

4-H Club Members On Radio Program Here Last Friday

Youth Tells How Cousin "Flipped" Him Out Of Prize Winner

One of the high spots in Martin County's third annual Fat Stock Show in the Planters warehouse, Williamston, last Friday was a radio broadcast over a Raleigh station by Frank Jeter, State College Extension Service editor. Interested 4-H club boys and girls, the real backbone of the county's largest stock show, and several hundred other spectators crowded around Jeter as he reviewed the history of the show and interviewed several of the prize-winning boys and girls, including Jack Williamson, winner of first prize; Earl Knowles, second prize winner; Ira Rogerson, third, and Priscilla Roberson, first prize winner for girls.

"The first show had eight entries. A year later there were 21 entries, and today there are forty," Editor Jeter, the man who gets more fan mail than any other on the Raleigh station, said. "There has been steady growth and interest in the show, and the youngsters have 21 Angus and 19 Herefords and thirteen swine in the show today," he added.

The editor called in Tom Brandon, county agent, who said a few words, and Assistant Agent C. J. Goodman, the man who was in charge of the show this year, said the show was the finest thing his club members had done up to date.

Dean I. O. Schaub made a few remarks on the program, recalling how much the show had improved in interest, quality and quantity since he was here two years ago. He was much impressed by the great interest shown by older people, and declared that a general livestock program must come to eastern North Carolina.

Jack Williamson, Bear Grass club boy, told how he had fed his 940-pound grand champion and although he thought a lot of him, he would not cry when he told him good-bye. Priscilla Roberson, of the Williamson club, and Jimmy Knowles, of Jamesville, were briefly interviewed by Editor Jeter during the short radio program.

Ira Rogerson, Jr., of Williamston and winner of third prize, told how he and his cousin, Jack Williamson, went to Roberson's Slaughter House nearly six months ago to pick out their calves. Both of them chose the same calf. "We agreed to flip a coin to determine who would get the calf, I lost," the youth said, adding that he planned to return next year. It was a costly flip for the youngster, all right. Jack received \$573.41 at the sale that afternoon, and Ira received \$282.10 for his, a difference of \$291.31, not mentioning the prize money.

In concluding his broadcast, Editor Jeter declared that it was a fine occasion. He expressed his thanks to the boys and girls for making the show possible and to the older people for the interest they had shown. "And we must realize that it takes livestock to make a great state," he concluded.

Prizes Awarded For Showmanship

Purchasing their calves from the West, quite a few of the 4-H club members participating in the county's third annual fat stock show last Friday could not compete for showmanship prizes, but three walked away with the awards.

Howard Bennett of Bear Grass won first prize, a leather halter. Second prize went to Ira Rogerson, Jr., of Williamston, the youngster who was literally "flipped" out of first place in the choice of the show's grand champion steer. Miss Peggy Joyce Gurganus of Hamilton won third place in the showmanship contest. No prizes were awarded, but the climax of the entire show came after the sale when the young folks looked at their pets for the last time. A few tears trickled down faces, and a friendly stroke was directed at the nose of more than one animal by the youngsters, one of whom grabbed his steer around the neck and planted a meaningful kiss right between the animal's eyes.

Farm Meeting Held Here Friday Evening

Members Urged To Maintain A Strong Farm Organization

Shaw, Bonner and Humber Address Large Group Friday Evening

Holding their annual meeting and barbecue in the Williamston High School last Friday evening, Martin County Farm Bureau members were urged by prominent farm leaders and others to maintain a strong farm organization. Opened by a prayer by Rev. W. B. Harrington, the group heard talks by Chas. L. Daniel, president of the county organization, R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the state Farm Bureau, Congressman Herbert Bonner and R. Lee Humber, candidate for the seat now held by Bonner in the National House of Representatives. The barbecue supper was served in the gymnasium which was packed from wall to wall.

