

Martin County Farm Security Units Hold Big Fair This Week

Sumptuous Picnic Dinners

Two-Day Event

Without a lot of hullabaloo, freak joints or gambling devices, Martin County Farm Security families are holding a big-little fair in the courthouse here. Exhibits were packed into the double offices of the Farm Security Administration here for the first day of the fair opening yesterday. The entry winners were not announced immediately. There were strong competition for the first awards, and the exhibits would certainly compete successfully with those in any part of the county. Briefly stated, it was a real fair the security families staged along with their annual meeting for a review of their work this year and a study of plans for 1945.

Food for living at home was stressed at home, and the dishes and canned foods were really tempting. Only a few of the common field crops were displayed, the entries indicating that the women are the real power behind the farm security movement in this county. Included in the exhibits were the following foods: corn, snap and shell beans, peaches, okra, herring and herring roe, beets, squash, tomatoes and tomato juice, chow-chow, preserves of all kinds, butter beans, pears, field peas, peppers, barbecue pimentoes, steak, applesauce, sausage, watermelon rind, molasses, huckleberries, grape juice, grape jam, apple jelly, artichokes, butter cheese, old ham, sweet and Irish potatoes, eggs, chitterlings and other items.

At noon yesterday a sumptuous dinner was served in the courtroom, the menu rivalling any ever prepared for a king. The dishes ran the entire menu scale, and even after a hungry courthouse "gang" and a few special and heavy-eating guests tackled the heavily laden tables there was much food left.

Today, the colored patrons are participating in a meeting and reviewing the FSA calendar for another year. They will take time out for a big dinner.

List-takers Named For Tax Round-up

List-takers for the 1945 tax round-up in this county have been named by Tax Supervisor M. Luther Peel. The list includes only two new names, but one or two other appointments are not definite, the supervisor explained.

The list includes Clarence Stallings, Jamesville; Chas. L. Daniel, Williams; W. T. Roberson, Griffins; N. R. Roberson, Bear Grass; O. S. Anderson, Williamston; Buck Ayers, Cross Roads; H. S. Everett, Robersonville; L. G. Taylor, Poplar Point; Leroy Everett, Hamilton; and R. R. Rawls, Goose Nest. Messrs. Ayers and Rawls were newly appointed.

Scheduled to meet in the county courthouse at 10 o'clock on Friday, December 22, the supervisor and list-takers will study plans and schedules for listing property values for taxation in the year 1945. No revaluation of real property was ordered, and values will remain unchanged except in those cases where improvements were made or new buildings were constructed. Credits will be allowed for damage or destruction. For the most part, the real values are likely to remain about the same as they are this year since there has been very little building during the year in the county.

Some minor changes are expected in personal property listings. It is understood the little "Blue Book" showing the value of motor vehicles, is more conservative in setting up the schedule of values for 1945.

County Young Man Decorated In Italy

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Sgt. Marvin B. Manning, of RFD 3, Williamston, N. C., recently was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in service with the 34th "Red Bull" Division of Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

Many casualties had been sustained among the men of Manning's company, part of the 135th Infantry Regiment, and several litter bearers were among the wounded. Manning volunteered to serve as a litter bearer and made several trips to evacuate wounded from the exposed banks of the gully, which was being shelled intensely by enemy artillery and mortars, and up the slopes which were being sprayed by German machine guns located not more than 100 yards away from the wounded men.

"Courageously disregarding the great danger involved," the citation said, "Manning undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades."

WOUNDED



Sgt. Tyree B. (Bill) Tyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tyson of Oak City, was slightly wounded in the arm on the Western Front on November 19.

Terribly Wounded, Young County Man In "Good Spirits"

Lt. John Goodman Getsinger Undergoing Treatment in Atlantic City Hospital

Recently returned from overseas, Lt. John Goodman Getsinger, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Getsinger of Dardens, is undergoing treatment in an Army hospital at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Visiting him there this week, relatives found him able to be up and in "good spirits" despite terrible and numerous wounds.

The young man was returned to this country the early part of the month, moving from Charleston, S. C., to the hospital in New Jersey.

