were then made up and through interchange with the Atlantic Coast Line were shipped to Portsmouth and Norfolk, Virginia. Interchange was made at Farmville with the Norfolk Southern and the lumber was shipped to Washington, North Carolina to a

large saw mill. Logging came to an end on the East Carolina round 1913 and from then on their revenue would be from freight and passenger service.

One thing the older people around Farmville will remember about the East Carolina and that is the "Yellowhammer". The "Yellowhammer" was a street car that originally came from Washington, D. C.

"Yellowhammer"
in
1912



They were rebuilt and converted at the East Carolina Railway shops in Tarboro to gasoline powered motor passenger cars. The first one was put into service around 1912 and ran the length of the railroad from Tarboro to Hookerton, a total of 38.2 miles.

The first "Yellowhammer" was numbered 501 and it pulled a coach behind with a total capacity of about 40 passengers. It was a big



1910 Mode of Travel before "Yellowhammer"

It might bring back fond memories if we could hear the East Carolina Conductor call out those stops. "All aboard for Junction, West Tarboro, Henrietta, Hitches, Stallings Mill, Davistown, Pinetops, Macclesfield, Waltons, Fountain, Toddy, Phillips, Farmville, Norfolk Southern Crossing, Marlboro, Bynums, Patricks, Maury, Dunns' and Hookerton."



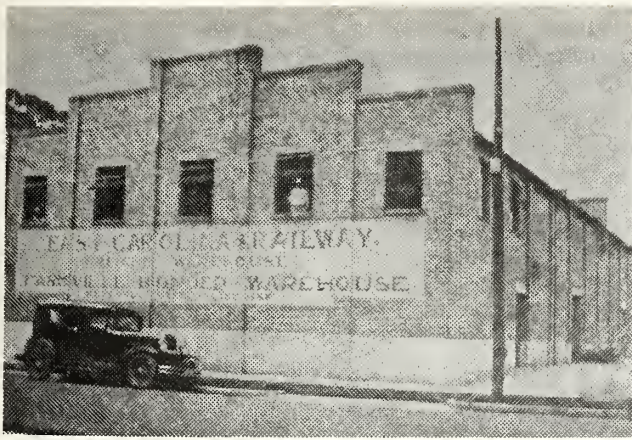
I can remember No. 1031 switching her cars behind the Farmville High School when I was attending classes there; also of seeing her derailed on a spur behind Turnage Company's Store building in the snow.

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In 1934, Henry Clark Bridgers sold his East Carolina interests to the Atlantic Coast Line. It retained its name, only the ownership



Locomotive No. 1031 was replaced by a diesel in May of 1957. Old 1031 is gone from the East Carolina Railway, but will never be forgotten. No. 1031 lives on, for she was saved



1933 Farmville East Carolina Railway Station

from the scrappers torch and is on permanent display at the Seaboard Coast Line Shops in Florence, South Carolina.

When speaking of the East Carolina Railway, one remembers Mr. L. W. Godwin, for he worked for the line for fifty-five (55) years. He saw the railroad grow, remembers the good years and was with them until its end.

The final run on the East Carolina Railway tracks pulled out of Farmville on November 16, 1965. The East Carolina was caught up in an economic squeeze that proved too much for her with the coming of the fast truck lines.

The second railroad to come to Farmville was the Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

The Norfolk Southern is a small independent Class I Railroad. It operates 624 miles of trackage with their main line extending from Norfolk, Virginia to Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Norfolk Southern's history dates back to the incorporation of the Elizabeth City and Norfolk Railroad in 1870.

In 1907, the line was extended from Washington, North Carolina into Pitt County. The line was finished to Raleigh, the State Capital, that year and carried its first passengers to the State Fair to hear William Jennings Bryan speak.

It is certainly interesting to know that the East Carolina Railway helped haul materials into Farmville for the building of the Norfolk Southern in 1907.

The Norfolk Southern ran advertisements in 1910 stating that if you would write them stating about the size farm you were looking for, the kind of crops you wished to grow, they would show you the place and the farm. They also had an Industrial Department that would help you locate sites in Eastern North Carolina.

In 1910, they completed the five mile long trestle across the Albermarle Sound, replacing the railroad car ferry which had been in operation since 1891.

Passenger service was available on the Norfolk Southern in Farmville, either on one of their gasoline powered railbuses or on their passenger trains.



Early Norfolk Southern Engine

Back when steam was King, on the Norfolk Southern, Farmville had engine servicing facilities here. There was a coal chute, tool houses, a water tower and a turn around track directly in front of the station. The concrete foundation for the water tank is still visible today.

I have talked to people who remember the passenger service well. They state it was a nice little trip to visit relatives in Greenville by train or send the children off to college in Raleigh by rail.

Passenger service, formerly operated on the main line between Norfolk and Raleigh was discontinued in 1952.

In 1946, the Norfolk Southern began replacing the steam locomotives with diesel-electric units. The dieselization was completed in 1954.

One of Farmville's early agents was Mr. David E. Oglesby, Carroll Oglesby's father. He worked for them for 10 years before he assumed his position with the Bank of Farmville in 1914.

In Farmville when you think of the Norfolk Southern, you think of the O. G. Spell family. Mr. O. G. Spell came to the railroad in 1928 and worked from then until his retirement in 1963. He also had the distinction of serving three (3) terms as Mayor of the Town of Farmville.



**1914 Norfolk Southern Depot
D. E. Oglesby, Station Master**

Mr. O. G. Spell also maintained the Railway Express Agency and was a dealer for Canadian hay. During the peak of his hay business he sold as many as 500 box car loads a year. This was a time when people depended heavily on mules and horses to get their farming done.

Mr. Homer Spell, son of O. G. Spell, is our present Norfolk Southern Agent. He has been with the railroad since 1942. Mr. Spell remembers the old steam locomotives well, because he grew up in a Norfolk Southern Railroad family, his father being the agent in Farmville before him.

Mr. Homer Spell has been of great help to me in finding out facts about the Norfolk Southern activities in Farmville. Those visiting him on business enjoy looking at his pictures of Norfolk Southern locomotives on the office walls.

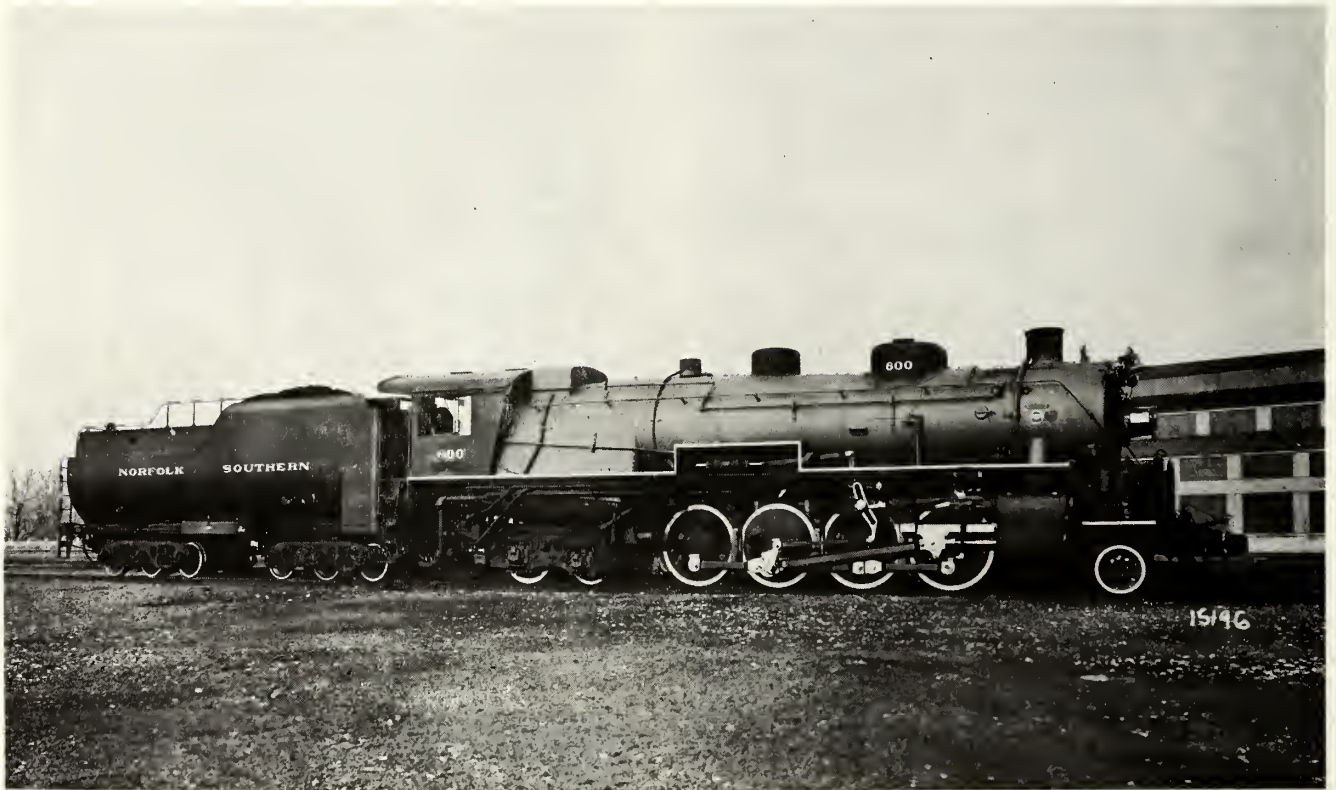
by rail. The Town of Farmville's newest street sweeping machine came in by Norfolk Southern.

At present there are two daily through freight trains that pull through Farmville on their way to Norfolk, Raleigh and Charlotte. The Farmville local switcher gives freight service to Simpson, Greenville, Farmville, Walsenburg and Stantonburg.

The company transferred its headquarters from Norfolk, Virginia to Raleigh, North Carolina on September 16, 1961.

The Norfolk Southern has helped in Farmville's economic growth and continues to serve her well today.

A merger between the Norfolk Southern and Southern Railway is pending. A stock holders meeting will be held in March to decide this matter and if approved by the ICC, the merger will be finalized.



One of the Last Norfolk Southern Steam Engines

Norfolk Southern enjoys a good business in Farmville serving many large firms. Among them are the F.C.X. Feed Mill, International Paper Co., Morgan Oil and Refining Co. and A. C. Monk and Company.

It will be interesting to note, that the bricks for the new A. C. Monk and Company plant, now being constructed, were transported here to Farmville by the Norfolk Southern Rail. Also, they will receive much of their new machinery

Farmville's third railroad is not a licensed common carrier, nor does it come under I.C.C. regulations. It is actually not a railroad, but a collection of railway equipment. It is the East Carolina Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. The East Carolina Chapter, N.R.H.S. became a non-profit corporation on the 28th day of February, 1967. Tax exemption was granted March 1, 1967, by the Internal Revenue Service.

The purpose for which this chapter was formed and the business objects to be carried on and promoted by it are for historical and educational purposes and not profit. The more particular objects are: (A) To preserve historical materials of railway transportation; (B) to collect data on the history of rail transportation and to issue publications relating to this subject; (C) to encourage rail transportation; (D) to acquire, by purchase or donation, property to manage in an appropriate manner for a rail museum.

The Chapter was originally founded and located in Greenville, North Carolina. In 1970 the Chapter Railway Equipment was moved to its present location in Farmville.

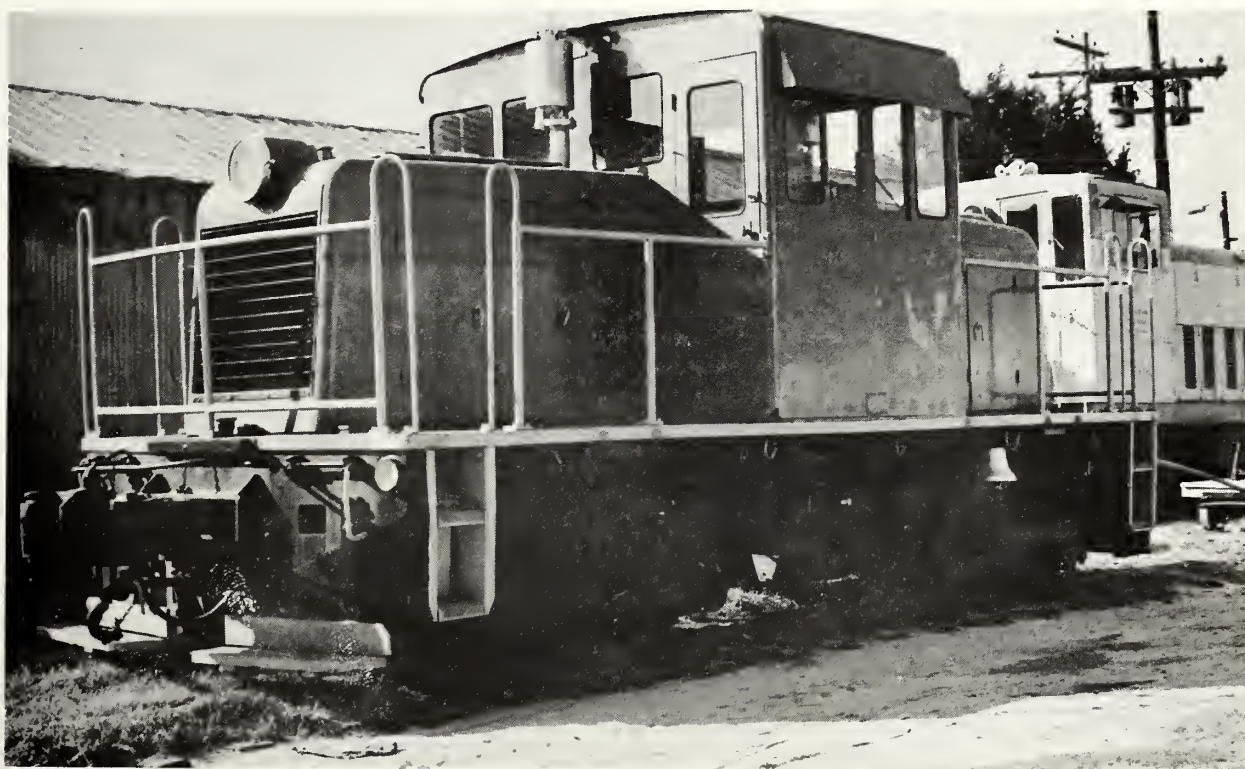
The East Carolina Chapter's equipment

cars donated by the U. S. Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, N. C. They hope to rebuild them into passenger, open-air excursion cars.

At the present the chapter owns three gasoline motor cars. These were donated by the Norfolk Southern Railway and the former Carolina Southern of Windsor, N. C.

The Chapter owns various track tools and railway maintenance equipment. Chapter members are kept busy with their equipment restoration and maintenance.

The East Carolina Chapter operates on the old East Carolina Railway tracks by agreement with the Superior Stone Company, the owner of the Industrial Spur. The Chapter maintains and operates between Farmville and Fountain at the present time.



East Carolina Chapter No. 67 Diesel Engine

site is located on West Wilson Street on the Colonial Ice and Coal Company property.

Their first locomotive came from the Marine Corps at Cherry Point, N. C. This locomotive No. 270, is a 50 ton diesel-electric, built by the Whitcomb Locomotive Works in 1943.

Their "Tool or Work Car" is an ex-Southern Railway combination Baggage - Railway Post Office Car No. 188. This car was used for many years in the Ashville, N. C. area.

Their second locomotive came from the U.S. Naval Supply Center, Norfolk, Virginia. This locomotive No. 67, is a 45 ton diesel-electric, built by General Electric Co. in 1942.

The Chapter also owns two, 53 foot, flat

The future plans of this organization call for five passenger excursions a year between Farmville and Macclesfield, during the Spring and Summer months for the public. This goal may be a long time coming, due to the many variable factors which are involved, such as insurance and the many regulations both State and Federal. The East Carolina Chapter of the N.R.H.S. issues its newsletter, "The Tarheel Telegrapher", six times a year.

One can see by the above article that Farmville's railroads have had a gratifying past and seem to be in store for a bright future. Let us all support them!

Churches Reflect Community Growth

By Rev. Jack and Mrs. Daniell

Just as the United States of America was built upon religious principles and religious principles and religious institutions influenced the early days of our history, so it is with the Town of Farmville. The early community grew up in and around a small white framed church called Antioch Christian, located at a cross-roads between Wilson and Greenville, North Carolina, in Pitt County. From these very first days, religion has greatly influenced the development and growth of Farmville.

How appropriate it is that on the Farmville Centennial Symbol "religious heritage" is featured. Throughout the history of this small farming town, religious activities have been foremost in its citizens' thinking. Each church has developed a numerous variety of peculiar and unique programs and activities, thus giving a well rounded religious life to Farmville people.

Through the years, different denominations have felt the need to establish themselves in Farmville and at the present time there are seventeen churches, maybe more, in the city proper; each one meeting certain needs of the community. A brief historical sketch of the Farmville churches follows:



Rev. Josephus Latham



Rev. George Joyner

Early Antioch Pastors

The First Christian Church is the oldest church in the city, originally being the Antioch Christian Church, from which the boundaries of the town of Farmville were set. It was organized in 1854 with the first minister being Josephus Latham. Now having a membership of 360, its present minister is Jack M. Daniell.



