

Anti-Typhoid Fever Drive Is Planned By Health Department

New Plan of Immunization Calls For Only One Dose Of Vaccine

Beginning week after next, the Martin County Health Department will launch a county-wide drive against typhoid fever, Health Officer John W. Williams pointing out that a new plan of immunization will be followed. Dr. Williams says:

To the old timers this will seem a little strange because we have bargained to meet at certain places only once and heretofore we have been in the habit of meeting the people at certain clinic points three or four times so that three doses of the vaccine could be given at one dose three times every third year.

The research workers have found out that after a person has had the three doses that a higher level of protection will be had if one dose of the vaccine is taken every year. In other words, there is much more protection in taking a tiny dose every year than there is in taking a large dose three times every third year.

We know that it has not been but two years since a program was carried out and perhaps there is a fair amount of immunity in the 8,000 people who took the three doses two years ago, but we do know that if these people will begin their one small dose this year we will have greater protection.

Of course, if some of the people prefer the three doses it is their business and they can have it at any of our four clinic points throughout the county which are—Every Monday morning at Jamesville; every Wednesday morning at Robersonville, and every Friday morning at Oak City. Every Saturday morning at Williamston, and after this week of intensive work schedule anyone can get it at any time in the Williamston office.

One and a half drops of the vaccine into the skin will not make a sore, will not cause a reaction and will give protection if taken every year.

Another way of taking it is seven and a half drops under the skin. This is the same as the first dose when you took the three doses. Only this one small dose is necessary provided it is taken yearly and have ever had the three doses at weekly intervals.

This one small dose under the skin is just as liable to give a reaction as it did when the first dose was given in the old-fashion way.

The third method is the three doses. Seven and a half drops one week, 15 drops the next, and fifteen drops the next.

The best authorities agree that this first method mentioned is the best and therefore we recommend it, but we are provided to give it any way the people wish it. All we are asking is that those who took it two years ago, come for one dose and all who have never taken the three doses begin their protection this year.

This herding of groups of people up every three years for typhoid protection is a thing of the past especially in a county with a whole time health department and three stations which we keep open all the time for the protection of the public.

A schedule of dispensaries appears in this paper.

Work On River Fill Delayed By Rains

Work on the Roanoke River dirt fill was suddenly interrupted late yesterday afternoon by rain, a report from the project this morning stating that activities would hardly be resumed before late tomorrow or Thursday.

Traffic over the route mired down last night and early today, ten cars and several trucks being stuck on the fill at one time early today. The route is drying rapidly and traffic is now moving over the fill without much trouble.

Robert Rice, superintendent of the project, stated this morning that plans called for the completion of work in about three weeks, certainly within four weeks.

Arrington Gupion, assistant and handler of many jobs for the contractors, answered the call to the country's service last night when he left for Tennessee to join the air corps.

"We hope to finish dumping dirt on the fill between the creek and river bridges this week," Superintendent Rice said this morning.

Slightly Injured In Fall From Motorcycle

John W. Walters, Newport News mechanic, was slightly hurt in a fall from a motorcycle on the Roanoke River fill Sunday morning. Skinned and bruised on several parts of his body, Walters had his injuries treated in the local hospital and boarded a bus that afternoon for the return trip to the Virginia city.

Walters, on his way to visit a friend in Greenville, was removed in an unconscious condition to the hospital in a Biggs ambulance.

General Rains Encouraging To Crop Outlook In County

General rains falling yesterday afternoon and last evening have brightened the crop outlook in this county considerably. Incomplete reports state that while the showers were not exceedingly heavy, they were indeed timely and possibly effected a meeting of the moisture. Farmers declared they could tell a marked difference in the appearance of their crops this morning from that observed before the rains.

The first shower yesterday fell here shortly after five o'clock, but the heavy one did not fall until about 8:30 last evening, the two combined amounting to only 0.67 of an inch. So far this month, 1.91 inches of rain have fallen at this point. Nearby sections yesterday had their first showers in several weeks.

Authentic estimates are not to be had, but farmers, as a whole, declare that the hay crops have been materially damaged. The harvest of clover seed has been reduced possibly more than 50 per cent, and the Irish potato production is far below expectations, some saying that hardly more than 25 to 50 per cent of a crop will be harvested. Digging operations have been started, but quite a few farmers are waiting to see if the recent rains will boost production.

