

Seventy County Club Girls And Boys End Camp at White Lake

Large Group Returns Home Saturday After Week's Outing

Seventy young 4-H club girls and boys from this county ended a great week in their lives last Saturday when they broke camp and started home from White Lake.

Experiencing no sickness or accidents, the youths reported one of the most successful encampments ever held by 4-H club girls and boys from this county. It was by far the largest number to ever participate in the annual event.

Reaching camp on Monday of last week, the youths were divided into four groups and untiring work was done by all, but the No. 1 group, chaperoned by Miss Evelyn Everett and Rev. James H. Smith, won high camping honors. Saturday morning, a close vote chose Susie Rawls and Herbert Leslie Manning as the best campers, the two of them to receive free trips to the State Short Course in Raleigh next year.

During the week instruction in various subjects was offered, but plenty of time was given to games, swimming, boating and visits were made to interesting places.

The youths were chaperoned by the home and assistant agents, Rev. James Smith, John Thigpen, Archie Griffin, Clarence Woodard, Misses Gertie Turner, Marjorie Daniel, Evelyn Everett and Mary Ellen Pritchard. The 45 boys and 25 girls traveled in two trucks driven by Archie Griffin and B. F. Lilley.

Names of the club boys and girls: Charlie Harrison, Garland Smith, Polk Burroughs, Bill Burroughs, Joe King Powell, Otis Coltrane, Milton Malone, E. H. Manning, Jr., Robert Whitley, Herbert Leslie Manning, Joseph Daniel, Thomas Daniel, Benjamin Daniel, Carlyle Manning, B. F. Lilley, Jr., Slade Peel Revels, William E. Williams, Haywood Mobley, Jack Modlin, Rufus Gurganus, Howard Whitchard, Lloyd Respass, R. J. Rogerson, Billie Peele, Henry Clyde Williams, Fred Hardison, Dick Green, Murray Gardner, William T. Everett, Lacy Ward, Luther Cratt, Joe Winslow, Henry Winslow, Harry Peele, Walter Ellis Everette, Jack Roberson, Stewart Van Northwick, Simon A. Perry, Jr., Harmon Modlin, Cecil Roberson, James Mendenhall, William Thomas Staton, Reg Griffin, Brownie Harrington, Louis Barber.

Nina Bennett, Elsie Biggs, Francis Brown, Mae Cratt, Lois Everett, Annie Hardy, Audrey Hardison, Elva Leggett, Bettie Louise Lilley, Marjorie Lilley, Della Lee Lilley, Gladys Mizelle, Beulah Modlin, Ethel Powell, Esta Martin, Susie Revels, Martha Roberson, Doris Rogers, Ella Faye Roberson, Olivia Rogerson, Selma Tice, Pauline Smith, Vera Pearl Williams, Bettie Wildman and Lillie Weathersby.

Georgia Seeking Marketing Cards

Planting considerably in excess of their acreage allotments, Georgia farmers are now calling for surplus marketing cards, a single call out of Gainesville stating that between eight and ten million surplus pounds were needed if the farmers are to escape the fifty per cent penalty there.

The transfer of surplus poundage from this or other states to farmers in Georgia is permissible under the law, but Georgia farmers cannot transfer their cards to farmers in another state.

North Carolina farmers bought surplus poundages from Georgia back in 1935, but it isn't likely that Martin County farmers and others in this State will offer cards for sale until they are certain they have sufficient quotas to care for their own marketings.

Small Number Applying For Cotton Payments

Comparatively few Martin County farmers have applied so far for their cotton price adjustment payments due them on the 1937 crop. Approximately 1,200 are eligible to file for the payments, but less than 275 have entered their applications to date. The marketing of tobacco has claimed much attention these past few days, but even then fewer farmers than were expected are applying for the payments.

Martin County is due approximately \$35,000 in the special cotton price adjustment payments.

Mrs. C. B. Hassell returned here today after spending the summer in Washington City with her daughter.

Will Clear Block on Tobacco Market Here This Afternoon

Overrun by heavy offerings on two of the four selling days so far, the Williamston Tobacco Market is clearing its floors this afternoon, reports from here and all over the belt proving disheartening to farmers, warehousemen and others.

There was little encouraging news to come out of the tobacco area today as the buying companies apparently placed into effect a strict grading system that tended to weaken prices from the opening day figures. No official averages for today are available, but it is certain that they are considerably under the opening day prices which were described as satisfactory.

It is estimated that the local market has sold in excess of three-quarters of a million pounds, that the price average prior to late yesterday and today would approximate 23 cents.

