

Ask Commissioners To Endorse Hospital

Road In Griffins Gets Conditional Approval Monday

County Board Discusses Varied Business Calendar At Long Meeting

Meeting in regular session Monday, the Martin County commissioners were asked to endorse Washington, Beaufort County, as the location for one of the regional hospitals proposed under the State Good Health Program. Appearing before the board, Dr. M. O. Fletcher, Harry McMullan, Jr., and C. W. Thompson explained the plans for the hospital, stating that the federal government would not interfere with any plans subject to be advanced for a county hospital in Martin. It was intimated that if the other counties in the region chose not to participate in the construction costs, Beaufort County would accept the cost. No action was taken on the endorsement request, the board deciding to investigate certain details before taking definite action. If the county is not to share in the costs, it was intimated at the meeting that the board will endorse Washington as the location for the regional hospital.

Unofficially, a 150 bed hospital costing about \$900,000 is being proposed for this region.

Asking that their rights be protected but registering no protest, several property owners in Griffins Township discussed with the commissioners and Highway Engineer McKim the construction of a road in that district. It was reported that the owners subject to bear most of the damage by the construction project conditionally accepted the plans as proposed by the engineers. It is certain that the road will considerably damage the lands of Messrs. N. T. Tice and Pleny Peel. "We don't want to hold up the project, but we feel as if we are entitled to fair consideration," Spokesman Jim Peel said. Engineer McKim explained that if no changes are made in the present plans, he believes the project will be included in the June contract letting.

Apparently against the questionable "rackets", but anxious to cooperate with the various civic organizations in the county, the commissioners exempted civic organizations and fire departments sponsoring carnivals from county taxes during the year 1947. Each civic organization may sponsor only one carnival, however. Opposition to the carnivals was expressed in the meeting, it was learned.

Making his monthly report to the commissioners, Tax Collector M. L. Peel stated that \$196,253.89 of the \$206,116.51 levied for the fiscal year 1946-47 had been collected, leaving a balance of \$8,504.51 uncollected plus discounts allowed and relief orders.

Firemen Receive Two Calls Here

Local volunteer firemen were called out twice last week-end, but neither call amounted to much.

The first call came from the basket factory at 3:10 Friday afternoon when an inside dry kiln caught fire. Employees of the plant had the fire under control when the fire-fighting apparatus reached there. Reports state that very little damage was done, that a few basket tops were burned. Operations were delayed only a short time.

Experiencing a costly fire a few weeks ago, the plant owners are now about ready to resume a normal operating schedule. Mr. Jesse Whitley, one of the proprietors, announced yesterday.

A new leak developed in the automatic sprinkler system in the W. I. Skinner Tobacco Company plant at 10:30 Saturday night, causing the alarm to sound. Firemen investigated, found no fire and no damage. A similar alarm was sounded there earlier in the week.

ELECTION

Williamston's biennial municipal election is attracting very little attention, reports from the polls in the town hall stating that less than 75 votes had been cast up until shortly before noon today.

While the outcome of the voting is fairly certain, there were rumors that a few write-ins were being made.

An unusually light vote is certain, poll holders guessing that the count would not exceed 150 or 175. The polls close at 6:30 this evening.

Second District In County Meets Quota In Drive

Williams Township Raises 165 Percent of Its Cancer Fund Quota

The 1947 cancer fund drive in this county went "over the top" in another township when Township Chairman Charlie L. Daniel turned in \$57.10 to the county chairman as Williams Township's total collection. Assigned a quota of \$35.00 this year, the district under Mr. Daniel's leadership and who with the help of his able helpers almost doubled it, raising 165 percent of the quota.

Mr. Daniel was assisted by several canvassers, who reported as follows: Joe Lawrence Coltrane, \$20; Daisy Manning, \$11; Elizabeth Hopkins, \$9.05; Vivian Hudson, \$2.30; Walter Gardner, \$6.00; W. C. Gardner, \$1; James Mendenhall, \$4; Sally Bet Hardison, \$3.75.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Oscar Davenport, township chairman, the people of Jamesville township donated 97% of their quota, raising an even \$97.00 of a one hundred dollar quota. With the schools and other organizations of the community cooperating, the citizens of Jamesville township did a splendid job.

