

Cafe Sanitation Is At Low Point In County Inspector Petty Says

Recent Inspections Start Cafe Owners on Big Cleanup Task

A survey of food and lodging establishments just completed in Martin county by the State Board of Health puts the county practically at the bottom of the thirteen counties in this sanitary district with an average before three inspections of 73 1-2 per cent. A. W. Petty, district sanitarian, said this week. By way of comparison, Beaufort and Dare counties usually average about 85 per cent. Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde run above 80 per cent without Grade A milk which adds 9 1-2 per cent, and Bertie and Chowan average in the middle 80's, he added.

The grades before reinspections ran as follows: Grade A: The Dunning Place, 92.5; James Tourist Home, 91.5; George Reynolds Hotel, 90. Grade B: Culpepper's, 81; Sparrow's, 81; Mickey's Inn, 80. Grade C: Welcome Inn, 77.5; Roamer's Green, 75.5; Atlantic Hotel, 73; Sunnyside Inn, 71.5.

The following were closed temporarily or until improvements were effected: Williamston Cafe, 64.5; Jones Filling Station, 60.5. New places inspected were given a short period of grace to meet requirements. These include, Leggett's, 68.5, and three cafes in Robersonville namely: Harrell's Cafe, 61; Jim's Quick Lunch, 54; Bullocks Lunch 54.

These inspections were made by A. W. Petty, district sanitarian for the State Board of Health together with Mr. C. A. Leonard, sanitary officer of Martin County Health department. Mr. Leonard will make regular monthly inspections from now on in addition to the annual or semi-annual state inspections and will attempt to improve conditions throughout the county.

Three places have new state ratings, having cleaned up since the above inspections were made. These are, Welcome Inn, advancing from 77.5 to 94.0 (Grade A and the highest in the county. Jones Filling Station improved from 60.5 to 90.0, and the Williamston Cafe from 64.5 to 87.5.

Accepts Call To Episcopal Church

Rev. John Hardy, young minister who is now serving the Episcopal church in Washington County, has accepted a call to the Church of the Advent here, succeeding Rev. E. F. Moseley who tendered his resignation several weeks ago to accept a call to the church at Kinston. Rev. Mr. Hardy will enter upon his new duties here on Wednesday of next week, it was announced. Rev. Mr. Moseley, who has served the churches in this county for the past five years or more, leaves next week for Kinston.

The new minister is a native eastern Carolinian, and his resignation was accepted with reluctance by members of the church in Creswell where he has carried on a splendid work during the past several years.

Last Rites Today For Wreck Victim

Funeral services are being conducted in the Macedonia Christian Church this afternoon for Robert Coltrain who was fatally hurt when struck by a hit-and-run driver here last Saturday night. The youth, 13 years old last August, died in a Washington hospital Sunday afternoon.

Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the local Christian church, is conducting the last rites. Interment will follow in a new cemetery on the Peck farm in Bear Grass township.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coltrain, he is survived by three brothers, Charles, Jr., Horace and Cecil Coltrain, and one sister, Millie Coltrain.

Farmers Will Vote on Crop Quotas March 12

POULTRY

Martin County farmers shipped cooperatively to the northern markets last week 22,539 pounds of live poultry, the office of the farm agent referring to the shipment as the largest made from this section in recent years. The farmers received nearly \$4,000 or \$3,966.53. More than 9,000 pounds were loaded at Robersonville and Oak City last Friday and Saturday, the farmers delivering 13,499 pounds to the car at Jamesville and Williamston on the two previous days.

Martin-Beaufort Boundary Survey Is Made Complete

Long-standing Controversy Is Now Considered Settled

The Martin-Beaufort boundary line, for many years a bone of contention, is now definitely established, surveyors pointing out there's nothing left about the line to argue about in the years to come. The boundary line dispute is probably half a hundred years old, and on several occasions efforts were made by authorities of first one county and then the other to settle it. A starting point was finally advanced some twenty-five years ago, but no attempt to really determine the line location was made until Beaufort entered a claim to a big slice of territory in Jamesville and Griffins Townships. Recognition of that claim would have placed Smithwicks Creek church and thousands of acres of land in Beaufort. The claim caused serious consideration on the part of Martin County commissioners and they joined Beaufort authorities in an effort to have the line surveyed and definitely located.

A commission, after lengthy investigations, denied Beaufort's claim and order the line surveyed to meet Martin County's claim. The survey was completed just a few days ago by Messrs. Sylvester Peel, of this county, and Dick Leach, of Washington, N. C. During a long number of months, the surveyors worked at every opportunity in establishing the line over the course of approximately 25 miles. Had they been able to work without interruption, the surveyors could have completed the task in about two months.

