

Marion Smith Winner In Initial Stock Show

County Club Youths Take Lead In First Independent Show

Jack Williamson and Cowin Brothers Winners With Prize Hogs

Martin County's first independent fat stock show in the Planters Warehouse here yesterday was a decided success, the event marking a growing interest in livestock raising as an important factor in this section's farming program.

Marion Smith, young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Smith of Goose Nest Township, won top honors among the 4-H club members with his calf entry, but Jack Williamson of Bear Grass ran him a close second when he took first honors with his prize-winning pen of hogs.

The calf show was possibly the center of attention at the show. Tom James could not be present but he had an able substitute. The youthful club members, it was apparent, were interested in stock raising and there was every indication that they had become attached to their animals.

Explaining the judging system, Mr. Case declared that the lads had done a good job and are to be congratulated.

Jack Williamson was the only club boy to enter swine in the show and he took all honors without opposition and received an \$2 cash prize.

Messrs. Zack and S. Clayton Cowin, brothers and Bear Grass farmers, literally stole the farmers' show when they won the first prize for the best pen of hogs, and then had one of the Duroc Jerseys declared the grand champion. They received \$6 for the best pen, but no prize was offered for the champion.

The county agent's office, the Farm Bureau and the several civic organizations.

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Oak City Soldier Gets Army Good Conduct Medal

Pvt. Spencer Raynor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Raynor, of Oak City, was recently honored when he received the Army's good conduct medal.

In service fifteen months, Pvt. Raynor had not lost a minute and had ably performed every duty required of him. He has been at Fort Bragg most of the time, but is expecting orders soon to move out, possibly across the pond.

County Commissioners To Meet Here Next Monday

Very little business has been scheduled for consideration by the county commissioners when they meet in regular session here next Monday.

A jury will be drawn for the June court and it is understood that the welfare department budget for the coming fiscal year will be submitted for consideration.

Pre-Invasion Air Attacks Continue Over French Area

Increased Action Reported In Pacific Area

Recognized by some as a prelude to actual invasion, the relentless air bombardment of the French coastal area and other targets in Hitler's European fortress roared into its fourteenth day today with the fury of the attacks increasing.

Recent raids were recognized as the greatest ever unleashed against the enemy. During the meantime, the world anxiously awaits coming developments.

There continues much talk about the coming second front attack, and many things are popping, but the world is still guessing when the eventual day will come.

More Martin County Men Recently Pass Pre-induction Exam

More Martin County white men recently passed the pre-induction physical examination at Fort Bragg, the Army passing thirteen and the Navy 0. Kehing fifteen. It is understood that twenty-one were rejected, that five others were either transferred or failed to report.

Seventeen of the men passing the examinations are married and have thirteen children. Seventeen of the group are farmers and eleven are from industry or other occupations.

The names of those passing the examination and their addresses follow:

- Charlie Bowen, RFD 2, Williams-ton. Simon Jasper Barber, RFD 1, Jamesville. Claude Halford House, RFD 2, Robersonville. Elbert Wilmer Barber, RFD 1, Jamesville. Hubert Frank Leggett, RFD 2, Williams-ton. Charlie Gilbert Mobley, RFD 1, Williams-ton, and RFD 1, Plymouth. William Fletcher Martin, Robersonville and Portsmouth. James Cecil Lilley, RFD 1, Jamesville and Portsmouth. John Richard Medford, RFD 1, Oak City. James Otis Bullock, RFD 1, Robersonville. Thomas Redmond Harrison, RFD 1, Robersonville. Frankie Coburn, RFD 2, Robersonville. Alfred Thomas Tice, RFD 1, Williams-ton. John Calvin White, Williams-ton and Portsmouth. Thomas Russell Crandell, RFD, Robersonville. Church Edison Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville. James Thomas Edmondson, Williams-ton. Hugh Berkley Griffin, RFD 1, Williams-ton. Lester Lunford Harrell, Jr., RFD 1, Palmyra. Paul Purvis Ward, Robersonville and Monroe, N. C. William Henry Leggett, RFD 1, Robersonville. Travis Camps Kitchin, Williams-ton. John Edward Gurganus, Williams-ton. Edward Warren Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville. Julian Hugo Carson, Parmele and Rocky Mount. John Bill Leggett, RFD 2, Williams-ton. Garland Gray Gardner, RFD 1, Jamesville. Polk Plummer Burroughs, RFD 3, Williams-ton and RFD 1, Oak City. The following men were transferred to other boards: Hugh Burras Bailey, to Hopewell, Virginia. Russell Taylor Jones, to Wilson.