With the time of the 1947 drive being extended due to the delay in start this year, most of the townships have not reported, but are expected to do so within the next few days. Persons or firms that have not made their contributions to this very worthy cause still have time.

A late report from N. L. Hyman states that Goose Nest raised \$159.93, or 160 percent of its quota. Other townships are also said to have met their quotas.

Make Hybrid Corn Tests In County

Two 4-H club members and one adult farmer are making hybrid corn tests in the county this year. Assistant Farm Agent J. W. Sumner announced this week. Bobby [Name] and Ben Bunting will run a demonstration near Williamston. Farmer Archie Roberson is conducting a test in the Hassell section.

The experimenters have been given one pound each of three recommended white Hybrids and eight recommended yellow Hybrids. One white and one yellow Hybrid not recommended for this county was also given. These Hybrids will be planted with a local white and local yellow open pollinated variety. The Hybrids will be tested against the local corn. The purpose of planting two hybrids not recommended for this county is to demonstrate the necessity for using a recommended Hybrid. The Hybrids being used are Tenn. 10, N. C. T-20, U. S. 620, Dixie 17, N. C. 26, N. C. 27, N. C. T-11, N. C. T-23, Woods S-210, Funks 714, N. C. 1032, Woods V-50, and U. S. 13.

The corn will be harvested in the fall and the yield checked on each Hybrid. It is hoped that each farmer can see these demonstrations and answer for himself which Hybrid he likes best.

Work Handled By Bear Grass Club In The Past Year

Home Demonstration Clubs Observing National Home Period This Week

(By MRS. W. C. WYNNE)

In observance of the second annual national home demonstration week, the Bear Grass Club pledges anew the ideal of home and family as the corner stone of freedom and the democratic way of life, and reviews with pride the many achievements of the past year toward advanced standards for rural family living.

Under the leadership of the county home agents, the health of the members of 25 homes represented in the club have been improved by 4,635 quarts of fresh canned fruits and vegetables, 35,800 pounds of home-cured meats and 759 additional pounds stored in the Williamston freezer locker.

In the home-beautification project all homes were improved by the use of either wall paper, rock board or paint. One home was completely remodeled and one painted inside and outside. Attractive doorsteps were built and more storage space was added to kitchens and bedrooms. In many homes, beautiful hand-made rugs adorn the floors.

After a timely slip covering demonstration by an extension specialist, many old discarded pieces of furniture were repainted, new springs added to chairs and day beds and dressed in gay new home-made slip covers they brighten the corners where they are. For outward appearances, shrubbery and flowers were planted and lawns improved.

In 1946 every club member made either a cash or canned food contribution to UNRRA. The Red Cross drive was supported and many garments were made.

The most outstanding project was the purchasing of equipment needed in a sick room for use to all club members and the community. In all cases of illness, flowers, gifts and greeting cards were sent and messages of sympathy in time of distress.

Bear Grass was the recipient of a gavel for record attendance at the achievement day program. A pressure cooker was also received by the club for outstanding work done in the county.

One representative attended Farm and Home Week at State

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Arrest Intruder Tuesday Morning

Jacklon Gary Nicholson, formerly of this county but more recently an extensive traveler, was arrested near here early this morning for allegedly forcing his way into a bed room in the Cowen boarding house, two doors from the police station, here about [Time].

The young man's arrest, made by Chief Chas. R. Mobley and Officer Arthur Perry, followed a several-hour search.

Removing his shoes and leaving them under an ironing board in the kitchen of the Cowen home, Nicholson forced an entrance into the bed room where Mrs. Cowen and her adopted daughter were sleeping. It was unofficially learned that the intruder placed his hands on the young girl but did not harm her. When Mrs. Cowen called for help, Nicholson fled from the house, leaving his shoes. When arrested at the Eli White home, a mile or more from town, the young man was bare-footed.

A hearing is tentatively scheduled for later in the day, officers stating that the young man had told several conflicting stories.

In addition to the case, peeping toms were reported around the Crawford home on North Haughton Street about 12 o'clock last night, and at a window of the Dr. Jim Rhodes, Jr. home on East Grace Street about thirty minutes previously. The doctor chased the prowler away with a pistol.

Banks To Have Holiday On Memorial Day Here

Both local banks will observe Confederate Memorial Day on Saturday of this week as a holiday, it was announced today.