First Christian Church



Rev. Jack Daniel

Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church which is located on Highway 258 South, at the intersection of 264 Highway, Marlboro was organized in 1870. Among the first ministers was W. H. Laughinghouse and now having a membership of 188 members. The present minister is Bruce Barrow.



Rev. Bruce Barrow



The Emmanuel Episcopal Church, located on South Walnut Street, was organized in 1888 under the direction of Rev. Israel Harding. The original building was struck by lightning in 1912 and the present brick building completed in 1920. The present membership is 83 and serving the congregation at this time is Rev. William Barrett.



Interior - Emmanuel Church - 1914



Emmanuel Episcopal Church



Rev. William Barrett

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St. Stevens AME Zion Church

St. Stevens AME Zion Church, located at the corner of Hines and Walnut Streets was organized in 1855 with the first minister being L. H. Moseley. The building now occupied was the original Antioch Christian Church which was moved to the present lot in 1909. The present minister is Rev. U. A. Spence and has a membership at the present time of 35 members.



Rev. U. A. Spence



Elder and Mrs. A. P. Mewborn



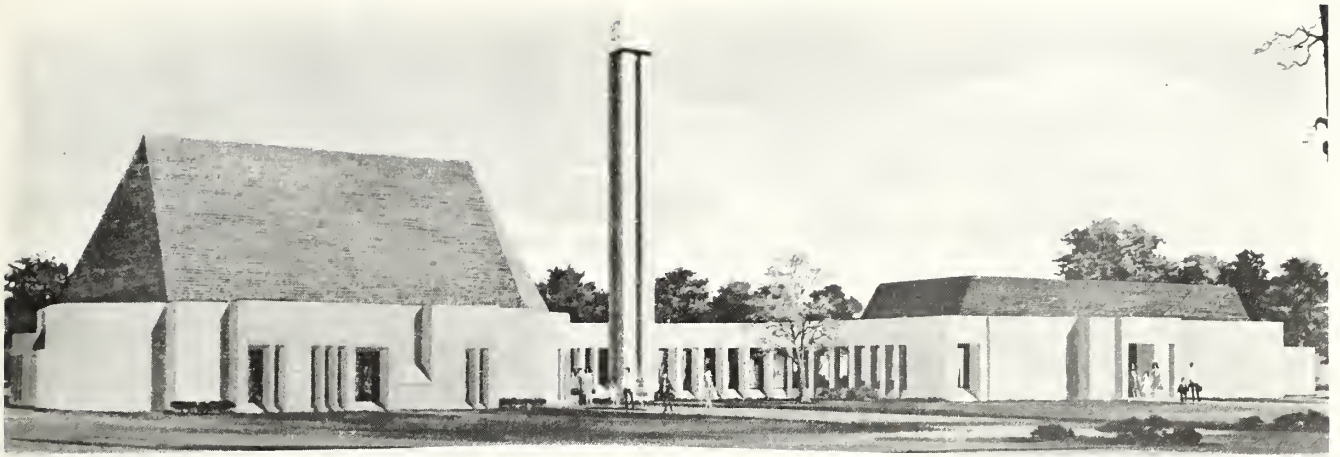
Macedonia Baptist Church

Macedonia Baptist Church, located at the corner of Wallace and S. Walnut Streets was organized in 1897 with the first minister being James Harris. Their present membership is 67 and at the present time there is no minister serving here.



Farmville Primitive Baptist Church

Farmville Primitive Baptist Church was established in the Town of Farmville in 1900. It is located on West Wilson Street with a present membership of 14. The first minister serving was Elder D. A. Mewborn and present pastor is Elder A. P. Mewborn.



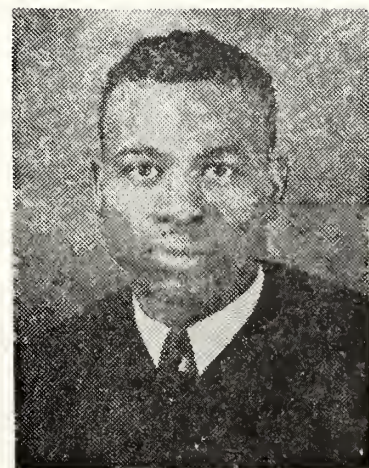
Farmville United Methodist Church

United Methodist Church of Farmville was founded in 1901 with the Rev. T. H. Bain serving as its first pastor. It has recently moved into its new church facilities located at the intersection of West Church and West Wilson Streets with Rev. Jack Hunter serving a congregation of 470 members.



St. James Free Will Baptist Church

**Rev.
Jack
Hunter**



**Elder
T. T.
Platt**

St. James Free Will Baptist Church was organized in 1907. The first pastor of this church was Rev. R. A. Horton. Located on Perry Street, it is now served by Rev. T. T. Platt.



First Baptist Church



Rev. Marion Lark

First Baptist Church was organized in 1909 and is now located on the corner of East Wilson and South Green Streets. Its first pastor was Rev. Jesse McCarter and the membership of 380 is now served by Rev. Marion Lark.



Farmville Presbyterian Church

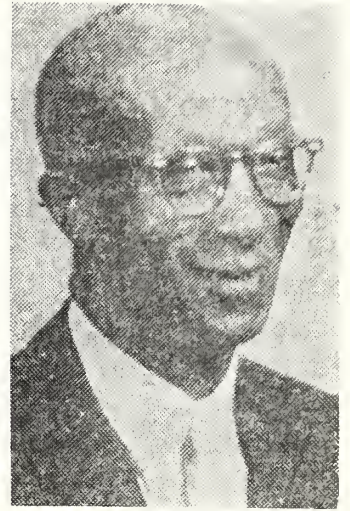
The Farmville Presbyterian Church which is now located on Grimmersburg Street at the corner of North Waverly Street was organized in 1917 with the first resident minister being Rev. H. F. Morton. This church was originally located on the corner of South Walnut and West Pine Streets having moved into its new church building in 1951. Now serving a total of 186 members is Rev. William N. Gordon.



Rev. William N. Gordon



St. John Free Will Baptist Church



Rev. R. I. Becton

St. John Free Will Baptist Church is located on Williams Street with the present membership being served by R. I. Beckton. The organizing first minister was Shepherd Wilson.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church was dedicated in 1931 and located on the corner of South Contentnea and East Pine Streets. The first pastor was Father Leo G. Doetterer. Serving a total of 47 parishioners is Father Kenneth Parker.



St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

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Pentecostal Holiness Church

The Pentecostal Holiness Church, located on the corner of East Church Street and South Davis Drive was organized in 1943 and serves a membership of 36. Its first minister was Samuel J. Williams and the present minister is Ralph Lambert.



Rev. Alfred Dixon & Son

Bibleway Holiness Church, is located on West Wallace Street and was organized in 1944 under the ministry of Bishop John Johnson. It now has a membership of 78 and is served by Rev. Alfred Dixon.



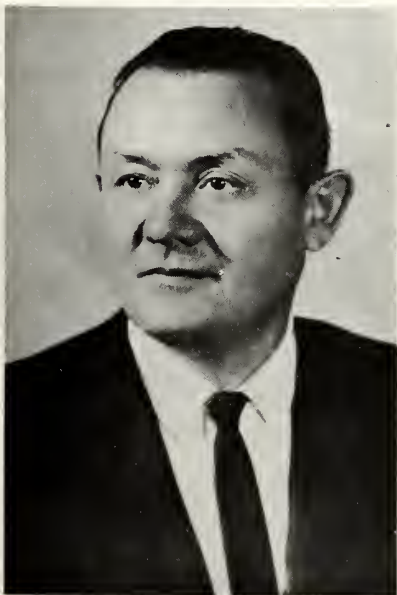
Bibleway Holiness Church



Church of God (Seventh Day Adventist) which is located on North Green Street erected its church building in 1947.

Church of God (Seventh Day Adventist)

The Central Baptist Church under the ministry of Richard Calhoun is situated on West Pine Street and was organized in January, 1957. Their first minister was Donald Bryan and they now have a membership of 100 actives.



Rev. Richard Calhoun



Central Baptist Church

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St. Matthews Free Will Baptist Church was organized in 1956 and its church building is located at 100 Acton Street. Their first minister was Frank Matthews. The present minister, Bernard Newsome, serves a congregation of 35 members.



St. Mathews Free Will Baptist Church



Second Christian Church was organized in 1964 and is located at the corner of Acton and South George Streets. Their first minister was C. L. Parks and the present minister is Seward Selby.

Second Christian Church

Mt. Moriah Holiness Church is located on South Main Street.



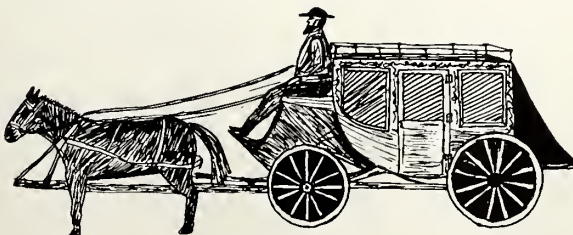
Mt. Moriah Holiness Church

The Village of Marlboro

Before a settlement began to develop in Farmville, Marlborough, about one mile south of Farmville, had been a thriving village. The name in later years became Marlboro, the borough part of the name being shortened as it was in the name of many towns.

Earlier, about 1704, John Lawson, the English surveyor, who was writing a history, reached what is now Pitt County, but at the time was known as Pemplico (Pamlico) Country. He came from the central part of the province and entered Pitt County from Greene somewhere in the Marlboro section. He followed an Indian Trail across Contentnea Creek, a little below Tyson's bridge, according to Henry T. King in "Sketches of Pitt County". In his journal Mr. Lawson said this about the coastal plains of Eastern North Carolina "as the land is fruitful, so are the planters very hospitable".

Marlboro was a cross-road settlement surrounded by several large plantations in 1851, when the Plank Road Company was formed in Greenville, February 20th. Alfred Moye was president of the Plank Road Association for the eleven years of its duration. The road was built by a stock company and operated as a toll road. All stock holders pledged stock in the amount of \$25.00 each, \$2.00 due then and balance due on demand. Owners of the property along the road would contract to build certain parts of the road and use their own labor from their farms. The road was constructed of heavy pine sills or stringers laid end to end and lengthwise (these were heart pine planks, cut 9 to 16 inches wide, 3 to 4 inches thick). The stringers being laid at right angles to the road which was 10 to 30 feet wide and nails were used only on the curves. The road was completed only from Wilson to Greenville at a cost of \$1,000 to \$2,000 dollars per mile.



Stage Coach



Passenger travel in the stage coaches was a noisy, bumpy journey. The clang of the horses' hoofs and the noise of the wagon wheels on the planks could be heard long before they arrived at their destination. There were toll houses and gates placed every 7 or 8 miles along the way, some of which are still standing today.

It's course ran directly through Marlboro and brought about the birth of that village. Land values more than doubled because of the "Farmers Railroad" and the coming decade was named "the prosperous fifties".



In the village was a tavern, one of the tolling stops for the Plank Road. A post office and a church, probably the beginning of the present Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church and a school. John R. Dixon according to records attended Marlboro High School in 1858. There was, as is written in an old deed, a marl hole there and that is possibly the reason it was named Marlboro. However, it could have been named for the Duke of Marlborough. Also there, were stables, a butcher shop, a sawmill, a grist mill on Middle Swamp Creek, a brick kiln, several mercantile businesses and a blacksmith shop in the sixties, and in 1877 B. F. Tyler made carriages there.

According to Mrs. J. Henry Wheeler of Wals-tonburg, formerly Minnie Harris, who lived in Marlboro in her early years, it was a quaint place with many large oaks and cedars lining the highway and lanes leading to the homes, mostly white frame houses. The growth of Marlboro stopped when the railroads came to Farmville around 1900.

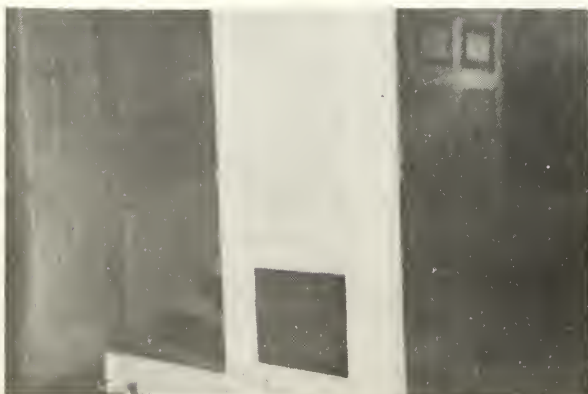
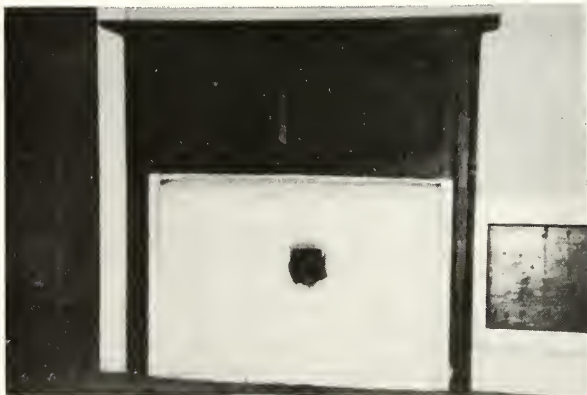
Some of the old cedars and oaks are at the present in the yard of the John Joyner home, still standing at its location on a dirt road off the



**John Joyner
House**

south side of Highway 264, a short distance west of Marlboro. John Joyner (or Joiner) as it is spelled in legal papers, whom we assume was the original owner, lived between 1779 and 1853, testifying to the history of the house.

The architectural features of the house date the building. The one-and-a-half story, steep roof and small paned windows, the inside wainscoting, wide floor boards and enclosed steep stairway follow the traditions of its generation. Some of the floor boards are eleven inches wide and the wainscote panel measures eighteen inches. Under the house are rough hewn planks, pegs were used in the mortices and handmade nails in the structure.



Enclosed Stairway, Mantel, and Wainscoting

In the private cemetery a few yards from the house, are buried nine members of the Joyner family; at least there are only that many markers discernible. According to inscriptions John Joyner died in the "74th year of his age", and his first wife, "Clary" or Clara May, daughter of Major Benjamin May and Mary Tyson May, "departed this life September 23, 1834, in the 53rd year of her life". After the death of his wife, Clara, John Joyner married Harriett Williams May, widow of his wife's brother, James May.



Joyner Cemetery

Also Dr. Noah Joyner, son of John Joyner and Clara May Joyner, and his wife, Emily Williams Joyner, daughter of Dr. Robert Williams, lived in the house before and during the Civil War.

Four sons of Dr. and Mrs. Noah Joyner were Episcopal ministers: Rev. Francis Joyner, Rev. James Joyner, Rev. John P. Joyner and Rev. Edmund Noah Joyner. The fifth son, Andrew Joyner, was a lawyer, editor of newspapers in Greenville and Winston Salem, N. C. and he established one of the early news bureaus in Greensboro, N. C. Two daughters married ministers, Henrietta Williams Joyner married Rev. Hardy H. Phelps and Clara Elizabeth Joyner married Rev. Charles Malone.

"The forebearers of this family had been citizens of Pitt County for two or three genera-

tions. They were Welsh folks, migrating first to Pennsylvania, then to Virginia, finally to the "Old North State", according to a "Biographical Sketch of Rev. Edmund Noah Joyner" by Rev. Norvin C. Duncan. Dr. Robert Williams and John Joyner both represented Pitt County in the General Assembly -- Dr. Williams in the Senate and Mr. Joyner in the House.

One division of Lord Cornwallis's troops which went by or near Kinston, after retreating to Wilmington, came on through Greene County (Dobbs at the time), crossed Middle Swamp on the back of the Joyner Plantation. According to "Sketches of Pitt County", the house was built in the old road used by the Cornwallis troops and was called the British Road.

Another home still standing at Marlboro, on

Falkland, N. C., parents of the former Venetia Morrill, now Mrs. Joe Kue of Farmville.

In April 1861, the third company of volunteers in Pitt County in the War Between the States, was the volunteers called the Marlboro Guards. It was formed April 20, 1861. Captain William Henry Morrill was company Commander and J. P. Barrett, 1st Lieutenant. In addition to its officers the company had 71 men.

On March 12, 1862, the Guards took part in the Battle of New Bern. At Sharpsburg, the Marlboro Guard lost two-thirds of its men, either killed or wounded. Lost were its Captain and 1st and 2nd Lieutenants. At Appamatox, sixteen men of the Guard surrendered with the remainder of their regiment.

Roster of N. C. Troops Regiment 27, Com-



the north side of Highway 264, about a mile east of Marlboro, is the home of Dr. Samuel Morrill, a prominent physician of Farmville. The two story white frame house is unoccupied at this time but is well preserved, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moye, Jr.

While the Dr. Samuel Morrill family lived in the home a sturdily built, graceful Windsor type chair, was a prized part of its furnishings. The chair, handed down through several generations, was brought to Marlboro by Dr. Samuel's mother, widow of Dr. David Lawrence Morrill, ninth Governor of New Hampshire. Mrs. Morrill came in 1877 to make her home with her sons, William Henry Morrill and Dr. Samuel Morrill. By inheritance the chair is now occupying a prominent place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Morrill,

pany E (Marlboro Guards) shows the following officers: William H. Morrill, Capt.; Jason P. Joyner, Capt.; Robert W. Joyner, Capt.; J. B. Barrett, 1st Lt.; McGowan Ernul, 1st Lt.; T. D. Jones, 2nd Lt.; and J. T. Williams, 2nd Lt.