Bear Grass Farmer Hurt In Accident

Garland Harris, Bear Grass Township farmer, was badly injured late last Tuesday afternoon when he was caught in a belt pulley in the shop of W. A. Brown at Bear Grass.

The young man's right arm was broken in three places, his back was bruised and he was cut in the head. Much of his clothing was ripped off him. His clothing was caught in the belt pushing a small planer, and it is believed his arm was carried around the pulley two or more times before he could free himself.

He was removed to the local hospital for treatment. The farmer was at the shop making a row marker.

DIES IN ITALY



Sgt. Leamon Edward Shaw, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shaw, of Bear Grass, died in Italy on Wednesday, April 5, of jaundice following a short illness. Sgt. Shaw had been in service since November, 1939, and is believed to be the first Martin County man to die of natural causes in the current war.

Stock Show Entries Bring Good Prices At Special Auction

Champion of Show Sold To Local Cafe for \$288.30 Here Yesterday

Martin County's first independent fat stock show approached a pleasing climax here yesterday afternoon when all the entries were offered for sale at public auction.

In Italy renewed action was reported in the Arzio beachhead, a late dispatch stating that the Americans were inching forward toward Rome despite curtailed activities in the air as a result of bad weather.

In the Pacific, the Allies have completed the conquest of three Hollandia airfields, indicating that the powerful drive launched against North New Guinea last Saturday is progressing very favorably.

Hogs offered for sale by the club members brought 15 cents a pound and were bought by Roberson's Slaughter House. Ceiling prices were paid for all other entries.

A record of the sales follows for 4-H club cattle: Harion Smith, owner, Palmyra, 830 pounds at 31c, bought by Central Cafe for \$288.30.

Edward Smith, owner, Palmyra, 842 pounds at 20c, bought by Guaranty Bank, Williamston, for \$168.40.

Thomas James, owner, RFD 3, Williams-ton, 780 pounds at 19c, bought by Sunnyside Market for \$148.20.

George Ayers, Jr., owner, Oak City, 680 pounds at 22c, bought by New Carolina and Planters Warehouse, Gurkin, Langley, Lilley and Manning, proprietors, for \$149.60.

Farmers' fat cattle sales: William Weathersby, owner, Palmyra.

Escapes Uninjured In Airplane Crash

Lt. Glenn L. Musselwhite escaped uninjured but suffered slight shock when his plane was forced down in a field near Gold Point early last Wednesday afternoon.

Coming down from the north, Lt. Gen. Stidwell's Chinese troops have driven to within thirty miles of Mogaung, west of Myitkyina which was the target of a parallel drive by Kachin tribesmen. The British-aided reported success in India. Mapao

Several Cases Heard By Justice Hassell

Justice J. L. Hassell handled a fairly sizable docket in his court during the past few days. In addition to imposing fines and taxing the defendants with the case costs in several cases, the justice sent two cases to the higher courts.

George William Hyde, charged with operating a motor vehicle without lights, was required to pay \$6.00 costs.

Horace Lee Williams and Ade Roberson, charged with being drunk and disorderly, were each to pay costs in the sum of \$2.50.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, McKinley Latham was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$6.50 costs.

Bonnie Terry was required to pay \$6.50 costs in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly. Jeff Adkins was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$6.50 costs in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

The case charging Henry Daniel and Arzella Keel with bigamy was sent to the superior court with the defendants under bond in the sum of \$100 each.

James Biggs, charged with assaulting a female and disorderly conduct, was bound over to the county court in \$50 bond.