That the prices are holding up as well on the Williamston market as on any in the belt was proved following visits by observers late yesterday and early today. There was some talk about the farmers wanting to have the doors closed on at least one of the larger markets, and farmers were generally disappointed on all others. "We split barns and sold on different markets, and there is little or no variation in prices," several farmers voluntarily explained here this afternoon. One farmer was reported to have moved his tobacco to the market here from one of the larger ones and made money. Some few piles were selling for 30 cents here today, and prices of 27 cents were fairly frequent, but grades ranging around 25 cents a few days ago apparently were commanding less.

Farmers Oppose Any Change in Peanut Base

A drive is on in this county to get farmers to name proxies to a meeting of the North Carolina Stabilization Cooperative to be held in Edenton on Friday morning of this week at 11 o'clock.

It is believed that by giving the meeting a quorum, peanut farmers will stand a better chance on getting the government to stabilize the peanut market through the cooperative this coming fall. Directors will be elected and other business of the organization that pegged peanut prices at 3 1/4 cents last year will be transacted.

Ask Federal Bureau Analyze Medicine

A sample of the medicine concocted by George Barnes, Tarboro colored man, and given to Chaney Wiggins, colored woman, just before her death, near Hamilton, on August 13, has been forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington City where Martin County officers are hopeful they can get an analysis made of the contents. The sample sent to the State laboratory was returned here last Saturday.

Pending a report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a hearing in the case scheduled to have been held last Tuesday and postponed until today has again been delayed.

Samples of the "medicine" were sent to the State laboratory shortly after the Wiggins woman died, officers stating at that time that the woman apparently died of poisoning. The laboratory authorities explained there was no appropriation for such work. Officers then contacted a private chemist in Durham and when he made a \$100 charge for an analysis they called the medicine in and forwarded samples to Washington City.

Officers Seize Big Quantity of Liquor

Raiding the B. M. Haislip home in Hamilton Township last Friday afternoon, county and federal officers seized a large quantity of liquor and cited the owner to the federal court for trial in Washington next October.

The officers, Special Enforcement Deputy J. H. Roebuck and Assistant Deputy Hewitt Edwards and Federal Agent Piper, found 116 pints of legal liquor, 64 pints and three quarts of illicit liquor. It was the largest seizure of legal liquor reported by the county enforcement bureau in three years or since the legal stores were opened.

Succeeds Froneberger As Deputy Revenue Collector

Mr. A. H. Ricks, a native of White-akers but who has been located in Hickory for some time, is succeeding Mr. E. Ross Froneberger here this week as deputy collector for the State Department of Revenue. Mr. Ricks is trying to locate a home here, and will be joined later by Mrs. Ricks.

Mr. Froneberger who has made many friends here during his stay of about three years, has been transferred to Hickory. He plans to leave for his new post of duty tomorrow, or Thursday.

Cotton Buyers And Ginners to Attend Meeting Here Soon

System of Handling Records and Reports to Be Explained

Scheduled to meet in the agricultural building possibly during next week, cotton ginners and buyers in Martin County will have reviewed for them the system of handling records and filing reports in accordance with the regulations pertaining to cotton marketing for the year 1938-39. It is very important that all ginners and cotton buyers be present, it was pointed out by T. B. Slade, of the county agent's office.

The review of the marketing plan as far as the ginner is concerned will center around the preparation of records and reports, while the buyer is familiarized with the method of collecting penalties in those cases where acreage quotas have been exceeded.

The following is an outline the ginners will be asked to keep:

He shall list on forms supplied by the government the date of ginning, the name of the operator of the farm on which the cotton was produced, the name of the producer, the gin bale number of mark, the county in which the farm on which the cotton is produced is located, the gross weight of each bale, or lot of cotton if less than a bale, ginned for each producer, and the serial number of the farm on which the cotton is produced. Reports are to be made twice monthly to the treasurer of the county committee in which the cotton was produced, and a copy will be retained by the ginner. In case of failure to file reports, the ginner is subject to a \$500 fine.

Each buyer, under the regulations governing the marketing of cotton, shall keep records and make reports with respect to each transaction in which he purchases cotton during the marketing year. The records are to show whether cotton purchased was subject to the penalty, the name and address of the producer from whom the cotton was purchased, gin bale number or mark, number of pounds of lint cotton, a statement as to whether the buyer collected the penalty with respect to the marketing of the cotton and the amount of penalty if it was collected. Failure to handle reports properly subjects the buyer to a \$500 fine.

Allotment cards will be distributed to farmers, those complying with the program to receive white cards and those who are not cooperating will receive red marketing cards.