The line does not begin at the head of Welch's Creek as generally believed, one of the surveyors pointing out that the old established marker is nearly a mile down the creek. Running its various courses, the line borders Jamesville, Griffins, Bear Grass Townships, touching Turkey Swamp and running thence with that swamp to the Pitt county line.

Fourteen stone markers have been ordered and they will be located on the line within the next few weeks.

No estimate on the cost of the survey is available, but it will run well into the several hundreds of dollars, it is believed.

Eastern Chamber Commerce Planning Branch Office Here

The location of a branch office of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce in Williamston is receiving serious consideration, officials of the organization told a number of Martin County citizens at an informal conference held in a local hotel last evening. A committee composed of Messrs. J. L. Hassell, Hugh G. Horton and Elbert S. Peel, was named to appear before the local Lions and Kiwanis clubs and explain the proposed opening of the branch office and outline the needs for its support.

"North Carolina is spending a quarter of a million dollars," M. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Commerce body said, "and to reap the most benefit from that advertising fund, this section should advance plans to localize the program in so far as it is possible to do so," he continued. The location of a branch office in Williamston will head pro-

Fate of Agriculture Is Placed in Hands Of Dirt Farmers

Approximately 3,000 Growers in County Eligible to Vote

The fate of agriculture in the future will be largely determined on Saturday, March 12, when cotton and tobacco growers under the new Agricultural Adjustment act of 1938 vote for or reject marketing quotas for the two main crops. An unfavorable vote will invalidate or destroy that section of the agricultural act providing marketing quotas since the act itself provides that if more than one-third of the producers voting in a referendum vote against the quotas, they will not go into effect. That there will be some strong opposition to the bill is almost certain from some growers, but it is believed Martin farmers will support the program.

Complete plans for holding the referendum have not been formulated, but it is likely that the farmers will be asked to visit the regular election polling places and participate in the balloting which will be under the supervision of county committees of Agricultural Conservation association. Separate ballots will be provided for cotton and tobacco, and the voting places will be held open about 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. Each community is to select three farmers of its section to be in charge of the balloting.

Any farmer growing cotton or tobacco or both during last year is eligible to vote, but the farmer who grew no cotton and did grow tobacco last year will not be able to vote in the cotton referendum, and vice versa. There are approximately 3,000 farmers, including white and colored tenants, in this county and all of them are almost certain to be eligible to vote. No matter how many farms a landlord may own, he is entitled to only one vote.

A landlord, while not actively engaged in any farming activities, is entitled to one vote under the rules governing the referendum, it was pointed out by a representative of the agricultural administration.

Should the farmers approve the marketing quotas, North Carolina would be allowed to raise between 450,000,000 and 500,000,000 pounds of flue-cured leaf without penalty. This quota would be divided up among the counties, according to past production, and then apportioned to individual farms.

If a grower should market more than his quota, he will be forced to pay a penalty. In the case of tobacco, the penalty for marketing above the farmer's quota is 50 per cent of the sale price, or three cents a pound, whichever is higher.

Half-Thousand Present For John Deere Field Day Event

Half-thousand people, mostly farmers from Martin and surrounding counties, attended and enjoyed a big field day program of the John Deere company sponsored by the Lindsley Ice company, dealers, here last Saturday afternoon. The high school auditorium where the program was held was taxed to capacity.

Special moving pictures were shown, but features on the program were various contests which the farmers participated in.

Griffins Farmers Greatly Interested In Power Project

Believe Proposed Project Will Have United Support

The proposed construction of a rural light and power line into the Farm Life section of Griffins Township was given strong support at a meeting of around fifty citizens in the school there last Friday evening. It was quite evident that the people there are interested in having an electric service, and that they are willing to cooperate in advancing the project.

Reviewing a preliminary survey of the territory the proposed line will service, R. H. Goodmon, manager of the Virginia Electric and Power company's office here, explained that a guarantee of approximately \$135 a month would be necessary to finance the project. Approximately two-thirds of that amount was pledged at the meeting and committees are completing the canvass this week, reports stating that the undertaking continues to meet with success.

"If the contracts are executed within the next few days, we can go forward in effecting plans for starting construction of the line within thirty days," Mr. Goodmon said yesterday. The project can be handled in about two weeks after right-of-way easements are secured and a final survey is completed, Mr. Goodmon added.