Opening the meeting, President Daniel welcomed the members and special guests, numbering right at 2,000. He reviewed the condition of the Farm Bureau in this county, stating that there was right at 1,800 members, that the organization was taking part in local, state and national affairs through its delegates and committees. "The Martin County Farm Bureau is on the map, and we want to keep it there," Mr. Daniel said. "The Farm Bureau was organized for service and it is trying to raise the standard of living for farmers and others. It has been instrumental in getting laws beneficial to agriculture. We can't however, rest on past laurels; we must go forward for service. Many problems are coming up, and we need to maintain a strong organization to help solve those problems," the president said in urging the members to take more interest in their organization. "We are not all clod-hoppers, so to speak, but all are dependent on the soil, so let's have a strong organization and work for the interest of all our people," he concluded.

Making the main address of the evening, R. Flake Shaw pointed out that Martin County had done a good job, that it had been loyal in helping carry the voice of the farmers to the nation's capital where laws beneficial to agriculture are considered in committee meetings.

The executive secretary did not paint a very encouraging picture for the future, but expressed the opinion that farm prices would hold up for a year or two. "We can't center all our attention on soil and production; we must consider markets," Shaw said, pointing out that a program to help manage foreign exchange must be formulated if the foreign markets are to continue taking fifty percent of our tobacco and 30 percent of our cotton. He also stressed the need for economy, and explained that there are 44 agencies and eight bureaus handling agriculture, that there are 20 agencies dabbling in the housing problem. "I'm not critical of the set-up, because the agencies were the outgrowth of war and uncertain conditions following the war, but we must economize and the farmer will be called on to say which agencies he would retain."

The speaker discussed the parity formula, and declared that there are many misgivings as to whether we need a farm program. "But we must have the right to adjust and we must have price support," he declared, pointing out that farmers will be lost if they produce a great surplus without foreign markets or some definite program. "We must work together and we must pull together," Shaw said, pleading for a better informed Farm Bureau membership and a militant organization to help cope with future problems.

The meeting was thrown into an open forum and Congressman Herbert Bonner and his opponent in the current race for the First Congressional District seat in the National House of Representatives, briefly addressed the meeting.

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Entering Duke Hospital, Durham, week before last, Little Miss Peggy Harrison yesterday was reported to be improving. She has received several more blood transfusions and was able to be about in a rolling chair Sunday.

Her illness is still baffling the doctors who are still trying to find the trouble which has made it necessary for the little girl to take nearly 150 blood transfusions during the past five years.

Miss Peggy sent word back to thank Mr. B. S. Courtney for a \$50 cash donation and Mrs. A. R. Dunning for a \$10 contribution on her hospital expenses. The little girl is still in Howland Ward, Duke Hospital, Durham, and she will appreciate a card or letter from friends and acquaintances back home. It could not be learned how much longer she would have to continue in the hospital.

County Democrats Appoint Official Party Committees

New List Includes Several Women And Many Old Members

Delaying action for one week, democrats from the various election precincts in this county last Saturday perfected and announced their organizations for the thirteen political sub-divisions. Only seven of the thirteen precincts were represented, but the committee recognized the quorum and the convention was opened for business.

Mr. Pleny Peel, veteran democrat of Griffins, was again named as dean of the party's precinct officials, the list including several ladies and most of the old committee members.

The following precinct officials were named, the first being the chairman, the second being the vice-chairman and the others, members:

Jamesville: C. B. Martin, Leslie W. Hardison, Clarence Barber, C. W. Mizelle and W. M. Gardner. Williams: Joshua L. Coltrain, Mrs. R. J. Hardison, S. J. Tetterton, Floyd Moore and C. L. Daniel. Griffins: Pleny Peel, Mrs. J. Easton Lilley, W. T. Roberson, B. F. Lilley and George C. Griffin. Bear Grass: J. D. Wynne, Gormer Harrison, LeRoy Harrison, T. L. Roberson and Leon Hall Rawls. Williamston No. 1: C. H. Godwin, Jr., W. O. Griffin, C. B. Roebuck, M. L. Peel, and J. Sam Getzinger. Williamston No. 2: Hugh G. Horton, Mrs. E. S. Peel, Haywood Rogers, J. C. Manning, and Mrs. S. R. Biggs. Cross Roads: J. S. Ayers, Mrs. V. G. Taylor, Frank Bailey, Willie Ausbon and Herbert Roebuck. Robersonville: Paul D. Roberson, Mrs. A. R. Johnson, A. E. James, A. M. Hasty and H. T. Highsmith. (Continued on page four)