Non-Commissioned Officers were: John R. Dixon, 1st Sgt.; John R. Tyler, 2nd Sgt.; J. Kilpatrick, 3rd Sgt.; Henry Brantley, 4th Sgt.; Albert L. Carr, 5th Sgt.; Robert Long (possibly Lang), 1st Corp.; Frances M. Kilpatrick, 2nd Corp.; and John D. Walston, 3rd Corp. Rev. Edmund Noah Joyner was Chaplain General of the North Carolina Division.

(Editor's Note: The Joyner home description was taken from an article by Olive Donat written for July 13, 1961 Enterprise and the Civil War Research was done by Lucy Smith Lewis.)

Service Through Healing

By: Mary Lee Joyner

Farmville has been blessed over the years by having many dedicated physicians who have rendered outstanding service to their fellow man in their profession as well as in their civic activities. For many years prior to the founding of Farmville, through the years since its incorporation, and up until the present time the citizens of this area have been treated by doctors with a strong sense of responsibility, answering calls for assistance whenever and wherever their services might be needed.

In early times this area was served by Dr. Robert Williams, who lived near Falkland Landing. He was born August 25, 1758, received the best education of the time and completed his medical studies in Richmond and Philadelphia in 1779. He served with distinction as a surgeon in the American Army in the Revolutionary War. After the war he retired to his farm and the practice of his profession, where his home was practically a hospital or sanitorium patronized by the people of eastern North Carolina. Dr. Williams was a Representative in the General Assembly and later a State Senator as well as being a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1835. He died on October 12, 1840.

Dr. Noah Joyner was the son of John Joyner and Clara May Joyner (daughter of Major Benjamin May). He married Emily Williams who was the daughter of Dr. Robert Williams. The Joyner home was located on the old plank road close by the settlement of Marlboro. Dr. Joyner was a surgeon as well as general practitioner and was also highly gifted with a genius for designing handicraft. It has been told that he made a toy wagon for his son which was an exact replica — complete with wheels, body and tongue — which thrilled the heart of the little boy.

Dr. Samuel Morrill was born August 26, 1829 at Goffstown, New Hampshire, son of a physician who was later Governor and United States Senator from New Hampshire. Dr. Morrill attended Dartmouth College and Harvard University. In 1853 he came South and spent one year at Wilmington, N. C. In 1854 he moved to Marlboro,, where he remained, and where for more than fifty years he engaged actively in the practice of medicine. The old Morrill homeplace is on the edge of Farmville on what is known as the John King Farm. Dr. Morrill died on February 25, 1905.

Dr. Joseph N. Bynum, son of Gideon Bynum and Sally May Bynum (daughter of Major Benjamin May) was born May 17, 1832. He lived on his plantation about four miles from Farmville and served the area faithfully for many years. His granddaughter, Margaret Bynum Dwyer, is a resident of Farmville.



Bynum Homeplace
4 Miles Northwest of Farmville



Dr. Bynum's Office
In Yard of Homeplace

In the early 1900's Farmville seemed to have a special attraction for doctors as there were several to come into practice within a few years. One of these was Dr. J. N. Patrick who came to Farmville from Snow Hill. He is remembered as having one of the first cars in town — a Maxwell.

About this same time Dr. D. H. Moseley came to Farmville from near Kinston. In later years he was shot as he entered a house where he had been called to treat a patient by a man who was thought to be demented.

Dr. John S. Hooker practiced during the era of the early 1900's and occupied the house where Mr. & Mrs. Alex Allen now live. He left Farmville to make his home in Chapel Hill.



Dr. David S. Morrill

Dr. David S. Morrill was the son of Dr. Samuel Morrill and was born in 1874. He was educated at the University of Maryland and interned at John's Hopkins. Dr. Morrill lived at the old homeplace on the Plank Road before moving to Farmville. Following the death of his father, Dr. Morrill and his Mother and sister, Miss Venetia, moved into the house which he built at 204 West Church Street. This House has become a landmark and has been restored by the present owner, Mrs. Eloise Kinsaul. Dr. Morrill was very active in the early development of the community. He was never very far from his practice and said that the only vacation he ever took from his work was a trip to Europe. He died in 1963, having lived to see his 90th birthday and being Pitt County's oldest practicing physician.



**Home built by Dr. D. S. Morrill
on Church Street**

Dr. C. C. Joyner was born July 20, 1862, on what is now Grimmersburg Street extension just outside of Farmville. He attended the University



Dr. Joyner's first office at Castoria

of North Carolina and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He first practiced at Castoria in Greene County for about two years. In 1901 he married Miss Luna Newell and in 1903 they moved to Farmville where they lived in the May house on Main Street. Dr. Joyner built the home now owned by Mrs. Essie El Ramey and had an office beside the house until 1921 when he moved to the Horton Building. In 1927 he moved his office to the Sheppard Building and for a year he, Dr. David Morrill, Dr. W. M. Willis and Dr. John S. Hooker practiced together. They hoped to establish a small hospital in Farmville — one of Dr. Joyner's dreams. However the depression proved too much for the hospital and the partnership dissolved. In 1932 Dr. Joyner moved next door to Bonnie's Cafe and practiced there until his death in 1941.



**Home built by Dr. C. C. Joyner
at Corner of Contentnea & Pine**

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Dr. W. M. Willis

Dr. W. M. Willis came to Farmville from Morehead City in 1918. In 1938 he opened the first Clinic Building which is now occupied by Lewis, Lewis and Lewis Attorneys. Dr. Willis attended Wake Forest College, The Medical College of Virginia and interned at Richmond and Philadelphia. He was very active in all civic activities until his death in 1951.

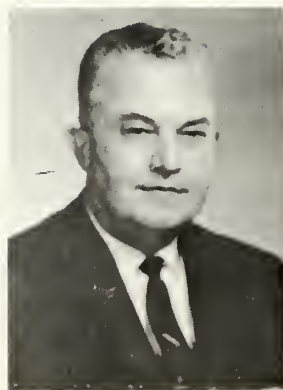
Dr. A. H. Stevens came to Farmville from Wilmington in 1934. He opened up an office on Main Street in one of the Davis Buildings, but stayed here for only a short time. He graduated from the University of Georgia Medical School and received training at the James Walker Hospital and the Babies Hospital at Wilmington.

A native of Greene County, Dr. John M. Mewborn came to Farmville in February, 1935. He attended the University of North Carolina, Pre-Med and received the M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia. He spent two years residency at Tucker's and interned at James Walker Memorial in Wilmington. His first office was where Mrs. El Ramey's shop is now located. From there he moved to the building next to the old Methodist Church and then built his own Clinic on South Greene Street. Dr. Mewborn served untiringly in his professional capacity as well as rendering many services to the community until his death in 1971.

Dr. Rhoderick T. Williams was born in Greenville. He received his B. S. degree from the University of North Carolina and his M. D. from Vanderbilt University. He interned at Nashville General Hospital and Parkview Hospital at Rocky Mount. Dr. Williams entered practice in Farmville in 1939 in the Clinic Building now occupied by Lewis, Lewis and Lewis. He died at the age of 51 in 1964.



Dr. R. T. Williams



Dr. C. E. Fitzgerald

Dr. Charles E. Fitzgerald, a native of Wilson, came to Farmville in 1939. He attended Wake Forest, Duke University and Louisiana State University. After interning at Charity Hospital, New Orleans he practiced in Walstonburg for two years before moving to Farmville. His Clinic Building is located on Main Street next to the Fire Station.

In 1949 Dr. Elmer Smith came to Farmville to practice with Dr. R. T. Williams. He remained for about three years and is now deceased. Dr. Winstead also practiced with Dr. Williams for a few years before moving on to Florida.

Dr. T. H. Patterson came to Farmville in 1960, and Dr. M. D. Heizer in 1964. Together they practice in the Family Clinic on North Main Street.

DR. PAUL E. JONES

Born near Bethel in 1890, Dr. Jones attended Richmond College and the Medical College of Virginia, where he earned his D. D. S. degree in 1910. He is a veteran of World War I.

Dr. Jones has been President of the North Carolina Dental Society, an officer of the American Dental Association, and a member of the American Dental Examiners. A Mason, a Shriner and a Knight Templar, he served on the Board of Health from 1944 - 48.

He was appointed a member of the Health Committee which activated this division of Health affairs of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, School of Nursing and the North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

A State Senator from 1949 - 57, he was president pro tempore of the Senate in 1955. He authored and sponsored legislation setting up the North Carolina Dental College at the University of North Carolina.

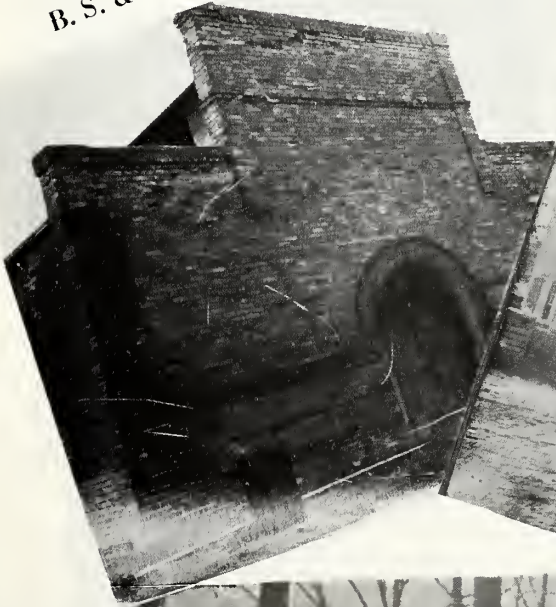
During his legislative years he was instrumental in securing appropriations for many educational programs and buildings, which marked the beginning of the dramatic growth of East Carolina University. Jones Dormitory at East Carolina University is named for him.

A distinct honor shared by only one other North Carolina dentist was bestowed on Dr. Jones in 1971 when the American College of Dentists presented him with the William John Gies Award in recognition of his leadership and meritorious services to his profession. The life and character of Dr. Jones represent a wonderful story of service above self and a dedication of Christian principles of living and ethics. Integrity, generosity and appreciation have exemplified his character and patterned a life.

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Main Street About 1914 - 1915



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W. M. Lang Home — Main Street

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Picture taken 1873



Of the many pioneers of Farmville, (those having been born, raised and lived in Farmville for fifty years or more; or citizens born in Farmville School District, attended Farmville School, and have lived in Farmville for fifty years or more; or citizens who have moved to Farmville and resided here: for fifty years) who responded to the Editor's Enterprise notice, the names are listed below:

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Celebrating Farmville's 100th Anniversary

Farmville's gala centennial celebration is the result of hundreds of citizens voluntarily giving thousands of hours to an exciting community cause.

The origin of the celebration goes back nearly three years, to June, 1969, when the Farmville Economic Council suggested to the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Farmville, that Farmville would be celebrating its 100th anniversary in February, 1972. After much travel and investigation by the Council, a report was made to the Mayor's Committee for community participation. The Mayor's committee in turn held mass meetings at the Town Hall on different occasions requesting the citizens to come and express their desires. After several such meetings, the Committee appointed John B. Lewis, Jr. and J. I. Morgan, Jr. as Co-Chairmen to organize a Centennial Committee and start making plans for Farmville's Centennial. A Centennial Exec-

utive Committee was formed which, in turn, organized seven major divisions and many sub-committees that are listed in this book.

A legal entity, the Farmville Centennial Corporation was incorporated by Dr. Paul E. Jones, Miss Tabitha M. DeVisconti and Mr. T. C. Turnage on May 28th, 1971 and W. C. Monk was elected president, Lester N. Hurley, vice-president with Carl Beaman as Secretary-Treasurer. Professional assistance was obtained shortly thereafter from the Rogers Company Production of Fostoria, Ohio.

Behind all the organizing and planning, and the resulting festivities, has been the desire to have some good old-fashioned neighborly fun. The centennial is also acquainting citizens with the town's past and building new pride in the community. Any profits derived from the celebration will be donated to the Farmville Fire Department and Rescue Squad for the ultimate benefit of all Farmville citizens.



This committee was composed of the following: (Seated left to right) Mrs. Leyman Holmes, Spectacle; Mayor W. E. Joyner, Advisory; J. I. Morgan, Jr., Co-Chairman; W. A. Allen, Advisory; Mrs. David Stowe, Women's Participation; (Standing left to right) Sam D. Bundy, Spectacle Ticket; S. E. Selby, Special Days; LeRoy Redden, Revenue; Carl L. Beaman, Sec.-Treas.; Carl Venters, Jr.; Publicity; Mrs. Lillian Bradley, Women's Participation; David Stowe, Men's Participation; James Taylor, Spectacle Ticket; Lloyd J. Englehardt, Headquarters; James B. Hockaday, Publicity. Others (not pictured) are listed on the following page.

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The Centennial has been by far the greatest celebration in the history of the Farmville Area. A continuous chain of events has been underway for months, gradually involving more and more people and leading up to the climatic week of April 6-12.

One of the first events of the celebration was the sale of Centennial Certificates which provided initial financial support. Other events have included the selection of a Centennial Seal, the striking of souvenir coins, and the selection of community scenes for the Centennial Plate, as follows: Antioch Christian Baptist Church 1854, Pitt County Female Institute 1857, Farmville Railway Station, First Municipal Building, First Public School 1901, residence of James W. May and W. Moye Lang House, 1911.

The opening of the Centennial Headquarters Office, provided by the Farmville Economic Council and the Centennial Store, provided by the Bank of North Carolina were other highlights. Store merchandise included, bonnets, hats, dresses, souvenirs and other old-fashioned

attire. Caravans to neighboring towns began as the big week approached, and chapters of "brothers", "belles", "shavers", "little miss belles" and "little shavers" were formed. Promenades, Kangaroo Kourts, and singing and dancing, chapter luncheons and dinners, meetings and other individual chapter activities have been held, as a part of the warm-up activities.

The parade, pageant, balls, beard judging, home tours, art show, religious observances, auction, bargain days, teas, style shows, fairs, carnival, visiting dignitaries and other festivities during the week will long be remembered far into Farmville's second century. The final activity of the week will be the burying of a "Time Capsule" which will contain all Centennial Official documents, samples of materials, coins, Chapter rosters, organizational papers, which is to be opened on Farmville's Bi-Centennial Celebration. The location for the burying of this "Time Capsule" will be recorded in the Pitt County Registry of Deeds Office for future information.

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BELLES AND BROTHERS ENLIVEN CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

Community interest in the Centennial is high, judging by the way that citizens have organized for the celebration.

As of mid-March, 100 chapters of Centennial Belles, Brothers of the Brush, Little Miss and Little Shavers have been formed. Pictures



THE GOLDEN AGERS (Golden Age Club)

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DOUGH BOYS (Back Row) Bobby Andrews, J. B. Allen, Sterling Dickinson, Roy Lee Allen, Cecil Moore, Joe Tripp. (Front Row) James R. Jones, Harry May, James A. Jones, Bill Erwin, Preston Langston, Lee Hathaway.



RED HOT BROTHERS (Back Row) Milton Elks, Wallace Parry, H. P. Norman, W. C. Wooten, Jr., W. L. Burney, Roland Wooten, W. E. (Bud) Wooten. (Second Row) Roosevelt Dupree, Lyman Craft, Ray Mewborn, Beasley Everette, Ed Meeks, William Jones. (Front Row) Ralph Cash, S. T. Collins, J. B. Gorham, John Baker, Jim Craft, Sr., Gene Beaman.



"THE BUILDERS" Andy Martin, George Moye, Ichabod Allen, Don Johnson, Bill Lewis, W. A. Allen, III, Bob Deans, W. A. Allen, John Barefoot, (Next Row) Henry Smith, Charlie Ledbetter, Jimmy Letchworth, George Allen, H. B. Humphrey, Joe Kue, Louis Williams, (Front Row) Frank Allen, Arthur Jones, Chester Outland, Jr., Jack Connell, David Stowe.



"BAPTIST BUMS" (Back Row) Manly Liles, Andy Martin, J. A. Wooten, Jr., H. B. Humphrey, A. F. Joyner, Jr., F. W. Satterthwaite, Albert Lewis. (Next Row) Don Wrought, Gene Beaman, Ervin Evans, Sylvester Aycock, L. B. Rackley, Milton Barnette, Bobby Evans. (Front Row) Billy Marston, Wilson Wade, A. F. Joyner, Jr., Rom Webber, Ernest Willoughby, M. D. Lark.



ALLEY CATS (Back Row) Wiley Mayo, Gordon Lee, Lewis Cowan, Stan Crawley, Bill Allen, Jimmy Cowan, Joby Griffin. (Next Row) LeRoy Bass, Cedric Davis, Lloyd Allen, Jimmy Hinson, Tom Patterson, Paul Ewell, Chester Outland, (Front Row) Bruce Pope, Ronald Smith, J. B. Davis, Jack Yelverton, Tammy Tucker, Streeter Tugwell.

Farmville's Future

By: Cedric Davis

Farmville's dedicated citizens of bygone days have led the town to its present stage of growth and opportunity. The future of some areas of community life has already been planned. In others, present and future town officials and citizens must prepare for and meet needs which will add to the continued growth and well-being of the town.