Lt. Getsinger was badly wounded in the foot in July during the Sicilian campaign. He was in a hospital over in North Africa for some time, but was able to return to combat in time for the big French invasion, his third of the war. He participated in the North African campaign, moving on to take part in the other two.

The young man, about 25 years of age, was seriously wounded somewhere in France on last August 1st. He lost his right arm, a portion of his right leg was shot away and a nerve was torn in two in his left leg limiting his use of it. From his shoulders down he suffered numerous shrapnel wounds, including a serious one in his side. And yet the lieutenant continues in "good spirits."

When relatives visited him this week, he accompanied them to their hotel for several meals. It could not be learned how long he will have to continue in the hospital, but it is fairly certain he will be under medical care for quite some time.

He has been given numerous blood transfusions, one report stating that he had received approximately ten gallons.

A nephew of Mr. J. Sam Getsinger of Williamston and of Elder P. E. Getsinger of Farm Life, the young man was graduated from State College, Raleigh, and later located in Asheville where he was employed as a chemical engineer until the war broke out. He married in Asheville.

The young man's address is, 1st Lt. John G. Getsinger, England General Hospital, Room 405, Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J., and it is certain he'll appreciate a note from his friends and acquaintances in this county.

Cotton Ginnings Are Still Running Behind Last Year

Current crop ginnings are still running more than 1,000 bales behind those of a year ago, according to a report issued for the period up to December 1. Up until that time, 2,184 bales had been ginned from the current crop as compared with 3,274 bales ginned from the 1943 crop in the corresponding period.

EARLY EDITIONS

Adhering to an old custom, The Enterprise management is planning to issue its next week's editions ahead of schedule that the crew might get a breathing spell—the only one enjoyed during the year. The paper scheduled for next Tuesday is slated to appear Monday, and the paper ordinarily issued on Friday will make its appearance on Wednesday. No issue will be published the following Tuesday, December 26.

With three regular men in the service and their places unfilled, the management sincerely trusts that the paper's patrons will understand the schedule change and cooperate to the end that all public notices and announcements for publication will be submitted promptly.

Pfc. Lewis Taylor Recovering From Second Heart Operation

last June 11, Pfc. Lewis Taylor, 33rd Martin County man to give his life for his country so far in the current war.

survived a second operation on his heart, according to a message just recently received by his mother, Mrs. Maniza Taylor Whitaker, RFD 3, Williamston.

"I am getting along fine and I don't have to worry about any more operations," the young man told his mother, explaining that he successfully underwent a second operation the 2nd of last month when a bullet was removed from his heart. He added that he was now able to be up and walk around a bit, and that he felt much better. The young man expressed a yearning to get back home.

Pvt. Taylor was critically wounded when he was acting as a rear guard, covering a movement of his platoon. He was alone at the time, and when he was hit he fell unconscious, lying there for possibly several hours. Partially regaining consciousness, he heard a noise some distance away and managed to drag

County Soldier, Wounded In France, Is Discharged

Losing his right arm in action over in France last May, Thomas Mendenhall, young son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Walter Mendenhall of RFD 2, Williamston, was recently discharged with honor from the Army. He is now at home. The youth, declaring that he doesn't like to talk about the war or his part in it, apparently is getting along very well. He has an artificial arm, but does not wear it all the time.

High School Pupils To Present Special Christmas Pageant

More Than 100 Voices To Be Heard Sunday at 8 P. M. In School Auditorium

Reviving once more the old Christmas story, the combined Glee Clubs of the Williamston schools, under the direction of Miss Kathryn Mewborn will present their annual Christmas pageant Sunday night, December 17, at the high school auditorium at 8:00 o'clock.

Based on the well-known book, Why the Chimes Rang, by Raymond MacDonald Alden, the theme of the pageant will be the story of Pedro and Little Brothers, two poor children who go to the great cathedral to offer their gifts and to see the pageant of the Christ Child.

