

New Fertilizer Law Reviewed Friday At Farm Bureau Forum

C. G. Crockett Does Not Anticipate "Runaway Prices" During This War

Reviewing the new fertilizer laws for 1942, C. G. Crockett in an interesting talk to the bi-weekly Martin County Farm Bureau forum in the agricultural building here last Friday evening went on to offer encouragement for fair fertilizer prices next year.

Just thirty members short of its 1,000 goal, the Farm Bureau group renewed its goal pledge and pledges to continue the membership drive until that figure is reached. Certain that the goal will be reached, the meeting Friday night formally approved a \$50 expenditure for the four delegates who are to represent the county unit at the national federation meeting in Chicago next month.

The new fertilizer law, according to Mr. Crockett's explanation, effects no radical change in the sale or manufacture of fertilizer. "It merely reduces the number of brands or formulas and requires certain ingredients," he said, explaining that with one exception all fertilizers are to have not less than 16 per cent or units of plant food in their mixtures and must contain certain basic ingredients. The exception is 3-8-3 which will be designated by a red tag. The tag, in so many words, declares that the particular brand is an inferior fertilizer.

Expressing himself in favor of the law, Mr. Crockett said that it would prove profitable to the farmer and manufacturer.

Discussing the outlook, Crockett was believed to be a bit optimistic as to reasonable prices, but he admitted that certain shortages are to be expected in those materials that are also used in the manufacture of munitions.

According to the speaker, the fertilizer situation at the present stage of the war is far different from what it was in the other war when a 7-6-5 formula sold for as much as \$112.50 per ton, and deliveries were limited. "I don't believe any such prices will prevail during the present war," Mr. Crockett said.

"There are shortages in the inorganic materials that are used in the manufacture of munitions, but there is apparently an ample supply of other materials, but despite the scarcity the inorganic materials such as sulphate of ammonia have not advanced as much in price as the other materials," Mr. Crockett continued. The shortage of potash was a dark spot in the last war for the industry, but there is ample supply in

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Mayor Jno. L. Hassell Issues Thanksgiving Proclamation

In accordance with a proclamation issued today by Mayor John L. Hassell, Thursday of this week will be observed as a general holiday here. There will be a few exceptions, however, one report stating that the peanut market will continue its operations. The holiday will be general on virtually all other fronts, it is understood, and the feature on the day's program will be the annual Thanksgiving Day sermon to be preached by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff in the Episcopal Church at 10 o'clock that morning.

Mayor Hassell's proclamation: For America, for our happy form of government, for the wonderful blessings of the Creator, let us give thanks.

Let us give thanks that we live in a land blessed and endowed more than any other section of our country by the blessings of heaven and the gifts of nature.

Especially have we been blessed beyond measure this year. The gentle rains and the glorious sunshine mixed with man's labor and the soil have brought forth a fine harvest and we should rejoice that our farmers have reaped a fair reward from the fruits of their labor.

We should rejoice and give thanks that while the old world is suffering from the horrors of war and while the road ahead looks dark for our land, yet we still live in a land where free speech, a free press and our American way of life still exists.

I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, in conformity with custom established by our forefathers, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 20th, as Thanksgiving Day in Williamston to the end that we may render thanks to the Creator for the wonderful blessings we have received.

J. L. HASSELL, Mayor.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

According to indirect reports, blinding lights were partly responsible for an accident that cost two young people their lives near here last week-end. And the sad part about it, the driver of the car carrying those bright lights possibly does not yet realize that a small courtesy may have saved two lives. North Carolina's Highway Commission also contributed its part by leaving an unpaved gap in the highway and that in bad condition. There may have been other negligence, the preliminary findings clearly indicating that the driver of the death car is not to be burdened with all the blame for an accident that cost two human lives.

Uptown Main Street shuddered from the news of the horrible wreck, but within the hour bright lights were glaring on cars that were being driven up and down the thoroughfare at an excessive speed. As far as offering a warning to others, the two young people gave their lives in vain, for the reckless driving continues. One observer declared that almost fifty per cent of the automobiles are accidents just going some where to happen.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

46th Week Comparison			
Year	Killed	Inj'd	Dam'ge
1941	6	3	\$ 395
1940	3	1	125

Comparison To Date

1941	90	54	\$ 21,725
1940	83	52	9,540

A year ago last week a person was killed on the highways in this county. Remember it? Possibly the general public has forgotten, but it no doubt, lingers prominently in the minds of a widow and several small children and dependents.