General field crops are now looking much better than they did a few days ago, farmers stating that corn and peanuts planted ten days ago or even longer are coming are now and that tobacco and other early crops are now doing well.

Raise Base Quota For Service Organizations

DRAFT CALL

Receiving its fourteenth quota last week-end, the Martin County Draft Board is making preparations to send ten colored men to the Army on June 30. A check of the records has not been completed, but it is understood that the quota can and will be filled in its entirety from the volunteer list.

Martin County scored nearly 100 per cent in health with its last contingent, eight of the nine boys being accepted for service last week.

Mrs. Coltrain Dies Sunday In Griffins After Long Illness

Funeral Services Conducted At Late Home Yesterday Afternoon

Mrs. Sallie Coltrain, widow of Jesse Coltrain, died at her home in Griffins Township Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock following a long illness. She had suffered during the past several years with rheumatism, death being attributed to a complication of ailments.

The daughter of the late Noah and Katherine Mizelle, Mrs. Coltrain was born in Beaufort County 67 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to Jesse Coltrain and moved to the Farm Life section of this county to make her home. He died about fourteen years ago. She was a member of the church at Maple Grove for about thirty years, and had many friends in that section.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Arnold Roberson, Mrs. Donald Andrews, Mrs. Evelyn Felty, Crawford Coltrain, David Coltrain, Vester Coltrain, Leonard Coltrain, Robert Coltrain and Tilton Coltrain, all of this county. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Melinda Denton, of Tarboro, and a half-sister, Mrs. Neeley Beacham, of Roper, and sixteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from her late home by her pastor, Rev. M. L. Ambrose, assisted by Rev. D. W. Arnold, Christian minister, and Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment was in the family plot in the Roberson cemetery in the Farm Life section.

Increased Use Of Local Library Is Reported

An increased use of the local library has been reported since the close of the public school a little over a month ago. Receiving a number of new books just a few days ago, the library reported most of them in the hands of readers within a short time.

The library is open each week day from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. and from 8:30 to 8:30 each evening.

FARM MEET

Indications point to a record attendance upon the annual Martin County Farm Bureau meeting at the high school here on Thursday evening of this week. Scheduled at a time when there is an urgent call for unity among labor, capital and agriculture, the meeting will hear a review of the farm situation as it is related to the defense program. Congressman Herbert Bonner will address the meeting.

A barbecue supper will be served promptly at 6 o'clock in the gymnasium, the address to follow at 7:00 in the school auditorium. All Farm Bureau members will be admitted free to the baseball game at 8 o'clock. Plans are being made to broadcast Representative Bonner's speech.

Report Nearly \$600 Of Drive In County

Only Half of Townships Report At Progress Meeting Last Evening

Over-subscribing its base quota by several hundred dollars in support of the United Service Organizations, Martin County is now establishing a fund for aiding stranded service men in this county. Encouraging reports were heard last evening when five of the ten townships reported their progress in the united drive. R. H. Goodman, chairman of the county unit, announcing that \$577.30 had been paid in and that other districts in the county would boost the total to approximately \$700. The base quota of \$350 has been forwarded to national headquarters by Rev. John W. Hardy, treasurer of the county organization, and plans are being formulated for carrying on an aid program to service men within the county. The drive will be completed in the county this week and a final report will be submitted at a meeting in the Legion Hut next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Much interest continues in the program to supplement the aid to service men, officers of the American Legion post in the county willingly offering to cooperate by providing sleeping quarters with the aid of the county and others in the hut basement. Definite plans will be discussed at a later meeting of the United Service Organizations leaders and chairmen in the county.

Twenty or more citizens participating in the campaign to raise the county's quota were present for the meeting last night, the others possibly being detained by rain. It is understood that the township quotas have been virtually raised, and that in one or two districts, the quotas were oversubscribed.

The following table shows the quotas assigned and the amount reported:

	Quota	Raised
Jamesville	\$ 50	\$ 63.40
Williams	20	8.35
Griffins	40	
Bear Grass	40	
Williamston	300	311.50
Cross Roads	40	25.25
Robersonville	120	120.00
Poplar Point	20	17.25
Hamilton	40	
Goose Nest	50	
Offering		31.55
	\$720	\$577.30

Accept Applications Chauffeur's Licenses

M. J. McLeod, State Driver's License Examiner stationed in this territory, has announced that he is now accepting applications for renewal of 1940-41 chauffeur's licenses. Chauffeur's licenses, which are renewable annually, expire June 30. Such licenses are required of all persons employed for the principal purpose of driving passenger-carrying motor vehicles, and of every person who drives a motor vehicle as a public or common carrier of the property of others.