In speaking of near future plans, town officials have indicated that State Highway Commission funds have been appropriated to survey a portion of the "thoroughfare" plan developed some years ago by the Planning Board. Initially, the survey will locate a highway 258 bypass to the west of Farmville. A second project indicated for 1972 calls for the widening of U.S. 264 from one-fourth mile east of Planters & Prewitts warehouses to the intersection of

what is known as Cupelo Road a short distance west of the Wickes' Company. The comprehensive "thoroughfare" plan calls for other primary road construction to provide bypass routes completely around the town.

Farmville's mileage of paved streets will be improved in the immediate future as work has already begun on several streets inside the city limits. Over the years, the Board of Commissioners has provided for additional paving in annual budgets.

Recreation for future generations has been a matter of planning also. Currently, park facilities are being planned in an area adjacent to Forest Hills Cemetery on land donated to the town some time ago. Improved facilities and equipment are also planned for the S. Main St. and J. Y. Monk Parks. Some discussion has



(Seated left to right) Commissioner H. A. Nichola, Mayor W. E. Joyner, Commissioner LeRoy Redden, (Standing left to right) Commissioners J. I. Morgan, Jr., W. C. Garner, W. R. Duke.

been given to the possibilities of developing recreational areas adjacent to Little Contentnea Creek if and when its watershed project is completed.

Farmville's continued growth in population and industry has necessitated immediate improvement and expansion in the town's utilities. Electric power demands call for constant planning and change. The same is true with the increased useage of water and the extension of services to areas now outside the city limits. One new well has recently been dug although it is not yet furnishing any water to the system. Another well in the Joyner's Cross Roads area is scheduled to be dug in the very near future. Lines have been laid to one new subdivision east of the city on Highway 264, and it is anticipated that by 1974 residential areas on 264 West will be served by city water. Sewage facilities face immediate expansion also. An engineer's report is due April 15, 1972, to advise the municipality on construction of increased treatment capacity which must be doubled by July 1, 1974 to meet federal requirements for sanitation and water pollution.

Plans approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development call for improvements to the downtown area. These improvements include widening of both Main and Wilson Streets in the area bounded by Belcher to Pine Streets and Walnut to Contentnea Streets; the underground placement of all utility lines along the streets; better designed highway signs and general beautification.

In an effort to meet the needs of providing adequate housing for its citizens, the town established the Housing Authority some three years ago. The fruits of their work became evident in the winter of 1971 with the opening of 150 units of public housing. Already an additional 250 units have been requested from HUD to better meet the needs of the people. As these projects are completed inferior housing will be eliminated through condemnation and demolition.



**Pine Grove Apartments
Farmville, N. C. Housing Authority**



R. E. Davenport, Jr., First President; T. W. Willis, First Director; Farmville Economic Council.

The Farmville Economic Council has been a strong factor in the town's growth and future planning and is directly credited with the bringing of several industries to town. Primary among its present aims is the expansion of present labor forces. The council continues to seek small, sophisticated industries which would not put a strain on the furnishing of additional utilities by the town.



In summation, Farmville's future will be planned in the wisdom and light of a cooperative citizenry and built upon past achievements and present endeavors.

Many People Provide Services & Leadership

Many people are required to provide the leadership and services needed by a growing community like Farmville. Much of the leadership responsibility falls on the Mayor, William E. Joyner and the Town Commissioners. Our Town Administrator, Carl Beaman, heads all departments and employees of the town.



Patricia Thigpen, Margie Tripp, Carl Beaman, Adm., Andy Martin, Dpty. Adm., Sylvia Fisher

Town of Farmville Administrative Department

The Administrative Department of the Town of Farmville consists of a Town Administrator, a Deputy Administrator, Billing Clerk, Accountant, and a secretary to the administrator.

The Department has a variety of responsibilities. It has the responsibility of collecting all monies due to the Town from ad valorem taxes, water and light payments and various licenses and fees that compose the Revenue of the Town. It also has the responsibility of expending this revenue to pay for the services received by the citizens of the town, maintaining proper records of such receipts and disbursements, and to see that billing for these services is done as accurately and properly as possible.

This Department is also charged with the responsibility of supervision of all activities of the various departments of the Town. The Administrator is charged by the Board of Commissioners with the responsibility of administering the policies as laid down by the board; to coordinate the activities of all departments in order that services may be rendered to the citizens of the town as efficiently and economically as possible and to see that proper personnel is hired to render these services.

Officers are as follows: Administrator, Carl Beaman; Deputy Administrator, W. A. Martin; Accountant, Mrs. Margie Tripp; Billing Clerk, Mrs. Sylvia Fisher; Secretary, Mrs. Patricia Thigpen.

Water and Light Department

The first light plant generator was a 55 KVA steam engine which was located at the Farmville Fertilizer and Oil Mill. The generator was owned by the Town; however, a stock company was formed to finance it in the beginning. R. L. Davis, W. A. Pollard, B. M. Lewis, and possibly other leading citizens were part of this stock company. Electric power was supplied only during the afternoons. This generator was in use until 1914. In 1914, the first steam power plant was built on the site of the present light plant. In fact, portions of the first building remain within the walls of the present building. The picture below is of the first plant. Even with these new facilities power was supplied only in the afternoons until 1918.



Power Plant — 1914

In 1924, the Board of Commissioners let bids for additions to the light plant building and the addition of a 312 KVA generator. Steam was still the primary source for producing power.

In 1936, there were more additions to the building in order to house the two diesel engines which were purchased to replace the steam generators. The plant was converted from steam to diesel power in 1937. Two more diesel units were purchased later.

Between 1914 and 1918 superintendents named Andrews, Mozingo, Legg and Wrenn filled this position. Finally in 1918 W. A. McAdams was hired as Superintendent. "Mr. Mac" as he is fondly called, remained hard at work, bringing many improvements and changes to the department, until 1965. After 47 years he retired. Jim Pittman followed "Mr. Mac" as superintendent. In July of 1969, J. A. Wooten, Jr. assumed the duties of Superintendent of Utilities, with Johnny Matthews as Assistant Superintendent.

The Town generated all of its electricity until 1952 when a contract with Carolina Power and Light Company for 800 KW was signed. This arrangement continued for 15 years, but in 1967 the light plant ceased to generate power, except for emergency situations, Farmville now purchases all its electrical requirements from C P & L. The Town owns and operates its own distribution system. Improvements are constantly being made on the system.

The Waste Treatment Department has come a long way since its beginning. In 1914 sewage was taken care of by the use of septic tanks. Before this time there was no definite means of sewage control and much of it was disposed of directly into Contentnea Creek. In 1936, an Imhoff tank was installed for sewage treatment. This was located in the area between Langdale and Contentnea Creek.

In 1957, the Number 1 Waste Treatment Plant was constructed. This plant treats $\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons of residential waste per day. It is a modern plant with lab facilities for testing and analyzing wastes to see that no harmful effects will occur in Little Contentnea Creek which is the receiving stream. The Number 2 Waste Treatment Plant was constructed in 1962, just off the Highway 264-A Bypass. This plant is used for treating industrial wastes. The receiving stream is Middle Swamp. Plans are presently underway to increase the hydraulic capacity and efficiency of both plants.



Present
Water
and
Light
Plant

Since the use of hand pumps as a source of water supply, in the early days of Farmville, great improvements have been made in the Public Works Department. The Town's first elevated steel water tank was built in 1914 and was located directly behind the Town Hall. Capacity of this tank was 60,000 gallons. In 1939 the second elevated steel tank was erected just off the 264 Bypass.

The Town's first water main and fire hydrants were also installed in 1914. In the beginning, water main reached only a few people; however, in subsequent years, it has grown to encompass the whole Town as well as many out of town homes and buildings.

The Town of Farmville has long had clean, soft water that does not have to be treated with chemicals. Several small wells were dug previous to 1918 to supply water. In 1918 the Hughes Well Drilling Company from South Carolina drilled a deep well that produced 125 gallons per minute. Between 1918 and 1930 several other small wells were drilled.

In 1930, the first gravel packed deep well was drilled in front of the power plant on Park Avenue by Layne Atlantic Company of Norfolk, Virginia. The well is 503 feet deep and is still in use today. In 1938, a 481 foot well was drilled at the rear of the power plant. In 1957, another gravel-packed deep well was drilled at the corner of Fields and Moore Streets to a depth of 425 feet. All of these wells are presently in use.

Since 1957, four other gravel-packed deep wells have been drilled and one more is presently under construction. Two more deep wells are in the planning stage to be in operation within twelve months. These new wells, plus the present facilities, will give Farmville an unlimited supply of water.

Planning and Zoning Board

The Farmville Planning Board was first called the Board of Adjustment of the Farmville Zoning Ordinances. It was founded on July 19, 1948. The first Chairman was Dr. John M. Mewborn.

The name of the Board was changed to the Farmville Planning and Zoning Board on January 3, 1962. At the present time members consist of Chairman: Jack McDavid, Jr.; Members: Jake Joyner, Marvin Speight, Jim Hockday, Carl Beaman; C. C. Simpson, Jim Craft, Randolph Allen, J. R. Persons, Claude Johnson, Floyd Englehardt.

Today the Board is dealing with the problems of zoning ordinances and other matters relating to the growth and development of the Town.



(First Row: Left to Right) Sallie Eason; B. A. Wooten, Supt.; W. Moore; H. Carlton, (Second Row) E. L. Jones; B. Sapp; J. Thorne; W. Gay. (Third Row) R. T. Langley; C. Owens; Johnny Matthews, Asst. Supt.; B. Sugg; E. Ross; L. Mason; B. Bullock. Not Pictured: Pat Bundy.

Farmville Fire Department

By: Curtis Flanagan

Farmville Fire Department was organized in the year of 1915. In the beginning, the department did not own a truck of any type. Hand reels were used.

In 1916, the fire department purchased a hose carrier. It was a Model T Ford with a suitable body built by American-LaFrance. The first pumper had solid rubber tires. After a few years service the hard rubber tires were removed in favor of the Conventional Pneu-Matic Tire. This particular truck stayed in service until 1944, at that time a new pumper, an American-LaFrance, 750 gallon GPM was purchased and put into service. This was the last standard piece of fire equipment delivered in eastern North Carolina until after World War I.

The old truck that was purchased in 1926 was sold to the city of Raleigh and used as stand-by equipment. The last truck bought by the Town of Farmville was a 1000 gallon American-LaFrance delivered in 1967. This truck has a capacity of 1200 gallons per minute. The 1944 truck is still being used as a stand-by.

The community surrounding the town of Farmville wanted and needed fire protection. Interested citizens got together and bought a 1953 Model Ford Chassis and had American-LaFrance equipment installed. This is a 500 gallon GPM Pumper with a 1000 gallon tank. This piece of equipment is still in service.



Haywood Smith Fire Station - 1958

Actually the Farmville Fire Department is two (2) fire departments, one municipal, and the other rural. The rural department is listed as "Far" as a call code.

The Farmville Fire Department made application for membership in the North Carolina State Firemen's Association on July 17, 1916. They were accepted as of that date with the attached roster recorded. From the time of its organization until the present the fire department has had only four (4) chiefs. In the beginning, the late R. E. Belcher, who resided on Belcher Street, was the Chief. H. P. Norman is serving as chief at the present time. In the beginning, there were twenty (20) men in the department. At the present time there are approximately sixty (60) members. The department has a rating from the North Carolina Rating Bureau and has maintained this rating for a period of years. This rating is listed as Number 7 -- the highest rating that a department can have until it hires full-time firemen.

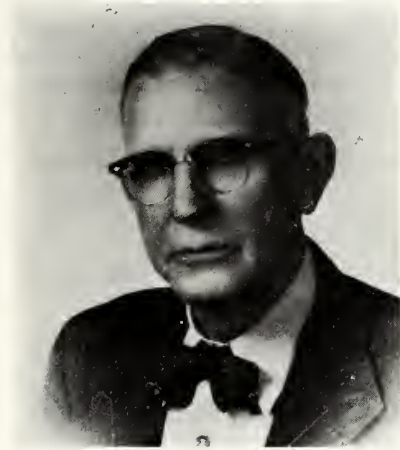


Fire Department; Left to Right: John Baker; Jim Craft, Asst. Chief; Ralph Cash; W. E. Wooten; Lyman Craft, Asst. Chief; H. P. Norman, Chief; Bernice Turnage; Roland Wooten; J. B. Gorham, Jr.; Joe Phillips.

In the beginning, the fire department was located on Wilson Street. A new Town Hall was built in 1928 with housing facilities for the truck included. A new and separate station was built and dedicated in 1958. The station was named "The Haywood Smith Fire Station". Chief Smith served the Town of Farmville for nearly forty-five (45) years and was a charter

member of the department when it was formed back in 1915. He retired from the department in 1960.

From the beginning, the Farmville Fire Department has been very active, not only in the Farmville Community, but the members have taken an active interest in the fire service on a county, regional and state level.



Chief Haywood Smith
Fire Chief 45 Years



Richard Joyner, President
N. C. State Firemen's Assn. - 1941



Curtis H. Flanagan, Exec. Sec.
State Firemen's Assn.

Farmville North Carolina Housing Authority

On August 6, 1968, the Housing Authority was established by the Town Board of Commissioners after recommendation and studies made by the Farmville Economic Council. The Commissioners of the Authority were appointed on the same date by the Town Board. On December 9, 1968, an application was made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (better known as HUD). On January 14,

1970, the site for 150 approved dwelling units was purchased. Work commenced on the buildings in September, 1970, and the units were accepted for occupancy in November, 1971. Executive Director of the project is Lloyd Englehardt and Chairman of the Board is Dr. Charles Fitzgerald. Other Board members are Dr. Albert Smith, Thomas E. Anderson, W. A. Norman, and James Taylor.



Farmville Housing Authority Office Building



Policemen: Left to Right; J. C. Bryant; W. Barber; J. Phillips; A. King; B. Pippin; J. Childers; Chief Carl Tanner; G. Harris; Lt. Grover Bailey; F. Marshall; L. Parker.

Police Department

Providing the community with police protection is a great responsibility. This department consists of ten (10) officers and one (1) policewoman. The time of service of these officers rendered is from 6 months to periods of 25 years. The present staff consists of the following: Chief Carl C. Tanner; Lt. Grover Bailey, Pfc. J. C. Bryant, Jr., Cpl. Frank D. Marshall, Sgt. Alvin King, Pfc. Jenny Childers, Pfc. Joseph L. Phillips, Ptl. Wilbur Barber, Joseph Harris, Larry D. Parker and Bryan Pippin.

Building Inspector Department

This department is the newest of the Town's departments, in that it was separated from the Water and Light Department as of January 1, 1972. The inspection goal is to make Farmville a safer and healthier place in which to live and to be proud of. Mr. H. P. Norman heads this department.

Street and Sanitation Department

This department, the Public Works department, operates with a thirty man force, headed by Mr. E. P. Freuler, Superintendent. They have twenty pieces of equipment and maintain a garage for same for repair. There are daily pickups, routine sweeping, a sanitary land fill and operate five and one-half days per week. Street patching, cemetery and park upkeep along with storm drainage is included with their work. The following employees help Superintendent E. P. Freuler; W. R. Oakley, Assistant Superintendent, Elbert Cates, Hollis Harper, David Stephenson, George Bailey, Herbert Brooks, Robert Britt, Theodore Morgan, Chester Taylor, Jr., James Cleo Jordan, William Davis, Willie Harper, Ernest Sugg, Preston Sims, Joe Foreman, Moses Moore, Curtis Carr, James Dupree, Ernest Gay, Fred Harper, Luke Hopkins, Emmett Laster, Willie Olds, James Tyson, Leroy Williams, Johnny Carmon, Johnny Allen, Herbert Vines and Freddie Strickland.

Street & Sanitation Department:
(Front Row) E. Gay; E. Lassiter; E. Cates; H. Harper; J. Carmon; C. Carr; W. Davis; L. Williams; E. Suggs; J. Tyson; E. Parker; G. Bailey; W. Olds. (Back Row) Bill Oakley, Asst. Supt.; W. Harper; P. Sims; L. Hopkins; T. Morgan; H. Brooks; J. Jordan; H. Vines; S. Johnson; J. Hines; J. Dupree; C. Taylor, Jr., E. P. Freuler, Supt.



Farmville Public Library

The original Farmville Public Library was started by the Farmville Woman's Club in 1930 under the leadership of its President, Mrs. John B. Joyner. It was housed in an upstairs room in the Municipal Building. Mrs. Joyner, Mrs. Jack Smith and Miss Tabitha M. DeVisconti were its earliest librarians, assisted by volunteers from the club. Later Mrs. Gray C. Martin was appointed librarian.

The present library was a gift to the town by the late Miss Virginia Elizabeth Davis. It was formally dedicated on May 11, 1954. At this time, the members of the Library Board were: R. D. Rouse, Jr., Chairman; J. I. Morgan, Jr., J. Y. Monk, Jr., Miss Annie Perkins, William C. Monk and Dr. John M. Mewborn. The Town

Officers were: O. G. Spell, Mayor, C. S. Edwards, R. D. Rouse, Jr., Lath Morris, L. B. Johnson, Jr. and W. C. Wooten.

Many organizations and private citizens were most generous with gifts of furniture, money and books for the new Library. The Library now has a capacity of 20,000 volumes. It opened with 3,000 volumes and at present has 10,132. The circulation for 1970 was 14,016. LaRue McKinney (now Mrs. George C. Moye) was the first Librarian in the new facility and Mrs. Gray C. Martin, who had worked for five years at the original Library was her assistant. Mrs. Martin is now head Librarian, assisted by Mrs. J. Y. Monk, Jr.