Commercer Group In Meeting Last Night

Meeting in the Branch Bank room last evening, directors of the local chamber of commerce discussed a series of problems, and took definite steps to relieve the parking situation as far as possible between now and Christmas.

Realizing the serious emergency facing this nation at the present time, the commerce group showing a willingness to cooperate in every way possible in aiding the defense program agreed that it would be advisable not to consume added electricity in Christmas street lighting this year. Discussing the problem with Manager R. H. Goodmon, the directors said that while they would like to have the lights, they were willing to leave them off if by so doing it would aid defense in some measure. It was pointed out however that it would be possible to place a few lights on the town hall and the water tower.

Talking over the parking problem at length, the directors are to petition every local car owner to cooperate in a movement to provide more parking space for visitors between now and Christmas.

Rev. B. T. Hurley To Continue Here

Friends, including those outside as well as within his denomination, were glad to learn that Rev. B. T. Hurley was returned to the pastorate of the local Methodist Church by the North Carolina Conference in session at Durham last Friday. Very few changes were made in the personnel in this section. Mr. Hurley said upon his return.

Explaining the conference resolution which condemned war just as the church condemns both legal and illegal liquor, the popular pastor said that Hitler has no friend in the group.

Minor Auto Wrecks Keep Patrolman on The Job In County

Companion Dies in Hospital; Two Others Critically Hurt in a Second Accident

Happening thick and fast in various parts of the county, automobile accidents kept Patrolman Whit Saunders running night and day during the week-end. It was the officer's busiest period during the several years he has been stationed here.

Irving Farmer, 18 years old, was reported improving yesterday from injuries received when a peanut picker went out of control on the highway and threw him off near Parmelee Friday just before noon.

Friday afternoon about 5 o'clock, Wm. Harrell Mooney, driving a light truck with a trailer attached sideswiped a car driven by Gordon H. Paul near Ward's Bridge on Highway 64 doing about \$50 property damage. No one was hurt. Mooney was trailing another car which slowed down to make a left-hand turn. When he saw a deep ditch on the right side of the road, he turned to the left and headed for the ditch, missing the car in front of him but sideswiping the approaching Paul car.

A lull in the bloody business was reported during Saturday until William Joseph Suggs tore into the bridge abutment at the river, killing two persons and wrecking beyond repair a Chevrolet sport model car.

Before the fatal wreck at the river was cleared up, the patrolman was called to Tom Roebuck's curve near Parmelee on Highway 64 where Clarence Taylor, colored, sideswiped a car driven by Herbert Mooney, of Laurinburg, Route 3, doing about \$125 damage to the Mooney Chevrolet sedan. No one was hurt. Taylor, charged with drunken driving, was released under a \$100 bond. Earlier in the week, Mr. Tom Roebuck explained that he believed the days of wrecks in front of his home had passed, but the congenial farmer will still find it advisable to take a course in first-aid treatment for the world is increasing its speed all the time.

Jeremiah James, young local colored boy, lost control of his old Model A Ford coupe and crashed into Mr. R. T. Griffin's home on Williams Street here Friday night doing about \$15 damage. No one was hurt, but James and his companion, Neal Eborn, were greatly upset.

Meeting another car on Haughton Street, George Mobley struck and ripped a fender from W. H. Carstarphen's car. The damage was slight.

No one was hurt but the lives of several were threatened and considerable property damage resulted about 9:45 last night when a car believed to have been owned by Pri-

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Sister Of Local Woman Dies In New Bern Friday

Mrs. Nancy Whitford McLawhorn, sister of Miss Carrie Whitford, of Williamston, died in a New Bern hospital last Friday afternoon following a long illness. She was 71 years old.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Bruce Barrow, Free Will Baptist minister of LaGrange.

Besides her sister here she leaves her husband, two sons and five daughters, and several sisters and brothers.

Stricken While At Work In Office Here Monday

Miss Lida Wilkerson, supervisor of Works Progress Administration handicraft departments, was stricken ill while at work in her office over the Western Auto Store here yesterday afternoon. She was later removed to a Washington hospital after she had partially recovered from the attack.

Miss Wilkerson, of Belhaven, has been connected with the WPA in this area for about a year.

REMEMBRANCES

By CHAS. SMALLWOOD
Williamston, N. C.
DURING 1870's and '80's

Another old Negro of notable mention was old "Uncle" Harmond Hassell. "Uncle" Harmond was what might be termed an accommodating cuss. He was ready and willing to do anybody's bidding; so willing that previous commands were immediately forgotten upon receipt of a later one.