The minimum age for chauffeurs driving property-carrying vehicles is 18 years, and that for drivers of passenger-carrying vehicles is 21 years.

HOARDING

Some Martin County citizens are hoarding gasoline in anticipation of a rumored shortage of the precious fuel, according to unofficial but reliable reports reaching here today. An unusually heavy sale of barrels has been reported for the storage of gasoline by individuals.

No details on the reported hoarding could be had, but one report coming from a reliable source declared that a few car owners in outlying communities were buying the barrels.

This Week In Defense

Dr. Will Alexander of the OPM, speaking in Atlantic City, said defense industries will need 4,000,000 more workers by January. He said, as examples, the San Diego, San Francisco and Vallejo areas of California will need 31,000; Detroit, 66,000 to 88,000; Philadelphia, 70,000; northern New Jersey, 30,000; Dallas and Fort Worth, 17,200; and Wichita, 7,000. He asked employers not to discriminate against persons with necessary skills because of race, religion or color.

Labor Secretary Perkins reported 324,000 workers will be needed in the shipbuilding industry, 408,000 in aircraft, 291,000 in machine tools and ordnance, and 384,000 in other defense industries. She said the greatest single need is for 156,000 skilled machinists and 139,000 semi-skilled assemblers.

War Secretary Stimson announced that skilled workers in the Army will be released, if required in key civilian jobs, upon the request of former employers. Sidney Hillman, OPM Associate Director General, again appealed to all unemployed, all persons not in defense industries and all persons who can do more highly skilled work than required by their present job, to register at local public employment offices so they may be trained and placed in defense work.

Prices

Bureau of Labor Statistics reported food prices increased for the sixth consecutive month and are now about 6.5 per cent above last November. Prices of all foods moved upward but the latest increase resulted from advances in prices for dairy products, fresh fruits, vegetables, pork and lamb, the Bureau said.

The Department of Justice announced Federal Grand Juries in San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia, Hartford, Denver, Dubuque and Washington have indicted 300 firms and individuals in a nationwide drive to prevent unwarranted increases in food costs.

Agriculture

Agriculture Secretary Wickard asked for a one-third increase in Cheddar cheese production and a one-fourth increase in evaporated milk. He said an increase in total milk production, asked several weeks ago, has been made, but the milk supply must increase in areas surrounding cheese and evaporated milk plants. He said prices would be supported by government purchases for lease-lend activities.

Priorities

The OPM added copper, cork and steel to vital defense materials under priority control to give defense needs and essential civilian needs first call on the materials.

L. Edward Seriven, Assistant Priorities Director, speaking in Chicago, said "you can walk through any large retail store today and see all around you commonplace objects—stoves, toasters, vacuum cleaners, typewriters, cameras, tools, and lots of other things—which cannot escape being hit by the demands of the defense program."

Prospective Oil and Power Shortage

Secretary of Interior Ickes, Defense Petroleum Coordinator, said a temporary restriction on the use of gasoline and oil on the East coast may become necessary because of the shortage of tanker transportation. He said a proposed \$70,000,000 pipe line from Texas to ease the situation would require 12 to 15 months to build.

The Federal Power Commission began a series of conferences with electric utilities officials regarding rapidly expanding defense needs for power, aggravated by a drought in the schools.

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Name Committee For Boosting Cotton Sales

Martin Farmers To Get Approximately \$15,000.00 In Stamps

Mass Meeting To Be Held In County Agricultural Building Friday

Formation of a Cotton Stamp Committee for Martin County to cooperate with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the operation of the Supplementary Cotton Stamp Plan in this area in the relatively near future, was announced today by T. B. Brandon, county agent, following a meeting held Monday in the agricultural building.

Mr. Eddie M. Trahey was elected chairman of the committee. Other members, representative of the Cotton Trades Industry of the county, included:

Irving Smith and S. L. Roberson, of Robersonville; W. O. Griffin, Williamston; Henry S. Johnson, Jr., of Hamilton; J. W. Eubanks, Hassell, Clarence Sexton, Jamesville; John H. Roebuck, Parmele; J. H. Ayers, Oak City; J. R. Rogers, Bear Grass; J. S. Ayers, Everetts; D. V. Clayton, of Williamston was elected secretary-treasurer. C. T. Bowers and Frank Margolis, of Williamston, were named to the education committee.