Martin County was well represented at the annual meeting of the 15th District Home Demonstration Federation held in Plymouth last Thursday, Miss Elizabeth Parker, home agent, stating that forty-nine club women from the county attended and participated in the program which included an address by Dr. Jane S. McKimmon. Mrs. R. L. Leggett of the Bear Grass Club, submitted the report for this county. Mr. N. R. Rogerson of Bear Grass, who served the district as secretary last year, was re-elected. Mrs. Thomas House of Robersonville served on the nominating committee. The next meeting of the federation will be held in Beaufort County.

Mrs. Abe Hopkins Died At Home Of Daughter Sunday

Funeral Service Is Held Monday Afternoon For Jamesville Citizen

Mrs. Sallie Ann Hopkins, widow of Abe Hopkins, died at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dave Davis, near Jamesville following several years of declining health. Suffering a broken hip in a fall more than two years ago, Mrs. Hopkins had been a semi-invalid since that time. She had received treatment in hospitals at various times, and was able to be up most of the time until a short time before her death.

The daughter of the late Harvey Tweedy and wife, Mrs. Hopkins was born in this county 85 years ago on April 19, 1861, and spent her entire life in the community of her birth. In early womanhood she was married to Abe Hopkins who died some years ago. She was a devoted mother and a good neighbor and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Mrs. Hopkins joined the Methodist church seventy years ago and was faithful in her attendance upon its services until declining health and infirmities of age forced her retirement.

Funeral services were conducted at her late home Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Thomas H. House, of Roper, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment was in the family cemetery, near Jamesville. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Dave Davis with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Hubert (Continued on page six)

Preston Swinson Died In Hospital Here Thursday

Funeral Service Sunday For Retired Keeper Of Cemetery Here

Preston Graham Swinson, retired keeper of Woodlawn Cemetery here, died in the local hospital at midnight last Thursday following about two years of declining health. During recent weeks he had been troubled with an old injury received in a fall many years ago. Complications resulted and his condition had been critical for about two weeks.

The son of the late Joseph and Hattie Jones Swinson, he was born in Dardens 71 years ago, the 12th of last month. He spent most of his life on the farm in that community, moving to Williamston seventeen years ago. After farming in Poplar Point a short time, he entered private employment, working for the Standard Fertilizer Company and the Williamston Lumber Company for a number of years. About two years ago he worked as assistant keeper of the cemetery here, holding that job until about two months ago when declining health forced his retirement.

Mr. Swinson was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for about forty years. Humble in his walk through life, he was a good citizen, a devoted husband and a thoughtful father. He was a diligent and conscientious worker, faithful and willing in all his tasks as an employee and as a friend to his fellowman. About forty-five years ago he was married to Miss Garnetta Louvenia McCaskey and she survives. (Continued on page six)

Ernest Edmondson New Board Member

County Democrats Organized Forces At Meet Saturday

RESIGNS

Assistant Martin County Farm Agent Claude J. Goodman last week-end tendered his resignation, effective May 18, it was announced this week. Mr. Goodman who has made many friends throughout the county in his work as assistant agent and club leader, will go with the Colonial Frozen Foods, Inc., Williamston, as manager. The corporation's new plant is expected to be placed in operation within the next six or eight weeks, Mr. Goodman said.

Mr. Goodman has been in farm extension work for three years, coming to this county on April 1, 1945. Prior to that time, he taught vocational agriculture for several years. The office of the county agent was notified yesterday that a Mr. Cone of Georgia would report today to succeed Mr. Goodman.