The last was what counted with "Uncle" Harmond. If Mr. Biggs had said—Here Harmond, take this note down to Dr. Hassell's house; this man has the cramp colic and wants him to come right away—"Uncle" Harmond would have responded with alacrity, and been on his way.

But if Arch Coffield, or anyone else had met him before he reached there and said—Harmond, take this chicken to my house and put him in the coop—"Uncle Harmond would have seized to the chicken, with no further thought of the note, or the man with the cramps.

So the only way to count on "Uncle" Harmond's completing your errand, was to go along yourself, and shoo off all other callers.

The drug store was a one-story wooden building which I think Mr. Biggs had purchased from Dr. Hassell, or the C. B. Hassell estate, and like most other stores, sat up on pillars a step or two from the ground. One day I was hurriedly going out and down from the front door, and John Lamb happened to be hurriedly coming up and in, John's forehead took me squarely in the mouth, one of my front teeth receiving all the blow. It ached from then on, finally abscessing at the root, necessitating extraction.

Mr. Biggs was the tooth-puller for the community, Dr. Hassell's fingers being so crippled up with rheumatism, he shifted this operation to a stronger hand, and Williamston did not boast a dentist. We had one pair of forceps for all occasions, and no matter what or where the tooth, I never saw him fail to get it. He pulled mine, and did the pulling hurt? Well, no more than did others who had to have teeth pulled.

The method was pit all your other nerve against the nerve of the tooth, take a firm grip on the chair seat so as not to get lifted up when the pulling began, shut your eyes and get ready to grin and groan. You could not get out much of a squall till after the forceps got through lifting.

"Pain-ense" was unknown. Grit was the one thing that got you through.

One Saturday an old farmer, his wife, and little girl about ten years old came in.

The farmer told Dr. Hassell the little girl had something the matter with her nose that hurt. Dr. Hassell examined it, finally probed up a nostril, saying, there is something up there, get me the tooth pullers. Up the nostril he managed to get hold of "something," and gently drew out a lightweight splinter about the size of a lead pencil, and by measure, was four inches long. Matter had formulated around it so that, like a greased stick, it came without bringing blood, or causing extra pain.

The mother said—Now I know when she done it. Near bout two weeks ago she fell down with a turn of lighthead in her arms.

Dr. Hassell syringed out the nostril, and gave them a wash for further treatments, and I never heard of the case again.

I remember one big day that I had in company with Mr. Fate Cherry. The earth had been covered with snow for several days, and the robins had congregated in the gallberry bushes adjoining Burrough's Grove in actual swarms.

We spent the day bagging them, coming in after night, loaded down, and robin-dinners took the place of oyster suppers for quite a while. The weather was cold, and they kept well.

But to cap all the hunting trips, were the many nights I spent with Mr. Whitley in the river-swamps after raccoons. We would put on hip-high rubber boots, and be ready for all kinds of mud and water, for where the dogs "treed" there we went. I would shine the coons eyes with a lightwood torch, and he would shoot him out. Or he could lay the light behind him and stand with his

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PREMIUM

While holding strong at five cents, the peanut market was said here yesterday to be offering premiums for real fancy goobers. No official sales were recorded at that figure, but one farmer said he had gotten slightly more than five cents a pound for some over one hundred pounds, and there was some talk about fancy jumbos bringing an eighth.

Receiving points continue to report heavy deliveries, the daily average still hanging around 15,000 bags. The crop will have moved out of the farmers' hands almost in its entirety in another week or ten days, some reports indicate.

According to information heard yesterday, the market will not observe Thursday as a holiday.

Two Killed And Two Hurt In Auto Wrecks

Young Woman Loses Life On River Fall Last Saturday Night

Six Calls Are Received By Patrolman Saunders During Week-end

Death and destruction struck after a rapid fashion to claim the lives of two persons, maim one or two others for life and injure several others in this county and immediate section during the past week-end. There were six accidents in the county and area during the period, one of them costing two young people their lives, another maiming one for life and injuring critically a fourth one, not to mention minor wrecks here and several fatal ones in various parts of the State.

The first fatal accident on the recently completed Roanoke River fall speedway was reported at 9:40 last Saturday evening when Mrs. Genevieve Durr Satterfield was instantly killed and Darius Edwin Mitchell was fatally injured. A third member of the party and driver of the car, William Joseph Suggs, was slightly bruised about the chest and greatly shocked. Mrs. Satterfield, nineteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Durr, of Fairmont, Va., had her head split open. Her body was found in the back seat of the demolished car. She died instantly. Mitchell, 19-year-old native of Princeton Johnston County, had one of his arms torn off just below the elbow. He also suffered a fractured jaw, a crushed leg and a possible fracture of the skull.