Featuring music by a choir of 115 voices selected from the grammar, junior high, and high school glee clubs, the pageant will also include numbers by the following soloists and small groups: Helen Weaver, Al Ward, Ben Bunting, Bobby Perry, Joe Hal Dickens, Robert Perry, Joe Wynne, Billy Myers, J. D. Lilley, Jean Stinnette, Eugene Griffin, Lib Taylor, Frances Griffin, Thelma Ward, Ethel Taylor, Dorothy Peele, Doris Hudson, Eugene Andrews, Julian Mason, Joseph Manning, Etles Mizelle and Eliza Daniels.

Characters in the pageant are: Story-teller, Lilybet Muse; Mother, Pearl Newbern, Pedro, Jimmy Page; Little Brother, Charles Johnson; Old Woman, Margaret Ward; Rich Man, Gilbert Woolard; Beautiful Woman, Thelma Carrow; Scholar, Hilton Peele; Lovely Young Girl, Shirley Jones; King, John Watts; Carolers, Turner, Manning, Ernest Taylor, Louise Corey, Betsy Horton, Mary Caroline Leggett, Mary Ann Williams, Doris Andrews, Bobby Goff, Craven Gardner, and Barbara Jackson; Priest, J. D. Lilley; Mary, Lucy Andrews; Joseph, Mickey Gurganus; and, Peggy Ann Baldrée, Lola Peel, Edna Hadley, Alma Jones, Lee Handy, Dickie Ann Woodward, Mary Edward Dail, Betty Sue Clark, Judith Ayers; Shepherds, Dennis Moore, George Moore, Guy Carrow, Paul Pele, Victor Brown; Wise Men, Tom Brandon, Horace Coltrain.

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Escapes Unhurt In Bike-Car Accident

Roosevelt Wiggins, 17-year-old delivery boy for the E. and W. Grocery here, was knocked unconscious but not badly hurt when he was struck by a car driven by Carroll Coltrain in the drive way of the Gulf Oil Company's filling station next to the Farmers Warehouse on Washington Street early last Tuesday evening. Thought to have been badly hurt, the boy was picked up by Mr. Coltrain and carried to the local hospital. Just before they reached the hospital, Wiggins came to and asked what it was all about. After an examination and found to be all right, he was discharged from the hospital and returned to work.

The bicycle the boy was riding at the time of the accident was damaged only slightly.

Grand Jury Makes Detailed Study Of Public Properties

Good, But Possibly Better Than The Average

Headed by Vance L. Roberson, foreman, the Martin Grand Jury this week made an extensive survey of all county properties, including offices, jail, schools, bridges and the several institutions. While nothing radically wrong was found, the jurymen made quite a few recommendations.

Completing their work early Tuesday afternoon, the jurymen are believed to have made one of the most complete surveys of county properties in years and submitted what is considered one of the best and most detailed reports ever submitted.

The general report, recorded and forwarded to the proper authorities, follows: "We have passed on all bills of indictment presented to us. We visited the clerk of court's office and found it to be in excellent condition, with all guardian accounts properly filed.

"We found the register of deeds office in excellent shape and all bonds in order. The audit for the past fiscal year has not been completed, therefore this report was not available.

"The sheriff's office and the tax collector's office with records in good conditions, will have found up to date.

"We visited the office of superintendent of schools and found it in excellent condition.

"We checked justice of peace reports and found them all filed with the clerk of court and fines submitted to the treasurer.

"We visited the county jail and found it in a clean and well kept condition. We found three white male and three colored male inmates.

"We visited the county home, prison farm and garage, and found them in good condition with the following exceptions: The fixtures to the bath room of the Th. ward have not been installed, and the plastering has not been repaired. The additional room has been completed with the exception of the windows. All these repairs have been recommended in previous grand jury reports and we urgently recommend that they be completed.

"All school buildings and premises have been inspected by members of the grand jury since the last term and a complete record of the conditions along with findings of the condition of the school busses are covered in detailed reports to be submitted to the proper authorities."

While the recommendations were (Continued on page six)

County Man Dies In Colorado Hospital

Mayo Bailey, young Martin County man, died in St. Francis Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo., Wednesday night at 9:50 o'clock following an illness of about four years' duration.