Mr. Brandon stated that the main purpose of organizing the committee was to assist the Government in helping to acquire all retailers and wholesalers of cotton goods in the county with the manner in which they could cooperate and participate in the benefits of the program.

He added that a mass meeting of all store operators and their clerks, handling cotton products, would be held in the county agricultural building next Friday night at 8 o'clock. In stressing the importance of attending this meeting, Mr. Brandon pointed out that merchants cannot accept Cotton Stamps for redemption by the Government until they have completed a "Retailer's Statement" form entitling them to participate. These forms may be obtained from the County Agricultural Agent, and the rules and regulations governing the plan's operation will be fully explained at the meeting.

"I feel sure," said Mr. Brandon, "that every retailer of American grown and manufactured cotton products in Martin County will want to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Government's effort to aid our cotton farmers and the cotton industry as a whole. It's certainly to their advantage to do so, and any who didn't would be placed at a distinct competitive disadvantage."

The government is issuing approximately two million dollars worth of cotton stamps in an effort to stimulate the purchase of cotton goods and eliminate part of the cotton surplus. It is estimated that \$15,000 or more in stamps will be issued in this county to approximately 450 farmers. Merchants interested in participating in the program will find it to their advantage to attend the mass meeting Friday night.

Health Report For The Month of May

Forty-five communicable disease cases were reported in this county last month. Most of the cases were reported in the early part of the period after the victims had formed contact with the ailment during the last days of school. A marked drop in the communicable disease class is to be expected now that the children are not congregating regularly in the schools.

The health department reported the following cases:

Three chickenpox, one among the colored population in Jamesville, and two among the white population, near Williamston.

Six cases of German measles, two among the colored population in Williamston, three among the white population in Robersonville and one among the white children in Everetts.

The eleven cases of measles, and some of them were mighty bad, were confined to the white population in Robersonville, Everetts and Williamston.

There were 24 cases of whooping cough, sixteen among the colored and eight among the white population in Everetts, Robersonville and Williamston.

Judging from the report, the upper part of the county is an healthy place, for there were no contagious disease cases reported there last month or in the preceding month.

Health Board Approves Budget For Department

Meeting in special session here last evening, the Martin County Board of Health approved, subject to action by the board of county commissioners, the 1941-42 county health department budget. The budget calls for an appropriation in the sum of \$7,561.36, the amount remaining unchanged from the budget figures for the 1940-41 fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER



The appointment of Elbert S. Peel, Williamston attorney, to the State School Commission, was announced yesterday by Governor J. M. Broughton. Mr. Peel succeeds T. B. Attmore, of Washington, resigned. Recognized as a major one and carrying more honor than even a place on the highway commission, the appointment is the first to come to this county from up Raleigh way in recent years. Mr. Peel and Governor Broughton were in the State Senate during the 1929 and 1931 sessions.

No Definite Word Heard Lately From Ned Laughinghouse

Mrs. Laughinghouse Is Still Hopeful He Is Alive and Will Return Home

Visiting friends here last week-end, Mrs. Ned Laughinghouse still holds to the hope that her husband is alive and that he will return home. Mrs. Laughinghouse although living under a terrific strain clings to a beautiful hope.

Leaving New York last spring on the neutral Egyptian ship, Zamzam, Mr. Laughinghouse was on his way to Salisbury, Rhodesia, in South Africa, when the ship was attacked by a German raider. He was injured by a shell splinter and after being taken aboard the raider he underwent a brain operation. Reliable reports state that an American doctor was in the operating room while an able German surgeon performed the operation which, according to reliable reports, was successful.

A few days after the Zamzam was sent to the bottom of the Atlantic, the German raider transferred the survivors to another ship, but Mr. Laughinghouse and another passenger who was critically injured on the ill-fated liner could not be moved. The other survivors were landed several weeks later at a French port. Several of them, including two or three tobaccoists, are now flying the Atlantic and are expected to reach New York tomorrow.

The last official word from Mr. Laughinghouse came when the raider transferred the Zamzam survivors to a German merchant ship. It was stated that Mr. Laughinghouse had been landed in France also, but reports from the United States Department of State indicate that the story was unfounded. As far as it can be learned, Mr. Laughinghouse continued on the raider, later reports coming from unofficial sources stating that the raider had been sunk but that the crew had been saved.