Farmville Public Library
Gray C. Martin, Head Librarian
Eva T. Monk, Asst. Librarian.

Farmville Recreation Department

The Town lacked organized playground facilities until 1934 then a public swimming pool was formally opened. This pool was the first of its kind in the State completed under the W. P. A. Program. Funds from the town and interested individuals of the community made this undertaking possible. Each year since this pool opened, classes in swimming, junior and senior life saving courses have been conducted.

Land adjacent to the pool, consisting of approximately two acres was purchased by the Town and a recreation park has been developed. Since the erection of a screened picnic pavilion, picnic tables placed throughout the spacious grounds, playground equipment, two lighted, paved tennis courts, this park has been used for family reunions, church school picnics and all other types of gatherings.

In 1961, this park was named The James Monk Park in honor of James Monk of Farmville



James Y. Monk



Farmville Municipal Swimming Pool

in tribute to his many civic deeds, especially in the line of sports.

Throughout the years the Farmville Garden Club has landscaped this park and planted trees in honor of different citizens in the community. It is a beautiful park and one that the Town of Farmville is very proud of, for it is not only beautifully landscaped but is a joy to many people of the town.



James Monk Park

During the summer months the Town sponsors an extensive recreational program that is inclusive of the following: Swimming, tennis, Armory recreation facilities such as ping pong, volleyball and various other inside games, Little League Baseball, softball teams, Teener leagues, all of which are managed by a Recreation Committee, of the Town Board, along with a paid manager and assistants.

SUGG RECREATION — By: Nesbia M. Phillips

In the summer of 1957, an interested group of Negro citizens organized a Community recreation group which consisted of Mrs. Lillie Tyson, Mrs. Ella Mae Joyner, Mrs. Mary Bert Blount, Mrs. Nesbia M. Phillips, Mr. James Taylor, Mr. Joseph Blount, Mr. J. L. Phillips and other interested citizens. This group met regularly and sold refreshments in order to purchase play equipment to entertain citizens of all ages of the Negro community. This continued for three days per week throughout the summer, without pay for these interested citizens. This interest continued for three years, at which time the group contacted the Farmville Board of Commissioners when Mr. Charles Edwards was Mayor and Mr. Glenn Newton was Chairman of the Recreation Department. Mr. Newton was very actively involved with the

group in helping to acquire requested provisions for a better recreation program for the Negro citizens.

A great step was taken for the community when the H. B. Sugg Coach Jerome Evan was hired as recreation Supervisor and Mrs. Nesbia M. Phillips was hired as his assistant.

After Coach Evan left H. B. Sugg School, Coach Joseph Twitty was hired as summer recreation supervisor and Mrs. Nesbia M. Phillips was his assistant. Following Twitty, Coach Joseph Nobles was supervisor for two years and Miss Mary Holmes was his assistant.

The recreational activities of the summer of 1971 had an average daily attendance of 85. The supervisors were Coach Herman Waters, Mr. Vick, and Mrs. Nesbia M. Phillips.

Nesbia M. Phillips



I. S. Bennett Park



Farmville Rescue Inc.

In early 1966 members of the Farmville Lions Club realized the need for a Rescue Squad Unit to serve the Farmville area. A committee was selected to investigate and make plans for such a unit. On September 23, 1966 the squad was organized. Bylaws were drafted and adopted and on October 16, 1966, a charter was issued. The first officers elected were as follows: Adam Corbett, Captain; Will Jones, Jr., 1st Lt.; Robert Burress, 2nd Lt.; Marion Tripp, Sec.-Treas.; Tom Taylor, Chaplain; Habib Nichola, Director.

The Lions Club, with the help of volunteers, canvassed the area and raised approximately \$5,000 to purchase a rescue truck and equipment. This they turned over to the Town of Farmville. The Police Department receives all calls for the squad and in turn notify the rescue members who are on standby.

Farmville Rescue, Inc. now owns two

Rescue Trucks and other equipment which is valued at approximately \$12,000. Membership averages around 25 and each member will donate about 1000 manhours per year in training and service.

The Squad is presently headquartered at the corner of Wilson and Fields Streets. This building is used for training sessions and storage of equipment. Plans are underway for a new headquarters and storage facility on the corner of Belcher and Turnage Streets. Cost of this building will be approximately \$20,000 and plans are to have it completed by September, 1972.

Present officers of the Squad are as follows: J. L. Baker, Captain; Bill Oakes, 1st Lt.; Bennie Fulford, 2nd Lt.; Bobby Skinner, 2nd Lt.; Eugene Moore, Training Officer; William Gar, Sec.-Treas.; Raymond Webb, Chaplain; Bryan Pippin, member at large.



Rescue Squad: (left to right)
Eugene Moore; Bryan Pippin;
Capt. J. L. Baker; Bennie
Fulford; Bill Oakes.



Post Office (Front Row; left to right): R. J. Jones, J. C. Brock; J. Harper; D. Walston; A. Tyson; H. May; M. Worthington; J. Smith. (Second Row; left to right): H. Evans; J. Tugwell; C. Britt; H. B. Humphrey, Postmaster.

The history of the Post Office from its establishment June 15, 1868 to 1964 is related in a previous article. Shortly thereafter a survey was made and plans to erect a brick building for Post Office use was initiated. A new brick building was constructed by Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams at 127 North Main Street and leased to the Post Office Department. The new brick building was dedicated and officially occupied July 1, 1960.

Farmville's present postmaster is H. B. Humphrey with J. C. Brock, Jr. serving as Assistant Postmaster. The following staff serves also: J. P. Harper and H. D. May, Rural Carriers; J. A. Smith, A. J. Tyson, and M. A. Worthington, Regular Clerks; D. N. Walston, Substitute Clerk; C. T. Britt, H. R. Evans and J. L. Tugwell, Jr., City Carriers; R. C. Hardy, Substitute City Carrier; and J. Howard Harris, Substitute Rural Carrier.



H. B. Humphrey,
Postmaster

FARMVILLE NATIONAL GUARD

By: Sgt. W. R. Newton

The Farmville unit of the North Carolina Army National Guard was federally recognized on April 25, 1955. The principal driving forces behind this fact were Jack McDavid, Jr., Walter B. Jones, and at that time Farmville's Economic director, Mr. Tommy W. Willis.



Maj. Jack McDavid

The Adjutant General's Department of the North Carolina Army National Guard appointed Captain Jack McDavid to be the company commander of Farmville's new unit. Captain McDavid wasted no time in recruiting men for his unit, Company H, 119th Infantry, 30th Division.

Arrangements were made with the Farmville town officials to share the Boy Scout building the town had recently built.

Co. H was a heavy weapons company, consisting of a 81 mm. mortar section, a 106 mm. recoilless rifle section and a supporting platoon of 30 cal. machine guns.

The unit was reorganized in 1959 and became Company E, 2nd Battlegroup, 119th Inf. They were a rifle company with a Battalion headquarters section.

Adam Corbett who had been in the Farmville unit since late 1955 was appointed by the state in September of 1960 to be the Administrative Supply Technician for the Farmville Guard.

This A. S. T. job, meant that Sgt. Corbett was responsible for the Farmville Armory, recruiting and testing, and all the many administrative details it takes to run a National Guard Unit.

Sergeant Corbett held this position until July of 1965.

It was about this time that Captain McDavid moved to the U. S. Army Reserve. He has since been promoted to a Major, and soon should receive his commission as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve.

Major McDavid has always been greatly respected by his men. The troops of the Farmville unit are grateful for his initiative and leadership in getting our unit started.



**Farmville National Guard
Unit in Training**

Other Station Commanders of HHC (IP) 4th Bn in Farmville after Capt. McDavid were 1st Lt. Paul Peele, 1st Lt. Johnny Dixon and 2nd Lt. J. D. Hughes, Jr.

In January 1958, the unit became Co. A (IP), 167th M. P. Bn. As a Military Police Company, we received our training at summer camps located at Fort Gordon, Georgia; and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Sharing the Scout Hut building was a fine arrangement, provided by the town, until our own armory could be built. Through town, county, state, and federal aid the new armory was built and was occupied by the unit in 1960.

In 1963, the unit was reorganized again by the state as Company B, 4th Bn, 119th Inf., still remaining as a rifle company.

As with the state's policy of reorganization the unit became in 1965 HHC (IP), 4th Bn, 119th Inf. We were again a Headquarters Company, in part, with Ahoskie, North Carolina. The company was broken down into three parts, (1) a Battalion Medical Aid Station, (2) a Reconnaissance Platoon with a scout section, a



Farmville National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Alton E. Hathaway

machine gun section and a jeep mounted 106 mm. recoilless rifle section, (3) and a 4.2 mm. Mortar Platoon.

Our Station Commanders during this period were 2nd Lt. J. D. Hughes, Jr., 1st Lt. Milton Brown, 1st Lt. Bobby Gene Webb and 1st Lt. Bobby Grant.

Being an (IP), in part, company with Washington, North Carolina, we would alternate our drill dates each month between the Farmville and Washington Armories.

Effective December 1, 1972, the unit became Det I, 694th Maint. Co. (DS) (COMMZ). This means that we are now a direct maintenance support company.

Our Company Commander is Captain Hilton Clayborne and our Farmville Station Commander is 2nd Lt. George Burham.

Sergeant First Class Elmer G. Flake is our present Recruiting Sergeant. Sgt. Flake invites any young man interested in a National Guard career to talk to him. The Farmville National Guard has a lot to offer to any young man of today!

Our present full time Administrative Supply Technician is Sergeant First Class Alton E. Hathaway. Sergeant Hathaway has been with us since March 1967 and has proven to be a very valuable asset to the unit. Sergeant Hathaway is a friendly, hard working man, who looks out for his unit.

As a Maintenance Company, the unit will be trained to render repairs to almost any type of army equipment. To give you an idea of what we will be capable of doing, I will list a few sections we have: small arms repairs, office machines repair, chemical equipment repair, canvas and leather repair, generator repair, and clothing repair.

The unit will be equipped with six 5 ton wrecker vehicles and be capable of vehicle mechanics, welding, and body repair.

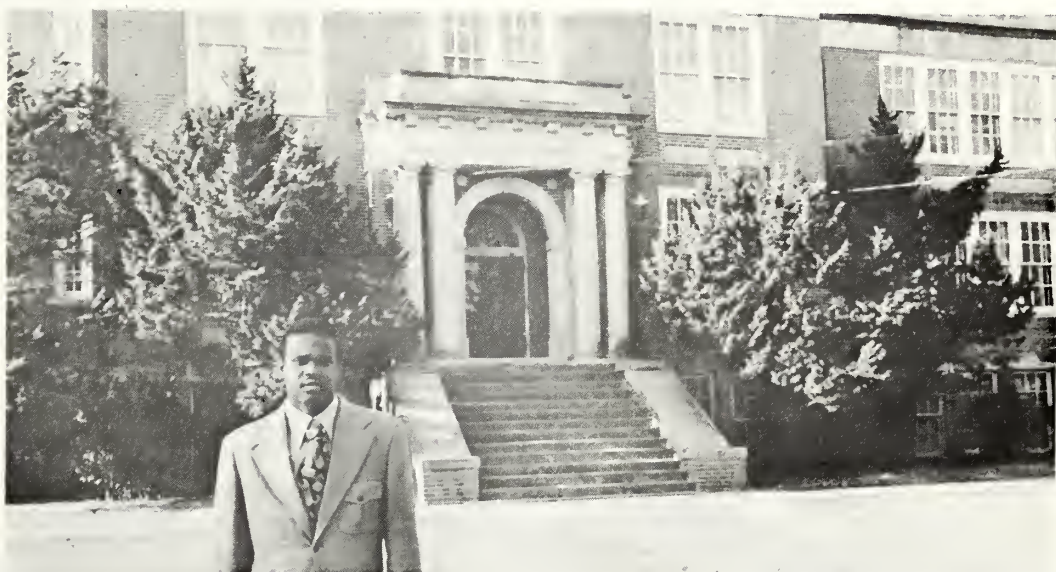
The Farmville National Guard has always made Excellent and Superior ratings on its annual inspections and summer camp training.

Let's all support the Farmville National Guard, for it is a community asset!



Sam D. Bundy School

**John McKnight
Principal**



**Farmville Jr.
High School**

**Frederick Smith
Principal**



**Farmville Central
High School**

**Russ Cotton
Principal**



H. B. Sugg School, Frederick Graham, Principal

School

Activities



Farmville's Growth Rate for the Past Ten Years

	1960	1970
Population	3,997	4,424
Streets	Unsurfaced (5.71 mi.) Paved (14.98mi.)	Gravel (3.25 mi.)
Budget	\$544,998.06	\$1,253,297.02
(Including)		
Recreation		
Library		
Taxable Property		
(Assessed Valuation)	\$ 57,583.75	\$ 176,205.47
Tax Rate	1.50	1.20
Water Customers	1,300	1,619

ASSETS:

Real Estate	\$965,816.53	\$1,349,744.32
Fire Truck & Equipment	30,532.05	81,838.95
Furniture & Fixtures	41,672.50	78,650.43
Motor Vehicles	27,742.51	77,596.30
Water & Sewer Systems	399,734.55	887,832.75
Streets	602,613.07	937,145.48
Employees	113 a year	173 per yr.
(Including)		
Firemen		
Policemen		

Farmville at a Glance

Population	4,424
Size	51.65 Acres
Date Founded	About 1860
Date Incorporated	February 12, 1872
Origin of Name:	New Town, then changed to Farmville
Mayor	W. E. Joyner
Town Manager	Carl Beaman
Police Chief	Carl C. Tanner
Fire Chief	H. P. Norman
Chief of Rural Fire Department...	Jim Craft, Sr.
Town Clerk & Finance Director ..	Carl L. Beaman
Town Attorneys	Lewis, Lewis, Lewis
Building Inspector	H. P. Norman
Supt. of Public Works	James A. Wooten
Town Engineer	Jack McDavid
Town Auditor	Ernst, Ernst
Town Planning Adviser	Gary Mercer
Average Rainfall	4.16 inches
January Mean Temperature (1970) ...	45 degrees
July Mean Temperature (1970)	64 degrees
Record Low Temperature (Jan. 1970)	26 degrees
Record High Temperature (Jan. 1970)	86 degrees
Average Elevation	97 feet above sea level
Highest Elevation	85 feet
(Location in Westwood Subdivision)	
Predominate Soil Type ..	Norfolk-Goldsboro Exm.
Population of Planning & Zoning Area	5,000
Size of Planning and Zoning Area	1 mile beyond city limits



John B. Lewis, Jr., John B. Lewis, Sr., William H. Lewis
Town Attorneys



Joney Taylor
Town Magistrate

Some Farmville citizens who have received State and Community recognition for their services in the fields of education, judicature and public service.



Superior Court Judge Robert D. Rouse, Jr.
and Mayor W. E. Joyner, Mayoralty Rites



Pitt County N. C. Rep. H. Horton Rountree
at North Carolina State House



Mrs. Edgar Barrett Receives 25-year
Girl Scout Service Award
Mrs. L. T. Pierce and
Mrs. R. T. Williams



Mrs. Ellen Lewis Carroll - 36 Years Educator and
Supervisor in Pitt County Schools. Portrait
presentation by Sara Ellen Carroll and Laura Ellen
Lewis, granddaughter and grand niece.



Rep. Sam D. Bundy - 42½ years Educator
Presently Pitt County N. C. Representative



Arch J. Flanagan - Conservation
and Farm Bureau Official

Tobacco Industry



Hand Loping — Green Tobacco



Earliest Method of Hauling Tobacco to Market



Priming & Loping Tobacco on Harvester



More Recent Conveyance to Market



Tobacco Curing Barn



Graded and Bundled Tobacco Warehouse Floor



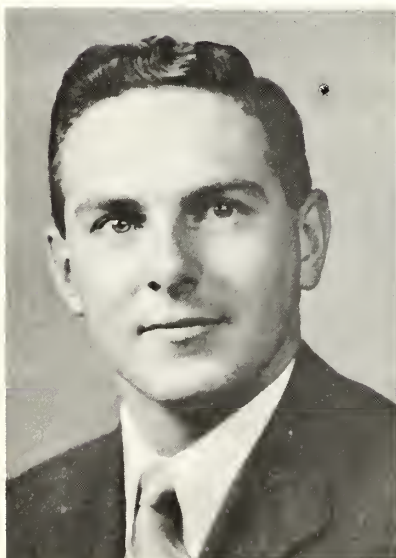
Tobacco Auction Warehouse Sale



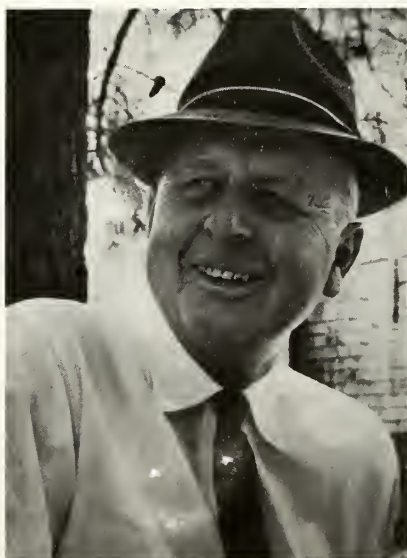
M. E. Dixon Inspecting Tobacco Redrying Process



**A. C. Monk, Jr., President A. C. Monk Company, Inc.
Past President Tobacco Association of U. S. and U. S. Tobacco Exporters**



**W. C. Monk, Vice-President
A. C. Monk Tobacco Co., Inc.
Vice-Pres. Tob. Assn. of U.S.**



**W. A. Allen, Director, Flue-Cured
Tobacco Stabilization Corp.**



**R. T. Monk, Vice President
A. C. Monk & Co., Inc.**

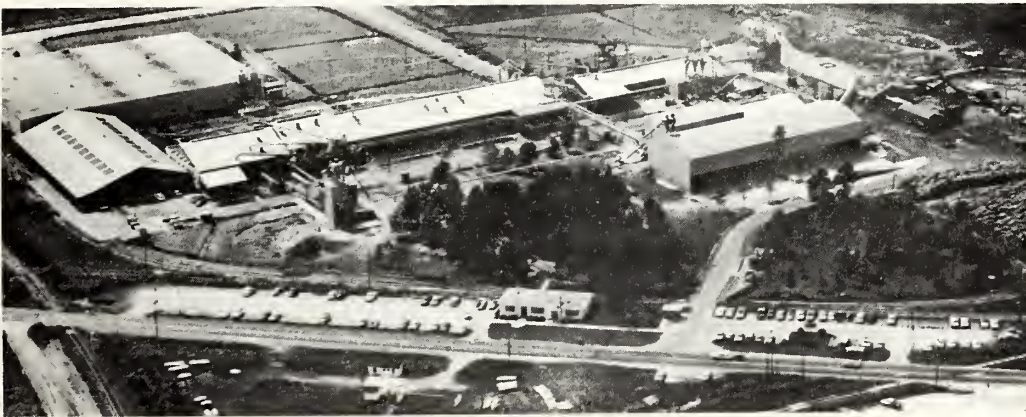
Local Industries



A. C. Monk and
Company, Inc.



Morgan Oil
and Refining
Company



International
Paper Co.

