

Council Discusses Food Problems At Meeting Recently

Offers Recommendations To Conserve Food For Starving Overseas

The United States Department of Agriculture Council which is made up of agriculture workers in the county met in the agricultural building last Tuesday, and elected J. C. Eubanks, Farm Security Supervisor, chairman, and Miss Verna Belle Lowrey, home economics teacher, secretary.

Recommendations of the Family Emergency Committee were read and the recommended goals were adopted.

"We are faced with an urgent demand for food to save human lives abroad," the chairman declared. "France needs more food because her crop was cut due to a drought. This was the worst drought there in 100 years. Recent droughts in India, Africa, Australia and Argentina reduced the wheat crop. In addition, the demands for food for our own people have been larger than was expected," the chairman added.

"The foods that we have in shortest supply are rice, wheat, cereals, sugar, fats and oils. Such items as dairy products, meats, and dried beans and peas are scarce in many countries."

"We want to save by: Using less bread at each meal, serve fewer fried foods, save and re-use fats and oils for cooking purposes; use less oils and salad dressings."

"The county USDA Council is recommending to each home to reduce food consumption by following the fourteen steps listed below:

- 1. More efficient use of bread to prevent waste.
- 2. Use less bread at each meal. Here, the committee suggested use of potatoes, oat cereals, and fruits as alternates for wheat products.
- 3. Use more corn bread instead of wheat bread.
- 4. Single crust or open pies in place of two crust pies.
- 5. Substitute fruits and other desserts in place of pastries and cakes.
- 6. Eliminate three-layer cakes. Save fats and oils:

- 1. Serve fewer fried foods.
- 2. Save and re-use fats and oils for cooking purposes.
- 3. Salvage all fats that cannot be re-used and turn them into your butcher or grocer.
- 4. Use less oils and salad dressings.
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- 7. Boil or broil rather than fry fish and other meats.

No Report On Easter Seal Sale In County

The office of the Martin County Welfare Department was closed yesterday and no report could be had on the annual sale of Easter seals for crippled children. Local girl scouts handled the street sales last Saturday and were said to have been successful.

IN HOSPITAL

Her condition becoming more or less serious last Thursday night, Little Miss Peggy Harrison was removed to a Durham hospital last Friday morning for treatment. Before she could make the trip, she was given a pint of blood in the hospital here, the transfusion being the 143rd she has received during the past five or six years. One report stated that she had received at least two additional transfusions since entering the Durham hospital. Early yesterday she was said to be some brighter, but little could be learned about her general condition or how long she would be a patient in the hospital.

Her address is, Peggy Harrison, Howland Ward, Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C. It is quite certain that letters and acquaintances will be greatly appreciated. Williamston's volunteer firemen are sending her a \$100 check this week.

Report Last-Minute Rush To Register For Election

After dragging along and attracting very little attention for two weeks, the registration for the special election in the Williamston School District picked up considerable momentum last Saturday when the count was boosted from a number below 100 to right at 353. Although the registration figure was materially boosted at the last minute, the total count is hardly more than one-fifth of the estimated voting strength in the district.

Miss Edith Stallings, registrar for Precinct No. 1 reported 167 names were placed on the books, and Registrar O. S. Anderson said that right at 186 registered in Precinct No. 2.

The registration is closed, but the books will be opened on Saturday of this week for challenge. Any interested party having

knowledge of an illegal registration may file his complaint with the registrar who will place it before the judges of election for a decision. It isn't very likely that any of the registrations will be challenged.

The question whether the county shall levy a 20-cent special tax in the Williamston School District to raise funds to finance additional courses in the local schools will be placed before the registered voters on Saturday, May 4. It should be remembered that the vote will be against the registration, that is a person who does not go to the polls will automatically vote against the proposal.

The registration for the special election is not to be confused with the registration scheduled to get under way on Saturday of this week for the primary election on May 25.

Enforcement Group To Meet Tomorrow

SPEAKER



Robert Lee Humber, Greenville attorney and candidate for congress from the first district, will make a political speech in the Martin County courthouse Friday evening of this week at 8:15 o'clock, it was announced by his county manager, Don E. Johnson, this week.