Mr. Laughinghouse was a resident of Williamston for a few years, and has many friends here and throughout eastern Carolina. He was on his way to Africa to work on the tobacco market in Salisbury.

Mrs. Laughinghouse was accompanied here on her recent visit by her daughter, Mrs. Lemuel Blades, of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Julian Lane and Mrs. John R. Raines, of Wilson.

2,000

Approximately two-thirds or even 2,000 questionnaires have been placed in the mails for Martin County men who registered last October under the Selective Service Act. The remaining 1,200 or approximately that number, will be bombarded with questions just as soon as the county draft board can get them out.

So far no county registrant has deliberately refused to prepare the answers, but several have been negligent in leaving their forwarding addresses and a few questionnaires are being returned. After so many days, the names of the registrants are turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for action in that department.

Allies Claim Rapid Progress In March Into French Syria

Fear Serious Opposition By French and Germans Later In Their Campaign

Reversing the tactics employed in the war since September, 1939, Great Britain and her allies are moving into a country ahead of or in an equal race with "Protector" Adolf Hitler. Last reports state that the British and Free French under General Charles de Gaulle are advancing rapidly into French-mandated Syria, that the advance had met no serious opposition. It is acknowledged, however, that the campaign offers serious consequences, including the possibility that some of the French under the puppet government at Vichy will take up arms against their former allies. It is also expected in some quarters that Germany will rush aid to the Nazi-dominated French and oppose the British move.

Racing at top speed against the threat of an air-borne German attack, British and Free French mechanized forces drove to within barely 30 miles of Beirut and Damascus after seizing six towns of southern Syria and Lebanon in their lightning invasion.

Opposition from the French defense force of General Henri Dentz was developing and British leaders said that "something more serious" might be at hand, meaning a Nazi attack in response to possible French appeals for aid.

In addition to the six towns, many villages were occupied and the natives "warmly welcomed" the British and Free French, the Jerusalem radio announced.

Great numbers of Arabs and Syrians were said to be deserting and joining the Allied forces. (The Free French radio at Brazzaville said 4,000 who joined the invaders Sunday already were fighting alongside the Free French.)

Latest military advices reaching General Sir Archibald Wavell's Middle East headquarters said that a Palestine force of British and Free French striking up the Lebanese coast had crossed the Litani river and was about 35 miles from Beirut.

To the east, other invading forces, spreading out fanwise into the Jebel Druze mountains of Syria and up to historic Mount Hermon, took the town of Maadayaoun on the Hermon slopes about 30 miles from Damascus, capital of Syria, and believed to be the oldest city in the world still inhabited.

(A large British-led force of Arab troops estimated at more than two divisions, or 20,000 to 30,000 men, is advancing upon Aleppo, chief center of northern Syria and vital air base, from across the Iraqi frontier, it was reported in Ankara Monday night.)

The mechanized force driving upon Beirut along the Mediterranean coast occupied Sir, the famous Biblical city of Tyre, and struck on eight miles and crossed the Litani river.

Concern was expressed over the sinking of the American ship, Robin Moore, in the South Atlantic on May 21 between Brazil and Africa or in the proximity of the scene where the Zamzam was attacked and sunk last April. The sinking was officially announced only today, the announcement warning the public to await full details before drawing any conclusions. It was reported that the ship was sunk by a German torpedo. A few survivors were picked up, but several passengers including a two-year-old child had not been found according to last reports.

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To Finish Street Project Tomorrow

Delayed by financial difficulties during nearly three years, Williamston's street improvement project is now scheduled for completion about noon tomorrow, weather permitting. Plans called for the completion of the work last Saturday, but unexpected delays were experienced. The revised schedule called for the completion of the work late today, but trained workers were delayed over the week-end when they went to deliver equipment for the Navy at the new base near Jacksonville and had to wait for a certain official to sign the delivery sheet.

Marshall Avenue and Warren and Ray Streets were virtually complete at noon today, the superintendent of the project stating that a fourth and last application of tar was all that was needed at that time. The streets will then be packed by a roller and opened to traffic immediately.

Plan Observation Posts Under Defense Program

Playing an ever-increasing role in the nation's defense program, several Martin County citizens are being asked to maintain observation posts and report plane activities over the county. The organization of the posts in this county is nearing completion under the direction of Mack Wynne, of Robersonville.

Blackouts similar to the one held in the county several years ago will likely be scheduled in the future.