Future County Jury Lists Include Names Of Women

The names of all freeholders those of many others, including women and colored citizens, will be placed in the Martin County jury box when the new lists are prepared next month, the board of commissioners, in accordance with the dictates of the law, ordered at their regular meeting this week.

Only the names of those citizens entitled to special exemption, including postal employees, doctors, firemen and a few others, will be left out of the box. In the cases of entitled exemption, special lists should be submitted to the board before the names are copied and placed in the box.

It isn't likely that many women's names will be placed in the box in comparison with the number of males because there are comparatively few women taxpayers in the county and no large number of them vote in the regular county elections. It is also likely that comparatively few names of colored citizens will be found in the records from which the jury list is taken.

While the commissioners ordered the names of women included in the jury reservoir, they took no action to provide separate jury room facilities for the fair sex. It is apparent that the authorities will wait until the needs are determined before incurring any additional expense for the county.

Old Town Board In Last Term Meeting

PROSPEROUS

Stopping here for a short while last Friday while on a tour of this section of the State, Jonathan Daniels, editor-author, declared this was a prosperous looking part of the country.

Although not at all pessimistic, he expressed some concern over tobacco price prospects for the 1947 crop.

Vigorously Denies Statements Made To Special Jury

Don Johnson Says Accusations By W. T. Currie Are False and Untrue

Testimony offered by W. T. (Tony) Currie before a coroner's jury last week in connection with the tragic death of William Robert (Bud) Bowers was vigorously disputed, in part, by Don Johnson, Martin County farmer living near the site of the Conobo Hunting Club House.

Currie, keeper of the lodge and game warden for the club's several thousand-acre game reserve, told the jury that Johnson had said, "If the club does not treat me right I'll fix the house so the ashes will blow into the river." Disturbed by the accusation, Mr. Johnson said last week-end that he could not understand why Currie should make such a statement. "Certainly thinking people will not accept such evidence coming from a man who had been crazy drunk for weeks."

Vigorously denying the allegation, Mr. Johnson declared that he harbored no ill feeling toward the club or any of its members.

In a prepared and signed statement, Mr. Johnson said: "This is to certify that the statement made by one W. T. (Tony) Currie in the investigation arising out of the death of William Robert Bowers is false and untrue."

Transplant First Tobacco Of The Season In County

The first tobacco transplantings of the season were reported in the county last week-end, and the work was said to be getting under way on a fairly large scale yesterday and today following ideal showers during the past few days.

Buddy Rogers and Sidney Beacham transplanted two acres in Bear Grass last Saturday and it was stated that the farmers planned to have their twenty acres transplanted by Thursday or Friday of this week with possibly enough plants left to transplant seventy-five or one hundred acres. Indirect reports stated that a small acreage was transplanted to the crop in Cross Roads Township last Friday, but no details could be had here.

Farmer Beacham stated that their plants had grown out of the blue mold, that the disease did

very little damage. "Of course, it is possible that the blue mold will return, but those beds placed in new locations this year have not suffered any great damage from the disease," Mr. Beacham said.

Reports from other districts state that the blue mold is still in the plant beds, but that the prospects for reasonably early transplanting are brighter now than they were a week ago.

While very few farmers had started transplanting their crops in the county before the early part of this week, indications now point to a climax in the work within the next week or ten days. Nearly every farmer in the county has sufficient plants and many to spare, and if the blue mold does not wipe out the beds the plant supply will be more than ample to meet the needs, it was stated.

Two Intersection Stoplights To Be Installed Shortly

Several Beverage Licenses Granted; Tax Accounts Ordered Advertised

Holding its last regular term meeting, the old board of commissioners last night cleared the slate in a one-hour session, leaving whatever unfinished business there might be for the new board to grapple with at the June meeting.

There was no very unusual business to mark the last meeting of the old board, but two stoplights were ordered installed, tax accounts were ordered advertised in accordance with law and beverage dealers' licenses were passed out to all applicants without much discussion. Current bills were approved and a few improvements are to follow at the direction of the board.

A license for the sale of wine for consumption off premises was granted Robert Ormond, operator of a small store on Broad Street. A beverage license was issued to Frances G. Early for on-premises sale in her new brick building now nearing completion on Washington Street. B. L. Conway was granted license for the sale of beer in Barney's Grill on Washington Street. A license to operate a pool room equipped with not less than four tables was granted to Raymond Heath who is opening two new places of business on Washington Street near Peel's market.