Wives Check Up On Jaycees Here

Since its organization several months ago, the local Junior Chamber of Commerce successfully met its first acid test last Friday evening when the wives in a group walked unexpectedly on the members. They found everything in order and held the program strictly to business by taking over. President Clarence Griffin turned the meeting over to the ladies and Mrs. Wheeler Manning served as chairman.

Various reports were submitted, one stating that a softball league had been formed and that work-outs were under way. It was also pointed out that the league would have a statistician this year to keep the records straight.

Prizes were awarded the winners in the recent Jaycee essay contest. John Halton Gurganus made the awards to the winners who were special guests of the organization.

Fifteen new members were added to the roster as a result of the recent membership drive, the chairman announced.

Department Sponsoring Amusement Program Here

Sponsored by the local fire department, the combined shows of the R and S and Raferty Amusement Companies are playing on the lot next to the Williamston Lumber Company on the Washington Road here at this week.

In addition to seven modern rides and a number of shows, the combined amusement companies are offering several thrilling free acts.

White children will be admitted to the grounds free Wednesday afternoon, and colored school children will be guests of the management Friday afternoon, it was announced.

Hundred and Fifty Officers And FBI Agents To Attend

Three Distinguished Speakers Will Appear On The Program

Approximately two hundred law enforcement officers, including members of the North Carolina Highway Patrol, sheriffs, deputies, police and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, are expected to attend a FBI conference in the Marco theater here tomorrow afternoon. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck announced today. The conference is one of the largest planned in several years and will attract several distinguished speakers and prominent leaders in the FBI organization. All officers and government officials are invited to attend the conference.

Following a rock fish dinner which will be served shortly after 1:00 o'clock by Hosts Chas. Roebuck and Chas. Mobley at the prison camp, the officers will repair to the theater for the conference.

Edward Scheidt, special agent in charge of the Charlotte FBI office and who will have charge of the program, states that Col. H. J. Hatcher, commanding officer of the highway patrol; Walter F. Anderson, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, and Chief of Police John M. Gold, of Winston-Salem, president of the North Carolina Police Executives Association, will address the conference.

The three men are well known in law enforcement circles throughout North Carolina. Col. Hatcher, after serving in the armed forces for several years, recently went with the highway patrol. Until recently, Mr. Anderson, new head of the State Bureau of Investigation, was chief of police in Charlotte. He has been active in police work for nearly a quarter of a century, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He is now serving as

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NO MEETINGS

As far as it could be learned no democrats assembled for the party precinct meetings in any of the thirteen political sub-divisions in this county last Saturday. Blown to pieces during the old Hoover-Smith fight nearly ten years ago, precinct gatherings have never been able to regain a foothold in this county. To bridge the gap in the party machinery, the county party leaders extend a cordial and general invitation to all democrats "in good standing" to attend and participate in the county convention. The county pow-wow, slated to fill a position made vacant on the county board of education by the resignation of Leslie W. Hardison, is to be held on Saturday of this week at 12 o'clock noon.

Divorces Granted In Superior Court Monday Morning

\$10,000 Damage Suit Before Tribunal Here This Morning

Opening a one-week term for the trial of civil cases only, the Martin County Superior Court cranked up its divorce mill under the supervision of Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City and ground out seven divorces in short order yesterday morning. Several other divorce actions were continued because the litigants were unable to appear in court. In another instance the litigants had made up and were living together again. Several judgments of non-suits were entered, two in divorce cases and two or three in regular suits.

The \$10,000 damage suit brought by Miss Elizabeth Holliday against the Williamston Lumber company is before the court today. Very few other cases, none of them of any great importance, are on the calendar for trial and it is likely that the court will complete its work for the term tomorrow. The first week of the term was called off last week when there were not sufficient cases to keep the court busy for the full period.

Most of the divorces granted Monday morning were based on grounds of two years' separation, but there were those based on adultery. Those based on two years' separation follow: Levester P. Taylor from Sarah Moore Taylor, Alton Roberts from Emma W. Roberts, William Bowers from Etta Mae Bowers, Eddie Leggett from Marjorie Leggett, Rosa Lee Clark from Alec Clark. Those based on grounds of adultery follow: Sadie Rummels from J. E. Rummels, and Charlie C. Ormond from Mary P. Ormond.