The proposed line will be about nine miles long and has fifty potential customers. If the necessary contracts are executed, the line will tap the extension at Lilley Brothers' store, running thence to J. J. Manning's, thence by W. A. Manning's, Jordan Peel's, A. C. Roberson's, Farm Life school and terminating at Gurkin's store.

A definite decision in connection with advancing or rejecting the project is expected within the next few days or just as soon as the canvass for contracts is completed.

Peanut Growers To Seek Control For Crop This Season

Plans for Proposed Control Program Is Made Last Week in Raleigh

Almost certain that acreage taken out of tobacco and cotton under the 1938 farm bill will be planted largely to peanuts, farm leaders are now earnestly seeking a control plan for the peanut crop. Added to the plight of the lowly goober is the uncertainty that the stabilization program in effect for the 1937 crop will be continued in force.

Farm leaders, meeting in Raleigh last week, discussed plans for effecting a control program for peanuts, but no action is expected until a conference is held in Washington City, J. B. Hutson, assistant AAA administrator, stating that arrangements for holding the conference would be effected as soon as possible.

It was pointed out that a separate bill for the control of peanuts will be next to impossible, leaders explaining that it may be possible to have the 1933 edition of the farm program amended to include peanuts. The program now under consideration calls for quotas and penalties for over-production. It also proposes to curb the planting of peanuts in new areas. Faced with falling prices and expansion of peanut plantings in Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, peanut growers a few days ago asked farm leaders how long they might expect the government to continue its present policy of diverting portions of the crop to oil under the stabilization cooperative-Hutson said he would not attempt to predict the organization's plans almost a year in advance.

E. S. Askew, of Windsor, former state senator from Bertie County, successfully sponsored a resolution urging the surplus commodities administration to include peanuts in the commodities distributed for relief. He pointed out that the result would be nation-wide advertisement for peanuts, and others shared his view.

"The result of such diversion," Askew said, "would not only tend to stabilize the market and contribute to the relief of distress, but would create in the future a widespread demand for the consumption of peanuts."

The peanut conference was attended by directors of the Virginia and North Carolina stabilization cooperatives, members of the State Peanut Growers' Association, and Farm Bureau chairmen and county agents from the commercial peanut area of North Carolina.

Victim of Hit-Run Driver, Local Youth Dies in Hospital Sunday; Jas. Moore Charged with Murder

Plans Go Forward Rapidly For Opening Library Here

The steering committee of the Williamston Public Library will meet with the members of the various civic clubs Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in the office of Mayor John L. Hassell. Teams will then be formed about the members who assisted in the December canvass and then go out to collect the pledges. The committee is very anxious to procure all of the unpaid pledges in order that plans may go forth for an early opening of the library. Mr. Goff suggests that checks be drawn in favor of Mrs. James C. Cook, treasurer of the Williamston Public Library, and have them ready when the committee calls as it will save time and allow the work to be done Wednesday.

All persons who have contributed to this fund will have their names placed upon a scroll and preserved as a memorial to this most worthy undertaking.

In the event that any person plans to be out during the morning hours when the committee may call please leave check or money for pledge as it will greatly help in the saving of time to the committee. Many of the pledges have already been met in full, and leaders of the library movement feel certain that the drive tomorrow will meet with marked success. Several hundred dollars have been placed in the treasury and plans for opening the library are going forward rapidly.

Building And Loan Anticipates Large Business Increase

Directors Pledge Services in Advancing Stock Series Next Month

Directors of the Martin County Building and Loan association at a recent meeting decided to inaugurate an active campaign to enroll wage-earners and salaried folks of the community as shareholders.

The purpose of the move is to broaden the base of the association by having a greater number of shareholders, and thus a much larger amount available for building activities in Williamston. It was also felt that by increasing interest of local folks in saving their money in the building and loan, a real service would be done and the community would have a substantial financial backlog for all classes in the event of a real depression.

The Martin County Building and Loan Association is one of the strongest financial institutions in the state and at the meeting it was brought out that no shareholder of the association had ever suffered a loss during the more than a quarter of a century it has been operating, nor had a dividend payment ever been missed, between 5 and 6 per cent. It was further pointed out that the earnings have been greater than the association than could be obtained elsewhere.

The campaign to enlist wage-earners and salaried folks was seen as a move in the right direction by several of the directors present, who were of the opinion that a campaign should be started next week to sell new stock. The 31 series of the association will open Saturday, March 5th. Shares may be bought for 25c per week each and in about 6 and one-third years, when about \$76 has been paid in, will mature with dividends as \$100 full paid shares. As one share-holder observed, the savings of 25c per week enables even the lowest paid wage-earner or salaried person to save without undue financial strain or self-denial, and the savings thus accumulated are very handy in hard times or as a nucleus for home-building. Shares can be pledged as security on loans if it becomes necessary.