Superior Court In Final Session Here

Over \$1,300 Allowed in Four Damage Suits Against The Coast Line

After calling off the first week of a scheduled two weeks term, the Martin County Superior Court was in session three days this week before lowering the curtain. Very few cases were cleared from the calendar, but the trial of two cases required the better part of two days, the court holding its final session early Wednesday evening when a verdict was reached in the fire damage suits brought against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

Very few spectators were in the court at any time, the number dropping down to a small half dozen at times. Very little interest was shown in the proceedings, and that with the small number of cases on file is causing some talk of abolishing the special terms ordinarily called in April and October.

There were sixteen cases on the calendar, including six brought by plaintiffs seeking divorces. Only one of the divorce cases reached the jury and the bonds of matrimony were shattered in that one. At least two of the others were removed from the docket when the plaintiffs voluntarily took non-suits.

After a jury had awarded the plaintiffs \$750 damages at a previous session, the court this week allowed them nothing in the case of Critcher Brothers against J. S. Whitley. The jury apparently found that the agents of both the plaintiffs and the defendant were negligent, and in that case neither was entitled to recover damages.

The regional bookmobile will make its last trip to the schools of this county next week. Teachers are urged to have all books ready to return. The summer schedule will be announced before the June trip and students desiring to borrow books may do so at the stop in their community.

New books this month offer much escape reading. One of the most wholesome stories now ready is Gladys Swarthout's Come Soon, Tomorrow, the story of a young singer. One may wonder how much of Emma Norton's story may be that of the author.

Bromfield's new book, What Became of Anna Bolton, recreates the life of Anna Scanlon, born on the wrong side of the tracks in Lewisburg, Ohio. Here is the result of the girl whose only ambition was to show the hometown and the world that she could make something of herself.

Another wholesome story which makes good reading is Ruth Willock's Bring Back The Spring. Mich ael had been more interested in his career in science than in Juliet Dewey—hence, she closed the door between her heart and her career, and started on her ventures in the newspaper world. But a columnist has her ups and downs too—with most surprising results.

Tarawa is a report of battle as Robert Sherrod saw and heard it. As stated in his foreword, no official documents were consulted and the account comes from his memory and notebooks.

Mrs. Agnes Rothery is back again with another story as lively and entertaining as her Family Album. This time A Fitting Habitation reveals the married life of the author and her professor husband and their happy or otherwise struggle in creating homes wherever they found themselves—a two-room studio in which the landlady forbade housekeeping or their own dream house.

The outstanding biography of the month is Yankee From Olympus by Catherine Drinker Bowen. Her account of Justice Holmes is more than the story of a man, it is the story of his country as well.

The schedule follows: Monday, May 1—9:30, Edwards Service Station; 10:00, Hamilton School; 11:00, Hamilton Bank; 11:45, Oak City School; 1:45, Barrett's Drug Store, Oak City; 2:45, Smith's Store on Palmyra Road.

Tuesday, May 2—9:30, Hassell School; 10:00, Edmondson Service Station; 10:30, Hassell Post Office; 11:30, Gold Point School; 1:00, Gold Point, Johnson's Service Station; 2:30, Robersonville Public Library.

Wednesday, May 3—9:00, Williamston High School; 10:00, Everetts School.

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Will Open Books For Registration

Books for the registration of potential voters and others who have moved into this county within the past two years will be opened in the thirteen election precincts tomorrow.

No new registration is required of those persons whose names are already on the books. If one voted in the last primary or election, it is fairly certain he is registered, and if he did it will not be necessary for him to register again to vote in the primary on May 27.

Any person becoming 21 years of age on or before next November 7 and who has not registered is eligible to put his name on the books now and participate in the primary on May 27, provided he can meet certain qualifications. Any person who has moved to North Carolina and has made his home in the State for at least one year and has resided in a precinct as many as four months is entitled to register and vote in his adopted precinct.

The registration books will be open at the polling places for three Saturdays beginning Saturday, April 29. Registrations may be effected at any time during the week that is convenient for the registrar. The books will be opened for challenge on Saturday, May 20, but not for registration.