The stoplights, costing approximately \$150 each, are to be installed at the Main and Haughton Street and Main and Watts Street intersections. It is fairly certain that the tobacco market sign will have to come down at the Haughton Street intersection. Discussing the need for the lights, the commissioners pointed out that the volume of traffic had increased to such an extent that some

lads were painfully skinned and received slight bruises on the backs of their heads, but no bones were broken. The two of them were sore the following day but were able to be out and at play.

David and Carroll Freeman were traveling from Plymouth

Mr. Crockett, Jr., and were riding in the back seat of the Crockett car with their grandmother. As the car was rounding a curve traveling about 40 miles an hour, the door flew up, and out rolled Davey, Carroll Freeman following without delay. Both landed on the shoulder of the road and rolled quite a number of feet. David came up with a mouthful of dirt and a small rock lodged between his teeth. Carroll Freeman jumped up and ran to meet his grandfather. David got up but was a little too dizzy to stand up and fell back down.

The boys were treated in a local doctor's office and released a short time later.

Local Man Made Director Of Insurance Association

Mr. W. H. Carstarphen, local insurance man, was named district director of the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents at a meeting of the organization held in Pinehurst last Saturday.

Number of County Patients Treated In Duke Hospital

Report Does Not Include Private Patients Going From This County

According to a report just recently released, 968 days of care were rendered to Martin County patients in Duke Hospital last year, exclusive of private patients.

The total cost, the report pointed out, was \$10,609.28, the hospital paying \$3,652.89. The patients paid \$5,088.09 and the county advanced \$844.00. It was also reported that \$779.96 was paid by the Crippled Children's Fund. Vocational Rehabilitation funds were used in the amount of \$184.34, and the Blin Commission Fund contributed \$58.00.

The hospital, the report continued, rendered aid to people of 100 counties in North Carolina, 31 other states and 3 foreign countries at a total cost of \$1,867,638.80 during the year 1946. Of this operating expense the hospital bore the brunt of costs in the amount of \$768,965.81, with patients contributing \$970,885.15, municipalities and counties responsible for a total of \$85,551.98, and other agencies contributing \$72,235.86.

Costs for special tests in the laboratories and costs for diagnosis and treatment of patients who made 129,504 visits to the public dispensary and private diagnostic clinics are not included. If these costs were tabulated in the total expenditure the cost of medical care given would increase substantially. The Duke public dispensary has performed valuable service in providing diagnostic facilities for patients in the earlier stages of disease before hospital care is necessary. The figures quoted above are for days of actual hospital care. Statistics indicate that the average stay per patient was 11.8 days (12.2 including newborns).

During the past year 50% of the patients treated were unable to pay the full cost of their medical care. Sixty-five of North Carolina's 100 counties have assisted them in amounts varying from \$10.00 to \$13,089.32. Money contributed by counties constituted 2.9% of the cost of care of these patients; churches and community friends contributed 3.9% and the patients themselves paid 51.7%. In some counties the proportion of cost paid by the patients varied.

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Two Slightly Hurt In Fall From Auto

Masters David Crockett, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Crockett, Jr., and Carroll Freeman Brown, 5-year-old son of Mr. Abner Brown, were slightly injured when they fell from a moving automobile at Dardens late Friday afternoon.

The boys were traveling from Plymouth to Williamston, and were riding in the back seat of the Crockett car with their grandmother. As the car was rounding a curve traveling about 40 miles an hour, the door flew up, and out rolled Davey, Carroll Freeman following without delay. Both landed on the shoulder of the road and rolled quite a number of feet. David came up with a mouthful of dirt and a small rock lodged between his teeth. Carroll Freeman jumped up and ran to meet his grandfather. David got up but was a little too dizzy to stand up and fell back down.

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Look for Thousands At Farm Meeting and Fat Stock Show Here

Former Governor J. M. Broughton To Speak Friday

Show Entries Must Be Weighed In Before 4 P. M. Thursday

More than two thousand farmers and other visitors are expected to attend the annual Martin County Farm Bureau meeting and fat stock show in Williamston on Friday of this week, the committee on arrangements stating that elaborate plans were being advanced for the entertainment of the large crowd.