Mr. Bailey had been an inmate of the Martin County Sanatorium for about three years with the exception of a few months spent in the State Sanatorium the latter part of 1943 and early this year. His condition recently became worse and he went west three weeks ago, where his illness soon reached a critical stage and death followed a few days later.

The son of Walter Bailey of Bear Grass and the late Mrs. Mollie Whitehurst Bailey, he was born in this county on September 6, 1917. He farmed most of his life in Bear Grass but prior to his illness he operated a filling station in Norfolk.

When a young man he was married to Miss Isolene Taylor and she survives with two children, Milton, 9, and Janice, 7, of Virginia. He also leaves one sister, Miss Annie Mae Bailey, who was visiting him in the hospital, and two brothers, G. T. and Bobby Bailey of the home.

Funeral arrangements could not be learned immediately, but it is understood that the body will be returned to this county for burial.

Local Post Office To Remain Open Until 6 p. m. Saturdays

As a special service to its patrons, the local post office will remain open until six o'clock tomorrow, it was announced this week by Assistant Postmaster F. E. Wynne. It is likely that the office will remain open until 6 o'clock on Saturday of next week.

DIES IN BELGIUM

The War Department Monday notified Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ross of near Stokes that their son, Private William E. Ross, 23, U. S. Army, died of tonsillar abscess in an army hospital in Belgium on November 15th.

Small Home Burned Down Here Tuesday After Third Alarm

Volunteer Firemen Called To Home Near Woodlawn Cemetery Yesterday

After three rather mysterious starts, fire burned the humble three-room home of Walter Rogers just off the Washington Highway near the colored high school here early last Tuesday afternoon. Nothing was saved from the house, and Rogers, trying to knock a few articles from one of the rooms, was painfully burned about the face. He was given medical treatment and returned to his work.

Members of the family were at home but they discovered the fire the third time too late to get help and put it out.

Firemen were first called to the home at 10:45 o'clock that morning. When they arrived, the fire was out. The wall paper in one room where there had been no fire had been burned, but the wood work wasn't damaged. An hour later, to the minute, the firemen were called to the home, one report stating that a curtain in the same room had burned.

On that trip, the firemen made a thorough investigation. Part of the ceiling was ripped off, and a man went into the attic, but he could find no trace of fire, and the volunteers returned satisfied that the fire was out. Exactly one hour later, a third alarm was sounded and by the time the firemen reached there with the equipment, the building was burning rapidly.

It is believed that there were three fires, each starting possibly from sparks blown from a defective flue into the attic and down into the walls. However, the house could have burned down from fire starting two hours earlier, but firemen don't think so.

Valued at about \$600, the house owned by Sam Faulk, was insured for \$400. It was reported that no insurance was carried on the contents. Yesterday afternoon the firemen were called to the home of Columbus Baker on Hyman Street, near Woodlawn Cemetery, where fire, starting from a defective flue, was eating its way into the ceiling. Very little damage was done.

With some few exceptions, most of the calls received by the department come from those homes and buildings where there are defective flues or where the buildings are covered with shingles. Up until the present time, the department has received fewer calls this year than in several.

Seventy-one Tires Allotted By Board

Certificates for seventy-one tires—62 for cars and nine for light trucks—were issued by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night.

Grade I tire certificates were issued to the following:

W. O. Peel, A. C. Harrison, James A. Daniels, W. R. Cratt, Gus Lynch, Henry Brown, Dillon Leggett, C. E. Smith, Wilson Griffin, Ivory Griffin, Robert Rogers, Henry Brown, Geo. D. Roberson, Anoxles Peel, David Gurganus, L. R. Meeks, A. B. Wynn, C. X. James, W. Alton White, James E. Griffin, Dock Hollis, J. D. Bullock, J. D. Harrison, Jr., D. B. Mobley, Eula W. Coburn, Claudius Hardison, L. H. Taylor, W. S. Revels, A. B. Ayers, W. S. White, Chester Nicholson, Herbert Taylor, Carroll Modlin, J. L. Beach, B. W. Williams, Fernando Bowen, W. H. Modlin, W. F. Thomas, Williamston Package Co., R. T. Taylor, Kelly Rawls, James Harry Wynne, John M. Cratt, C. B. Gurganus, Lester L. Everett, S. E. Manning, Williamston Police Department, Larry Bunting.