Collins and
Aikman





Florence-Mayo
Company

Farmville
FCX
Service



North State
Garment
Company

Farmville
Corporation
Division of
U.S.I.



Many Organizations Enrich Community Life

The civic, patriotic, social and fraternal organizations of Farmville have been an integral part of its growth and development through the years. Their services and effective projects have influenced and enriched the citizenry in all walks of life, and through cooperative endeavors, they have greatly contributed in making our community a creditable model, worthy of praise for its outstanding achievements.

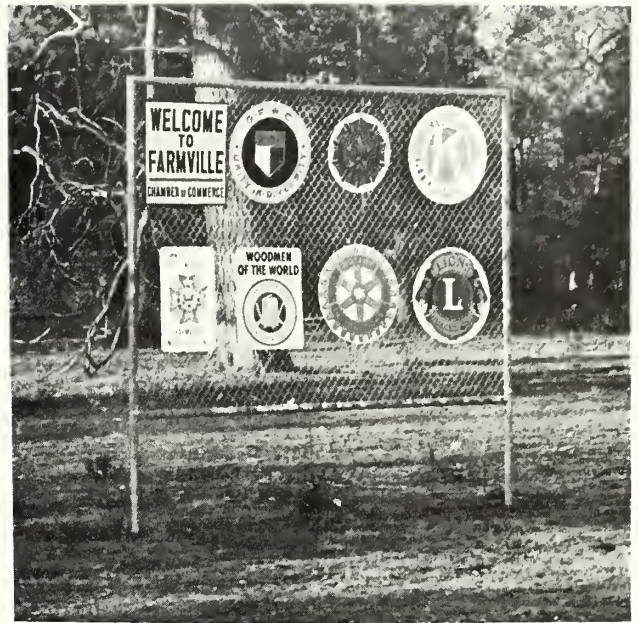
LIVINGSTONE MASONIC LODGE NO. 102 F & AM

The Livingstone Lodge No. 102, F & AM, was organized in 1898. The meetings were presided over by the first Master Andrew Barrett, who is deceased. He was followed by Jonus Taylor, Julious Harris, Charlie Parker, and Eddie L. Joyner, who is presently master. The Livingstone Masons have always met in the same building on South Main Street until recently. The old building has been torn down and plans are in the making for a new, modern building to be erected on the same site. The Lodge had a small membership when it began, but over its 74 years of existence the membership has grown to 125.

FARMVILLE MASONIC LODGE NO. 517 AF & AM

In 1901, George W. Freeman, a Mason and a resident of Farmville, met with other Masons in the area for the purpose of establishing a Masonic Lodge in Farmville. Later in that year they applied to and received from the Grand Masonic Lodge of North Carolina the right to work under dispensation and on January 15, 1902 they received a Charter, officially establishing and identifying the organization as Farmville Masonic Lodge #517 AF & AM. The names appearing on the Charter were: George W. Freeman, Master; Redden R. Bailey, Senior Warden; Ashley S. Bynum, Junior Warden; John T. Parker, Secretary; Bedford Jones, Senior Deacon; Isham Gay, Junior Deacon; and A. N. Worthington, Tyler. These persons were known to have been active in the business, religious and social life of the town from its inception. Descendents of these Charter members are well known citizens of our community today and many are also members of the Farmville Masonic Lodge.

The Farmville Mason's first home was a second floor room in The Turnage Company building. A few years later they moved to the second floor of the old W. M. Lang store and,



after several years, again moved to the second floor of the building now occupied by Ray's Cafe remaining at that location until their Masonic Temple — a handsome new structure on Grimmersburg Street — was completed. The dedication of the Masonic Temple on January 24, 1952 will be remembered as one of the outstanding events of Farmville's Century of Progress. The Farmville Lodge has many beneficent enterprises — the Oxford Orphanage and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home for the Aged are perhaps the best known.

THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The exact date that the Farmville Parent Teacher Association received its charter has not been found in the records that the organization has now. However, from what has been learned from citizens, and teachers, there has always been a good relationship between the school, parents, and teachers. This relationship dating back to the time that the Farmville Schools were established in 1903.

For many years, there were two Parent Teacher Associations. One serving the H. B. Sugg School, and one for the Farmville School. When the Sam D. Bundy School was built, there still remained the one group for the Farmville High School and the Bundy School. The Sugg P.T.A. remained as it was originally started.

In this Centennial Year, we have seen much change in the school system of Farmville. We now have four schools that are consolidated to insure the students of town, a good education. So, now to give the help and assistance to these four schools, there has been established a Consolidated Parent Teacher Association.

The Consolidated P.T.A. with; Mr. Robert Fields, President, Mr. Robert Bynum, Vice-

president, Mr. Edgar Thomas, Treasurer, and Miss Helen Johnson, Secretary; is planning to strengthen the relationship between teachers, parents, and students. In the past, projects had been planned to aid the schools financially, but for the coming year the idea of projects for making money have been abandoned. The membership drive will be the only means for this organization to have any money to contribute to the schools. The slate of officers listed above, and the principals of the individual schools want to set up committees to help the schools with more parent participation.

Just because involvement is the key word for this year's P.T.A., it would be derelict not to mention the contributions that have been made to the schools by the officers, and members of past Parent Teacher Groups. The Farmville P.T.A. and the H. B. Sugg P.T.A. have certainly given more than their share of time and money to aid the schools. Some of the ways that the schools have been helped in the past are: contributions to the libraries, buying of pianos, and band equipment, first aid supplies, and other items that the schools were badly in need of.

Evidence of progress is all around us, that Farmville has come a long way in the past one hundred years. People in Farmville care, and that is important, but that is not new to the Farmville Parent Teacher Association, that is only part of the goal that was set up many years ago when this organization came into being. This same goal of cooperation, and striving to help our schools is still the "spirit of the P.T.A."

FARMVILLE LITERARY CLUB

On August 12, 1904, twelve Farmville women who felt the need of self-improvement, banded together and formed a Magazine Club, the oldest women's civic organization in town. The first president was Mrs. Stanley Smith. All charter members are deceased.

In 1910, the Club was federated with the North Carolina Women's Club and in 1919 the name of the Club was changed to the Literary Club. In 1929 it celebrated its Silver Anniversary and its Golden Anniversary in 1954. The Club is looking forward to its Diamond Celebration in 1979. During World War I, the members joined the Red Cross Auxiliary in a Body and was quite active in its work. For many years, it supported patients at Oteen in many ways. In the early years, contributions were made yearly to the Sallie Southall Cotton Loan Fund and the sale of Christmas Seals was sponsored by the Club. The most outstanding achievement of the Club was the part it played in the establishment of the Farmville Public Library. The Club in later years has been active in many civic projects such as contribution of books, equip-

ment and funds to the school and public libraries, sponsoring art and literary programs in the school, and working on many local and state projects.

The President for 1972 is Mrs. T. E. Anderson.

MODERN WOODMAN OF THE WORLD

This is one of the oldest organizations in the Town of Farmville having been organized and charter issued April 30, 1915 with approximately 12 members. The Charter listed the name as Farmville Modern Woodmen of the World with Mr. B. J. Skinner as Consul. Mr. Wiley C. Wooten, Sr. remained Secretary of this organization for 37 years. The present consul, or last one known, was Oscar Lee Erwin and at present there are twenty members.

MERRY MATRONS CLUB

One of the oldest organizations in Farmville is the Merry Matrons Club. The late Mrs. J. W. Parker, a charter member and one of the town's most charming and talented ladies of the past, described the coming together of this group of prominent matrons and social leaders, as a merry group meeting on a cold night in January 1919 at the home of Mrs. J. W. Lovelace to band themselves together for a respite from "the toiling day and night for dear husbands and sweet children", who were not forgotten as the ladies took along their needle-work and some darned socks.

The first regular meeting was held February 14, 1919 at the home of Mrs. Roscoe A. Fields and Mrs. W. M. Willis was elected president on this occasion. The meeting was described as gay and the hostess to further note the merriment of the meeting, used colorful bird feathers to garnish the refreshments of delicious homemade candies.

The club later stressed literary and social activities instead of needlework. According to the 1934 Spotlight published by the Farmville Enterprise, the following indicates interesting programs given at the club's meetings. Mrs. A. C. Monk told of her travels in Europe; Mrs. J. W. Parker described her visit to the World's Fair; Lt. D. A. Lovelace, U. S. N., son of Mrs. J. W. Lovelace, told of a recent cruise through the Panama Canal; Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, a former state president of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, told of her western N. C. trip and gave highlights of the state meeting in Asheville; her son "Bill" informed the club on Red Cross Life Saving.

Charter members of the club in addition to Mrs. Lovelace, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Fields were: Mrs. J. O. Pollard, Mrs. John Thorne, Mrs. B. O. Turnage, Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Sr., Mrs. Garland Holden, Mrs. Myrtle Dail Rouse, Mrs. Myrtle Bynum, Mrs. John T. Harris, Mrs. J. Lloyd Horton, Mrs. R. O. Lang, Mrs. W. Leslie Smith and Mrs. Wesley R. Willis.

BOY SCOUTING IN FARMVILLE

Scouting in Farmville began in 1919, when Ed Nash Warren and Bob Lang persuaded Mr. Walter Sheppard to become Scoutmaster. Today, Farmville has three troops, three cub packs and two explorer posts.

Troop 25, the oldest, has been sponsored by the Rotary Club since 1929. The Club built and financed a spacious Scout Hut in 1949 for the troop. Earlier meeting places were a wood frame scout cabin on Jones Street and later a log cabin which burned, at the J. Y. Monk Park.

Notable in service was Ed Nash Warren who served almost 30 years. Other Farmville Scoutmasters were Ford A. Burns, C. K. Ivey, J. H. Moore, J. J. Sutton, Lath Morris, Horton Rountree, Cedric Davis, Harold Flanagan, Bill Brady, S. E. Selby, and Joseph Phillips.

Farmville Eagle Scouts are Charles Rountree, Jack Horton, Horton Rountree, David E. Oglesby, Jr., Billy Oglesby, Earnest Barrett, Jr., C. L. Ivey, Jr., Marvin Horton, Harold Flanagan, Todd Holmes, J. I. Morgan, III, Scott Lang, Billy Eason, Ben Moore, George Cannon, Junior Cannon, Dawson Andrews, Jody Joyner.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

The Rebecca Winbourne Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, named for the maker of the first Confederate flag, was organized in 1921 with the following named officers: Miss Annie Perkins, president; Mrs. J. W. Parker, vice-president; Mrs. R. H. Knott, secretary; Miss Venetia Morrill, treasurer; and Miss Annie Laurie Lang, registrar.

This organization was noted for its observance of Confederate Memorial Days; their support of Confederate Veterans and Widows' Homes located in Raleigh and Fayetteville, N. C.; and for their placing of bronze markers at all Veterans graves designating their participation in the War.

This Chapter was disbanded in the year 1957 due to loss of membership.

FARMVILLE POST NO. 151 AMERICAN LEGION

In the year of 1923 during the summer months, quite a few World War I veterans of the Farmville Community began thinking in terms of organizing a Legion Post. At this time, the Pitt County Post No. 39 which had been in existence some two or three years was beginning to show considerable activity in the county. A few ex-servicemen from Farmville joined this Post, and it was becoming evident that the Farmville area could afford to organize and maintain a post of its own. In August of 1923, with the assistance of several members of the Greenville community

who were members of Post No. 39, Farmville Post No. 151 was organized. The following were its charter members: Deward W. May, B. L. Stokes, D. S. Barrett, T. H. Rouse, J. L. Harvey, William G. Hill, E. H. Marrow, W. J. Bundy, H. W. Turnage, W. D. Bryan, Jr., A. W. Bobbitt, DeWitt G. Allen, T. A. Smoot, Jr., W. D. Dildy, John Hill Paylor, and C. T. Marrow.

Headquarters and the meeting place for several years was in the Farmville Town Hall which was located at this time at 104 East Wilson Street. John Hill Paylor, who was one of the most faithful legionnaires of this county and area, was elected to serve as the first Commander of the Farmville Post. Paylor was not only the first commander of the Farmville Post, but he also served this post in more capacities than any other person up to the time of his death in 1965.

In the late 1920's or early 1930's it became necessary to vacate the quarters at 104 East Wilson Street and move the meeting place to a large room on the lower floor of the school. In the middle '30's the quarters moved to an upstairs room in the Horton Building. The downstairs was occupied by the Parker-Newton Drug Store. The post remained in this location until after the end of World War II. With the influx of new members, it was decided to purchase a large dwelling at 200 West Church Street. After a few years the Legion decided to purchase a lot near the ball park and the country club and erect a suitable building for its needs. The building located on Bynum Drive is now the Posts' Headquarters.

The present officers are Commander, William Oakes; 1st Vice-Commander, Herbert Moore; 2nd Vice-Commander, Glenn Price; Adjutant, Chester Outland; and Finance Officer, Grimes Lewis.

FARMVILLE GARDEN CLUB

The Farmville Garden Club was organized in February 1926 as a department of the Woman's Club and federated with the State Garden Club in 1935 when Miss Bettie Joyner was president.

Miss Tabitha M. DeVisconti served the club as its first president. Other presidents have been Mrs. T. E. Joyner, Sr., Miss Joyner, Mrs. E. F. Gainor, Mrs. Vernon Wilkerson, Mrs. A. C. Turnage, Mrs. L. E. Turnage, Mrs. Lionel R. Jones and Mrs. J. W. Miller, now serving. Several have served more than one term.

During Mrs. T. E. Joyner's term of office a landscape architect was secured to draw plans for the municipal park and the club has sponsored it supervising its maintenance and planting since that time. A tree has been planted for each president, magnolias, dogwoods and crabapples. A magnolia has been planted honoring Mrs. J. I. Morgan, an Honorary Member.

Among the important early projects was the sponsoring of a Rat Control Program. With help from State College, school children making posters showing rat destruction and an effective display in Askew's store window (now MorMac Building), rat control was begun in Farmville. Another project, a town wide clean-up campaign resulted in wire cages being placed in the alleys back of stores to prevent the scattering of trash.

The town's first park - a lovely wooded area where Mrs. Kate D. Johnson and Mrs. R. T. Williams now reside was sponsored by the club. The spot was filled with flowering dogwood and crabapples and many other lovely trees.

The club whose motto is "A More Beautiful Town" has inspired home owners to have green, well-kept lawns enhanced by shrubbery and trees and has influenced the town in keeping an attractive appearance.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Miller the club sponsored the organization of the Home and Lawn Garden Club in April 1968. Mrs. H. O. Bridgers, District Director attended the luncheon meeting and officiated when the club was installed.

A certificate of Honor is presented the club each year by the State Garden Club in appreciation of outstanding service.

Monetary contributions are made to State Garden Club projects: the Elizabethan Garden, Brunswick Trail Fragrance Garden for the Blind at Butner and the Boone Native Garden.

Arbor Day in March is fittingly observed by the planting of trees.

MAJOR BENJAMIN MAY CHAPTER

D. A. R.

With a fitting George Washington Program on February 23, 1926, at the home of Mrs. A. C. Monk, the Major Benjamin May Chapter was organized. Mrs. T. C. Turnage was the organizing regent. Other officers were: Mrs. W. H. Whitmore, Vice Regent; Mrs. C. E. Moore, Chaplain; Miss Ellen Lewis, Registrar; Miss Mary Barrett, Recording Secretary; Mrs. B. Streeter Sheppard, Historian; Mrs. A. C. Monk, Librarian and Miss Tabitha M. DeVisconti, Corresponding Secretary. Twenty five were enrolled as Charter Members.