The divorce cases Briley against Briley, Rawlings against Rawlings, White against White, Best against Best, Little against Little, Bland against Bland, Clark against Clark, Moore against Moore were continued. Voluntary non-suits were asked for and granted the plaintiffs in the divorce cases of Washington against Washington, and Dempsey against Dempsey. It was learned that some of the divorce cases were continued when the plaintiff appeared in court without sufficient funds to pay the costs and attorney fees. One or two others were pending when

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Announce Rosters For Big Softball League This Year

Four Teams To Open Season With Double-Header On May 1st

Prospects for a good, fast season of play in the City Softball League seemed in evidence today as the Jaycee Sports Committee named the teams and the rosters of players.

The league will boast four well balanced teams sponsored by Woolard Furniture Co., Sinclair Oil Co., Dixie Motors Co., and Belk-Tyler. Each team will play two contests a week, the curtain raiser coming with a double-header on May 1st.

This year's games will be played by a new code of rules which will insure more lively, free-scoring tilts. The rule modifications limit the number of participants to nine, eliminating the shortfielder; base lengths have been shortened, likewise the distance from the mound to the batters' box. This will tend to add speed to the game.

The rosters at present carry sixteen men but more will be added in the future. Application to play may be made to any Junior Chamber member, by those who failed to submit an earlier application.

The rosters as decided by lottery contain the following names: Woolard Furniture: Bill Spivey, manager; Jack Manning, assistant manager; Jo Jo Thigpen, C. T. Roberson, Sam Zema, Pete Fowden, Warren Giff, Hugh Horton, Jr., Exum Ward, C. B. Clark, Jr., Dillon Cobb, Thad Harrison, David Boyd, Roger Critcher III, James Bullock and Raymond Cherry.

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Two Thousand Expected Here Friday For Fat Stock Show And Annual Farm Bureau Barbecue

Political Speech Slated As Climax In Events Of Day

Forty 4-H Club Members To Enter Animals In Third Fat Stock Show

It will be a big day in the town's history next Friday when an estimated two thousand visitors, including numbers of farm boys and girls, farmers, business and professional men and politicians come here to attend the third annual 4-H fat stock show that morning, the annual farm meeting and barbecue that evening and a political rally a short time later.

Present indications are that attendance figures will break all records for everyone of the events scheduled that day.

Forty club members, including several young ladies, are grooming their beef calves for the show. The entries will be weighed in not later than 6:00 o'clock p. m. Thursday for the show which will be opened at 10:30 Friday morning. The exhibits will be offered for sale at public auction that afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Special invitations have been extended a number of buyers, including county merchants and others. A special feature of the show this year will be a radio broadcast from headquarters in the Planters Warehouse by Frank Jeter, agricultural editor for the State Extension Service. Quite a few specialists and prominent leaders in animal husbandry are expected for the show and Farm Bureau meeting, in addition to well-known figures in the political and business field.

Sponsored by the Farm Bureau and county civic organizations, including Robersonville's Rotary Club, Oak City's Ruritan Club, and Williamston's Kiwanis and Lions Clubs and the local Junior Chamber of Commerce, the show this year is offering a total of \$275 in prizes, \$225 to exhibitors of beef calves and \$50 to winners in the swine show.

No independent entries are provided for at the show this year, it was explained.

Club members are allowed to enter not more than two baby beef steers and not more than six hogs, the latter to weigh not less than 180 pounds each.

The following club members are planning to enter baby beef steers in the show: Bear Grass District: Ben Simon Cowan, Mahue Bailey, Howard Bennett, Raymond Bennett, Noah Bennett, Edith Rogerson, James Rogerson, Jack Williamson.

Everetts District: Billy Bailey, Farm Life District: John Walton Lilley.

Hamilton District: Charles Daniel Edwards, Mildred Gurganus, Peggy Joyce Gurganus, Calvin Oglesby, Paul Stevenson.

Jamestown District: Frederick Griffin, Jimmie Knowles, Ross Knowles and Bobby Lilley.