Two tractor tires were released to J. Dawson Lilley.

Truck tire certificates were issued to the following:

E. G. Anderson, Standard Fertilizer Co., M. W. Bissell, Daniel Moore, G. and H. Builders' Supply Co., Williamston Peanut Co.

Youth Transferred To New Battalion

Writing from Camp Wheeler down in Georgia, Pvt. Stephen L. Grimes stated that he had been transferred to another battalion, explaining that he had been in the hospital and missed three weeks' training. He hated to leave his old friends, he said.

"I have been getting my Enterprise, and it really does make a soldier feel good to hear the news about the boys and what's going on back home," the young county boy said.

"I surely did hate to leave the boys over in the 15th Bn., especially Slade White. We have been close friends for a good long while. There is a goodly number of Martin County boys here in Camp Wheeler, including Heber Smith, E. H. Manning, Ray Turner, Edwin Powell and Charlie James.

"The boys say it never rains in the Army, but it has been pouring here during recent days."

KILLED IN ACTION



Reported missing over Munich, Germany since last July 12, Lt. James Willis Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward of Williamston, was reported killed as of that date, according to a message received by his parents last Thursday. He is the 33rd Martin County man to give his life for his country so far in the current war.

Several Auto Thefts And Robberies Are Reported in County

Three Stolen Cars Recovered, Number of Gas Coupons Stolen Yesterday

A series of automobile thefts and filling station robberies, each followed in rapid succession, was reported in the county late Wednesday night and early yesterday morning. It is believed the same group stole three cars and broke into the two filling stations, officers being fairly well convinced that the violators were daring youths interested in riding and plenty of gas rations.

The trail, forming an almost complete circle, had its origin on Church Street here shortly before midnight Wednesday. Harry Jones' car, borrowed and parked on the street by Dick Baker, was stolen. The thieves got stuck in a swamp road and deserted it there, but not until they had placed Farmer Jones' overcoat under one of the wheels in an effort to free the car.

Going to the home of Gussie Rogers, tenant on Bill Harrison's farm not far from where they stuck the Jones 1935 Ford, the thieves stole Rogers' recently-purchased car. They traveled toward Williamston and had traveled only a short distance when the car, its radiator without water, ran hot. They left it in the road.

Early yesterday morning Hubert Biggs left his home here and started to Redden Leggett's hog killing. He stopped for breakfast at the home of his father, Mr. John Daniel Biggs, and left his car in front of the house. While the family was eating breakfast, thieves stole his car. Later in the morning, the car was found parked on North Elm Street here, just off Church and the Jones car was stolen eight or nine hours earlier.

During the meantime someone broke into Lucian Peel's filling station at Corey's Cross Roads on the Washington Highway and stole a number of gasoline ration coupons. The filling station of Will Brown's in Bear Grass was also entered and gas ration coupons were stolen. As far as it could be learned, nothing else was stolen at either of the stations, the thieves, at one place, taking the coupons from a pile of pennies and leaving the money.

Farm Life School To Present Christmas Program Tuesday

The Farm Life School will present a Christmas program Tuesday, December 19 at 8 p. m. The program will consist of dramatic readings, recitations and playlets by the primary grades. The high school will present a pageant, "The Star of Hope", in which Wing of Time discover the Hope of the World. The public is invited.

\$25,000 SUIT

A damage suit for \$25,000.00 was filed in the Martin County Superior Court this week by Mrs. Ruth Vivian Whitaker against the Carolina Coach Company and the Carolina Delivery Service Company. The action was taken as a result of serious injuries received by the plaintiff in a bus-truck accident at Bethel on April 16 of this year. The suit is one of the largest to have been filed in this county in recent years.

Mrs. Whitaker, still without full use of her faculties, was a patient in the local hospital until a short time ago receiving treatment for a crushed leg.