County Health Department Conducting Dental Clinics

A series of dental clinics was started in the county Monday by the Division of Oral Hygiene of the North Carolina State Health Department in cooperation with the full-time health unit recently established in this county. The clinics are to run for twenty weeks, Dr. E. W. Furgurson explaining that possibly two dentists from the state department would work in the county to complete the service schedule before the schools close the current term.

Dr. D. E. Butler handled the first examinations yesterday, early reports stating that the work was off to a splendid start and that the clinics are certain to prove of great worth to the school youngsters. Examinations are made of all children's teeth but the dental service is limited to certain groups, it is understood. The clinic work cannot be rushed and while there is some doubt if all the schools can be reached before the spring closings, the authorities point out that the work will be taken up where it is left off. Examinations will be made in both the white and colored schools. Similar clinics have been held in this county during past years, but it has been some time since a systematic and complete dental survey was planned in the Martin schools. The full-time health service has been established in the county only a few days, and the dental clinic is the first project undertaken on a cooperative basis by the state and county departments. Dr. Furgurson, head of the county unit, is much pleased with the program now underway and states that the department will advance a complete work program the early part of next week.

Two Others Badly Injured When Run Down on Saturday

James Moore, Colored, Is Arrested Yesterday and Charged with Murder

Robert Coltrain, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coltrain, was fatally injured and Mrs. Charles Bullock and her young son were critically hurt last Saturday night about 11 o'clock when they were run down by a hit-and-run driver on Williamston's West Main street. Coltrain, nearly 14 years, died in a Washington hospital Sunday afternoon without regaining consciousness. The boy suffered a bad fracture of the skull, and other parts of his body were badly bruised and broken.

Suffering a skull fracture, Mrs. Bullock is getting along as well as could be expected in a Washington hospital where she was carried for treatment. Her son, Robert, about 14 years old, suffered a compound fracture of the leg and a brain concussion which was described as mild by attending physicians. Both the young boy and his mother are expected to recover, but Mrs. Bullock's condition was reported quite serious today.

Called to the scene of the accident shortly before midnight, members of the State Highway Patrol and county officers started a search for the hit-and-run car. Licenses of all Model A Ford cars in the section were checked, and nearly 200 of the 400 cars in the county had been inspected up until about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon before a definite clue to the identity of the hit-and-run driver was uncovered. Other clues were uncovered about the same time by Williamston police, county officers and members of the highway patrol. James Moore, 21-year-old colored man, driver of the car, was arrested at 4 o'clock at his home in Poplar Point, and James Wallace, 21-year-old colored man, was arrested a few minutes later near Everetts as Moore's companion.

Two colored girls, Carrie Bell Ward and Alameda Edwards, riding with Moore and Wallace, were arrested after questioning. Moore admitted to Sheriff C. B. Roebuck that he was driving the car. He also admitted striking the three people, and explained that he rushed from the scene because he was frightened. Moore maintains that he was meeting a car and turned out to avoid striking the other machine. Theodore Gurganus, young white man who witnessed the tragedy, states that no other car was in sight at the time. Wallace claims he thought the car struck a pole, that he did not know any one was hit. Moore told his father, Lum Moore, a highly respected colored citizen, that some one threw a brick and broke the right window in the car. The father came to Williamston yesterday to buy a new glass, giving officers a third clue to work on.

According to Moore, the party continued through the road paralleling the railroad and carried the girls to their home on a side street. Wallace left him there also, and he later picked up two cousins, went by the scene of the tragedy about 12 o'clock and left them at Everetts before going to his home in Poplar Point.

Mrs. Bullock, her son and the young Coltrain boy were walking to

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Case Of Diphtheria In County Reported Recently

A case of diphtheria was reported in Williamston township last week. This has been the only case reported thus far during the month of February, the full-time health department, announced today.

Diphtheria is particularly fatal to children from one to five years of age. Considerably more than half of all deaths from diphtheria occur with children between the age of six months and five years. Every infant should have diphtheria toxoid given at six months of age. At birth the child is protected by the immunity which its mother gives it. However, this wears off and the child becomes susceptible at about six months of age. Babies rarely show even the slightest reaction from the protective treatment and every mother should have her baby immunized by her family physician or at the health office.