In 1930 Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Monk donated a lot for the erection of a Chapter House on property owned by Major Benjamin May near the site of his own home.

The Chapter has had for its main project through the years Crossnore School, located in the mountains of North Carolina. Financial support and gifts of clothing have been sent each year. It presents a D. A. R. award to an outstanding R. O. T. C. student at East Carolina University each spring.

Outstanding among its many contributions, which have enriched the community's life and spirit, has been its dedication and erection of historical monuments.

November 19, 1925, a boulder and tablet commemorating the life and service of Major Benjamin May was erected near the Chapter House on land granted by the King of England to him and near the site of his home and burial ground.

In November 2, 1927, the Chapter and the Tyson Reunion Association placed a monument honoring Aaron Tyson pioneer Indian Fighter and Cornelius Tyson, patriot of the Colonial and Revolutionary period, East of Farmville on Highway 264.

In cooperation with the community on May 27, 1932, it sponsored Farmville's 60th Anniversary and also the George Washington Bi-Centennial. At this time a handsome boulder was placed near Lang's Cross Roads, marking the Old Plank Road and memorializing Alfred Moye, who held almost every office of trust in the county and was president of the Plank Road Association for its eleven years of existence.

In 1933 during the depression when tobacco warehouses were closed it sponsored the Golden Weed Celebration to lift the spirits of its townspeople.

Recently the Major Benjamin May Chapter placed and dedicated a plaque on the grave of Mrs. T. C. Turnage.

Officers of the Chapter at present are: Regent, Mrs. Charles H. Carr; Vice Regent, Mrs. Troy Rouse; Chaplain, Miss Elizabeth Lang; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Allen C. Darden, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Joyner; Treasurer, Mrs. J. O. Pollard, Registrar, Miss Tabitha DeVisconti; Historian, Mrs. R. T. Williams, Librarian, Mrs. Edward Hill.

EASTERN STAR - SUNBEAM CHAPTER NO. 49

The Ladies Lodge of the Livingstone Masons is named the Eastern Star, Sunbeam Chapter No. 49. These ladies organized in 1926 under the leadership of the first Matron Lillie Moye with Henry Moye as Patron. The organization has grown considerably in the 46 years since it was formed. The present Matron is Alice Ross and the Patron is William Foreman.

FARMVILLE ROTARY CLUB

The spirit of Rotary was planted in Farmville on February 15, 1922 when a handful of business and professional men met under the sponsorship of the Greenville (N. C.) Rotary Club with Cicero Ellen as Special Representative in the office of Dr. Paul E. Jones and laid the foundation of the Farmville Rotary Club which through the years has aided in the growth and development of our community, and has thus fulfilled the dreams and expectations of the founding group. At the time of its organization Farmville held the distinction of being the smallest town in the United States to have a Rotary Club.

The first officers of the Club were Dr. Paul E. Jones, President; George R. Wheeler, Vice President; G. A. Rouse, Secretary; David E. Oglesby, Treasurer; T. Carl Turnage, Mack D. Horton and Leonard B. Padgett served as Directors. Marvin V. Horton was the first Sergeant-At-Arms.

The Club was organized with 18 charter members. In addition to the officers, the other charter members were Walter G. Sheppard, W. Joseph Rasberry, Willie M. Willis, T. Eli Joyner, W. Leslie Smith, Alfred B. Moore, Jasper L. Shackelford, Richard A. Joyner, J. Irvin Morgan and James M. Wheelless. The Charter was presented on April 27, 1922 with District Governor Joe Turner delivering the address and 168 attending.

Among a few "Firsts" in the History of the Club are: 1st Rotarian to visit another Rotary Club - P. E. Jones and G. R. Wheeler; 1st Song Leader - Walter Sheppard; 1st Baby Rotarian - J. W. Holmes; 1st Weekly luncheon day - Tuesday (This is still the meeting day.); 1st Lady Guests - Rotary Anns on Charter Night; 1st To attend an International Convention - J. W. Holmes; who attended the convention in San Francisco in 1922; 1st Member to become District Governor - J. Irvin Morgan, Jr.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1947 the Farmville Rotary Club celebrated its Silver (25th) Anniversary with a banquet attended by Rotarians, Rotary Anns and their guests. Thirteen of the original eighteen charter members were present. Dr. John M. Mewborn presided and Dr. Paul E. Jones served as Toastmaster. The address of the evening was delivered by Dr. Sylvester Greene.

During more recent years Jesse W. Moyer and John B. Lewis have served the District as Governors.

The Farmville Rotary Club has sponsored and completed many worthwhile projects - projects which have been interwoven with Farmville's progress and the welfare of its citizens. Our Club is growing, and as it continues to grow and develop it is always mindful of its motto: "Service Above Self" - "He Profits Most Who Serves Best."

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The members of the American Legion Auxiliary are a group of women whose membership is limited to mothers, sisters, wives, daughters and granddaughters of veterans who are members of the American Legion, along with those women who served in the armed forces. The organization is dedicated to the service of veterans of World Wars I and II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict, their families and the local community, state and nation.

The Farmville Unit, No. 151, was organized Feb. 10, 1930. There were sixteen charter members with Mrs. W. D. Bryan as president. Three of these original members are still active in the auxiliary, Mrs. LeRoy Rollins, Mrs. Carl Tyson and Mrs. Milton Eason.

The auxiliary maintains two fund raising projects - the Poppy Sale, which is usually conducted on the Saturday before Memorial Day, and the serving of monthly suppers to the American Legion.

Proceeds from these projects enable the auxiliary to participate in community, state and national administrative programs. Support is given to the Mental Health, United Fund, March of Dimes and Red Cross drives, Veterans Hospitals, the Farmville Child Development Center, and needy school children's lunch program.

Two high school Juniors are sent to Girls State in Greensboro each June for a weeks training in responsible citizenship and government.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood and Mrs. Sallie Southall Cotton founded the Farmville Women's Club in the early 1920's and was instrumental in the founding of the Farmville Junior Women's Club in 1931. Mrs. Hobgood shortly became president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Through the years the Club has sponsored many worthwhile projects. Among these are the Sallie Southall Cotton Loan Fund, Children's Home, Caswell Training School, HOPE, UNICEF, Boys Home and in recent years the Farmville Child Development Center.

For years the Club's special project has been the Little Red School Nursery and Kindergarten which was begun in the year 1951. These classes were held for several years in the Farmville Girl Scout with Sallie Maud Bland and Martha Davenport as first teachers. Later this school was moved to the Farmville Methodist Church where it was operated until 1956. Mrs. Horton Rountree was president and Mrs. A. W. Smith was kindergarden chairman when the original school house was erected in 1956 on Horton Street. In 1969 a new enlarged building was erected in the same vicinity. Mrs. Joe Kue

was Building Chairman of the new school, Mrs. Emile LaCoste was Club President, and Mrs. Dan Heizer and Mrs. Joe Horton were trustees for the building. In the same year the Club's income doubled due to the sponsoring of an antique show and a house tour. Mrs. John B. Lewis, Jr. and Mrs. William H. Farrior, Co-Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee were outstanding in the promotion of these events. Charity Balls have also been given through the years by this Club.

The Club's President serves on the Town's Commission for Community Improvement and the Club is actively involved in all the community activities and events.

Mrs. Sam Wainwright, Jr. is the president of the Club; Mrs. W. R. Newton, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. W. C. Mercer, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Jim Craft, Jr., 3rd Vice-President; Mrs. Walter Moffit, Treasurer, and Mrs. Vance Taylor, Historian.

GIRL SCOUTS

The first Girl Scouts of Farmville were members of a troop organized by Miss Evelyn Horton. The troop disbanded during the period Miss Horton resided in Washington, D. C., but was reorganized upon her return to Farmville in 1933 and was sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club. Miss Horton (Mrs. John B. Wright, Jr.) Miss Frances Joyner (the late Mrs. Frances Spencer Harper) and Miss Malette Greene (Mrs. R. C. Dodson) were leaders.

Girl Scouting became inactive again for a period but was re-activated in 1945 when Mrs. R. T. Williams was president of the Junior Woman's Club, the sponsoring organization. Under the leadership of Mrs. Williams the Girl Scouts became affiliated with the Eastern N. C. Girl Scout Council and through her continued interest its membership has grown and its activities expanded.

Some of the early assistants and troop leaders were: Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. J. M. Mewborn, Miss Mamie Davis, Mrs. H. D. Johnson, Mrs. Edgar Barrett and Mrs. J. M. Carraway. Mrs. Barrett, who served as a scout leader for 25 years, was honored by a special ceremony at the hut, before her retirement several years ago.

The Girl Scout hut, meeting place for the girls on North Contentnea Street, was built in 1949 in joint sponsorship by the Scouts and the Junior Woman's Club. Generous contributions including the site given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Monk, the initial cash donation by Dr. R. T. Williams and many other gifts including furnishings made the building possible. Mrs. Carroll D. Oglesby and Mrs. J. M. Carraway were co-chairmen of the building committee and Mr. Lewis Allen, Treasurer.

Mrs. William Gordon is now serving as Coordinating Chairman of Farmville Activities; Mrs. Cedric Davis is Community Neighborhood Chairman; Mrs. Harold Flanagan Troop Organizer

and Mr. Jack Connell, Service Committee Chairman. Troop leaders are Mrs. Jack Farrior, Mrs. Charles Carr, Mrs. R. T. McGaughey and Mrs. Johnny Thorne.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce was organized in 1938 by citizens interested in the betterment of business relations in the Town. There were 20 charter members headed by George W. Davis as president. The first executive-secretary was W. R. Willis. The membership has grown to 120 with Emile J. LaCoste as President this year. Louis N. Williams is the executive secretary and has served in this capacity for thirteen year.

FARMVILLE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

In 1935, fifty interested citizens of the Town of Farmville each purchased a \$100 share of stock in order to buy land for a nine hole golf course. The land was purchased from Mr. A. C. Monk and the course was constructed basically as it is presently. Since there was no Clubhouse at that time, a small caddy and pro shop was constructed directly behind the Number 9 green under the trees.

The Clubhouse was begun in 1936. The original building was constructed from the hardwood cypress trees that were cut from the land owned by the Club. The addition of the right wing became necessary as the Club membership grew.

In September of 1963 the Farmville Country Club was reorganized and incorporated as the Farmville Golf and Country Club. Since this time the membership has grown by leaps and bounds. Recently the Board of Directors has decided to limit its memberships to 300 members. It is expected this membership will be reached before June of 1972.

In 1970, the Club began the massive job of reorganization and expansion of its facilities. A swimming pool has been built, as well as two championship tennis courts. Presently the Clubhouse is being remodeled and enlarged. An additional nine holes are also being added to make the course a full eighteen holes.

The first President of the Board of Directors in 1935 was George Davis and Secretary-Treasurer was Cecil Lilly. The present Board of Directors is headed by Carl Venters with Bob Hunt, Vance Taylor, Jack Connell, Al Smith, Graham Talbott, Carter Smith, Tom Paterson, and H. D. Jefferson, who is treasurer.

The Club has a monthly NEWSFLASH which is mailed to all members. A weekly article in the Farmville Enterprise entitled FCC Chatter 'n Chips announces weekly activities. The information for these is collected and printed by Sallie Eason, who also acts as Secretary for the Board of Directors.

KIWANIS CLUB

The Farmville Kiwanis Club of Kiwanis International whose motto is "We Build" and whose objectives are to give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life, and to encourage the daily living of the golden rule in all human relation, was sponsored by the Greenville Kiwanis Club and organized Feb. 5, 1945. They received their charter March 26, 1945 from Sam D. Bundy, Governor of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International, who presided at the gala affair, for the following 27 charter members and their wives. Frank K. Allen, Lewis W. Allen, Ted Albritton, W. Alex Allen, Seth T. Barrow, Alton W. Bobbitt, John D. Dixon, Dr. G. L. Gilchrist, Elbert C. Holmes, Charles Hotchkiss, Henry D. Johnson, C. Hubert Joyner, James W. Joyner, Owen Lemmon, B. F. Lewis, Ben M. Lewis, S. T. Lewis, W. A. Martin, Fred C. Moore, H. D. Moye, Sr., Robert G. Ruffin, J. T. Sutton, Jr., F. W. Satterwaite, G. E. Trevathan, Louis N. Williams, Dr. R. T. Williams and Zeb M. Whitehurst.

The main project of the club has been a scholarship loan fund made possible by an annual 2 day carnival, proceeds from which 48 students have been helped with their higher education. Other projects include sale of fruit cakes, Halloween candy, brunswick stew, baseball games and golf tournaments, all proceeds going to help little league teams, boy scouts, girl scouts, high school band, Boys Home, Caswell Training School, Local Child Development Center and other deserving youth organizations.

A senior citizen award has been awarded since 1962 for service and interest in Farmville and community to the following -- Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, Mr. T. C. Turnage, Mr. Lewis W. Godwin, Mrs. J. B. Joyner, Mr. W. A. McAdams, Mr. Manly Liles, Dr. Paul E. Jones, Prof. H. B. Sugg, Mr. Arch Flanagan and Mr. Ed Nash Warren.

Mrs. L. E. Flowers catered the club weekly dinners from 1945 to 1971 -- 26 years.

The following served as presidents: Dr. R. T. Williams, Charles Hotchkiss, W. Alex Allen, Louis Williams, John C. Parker, Frank Allen, Charles Edwards, Glasgow Smith, Bernice Turnage, Lewis Allen, Dr. S. H. Aycock, Barney Bland, Jim Hockaday, George Moye, Harold Rouse, George Allen, Tommy Willis, Tom Anderson, Bob Hauser, Jack Daniell, W. A. Martin, James Moore, H. B. Humphrey, John Barefoot, Joby Griffin, Don Johnson, W. A. Allen, III and Jack Connell -- in the order listed.

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

The Order of the Eastern Star was organized by Dr. Rob Morris about 1949-50 while he was principal at Richland, Mississippi. Membership is composed of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, granddaughters, step-mothers, step-daughters and step-sisters of Master Masons; and Master Masons.

Much of the work of the order is ritualistic based on the Scripture which portrays the lives of the heroines of the order.

Farmville Chapter No. 146 was chartered June 12th, 1946. The original name of this chapter was Alice Harper Parker Chapter No. 146, consisting of twenty-six charter members. Mrs. Clara Modlin Flanagan was the first Worthy Matron and Mr. William Edward Joyner the first Worthy Patron.

The two main charatics of the organization are the support of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro, North Carolina and the Oxford Orphanage at Oxford, North Carolina.

BURNETTE ROUSE VFW POST NO. 9081

This VFW Post was organized in February of 1947. The object of its organization is well exemplified in Article I of their Constitution which states "The objects of this Association are Fraternal, Patriotic, Historical and Educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades, to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and Laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the Institutions of American Freedom; and to preserve the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever."

The elected officers of the Post are J. C. Morgan, Commander; Blaney Wooten, Sr., Vice-President; Harry May, Jr., Vice-President; Quartermaster, S. C. Dickinson; Advocate, Harry May; Chaplain, Charley Brann; and Surgeon, Alford Heller.

AMERICAN LEGION MARVIN TYSON POST 372

The Marvin Tyson Post 372 American Legion was organized in 1948 by Herbert Joyner. The members in return for his diligence and hard work elected him as the first Commander of their organization. Their meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Ideal Cleaners building. The present Commander is Annias I. Smith.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MARVIN TYSON POST 372

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Marvin Tyson Post 372 works together with their brother organization to help with contributions to the Central Orphanage, H. B. Sugg School, and to help sick and distressed people. The Auxiliary was organized in 1949 by Sallie Dupree who was also the first President. Their meetings are held on the first Wednesday night of the month in the Ideal Cleaners Building. The President at this time is Mrs. Lillie Parker.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

The Social Service League was organized in 1950, by a group of women "graduates" of the Junior Women's Club, wishing to continue community service as a group, and also to be affiliated with the Federation of Women's Clubs on both State and National levels.

Much interest was shown in the organization and eighteen charter members attended the first meeting held in the home of Mrs. W. A. Allen with Mrs. J. M. Mewborn presiding. Other officers were Mrs. W. A. Allen, Vice-President; Mrs. H. D. Jefferson, Secretary; and Mrs. W. J. Moye, Treasurer.

At this meeting Mrs. J. M. Carraway, Project Chairman, stated that vocational guidance in the High School had been selected as a project. The Club instituted this program in the Farmville High School with the assistance of school officials and the East Carolina University Department of Student Affairs. Mrs. Frank Allen and Mrs. J. M. Carraway were the Co-Chairmen of this project and Miss Elizabeth Edwards came to Farmville High School as the first guidance counselor.

The Club continues its service in the fields of conservation, education, art, home life, and public and international affairs. The Farmville Child Development Center's Board of Directors has given special recognition to the League for aid to the Center during the past two years.

Mrs. W. J. Moye served as District 15 president and Mrs. Frank K. Allen served as secretary for a term. Mrs. Moye also served as chairman of several State Federation Committees.

The Charter members were: Margaret Allen, Dorothy Allen, Clara Belle Flanagan, Pearl Johnson, Letty Garner, Aline Nolen, Eloise Moye, Grace Carraway, Margaret Mewborn, Dorothy Moye, Juanita Williams, Mary Francis Lewis, Lucy Lewis, Elizabeth Pollard, Sue Holmes, Virginia Cayton, Mary Friar Harris and Greta Petteway.