Leaving the dead girl, Suggs and a traveler whose name could not be learned, picked up Mitchell and brought him to the Brown Community hospital. Hospital doctors amputated the arm and worked with Mitchell for several hours, the young man crying for somebody to help him as he entered the hospital. He died about 2:30 Sunday morning just as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mitchell, of Princeton, reached the hospital. The body was moved a short time later to a Goldsboro funeral home where it was prepared for burial. The last rites were conducted yesterday afternoon.

The body of the young woman was moved to the Biggs Funeral Home here and prepared for burial. Her husband, Fred Satterfield, accompanied a Fairmont undertaker on the long trip for the body. Reaching here early Sunday night, the two started the return trip with the body earlier yesterday morning. Mrs. Satterfield was said to have been visiting at 210 Harnett Circle, Pergerson Place, Newport News, and one report stated that she left the Virginia city with the two men earlier in the day to attend the football game in Durham. Another report stated that the party was en route to Wilmington, and still another report stated that she was accompanying the two young men to Princeton for the week-end.

No coherent report of the accident could be had from Suggs, driver of the car, immediately. He was quoted as saying that the lights of an approaching car blinded him, that he did not see the abutment to the Roanoke River bridge until he struck the ill-kempt gap between the newly-paved fill and the bridge. Patrolman John Scarborough took Suggs into his custody, and one report stated that the driver of the car was formally charged with "driving under the influence of liquor and manslaughter." Other officers, assisting in the investigation, stated that they could smell no liquor on the man's breath, and that they were not certain he had been drinking. No liquor was found in the car.

Leamon Mizelle Released Under \$300 Bond Friday

Leamon Mizelle, young white man, charged with reckless driving and manslaughter, was released under bond in the sum of \$200 at a preliminary hearing held before Justice J. L. Hassell here last Friday evening. Bond was arranged.

Mizelle was driving a car on the morning of October 19th when it turned over at the intersection of the Bear Grass Road and Highway 17 and fatally injured Raleigh Rawls, young Bertie County white man.

Announce Holiday For Local Public Library

The Williamston Public Library will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 20, 21 and 22, to observe Thanksgiving. There will be no story hour Saturday but it will be resumed on the following Saturday, Nov. 29th. It has been requested that anyone who has a book due either of these days to return it on Wednesday or keep it until Monday. No charges will be made on books due on these three days and returned on Nov. 24th.

LIGHTS

There'll be no Christmas lights on local streets this coming holiday season, the Chamber of Commerce directors in a meeting last evening agreeing that to ask for the lights would be contrary to the defense program. However, some lighting on the town hall and water plant will be perfectly permissible and even advisable. Home and outdoor Christmas lighting are not banned, power and light officials explaining that the amount of electricity used for tree lights in the homes and yards would be negligible, and that local people are perfectly free to install the special decorations.

Climax To American And Japanese Stand Believed In Offing

First Blood Shed in Coal Mine Strike; War Scene Shifting in Soviet Russia

The war in Russia continues, but a greater part of the world has its eyes on Washington where a climax is believed nearing in Japanese-American relations. Some observers see in the conference between Secretary of State Cordell Hull and President Roosevelt and Saburo Kurusu, special Japanese envoy, a move either toward an understanding and peace or a move toward war. Some indications are that the move is pointing toward an "understanding," but simultaneously with the discussions in Washington were war-like movements back in Japan.

The United States does not want to shift any more of its might from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and Japan realizes that war with the United States and Britain may mean destruction for her. Both want peace.

In playing the war-or-peace game, both countries are offering strong leads in support of their hands. The Japanese are appropriating 800 million for war and this country is tapping that amount with another call for eight billion dollars. Internal disorder in this country today is even overshadowing the war in Russia, but there is a definite move to do something about it. However regrettable it may be it would appear that some legislation is necessary for handling the industrial tie-up by strikes. President Roosevelt is meeting with legislative leaders this afternoon, and it is believed that some drastic action will be started. Speaker Sam Rayburn of the House said that legislation can be expected soon to curb strikes.

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Factory Worker Is Hurt In Accident

James Walker, colored employee at the local basket factory, barely escaped with his right arm in an accident there late yesterday afternoon. Catching his arm in the continuous stave basket machine, Walker was held fast there until the machine could be partly dismantled. Plant superintendents and foreman worked feverishly the greater part of ten minutes freeing the man. He did not seem to suffer much and waited patiently for his release, but the pain struck him while being rushed to a doctor.