Cross Roads Over Top In Campaign

Assigned a quota of \$50.00, Cross Roads Township raised \$59.58 for the 1946 Cancer Fund, Chairman J. S. Ayers, Sr., announced last week-end. Contributions were reported as follows: Leman Mobley, \$1; Paul Bailey, \$2; J. S. Ayers, \$5; John Jones, 75c; Dan Jones, 20c; Harry Hardy, \$5; Noah Wallace, \$1; C. B. Stalls, 37c; Nathan Cherry, 50c; D. C. Peel, \$1; L. A. Clark, \$1; J. Howard Taylor, \$1; G. W. Taylor, Jr., \$5; M. A. Taylor, \$5; A. R. Roberson, \$2; Hubert Clark, \$1; V. G. Taylor, \$5; Prince Ayers, \$1; R. B. Riddick, 20c; W. C. Bullock, \$5; Geo. Keel, \$1; C. P. Hopkins, 50c; Leman Beach, \$1; Junior Beach, 25c; John Mobley, \$1; Fred Clark, 25c; W. C. Faulkland, \$1; H. M. Ayers, \$1; Jesse Keel, \$2; Barnhill Supply Co., \$5; John H. Wynn, \$1; W. F. Crawford, \$2; James Taylor Whitley, \$1; counter containers, \$4.06. Auxiliary To Meet The Roberson Chapel Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Thursday night of this week at 8:00 o'clock. (Continued on page four)

CHANGES

Several more changes have been made in the personnel for handling the registration and regular election to be held in this county on May 25, Board of Elections Chairman Sylvester Peel announced last week-end. Miss Edith Stallings was named some time ago to succeed Jos. G. Corey, resigned, in Williamston's Precinct No. 1. A. R. Osborne succeeds Claude Smith as registrar for Robersonville's precinct, and Lawrence Hyman has succeeded Harry Daniel at Oak City.

Over Two Thousand Present For Fat Stock and Swine Show In Planters Warehouse Friday

Candidate Speaks To Large Number Here Last Friday

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Robt. Lee Humber Declares Farm Income Must Be Sustained

Robt. Lee Humber, Pitt County attorney and leader in the federation of nations movement, addressed approximately 2,000 Martin County citizens in the courthouse last Friday evening in support of his candidacy for a seat in the National Congress from this district. He was introduced by Don Johnson, Jr., county attorney and the candidate's manager.

Declaring that he had had a great day mingling with the people of this county at the fat stock show during the day, Mr. Humber praised the efforts of the Martin County Farm Bureau in organizing the great farm power in this section and pushing forward for a common cause.

"We are facing one of the greatest epochs in our history, and the issues and problems demand the greatest and most serious study and thought," the speaker said. "As the mariner studies the signs and stars and compass in reaching his port, we, too, must study the signs of the times and be prepared to cope with the problems," he added, declaring that agricultural income must be our first study.

He pointed out that the industrial income of this state is now about 550 million annually, that farm income is approximately 445 million dollars. Not so long ago, the speaker added, farm income was only 221 million annually in this State. He went on to say that last year, tobacco sold for 236 million dollars as compared with 241 million dollars for all farm products a few years ago. "We must maintain the high income," Mr. Humber said, declaring that with a 290-billion dollar national debt, we must have an income of over 100 billion to sustain the nation. "If farm income falls, industry will crumble and dire circumstances will follow," he declared.

The speaker declared that the Farm Bureau has most if not all the answers to the problem for maintaining farm income, "and I heartily subscribe to its program," he said, adding that acreage control must be maintained. The candidate also stated that parity prices must be continued, and that labor must be considered in deriving parity prices. "Without considering labor in figuring parity prices, we still find the situation out of focus, and 'to think about lowering farm income would have catastrophic effects,'" he said.

"We have made progress in recent years under the humane and outstanding policies of our beloved late president, Mr. Roosevelt, but the task is not yet done," Mr. Humber said, and he went on to say that in addition to a regular program of control and parity, diversified agriculture will help stabilize our economy. He referred to the stock show held earlier that day, and pointed out that conditions are just as favorable in parts of North Carolina for cattle raising as they are in Texas, that the main cattle region in Texas was similar in make-up to this section. To further the diversified plan, he mentioned the potential income from pecan trees, the tourist trade. "We must maintain our income if we are to sustain our economy and advance our standard of living, build schools, adequately remunerate our teachers, maintain our churches, meet our tax obligations, pay our medical and other bills," he declared.