Jackson Meeting On Record Against Plan To Alter Crop Status

Peanuts Are Likely To Be Placed in List General Base Crops

Peanut farmers of Northeastern North Carolina will make a determined fight to preserve their principal crop against the threat of monopoly by Southern and Southeastern producers of oil stock peanuts, who are seeking to influence the Department of Agriculture to change the status of the peanut in the 1939 farm program from a special base crop to general base crop, and resolved last week at a meeting at Jackson to attempt to overcome on the part of the Department of Agriculture what Congressman Lindsay C. Warren declared had been "determined opposition since the beginning of farm legislation under the Democratic administration against doing anything for peanuts."

The meeting at Jackson was called hurriedly by E. F. Arnold, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, upon learning of the proposed change in the status of peanuts in the new farm program by the Department of Agriculture.

Such a change would open the acreage of peanuts to a wide increase without penalty under the Soil Conservation program, and the change is being sought only by the producers of oil type peanuts in Texas and Alabama, where heavy acreage increases have already been made in the past four years. His opinion was confirmed by the statements of county agents and representative peanut farmers from eleven of the principal peanut producing counties of North Carolina who answered Arnold's hurry-up call and were in attendance at the meeting.

Congressman John H. Kerr, of the second district and Lindsay C. Warren, of the first district, attended the meeting which was held in the Northampton County agriculture building, with B. D. Stephenson, president of the Northampton county farm bureau, presiding.

Both Congressmen Warren and Kerr promised their support in the fight against the proposed change in the status of peanuts from a special to general base crop, and against the attitude of opposition which they both declared had predisposed the Department of Agriculture to discriminate against the peanut when formulating farm programs.

"There has been much misinformation and loose talk around Washington about peanuts," declared Warren. "And it has been the disposition of the Department of Agriculture to act on this misinformation rather than to consider the real facts and needs of the peanut farmer. I promise you I will do everything I can to aid you combat this attitude and give peanuts the place in the farm program that its importance to the farmers who depend upon it as a principal cash crop, and its importance in the national farm program, both deserve," he declared.

The fight will immediately be taken to Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace by Congressmen Warren and Kerr, and R. C. Holland and E. F. Arnold were appointed a committee to lay the matter before J. B. Hutson, AAA administrator. Hutson will be in Lexington, (Continued on page four)

More Than 7,000 Children End Vacation Days in Martin County

When Schools Open on Thursday

Officials Expecting Increase In High School Enrollment

A slight increase in the high school enrollment was predicted here this morning as officials continued plans for opening the term Thursday morning at 8:45 o'clock. "We are looking for around 220 high school pupils, but no increase is anticipated in the elementary department," Principal D. N. Hix said.

Nearly 200 students who plan to enter high school here Thursday have already registered and selected their courses of study. Others will arrange their courses of study on Thursday.

Fifteen graduates from this and other high schools in the county have enrolled for courses in advanced English and business education.

Announce Opening Plans At Oak City

The Oak City schools open the new term Thursday morning at 9 o'clock with bright prospects for one of its most successful years. No formal program will mark the event, Principal H. M. Ainsley explaining that general announcements and an outline of the work schedule will constitute the chapel period, that the perfecting of class organization schedule and lesson assignment will require some time.

Pupils returning this term are asked to bring any old school books that can be used in exchange with those in other grades, the school head pointing out that in the high school the pupils may rent or buy new books in the office of the county superintendent of schools.

Those pupils planning to take twelfth grade subjects are asked to report direct to the principal's office Thursday morning and register there.

Preparatory to the opening on Thursday morning, members of the faculty will meet in the high school building Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for instructions. The teachers are asked to bring pencils and paper for recording notes and suggestions.

Downie Bros. Will Be Here Sept. 9th

Thrills, spills and spine "chillers" are the three words pointedly demanded by the circus-going public today and likewise are the same three factors which are the basis of consideration given circus features being constantly sought by modern circus managers of this day and age.

Charles Sparks, manager of the Downie Bros. Circus, which comes to Williamston on Friday, September 9th, for an afternoon and night performance considers these fundamentals for the engaging of his galax of circus stars and with these essentials foremost in their minds, in addition to the entertaining value of the act, the circus scouts for talent judge the worthiness of their "finds" by this basic rule.

When a representative of the Downie Bros. Circus in Brussels, Belgium, witnessed the intrepid feats upon the silver wire performed by the Royal Five, European wizards of the wire, he sensed, by their presentation, the worthiness of this as a possible feature for the Downie Bros. Circus for its new seasonal tour. Cabling Mr. Sparks of his "find," and the possibility of having this internationally famous contingent of wire walkers under contract as an exclusive feature of his circus, he was advised to contract the act, regardless of costs or salary, if, in his trained mind the act was truly and really as sensational as he described it to Mr. Sparks. Arrangements were made for the migration of the Royal Five to America and with their properties and personal paraphernalia the troupe arrived in this country preparatory to the opening of the Downie Bros. Circus for their initial bow and public appearance in America with this big show.