J. M. Broughton, former governor and an ardent supporter of the Farm Bureau in North Carolina, will address the annual meeting of the county organization at 4:30 o'clock that afternoon in the high school auditorium. The Raleigh man is at liberty to choose his own speech topic, and while he has not announced it, he is almost certain to offer a timely review of the agricultural picture.

Following Mr. Broughton's address, the multitude will be served a barbecue supper. Details for feeding the crowd are to be studied at a meeting of the committee on arrangements at a meeting tonight. It is expected that tables will be erected in the ball park and that every effort will be made for the orderly and quick handling of the group. The Maple Grove Church auxiliary will prepare the bread and serve the meal. Thirty-six select pigs have been purchased from Farmer Dewey Perry and Andrew Griffin will cook them and add the traditional Martin County flavor to the 'cue.

The business program will be held to an absolute minimum and the order of the day calls for an entertaining program and a good meal.

Holding the center of attention on the program for the day is the 4-H club boys and girls' fourth annual fat stock show which will be in progress in the Planters Warehouse until the end of the public auction beginning at 3:00 o'clock that afternoon. Forty-seven youthful club members, including several young ladies, have worked tirelessly for months getting their beef calves and show hogs ready for the judges who will go into action at 10:00 o'clock that morning. L. I. Case, head of the husbandry department at State College, will judge the entries and he will have several assistants. Quite a few specialists, stockmen and representatives of various organizations are expected to attend the show and remain as special guests of the Farm Bureau at the supper.

Special invitations have been extended to buyers, and Colonial Stores, purchasers of the grand champion offered by Jack Williams.

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White

Elmer Murray Leggett and Letha Viola Gardner, both of Williamston.

W. R. Moody, RFD 3, Jackson, Tenn., and Margie Todd, of Windsor.

James A. Carson of Parmele and Lela M. Page of Robersonville.

James N. Hardison of Robersonville and Nelda Elizabeth Stubbs of Williamston.

Albert S. Harris of Williamston and Louise Taylor of Everetts.

William Franklin Coppage and Mary Charles Godwin, both of Williamston.

Colored

LeRoy Grimes, Jr., and Frances Mae Paige, both of Stokes.

Elijah Ward and Gussie Bryant, both of Williamston.

Elbert Whitmore of Stokes and Emma Bryant of Palmyra.

Henry Wilder, RFD 1, Aulander, and Doris O'Neill Rice, RFD 3, Aulander.

Mayo Andrews of Robersonville and Hattie Marie Smith of Gold Point.

Jesse Whaley, RFD 2, Williams, and Clara Bell Wiggins of Williamston.

Oscar Jones and Mildred Green, both of Hamilton.

Clinton Heckstall and Margaret Jones, both of Windsor.

Allen Coffield and Ernestine Clemmons, both of Williamston.

Richard Hooker and Laura Green, both of Hamilton.

William Stator, Jr., and Mary Parker, both of Oak City.

Edward Leo Gainer, RFD 3, Williamston, and Mary Lee Hassell of Williamston.

George E. Peterson and Lillie Mae Jones, both of RFD 1, Washington.

Harry Land and Hattie Mae Moore, both of Williamston.

New Books Added To Library Here

Several new books were recently added to the shelves of the local library, Mrs. Ethel Anderson, librarian, announced this week.

Included in the list of new books are, 'The Vixens, The Wild Yazoo, The Chinese Doll, The Butterfly, Mirros, Mirror, The Light Heart, Two Clues, Storm Center, Another Woman's House, Thursday's Blade, The Left Hand Is a Dreamer, Banner by the Wayside.

Outlook Is For Plenty of Meat

Raleigh. — Production of meat probably will be somewhat greater in 1947 than in 1946, but all of the increase will be beef and veal. Production of pork in the first eight months of 1947 is expected to be smaller than a year earlier. Output in the last four months, however, may equal or exceed that of 1946 since present indications point to a moderately larger spring pig crop than last year.

Meat supplies per person are expected to be greater during the remainder of 1947 than in the same period of 1946. But consumer demand for meat probably is at an all-time high. Consumption of meat per person during the first three months of 1947 was the greatest for the period in at least 35 years. From last October through March, livestock and meat prices have been the highest ever recorded.