Continuing the speaker said, "There is one main principle in the sustaining force of a nation, and that is organization with responsibility. It is like a four-lane highway where the worker is entitled to a fair return for his labor, in factory or on farm, where management is entitled to fair profits, where the distributor is entitled to a fair profit." (Continued on page four)

Jack Williamson Sells Winner For 61 Cents A Pound

Miss Priscilla Roberson Is Awarded First Prize Offered Girls

Started in a small way by Former Assistant County Agent L. L. McLendon back in 1944, the annual Martin County Fat Stock and Swine Show developed into a big event this year when about forty 4-H club boys and girls and a few Future Farmers of America placed some of the finest stock ever seen in this section on display in the Planters Warehouse here last Thursday for the big day on Friday. Two thousand people or more visited the show during the day, including quite a few distinguished visitors from outside the county.

Two or three of the calves the young folks could not tame and they were outlawed, but in the sale that afternoon they sold right along with the others.

Professor Leland Case, assisted by H. L. Meacham of the State College Extension Service, judged the animals and he admitted that it was not an easy job. The youngsters offered no complaints, but possibly there was some disappointment. In nearly every case the youngsters declared they planned to participate in the show again next year.

The sale that afternoon attracted as much attention as the show itself, the young owners and spectators crowding several deep around the auction ring with the auctioneer, Jackie Taylor, perched just outside and the buyers just inside.

Jack Williamson, Bear Grass Club boy, sold his champion steer, a black angus for 61 cents a pound or \$573.40 to the Colonial Stores. Jimmy Knowles, of the Jamesville School, sold his reserve champion, a Hereford, to Colonial Stores for 45 cents a pound or \$396.00. Ira Rogerson, Jr., Williamston Club member and third in the competition, received 31 cents a pound or \$273.00 from Warlick's Town House, Raleigh.

Other sales were made in the No. 1 class as follows with the name of the owner, purchaser, price per pound and total in order:

Raymond Bennett of Bear Grass, Warlick's Town House, 30 cents, \$282.00. Howard Bennett of Bear Grass, Colonial Stores, 30 cents, \$303.00. Charles Daniel Edwards of Hamilton, Taylor's Dairy, 30 cents, \$171.00. Noah Bennett of Bear Grass, Colonial Stores, 30 cents, \$282.00. Ross Knowles of Jamesville, Warlick's Town House, 31 cents, \$273.00. (Continued on page three)

Prizes Announced For Show Winners

Prizes awarded to winners in the county's third fat stock show last week amounted to \$313.50, Assistant County Agent and Show Manager C. J. Goodman announced. Of the amount, \$256. is being paid to exhibitors of beef calves. Those who placed in the No. 1 group are receiving \$8 each. The No. 2 group is receiving \$6 each, and those in Group No. 3 are being awarded \$4 each.

In the swine show, Ben Simon Cowin received \$7 first prize for his per. of three, Lula Dean Napier and Lorena Napier were second and third with their entries, receiving \$5 and \$3 respectively. Jack Smith won first and second prizes, \$5 and \$3.50, for his individual entries, and Roy Harrell won third prize, \$2. The swine sold for as much as 25 cents, Kingan buying the tops. The sale averaged \$17.91.

The prize money was contributed by the sponsors, as follows: Farm Bureau, \$125; Robersonville Rotary Club, \$50; Williamston Lions Club, \$50 and Kivans Club, \$35; Williamston Jaycees, \$35, and Oak City Ruritans, \$18.

Complete Cancer Drive In County

Scheduled to close today, the cancer fund drive is believed to be nearing its \$1,000 goal in this county, according to information coming from County Chairman R. L. Coburn. The report was based on incomplete returns, it was pointed out.

Up until late Monday eight districts had reported, and one of them was incomplete. Others have advised the chairman they are nearing their respective goals and would make a final report later in the week. An encouraging report came in over the week-end from Bear Grass, Chairman J. Russell Rogers stating that the township, with a \$50 quota, had raised \$117.47. Complete reports from other districts show: Jamesville, \$58.31; Cross Roads, \$59.58; Poplar Point, \$22.80; Hassell, \$30.28 and Goose Nest, \$76.60. No late reports could be had from the other districts, but Robersonville was said to be considerably above its quota.