Two handsome boys and three Continental beauties comprise the personnel of this act and the speed, poise and agility with which they perform hazardous and tricky stunts upon the slender silver wire make them easily one of the outstanding features of this big show's international conclave of arenic stars.

Justice J. L. Hassell Hears Several Cases

A slight increase in court activities was reported by Justice J. L. Hassell last week-end following the opening of the tobacco markets. Cases handled by the Justice include the following: William Middgett was fined \$2.50 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with public drunkenness. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in a similar case against Eli Raynor. Charles B. Hardison, colored, charged with stealing a \$3 pig from M. K. Bennett in the Poplar Point section, was bound over to the county court for trial under a \$50 bond. William Melton, young colored boy who stole a cow from M. D. Wilson here year before last, pleaded guilty when he was carried before Justice Hassell for a preliminary hearing. Unable to raise the \$200 bond he was returned to jail to await trial in the Superior court next month. Operating a car without proper lights, Frank Roberson, colored, was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

White and Colored Schools Start New Term on Same Day

Thirty-Five Schools Have Total Of 200 Teachers This Year

Vacation days for approximately 7,000 Martin County children will end Thursday morning of this week when the thirty-five schools—ten white and twenty-five colored—start the 1938-39 term. With one of the strongest faculties ever employed, educational authorities today predicted a very successful term just ahead for all the plants in the county. Members of the various faculties are already reporting for duty, and final plans for opening the term are virtually complete, J. C. Manning, superintendent of the county system, announces.

The school organization remains virtually the same for the coming term as it was last session. Two teachers were lost to the white schools, one each in Farm Life and Robersonville, but increased enrollments were reported among the colored schools in the same two districts and a colored teacher will be added to the lists at Robersonville and in the Farm Life district. Twenty-three new teachers, thirteen of whom have teaching experience, are included in the faculties this year, county school authorities pointing out that twenty-five colleges and universities from Pennsylvania to Mississippi are represented in the county system this year.

There are 106 white teachers in the county this year, the State paying the salaries of 100, the county, state and federal governments paying the salaries of the six vocational instructors. In the colored schools there are 92 state-paid teachers and two vocational instructors paid by the county, state and federal government. Last year, 3,208 pupils enrolled in the ten white schools of the county. It is estimated that 3,300 will enroll the first day and that the enrollment will possibly before the term is very old exceed the last year figure of 3,444. In the colored schools last year there were 3,569 children enrolled, but an opening day enrollment of not more than 3,100 is predicted for Thursday of this week.

Dog Owner Called Into Court Here

Alphonso Ewell, Poplar Point colored man, was carried into Justice J. L. Hassell's court here last Saturday for not vaccinating his dog against rabies in accordance with State law. The defendant was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, Justice Hassell suspending the sentence upon payment of the cost and upon condition that Ewell either kill or vaccinate the dog.

The man is said to have had the dog vaccinated. Officers are serving additional warrants for owners who have neglected or refused to have their dogs vaccinated, and it is understood that several additional cases will be docketed for trial in Justice Hassell's court within a short time.

Reports show that more than 2,000 dogs were vaccinated in the drive against rabies in this county, and that there were between fifty and seventy-five owners failed to comply with the law.

Bear Grass Home Destroyed By Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home of Mrs. Joe Roberson in Bear Grass Township last Sunday night. Mrs. Roberson and her children used lamps in the home earlier that evening, but when they left to attend services at the Rose of Sharon church they recalled extinguishing them with care, and there is a belief that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Discovered shortly after nine o'clock, the fire was burning in the front part of the house when neighbors and other friends of the family reached the scene. Nothing was saved from the main part of the house, but a few cooking utensils were carried from the kitchen and part of the furniture in one bedroom was saved. Neighbors overturned the smoke house and saved the family's supply of meat.

The house, although single story, had about ten rooms. No insurance was carried by the owner. An estimate of the loss is not available.

Annual Revival At Holly Springs Began Sunday

The annual revival at Holly Springs opened Sunday night with a large congregation. The services are being led by the pastor and will be in progress for twelve days with one service each night at 8 o'clock. On the closing day, September 8, Rev. B. B. Slaughter, of Elizabeth City, will preach twice and also conduct the business session of the fourth quarterly conference. On this date services will be at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. A picnic dinner will be served at the church.

Dare County Fishermen Turn To Agriculture

Many Dare County fishermen, after experiencing failure in the water for years, have turned to agriculture as a means of livelihood.

Names of the teachers in the several white schools are: Williamston: high school: D. N. Hix, principal; Mrs. Garland Barnhill, Miss Lillian Aldridge, Miss Nancy Glover, Frank W. Neely, Sam Edwards, C. B. Toxey, Miss Irene (Continued on page four)