It was first thought that the man would lose his arm, but an examination showed no broken bones and it is fairly certain that he will not lose use of the limb even though it was badly cut and is stiff.

4-H Clubs Will Hold Meet Here Saturday

The Annual Achievement Day for 4-H Club members and Demonstration Club women will be held here Saturday, Nov. 22nd, in the high school auditorium at 10 a. m. Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration agent, will be the guest speaker on the program, during the morning.

All club members completing the year's work will receive certificates or awards of merit. Clubs are urged to be represented in large numbers and help in every way to have the best day possible. Miss Current is coming to the county for the first time. 4-H Club members, home demonstration club women, parents and friends, are urged to come out.

Number Civil Cases Tried In Superior Court Here Monday

Five Divorces Granted and Several Actions Settled By Judge Dixon

Granting five divorces and clearing several other cases from the docket, the special term of the Martin County Superior Court yesterday went ahead of its fixed calendar and Judge Richard D. Dixon, presiding, ordered a recess until tomorrow.

The Monday session was an uneventful one (Hardly a dozen spectators were in the audience at times, and most of the cases were of little recognized importance. One report stated that the jury listened to a boundary line dispute for several hours before the litigants advanced a plan whereby the issues could be settled.

Divorces, based on two years of separation, were granted Mildred Ray against John Ray, Samuel A. Ayers against Sallie M. Ayers; Beulah Harrell Purser against Roy A. Purser; Carrie Mae Williams against John Henry Williams; and Joseph M. Harrell against Ruby Eva Harrell.

Started back in June, 1937, the case of Cortez Green, colored, and others against John T. Daniel and others was finally settled. The case involved complicated issues, the judgment showing that a cancellation of a certain deed of trust had been ordered by the court, and that the plaintiffs were awarded certain lands with certain exceptions.

In the case of E. L. Glover against J. B. Whitfield, all matters in controversy were agreed upon and the boundary line dispute was ironed out.

The claim and delivery brought by John T. Daniel against Cortez Green, colored, was settled when the plaintiff recovered \$250 rent. A similar action in a similar suit was taken.

The case of H. T. Highsmith against T. E. Koeter was compromised, the plaintiffs taking a voluntary non-suit.

A plan was advanced for the settlement of the case brought in connection with a boundary line dispute by Charlie Killebrew against E. C. House.

The boundary line dispute between D. L. Howell, plaintiff, and E. P. Leathers, defendant, was settled by agreement.

Following the recess today, the court will resume its work tomorrow and then recess for Thanksgiving until next Monday. Yesterday the court was in session hardly more than five hours.

J. J. Manning Dies In Brown Hospital Here Last Monday

Funeral This Afternoon For Leading Citizen at Home In Griffins Township

John Jordan Manning, a leading county citizen and prominent farmer of Griffins Township, died in the Brown Community Hospital here yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Unusually active for his advanced age, Mr. Manning suffered a pneumonia attack almost a year ago. Although he partially recovered, he never regained his strength and was only able to be up and attend to minor duties. About three weeks ago he suffered a relapse, his condition gradually growing worse. He was removed to the hospital last Friday, and although the end was expected momentarily he continued a brave fight for life until the last. Pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of his death.

The son of the late Edwin and Elizabeth Roberson Manning, he was born in the Farm Life community of Griffins Township 75 years ago last July. He spent his early life in the community of his birth. When a young man he was married to Miss Molly Brown, of Jamesville, and a few years later established a home in the Lilley's Hall community of Griffins Township. Four children, Messrs. W. Alexander and E. Hoyt Manning, of Griffins Township; Mrs. N. R. Griffin, of Washington, and Mrs. John R. Peel, of Williamston, survive that union. Some time after the death of his first wife in September, 1926, he was married to Mrs. Lena Taylor Mobley, who also survives him. He also leaves twenty-one grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Friendly toward all and thoughtful of his fellowman, he was held in high esteem as a neighbor and citizen. Mr. Manning was a devoted follower of the Primitive Baptist faith for nearly half a century, holding membership as one of the founders of the Hayes Swamp church. Appreciative of the basic ideals and simple truths and honesty, he was active for many years in the educational advancement of his community, giving of his time freely in the interest of the welfare of others and lending encouragement to those whose privilege it was to live with him and to know him. His life was

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