CLOSING

The Woman's Club is closing the Cancer Control campaign this week. If there are those who have not been approached in the canvass and wish to make a contribution they may see Mrs. G. H. Harrison or Mrs. John L. Goff. It is hoped a sum that will well represent the town will be raised for this needy work.

I. O. Schaub Addresses Farm Bureau Meeting

Annual Meeting Is Well Attended Here Thursday Afternoon

The annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau here yesterday afternoon was one of the most successful ever held by the organization. A timely address was heard and there was ample food for the thousand of the 1,201 members were present.

The meeting was opened with a brief prayer by Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Chas. Daniel, able president of the organization, made a few brief remarks. He said that the Farm Bureau had accomplished much for the farmer, but warned that the members must not rest upon past laurels. "It behooves us to move forward and to keep watch," Mr. Daniel warned. He reviewed briefly the various courses of the farm organizations from the Grange, founded in 1866, on up, citing the downfall of the Grange when it entered politics, and the downfall of the Farmers Alliance when that organization suggested the construction of more warehouses for surplus crops and did nothing about production control. "A farm organization is worthless unless it can control production," Mr. Daniel declared, adding that farm leadership should coordinate its efforts but that others should be treated right. Mr. Daniel declared that Farm Bureau sentiment continues to grow in Martin County and is recognized as a necessity. He concluded by saying that everyone in the farming areas should support it.

Introduced by Tom Brandon, Dr. I. O. Schaub, of the State Extension Division made a timely talk in the form of an appeal for fairness and reason. It was pointed out that what he had to say many may not like to hear, but it was the truth.

Dean Schaub, complimented the Martin County Farm Bureau for its fine membership and its work, and said that it was recognized as the best in the State. "We are living in a day of organizations and pressure groups, and it looks as if that is about the only way to get results. A group like yours can get anything it wants as long as its claims are sound," the agriculturist said, warning that the organization to stay out of politics.

Dr. Schaub briefly reviewed the agriculture picture, explaining that estimate might vary. He said: "Tobacco will be increased 18 percent over production last year. There'll not be quite as many soybeans. There'll be a decrease in peanuts and a big drop in cotton. Corn acreage will be slightly increased, and a big gain is expected in small grains. The Irish potato crop has been materially decreased, but an increase of 25 to 40 percent is expected in sweet potatoes."

He went on to explain that prices were the determining factors, and the farmer could not be blamed for it is only human nature to make money.

A 25 percent decrease in hog production was predicted, but dairying will increase slightly. The livestock picture, according to the extension director, is not very bright. He went on to explain that the feed supply is still insufficient to meet the demand, and the price of feed is high. It is fairly apparent that the odds are against getting more grain from the Central West, and it was his advice to the farmers to decrease their stock down to their own individual or local feed supply.

After a friendly but serious fashion, Dean Schaub cited a few responsibilities the Farm Bureau should recognize. He said, "Your organization has won one battle after another for the farmer, but as these battles are won responsibilities increase. We do not like labor."

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Schedule Special Picture Show In Bear Grass School

The special and unusual picture, "The Battle of Russia" will be shown in the Bear Grass School auditorium next Tuesday night at 9 o'clock, it was announced today by J. Rossell Rogers, chief observer of the Bear Grass Observation Post.

The show was seen in Hamilton last evening. The picture is cordially invited to see the picture and no admission fee is asked.

Nothing Heard From Man Missing Since Sunday

Nothing has been heard from Joe Warren, local white man missing in Roanoke River since last Sunday evening. A constant watch has been maintained near the spot where he is believed to have fallen from his boat and drowned, but no trace of his body has yet been found.

Quite A Few Open Entries At Show

That Martin County is gradually abandoning scrub stock and recognizing the value of better breeds was evidenced at the fat stock show here this week when several farmers exhibited open entries. Farmers Bob Everett and F. F. Pollard entered registered stock, including two bulls, cow and calf.

The milk goats and kids entered by J. R. Fisher of Oak City possibly attracted as much attention as anything in the show.

No prizes were offered for the special entries, the farmers willingly cooperating in the interest of a better livestock program for the county.