LION'S CLUB

The Farmville Lion's Club was organized on November 25, 1955 and Chartered January 20, 1956, being sponsored by the Wilson Lion's Club.

The Farmville Club like all Lion's Clubs is under structure set up by Lion's International. Activities of the Club are predominately humanitarian. Among the national projects sponsored by the local Club are CARE, a program for helping the poor around the free world; White-Cane, assistance to the blind; Boy's Home at Lake Waccamore; and Camp Dogwood, which was built by the North Carolina Lions Clubs and is a summer camp for the blind.

The Club seeks opportunities to give aid where it is needed. One of its outstanding contributions to Farmville is through its Rescue Squad truck. The Club stresses service undertaken with the joy of serving.

Dr. A. W. Smith was elected the first president. Sam Hobgood is the current president and the other officers are as follows: Secretary-Treasurer, H. M. Leckie, Harry Byers, 1st Vice-President; Otis Oakley, 2nd Vice-President; J. T. Walston, Taitwister; W. C. Wooten, Jr., Lion Tamer. The Directors are J. A. Wooten, Jr., W. A. Norman, Marl Oakley, and Edgar Thomas.

FARMVILLE ART SOCIETY

In the Spring of 1961, Eloise Moye Kinsaul and Grace Carraway contacted Harold Allred, a local artist, and at the time, City Clerk, about the possibility of art instruction for Farmville. Mr. Allred contacted two other local artist, Clara Flanagan and Dan Morgan, who agreed to help in organizing and teaching a painting class. Among the many others who assisted in getting the class started were Mrs. Alice Harper McDavid, Mrs. Lucille Modlin, Paul Allen III, Mrs. Sam Lewis, Mrs. Walter Jones and Mrs. Emerson Smith. The Boy Scout Hut was secured as a place of instruction.

There was an enthusiastic response to the activity, which was made possible as a part of the town's Summer Recreation Program. James T. Lang was Chairman of the Recreation Commission at the time. Seventy-five members, enrolled in the first class. At the end of the summer the class disbanded but interest in painting continued and a place for instruction was obtained on the 2nd floor of the MorMac building through the courtesy of Dan Morgan and Bob McGaughey.

An art society grew out of this second painting class. The first Board of Directors were: Mrs. McDavid, Chairman, Mrs. Kinsaul, Mrs. Carraway and Mr. Allen. The first juried show of the painting class works was held in the Armory in the fall of 1963. Mrs. McDavid and Mrs. T. E. Joyner, Sr. were Co-Chairmen.

Six years after its beginning, an art center became a reality through a generous gift of Mrs. Sue Todd Holmes in memory of her husband Elbert Carmack Holmes. The Art Center was dedicated October 29, 1967. Mrs. Virginia Frost was chairman of the building committee which also included Carl Beamon and Mrs. Letty Garner.

Miss Flanagan and Mr. Morgan have been instructors of the painting classes since the beginning. The 1972 officers are: Mrs. Mildred Fitzgerald, Pres.; Mrs. Gatsy Owens, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Sylvia Moore, Sec., and Mrs. Rebecca Owens, Treas.

Joe Melton is Chairman of the Board of Directors and others serving on the board are: Mrs. Emily Oakley, Mrs. Leymon Holmes, Mrs. Faye Heath, Mrs. Virginia Frost, Mrs. Aileen Fowler, and Ed Gagnon.

THE FARMVILLE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club was established around 1963 by the Jaycees. Tom Bullock was Chairman of the committee set up by the Jaycees to organize the Club. There were about 25 charter members and over the years this number has grown. The first president was Robert D. Rouse, Jr. Carl Venters is the president this year. The objective of the Athletic Booster Club is to promote athletics at Farmville High School (now Farmville Central) through participation of the members in various projects and to help support the athletic program financially through the sale of tickets and membership fees. The Club has helped to involve the entire community of Farmville in supporting the athletic program and to this end has helped to instill good citizenship, fairplay, and the ethics of good sportsmanship into the lives of the youth of this community through adult leadership and example.

LADIES AUXILIARY TO BURNETTE & ROUSE POST 9081

The ladies Auxiliary to Burnette and Rouse Post No. 9081, veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Farmville, North Carolina was instituted January, 1966. The installing officer was Mrs. Carrie West of Greenville, Post, who helped organize the Auxiliary. There were 19 charter members, which membership has increased to 43 at the present time. Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary is limited to mothers, wives, sisters, half-sisters, daughters of deceased or honorably discharged men who served in the armed forces on foreign soil during time of war.

The local Auxiliary has been active in all programs as set forth by the National and State organizations and has been awarded citations each year for 100% participation in all required programs. Special recognition by the National and State V.F.W. are awards as follows: Buddy Poppy Americanism Community Service; V.F.W. National Home O'Berry Center; Gold Star Mothers program; N. C. Cottage and Cancer Aid and Research program. What better way can we live up to the V. F. W. Motto? "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living".

BAND BOOSTERS CLUB

In 1948 the Farmville High School band was started by Louis Williams, President of Kiwanis Club during that year. His main objective was to promote a band program. The merchants, outside wholesalers, P. T. A. and various organizations raised \$16,000.00 to get the Farmville program started. Sam D. Bundy was principal of the school at this time.

Our first band director was Newton C. Manehout who came from Fort Union, Virginia. He stayed here and was band instructor for a period of seven years at which time W. A. Glasco replaced him. During the time that the following band director of the Farmville school, James Furr, was here, the band boosters club was organized which was in the year 1967. John B. Eason was elected President that first year. Mrs. Carroll Modlin, vice president, Mrs. Joe D. Joyner, secretary and H. B. Humphrey, treasurer. These people remained in office from 1968 until 1970.

1972 President is Mrs. Bryan Pippin, The Band Booster Club is the sole support of the Farmville Central High School Band.

In May of 1971, S. L. Starcher, originally from Asheboro and graduate of E.C.U. joined us. He has become an asset to the entire band program during the short time that he has been here. He has worked diligently both day and night, but his reward has been of great abundance. Since he has been here he has promoted a 14 unit color guard with Debbie Wooten as commander and Donna Joyner as assistant.

When we moved into our new Farmville Central High School building, Mr. Starcher was made Head Band Director with Willie Morris as assistant. Our colors and band uniforms were changed to black and gold. The black bushies added distinction to our band.

The band entertained at all home football games and also participated in homecoming at the school, and Band Day at E. C. U., placing second in competition. We placed second in the Christmas parade in Richlands, N. C. and captured first place in the Greenville Christmas parade.

Our Concert band will be going to a contest festival in Rocky Mount in March, 1972. The color guard unit will be in competition in March at Wallace, N. C. Our annual spring concert consisting of elementary, Junior high and Senior high will be held in the spring.

The Band Boosters Club has sponsored horse shows, sold refreshments at ball games and many other money making projects to support the band in all things, with all profits from benefits reverting back into uniforms, transportation and instruments.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The Salvation Army Service Unit of Farmville, N.C. was organized in 1968, receiving its certificate of organization on October 8, 1968. Dr. Charles E. Fitzgerald was elected chairman, H. B. Humphrey, vice chairman, Mrs. Dan Heizer, secretary, and Rev. Tom Taylor, welfare secretary.

The Farmville Unit is a locally based part of the Pitt County Salvation Army. It provides emergency assistance to the needy and has special Christmas giving of food baskets and toys. The Police Department and the Ministerial Association play an important role by referring those in need to the welfare secretary and assisting him in fulfilling the needs.

People of all ages have helped, especially with the Christmas program, and many have contributed by private donations as well as through the United Fund.

The present officers are Chairman, Jack Tyson; Vice Chairman, H. B. Humphrey; Secretary, Mrs. Dan Heizer, and Welfare Secretary, Rev. Marion Lark.

THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Because of a growing consciousness of needs of those of the Farmville community who have reached retirement age or the more mature years, the idea was born to provide some activity especially for them. Therefore, the idea was presented to the Social Action and Community Service Committee of First Christian Church (chaired by Grey Chesson), by the minister, Rev. Jack M. Daniell. The committee discussed the idea and then presented a recommendation to the church board for approval and support. After board approval, an organizational meeting was called for the second Thursday in October, 1969.

Only eight persons attended the initial meeting, but enthusiasm was high. For a year the group met, having a wide variety of programs including flower arranging, fruit arranging, fruit arranging, slides of Hawaii, Christmas workshop, school day memories, Valentine's Day and the meaning of Easter. At each meeting, the group gathers around the piano for old fashion hymn singing, and inspirational moments.

The group also enjoys a covered dish luncheon each month.

After one year of meeting at the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church, the club began to grow and expand and the minister of the First Baptist Church became interested and invited the group to share the facilities at that church. Membership is open to any person who is interested.

The club is now in its third year. There are no officers or committees - those interested come together for fellowship, information, and service. The Club often does small favors and services for others such as the shut-ins in the community, the Pine Haven Nursing Home and the Child Developmental Center. The average attendance is approximately twenty-two.

HOME AND LAWN GARDEN CLUB

The Home and Lawn Garden Club was organized in 1969 for the purpose of education, beautification and community improvement and has been awarded the Certificate of Honor each year by the N. C. Garden Clubs, Inc. Mrs. William Gordon served as the club's first president and was succeeded in 1970 by Mrs. A. D. McArthur, Jr.

Community projects include the landscaping of the triangle on North Waverly Street, the planting of dogwood trees at the Little Red School and also a gift of a bird feeder to the kindergarten. The club also helps support financially the Elizabethian Gardens, Daniel Boone Gardens and World Gardening (CARE).

In December 1971, the club, along with the Farmville Garden Club, decorated the D A R Chapter House for an 18th Century Tea using candlelight and decorations of fresh greenery and fruit in the Williamsburg tradition.

The 1971 Membership includes: Mrs. A. D. McArthur, Jr., President; Mrs. Charles Carr, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Moses Moye, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Dan Heizer, 3rd Vice President; Mrs. Charles Joyner, Secretary; Mrs. Tom Hardy, Treasurer; Mrs. James Bennett, Historian; Mrs. Horace Allen, Mrs. W. H. Farrior, Mrs. W. N. Gordon, Mrs. J. B. Lewis, Jr., Mrs. W. C. Mercer, Mrs. George C. Moye, Mrs. R. T. McGaughey, Mrs. E. C. Perkins, Mrs. Robert Pierce, Mrs. B. H. Pope, Jr., Mrs. B. B. Warren.

FARMVILLE JAYCEES

The Farmville Jaycees were chartered on February 2, 1971, with 23 interested members. Since their chapter was organized the Jaycees have worked on a number of projects for community improvement. Among these are the Heart Fund, repair to the Monk Park, purchase of an air conditioner for the Child Development Center, began a Jaycee Little League Farm Team, Cancer Fund Drive, and the sponsorship of a child at the Boys Home for Christmas.

The Jaycees also offer personal development for the individual member through such programs as speak-up, which helps to develop speaking ability in each individual, and offering the opportunity for leadership training by being the chairman for one of the Jaycee projects.

Present officers are James Pollard, President; Internal Vice-President, Gene Gray; External Vice-President, John Baker; Secretary, Jim Craft, Jr., Treasurer, Robert Starling; Directors, Jeff Butler, Ken Wainwright; State Director, Chester Ellis.

FARMVILLE JAY-C-ETTES

In May, 1971, at the Farmville Jaycees installation of officers, a guest speaker talked on the organization of the Jay-C-Ettes. This talk inspired some of the wives of the Jaycees to start a Jay-C-Ette Club in Farmville.

In August the interested wives of the Jaycees met and elected officers as follows: Mrs. Jim P. Craft, Jr., President; Mrs. Gene Gray, Vice-President; Mrs. Johnny Lowe, Secretary; Mrs. Jeff Butler, Treasurer; Mrs. Wallace Parry, Reporter; and Mrs. Dan Brooks, Mrs. Chester Ellis, and Mrs. Andy Martin, Jr. were selected as Board of Directors.

The Jay-C-Ettes give generously of their time and financial support to the projects of this community. They have given to the Child Development Center, Operation Santa Claus, and to a foster child for Christmas. They have also participated in the Jaycees Gold Tournament and March of Dimes drive. Candy was sold to raise money for these projects.

The monthly meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month in the Town of Farmville Library at 7:30 P.M.

N. C. EMBROIDERER'S GUILD, FARMVILLE UNIT

The North Carolina Embroiderer's Guild is an educational, non-profit organization whose purpose is to bring together those who appreciate the values of fine needlework and allows them to exchange ideas and techniques. The Guild was organized on August 23, 1971 by interested needlewomen from Greenville and Farmville with Mrs. Joseph Downing as our organizer and President. Other officers elected to serve with her were Mrs. Richard Worsley, Vice-President; Mrs. Charles Joyner, Secretary; Mrs. Bert Warren, Treasurer; and Mrs. M. D. Heizer, Program Chairman. The Guild endeavors to set and maintain high standards of design, color and workmanship in all kinds of embroidery and canvas work.

Two statewide meetings will be held each year as well as additional area meetings and workshops, according to the desires of the members. Emphasis will be put upon the creating of fine heritage needlework and on bringing to the members displays of quality materials with sources of availability. Speakers for the state meetings will be well known embroiderers and designers. The North Carolina Embroiderer's Guild is a member of the Embroiderers Guild of America, Inc. and each member receives a quarterly publication entitled "Needle Arts".



Jaycees: Jeff Butler, Jimmy Pollard and Gene Gray, John B. Lewis, Jr., Pres. Child Development Center.



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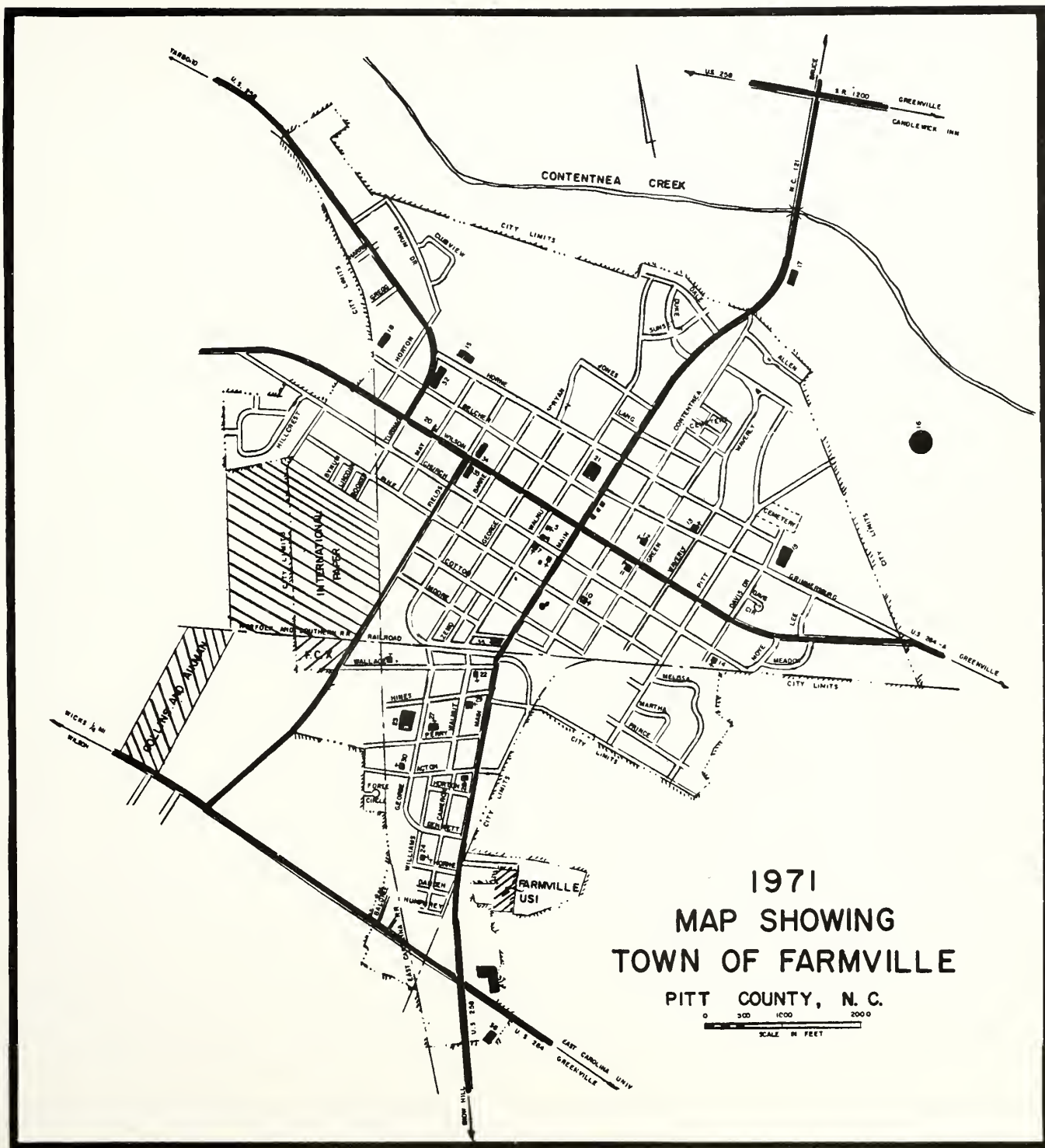
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