Oak City District: George Ayers, Jr., Ruth Haislip, Lynette Haislip, Doris Stevenson.

Robersonville District: George James, Furney James, Thomas James and Jack Roebuck.

Williamston District: Eugene Andrews, Henry Gray Corey, Roddy Everett, Johnny Price, Horace Ray, Ira Rogerson, Jr., Clayton Savage, Priscilla Roberson, Burnell White and Jack Woolard.

Arrangements have been made with the Roberson Slaughter

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Three Marriage Licenses Issued

Three marriage licenses were issued in this county last Saturday by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger to the following:

James H. Watson of Washington and Ruth Cayton, RFD 3, Washington, Garland Pierce of Windsor and Elsie Edmondson of Williamston, and Lonnie Hardison and Daisy Mae Mizelle, both of RFD 3, Williamston.

Large Crowds Present For Easter Services On Sunday

Unusually large crowds were present for all services in local churches Easter Sunday, several of the pastors declaring that the observance was more extensive and more marked than at any other period in a number of years.

Conservative estimates placed the number attending services in the town Easter Sunday at more than two thousand people.

Crime activities were suspended for the most part during the Easter season, officers stating that the observance of the period was the quietest they had recorded in years. No accidents were reported despite the fairly heavy flow of motor vehicle traffic.

Easter finery, despite limited supplies, made a splendid showing. Flowers were more in evidence this year than in past seasons. Weather conditions, despite a penetrating wind and fairly low temperatures, were ideal that day.

School Students Cite Town's Urgent Needs

Essay On Parking Problem First In Jaycees' Contest

Winner Of Second Prize Writes Of Need For More Hotel Accommodations

Turning to the young people with the question, "What's the most important thing the Jaycees can do to improve the town of Williamston," the local Junior Chamber of Commerce received suggestions from approximately 75 pupils in the local high school. The number one prize winning essay tackled the parking problem, Miss Elizabeth Menning receiving a \$25 bond. Tom Brandon, Jr., citing the need for a modern hotel, won second prize, \$15 in cash, and Miss Sallie Hardison was third and received a \$10 cash award for her paper in which she stressed the need of a recreational center.

"The judges spent much time in studying the papers which contained many valuable suggestions," Chairman Ernest Mears said, adding that the Jaycees greatly appreciated the interest shown by the young people.

The first of the prize-winning essays follows:

In my opinion, our city's most needed improvement is better parking facilities and system. Most any day and especially on Saturdays and on court days it is almost impossible to find parking space. Most towns of this size have good, or certainly better parking facilities and systems than our good town of Williamston affords. True we have not always been confronted with such a problem but one must remember that we are living in a new day, we are growing and progressing in many ways and our civic minded people and our city officials

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REGISTRARS

Finding it inconvenient to serve as registrars in Williamston's No. 1 precinct and in Robersonville, Jos. G. Corey, Williamston, and Claude Smith, Robersonville, recently tendered their resignations, Chairman of County Board of Elections Sylvester Peel announced last week-end.

Miss Edith Stallings is succeeding Mr. Corey in the Williamston precinct, but Mr. Smith's successor has not been named, according to last reports reaching here. No other registrars had tendered their resignations up until last week-end, it was learned.

Nearly One-Half Of Cancer Quota Raised In County

Leaders Appeal For Answers To Solicitations By Direct Mail

Complete reports are not to be had, but according to the best information available nearly one-half of the \$1,000 quota assigned this county in the current cancer fund drive has been raised. County Chairman R. L. Coburn said yesterday that Williams Township had about reached its quota. Bear Grass is over the top with more than \$250, and Hassell exceeded its \$250 quota with \$5.28 to spare. Goose Nest was also reported to have about reached its \$75 goal. In Williamston, Mrs. P. B. Cone said that \$207 of the township's \$450 quota had been raised, that hundred one-fourth of the direct mail appeals had been answered. It is apparent that the direct mail appeals have been overlooked, and the chairman, anxious to have the district go over the top, is again appealing for liberal answers.

No reports have been received from Jamesville, Griffins, Cross Roads, Poplar Point or Hamilton. Robersonville was said to have been pushing toward its goal last week, but no late report has been received from Chairman Robert Adkins.

The chairmen are anxious to complete the drive this week, and those who want to have a part in supporting the fight against cancer are asked to contact any of the following chairmen: R. L. Coburn or Mrs. P. B. Cone, Williamston; C. C. Martin, Jamesville; C. L. Daniel, Williams; W. B. Harrington, Griffins; J. Rossell Rogers, Bear Grass; J. S. Ayers, Everetts; R. K. Adkins, Robersonville; Mrs. L. G. Taylor, Poplar Point; J. W. Eubanks, Hassell; H. S. Johnson, Jr., Hamilton; W. V. Daniel, Oak City.

The following donations were reported in Williamston: Mrs. A. R. Dunning, \$5; Mr. B. S. Courtney, \$25; Mr. V. D. Godwin, \$1; Peele Jewelry, \$5; Dr. J. T. Llewellyn, \$5; Mr. M. L. Peel, \$5; Mrs. Josephine Holding, \$2; Mr. Asa J. Manning, \$5; Dr. John D. Biggs, \$25; Mr. W. B. Watts, \$1.50; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harrison \$5; Harrison Oil Co., \$5; S. H. Grimes, \$1; Samuel Zemon, \$5; Dixie Motor Co., \$10; W. J. Hodges \$2; W. R. Banks, \$5; L. B. Wynne, \$2.50; John W. Weir, \$3; Williamston Peanut Co., \$5; Mrs. W. H. Carstarphen, \$5; Woolard Furniture Co., \$10; Mrs. K. B. Crawford, \$1; Mrs. Faye M. Jones, \$1; Mr. W. M. Baker, \$5; Mr. J. M. Saunders, \$10; Farmers Supply Co., \$10; F. M. Manning, \$3.50; Mrs. Jool Muse, \$5; Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., \$5; Mrs. Wm. Hurst, \$1; Miss Kate Philpott, \$1; Ella C. Ballard, \$1; "Israel's," \$2.50; Dr. L. C. Mercer, \$5; Mr. H. L. Barnhill, 2; J. Paul Simpson, \$5; Mrs. Herbert Cowan, \$5; and Wheeler M. Manning, \$1.

A review of the jail roster showed that only three persons were detained during the week-end, that two men and one woman, all colored, were booked for public drunkenness.

Make Changes In Highway Patrol

Several promotions were announced in the North Carolina Highway Patrol last week-end. Cpl. W. S. Hunt, stationed here for about ten years with the exception of a leave of absence granted while he was with the State ABC Enforcement Bureau, has been promoted to sergeant and he goes to Elizabeth City to head District No. 2. He reports to his new station next week, but will not move until the latter part of May or June. Friends of Mr. Hunt and his family regret to learn that he is being transferred.

Promoted to the rank of corporal, W. T. Simpson is to be located in Williamston. A native of Salisbury, Cpl. Simpson was a member of the patrol from 1938 until the first week of the war when he volunteered for service and attained the rank of lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard. Prior to entering the service he was stationed at Belhaven and Tarboro. Following his service discharge about three months ago, he has been stationed with the patrol in Wilson.

A former member of the Marine Corps, Cpl. Simpson married in Oklahoma and plans to locate his family here just as soon as he can find a home.

Firemen Called To Peanut Plant Here

Starting from a spark, fire burned a small place in the wall of the Williamston Peanut Company here last Saturday morning shortly before 9:00 o'clock. Very little damage was done, Plant Manager Larry Bullock said.

The plant was not in operation, but attendants were there and they discovered the fire on the second floor when they were attracted there by smoke. The plant sprinkler system sounded an alarm and turned water into the pipes, but the fire did not get hot enough to release water from the system.

The reports stated that from forty to fifty pound of rock were being taken at a dip yesterday along with several thousand herrings. Contrary to past records, fish right off the battery are bringing more money than those prepared for curing barrels. It was explained that the rock makes the difference. Prices yesterday were ranging around \$3 per 100 for fish right off the battery and \$2 a hundred for those cut and made ready for curing.

FISHING