

Former Official Stresses Rural Life In Address

Broughton Declares Lead- ership Will Not Come From Large Cities

In an unusually jovial mood and without the strain of a direct political campaign bearing down upon him, J. M. Broughton, former North Carolina governor and a main threat to a United States Senate seat, stressed rural community life in an address delivered at the annual Martin County Farm Bureau meeting held in the Williamston High School auditorium last Friday evening. Almost one-half of the more than 2,000 Bureau membership heard the speaker as he advanced timely warnings, supporting his main points with appropriate anecdotes. He held the attention of his listeners for more than 45 minutes and there was no fidgeting in anticipation of a big barbecue supper.

Introduced by State Senator H. G. Horton, Mr. Broughton congratulated the Farm Bureau for its part in promoting the Martin County Fat Stock show and for promoting community life. "I am glad we do not have big cities dominating the life of our state," Broughton said, adding that it was a great pleasure to get out and mingle with the people in a rural atmosphere. "I hope North Carolinians keep true to the soil and keep rooted to the soil," the speaker continued, drawing on mythology to express the power of the soil. "If we lose our association with the soil, we'll lose a vital part in life," the speaker declared.

Mr. Broughton was impressed by the strong Farm Bureau unit in this county, but he said that he wanted to see more women in the organization, and in his pleasing manner, he literally told the men that they should be ashamed of themselves if they did not provide every possible convenience for their wives in the home. "You should remember the noble part the farm women played during the war in maintaining farm production. Now, go out and get new-fangled things to relieve them of the drudgery in the home," he pleasantly commanded.

Taking a cue from a few remarks made by Congressman Herbert Bonner earlier in the program, the main speaker addressed a few remarks to the almost 200 colored members of the organization present. "The colored man and his family are better off on a North Carolina farm than they would be anywhere else in the world, and the colored citizen will get along all right if he doesn't listen to fools from the outside," Broughton said. He praised the part colored farmers handled during the war, and pointed out, "As long as the colored citizen works hard, leaves liquor alone and avoids rascality, he has just as good a chance to get ahead in Martin County and North Carolina as any white man."

The former governor declared he was glad to see the time when farmers would get together under the best conditions. "They used to get together only when they were made or broke. But farmers have learned a lesson. No other group has better organization and better organization than farmers. They have learned to help themselves and without the aid of politicians."

A farmer, just a bit removed from the land, Broughton apparently was impressed by the farm (Continued on page three)

Johnson Funeral Largely Attended

The funeral of Mr. Asa Johnson, well known Hamilton business man who died in a Durham hospital last Wednesday morning, was largely attended at the home in Hamilton last Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Reports indicated that the attendance upon the service was the largest to pay a last tribute to a friend there in recent years. Rev. Sidney Boone and Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville ministers, Rev. Z. T. Cox of Farmville and Rev. E. R. Stewart of Hamilton conducted the last rites, and interment was in the family cemetery.

Warn Tobacco Farmers Not To Exceed Their Allotment

W. C. Griffin, chairman Martin County Agricultural Conservation Association Committee, today cautioned all tobacco growers in Martin County against overplanting their farm acreage allotments this year. "Growers who harvest any acreage of tobacco in 1947 in excess of their farm acreage allotments are subject to marketing quota penalties and will not be eligible for full participation in Government price support loans," Mr. Griffin stated.

Growers who plant within their farm acreage allotments can market all their tobacco without penalties and are eligible for full Government price support loans, Mr. Griffin added.

In connection with price support loans, Mr. Griffin emphasized that any acreage harvested in excess of the farm acreage allotment will make all the tobacco produced within the allotted acreage on the farm ineligible for any price support loans. "This year there will be no acreage tolerances in establishing loan eligibility, as contrasted with the 1946 tolerance of the lesser of three-tenths acre or 5 percent of the allotment. Any acreage harvested in excess of farm allotments, however small, will disqualify growers for full loan privileges and subject them to marketing quota penalties."

Mr. Griffin also stressed that eligibility for Government price support loans on tobacco is becoming increasingly important to tobacco growers now that domestic supplies of tobacco are adequate and the future level of exports uncertain.

RAINFALL

An average rainfall was reported in this immediate area last month, but so far in the current period rains have been small and fairly far apart.

In April 3.99 inches of rain fell here, boosting the total up until May 1 to 13.12 inches as compared with 12.88 inches reported in the first four months of last year. Up until the first of this week, only .82 of an inch of rain had been reported. In May, a year ago, nearly six inches of rain fell.

Poppy Sales Will Be Held May 24 In Martin County

Hand Made Memorial Flowers Distributed By the Legion Auxiliary

May 24th will be Poppy Day in Martin County and throughout the United States, Mrs. J. A. Ellis, president of John W. Hassell unit of the American Legion Auxiliary announced today.

On that day everyone will be asked to wear a memorial poppy in honor of the dead of the two world wars and to make a contribution for the welfare of the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

Volunteers from the Auxiliary and young women's groups of the city will distribute the flowers on the streets throughout the day. Mrs. W. O. Griffin, Poppy Chairman of the Auxiliary, will be in general charge. Plans are being made to cover the city completely so that everyone will have an opportunity to honor the war dead and aid the living victims of the two conflicts.

"The Saturday before Memorial Day has been observed as Poppy Day in all parts of the country for many years," Mrs. Griffin announced. "Poppies have been worn in memory of the war-dead ever since the close of World War I. They are replicas of the wild flowers which grew on the battle fields of France and Belgium, fought over in both wars, but they are different from the wild flowers of today." (Continued on page five)

Little Money In Raising Cattle

Billy Bailey made big money when he sold his grand champion baby beef at the Martin County Stock show last Friday, but if he had offered the animal on the open market at current prices he would have lost big money.

Going into the business with the aid of his father, the Everetts young club member bought his baby beef for \$124. The animal weighed 523 pounds at that time, and the proud little owner went on the market and bought feed costing him \$103. He figures that it cost him 23.79 cents to add each pound to his prize winner. If he had received the market price instead of the 62 cents paid by Colonial Stores, Billy would have lost quite a few dollars. As it turned out, Bill sold his grand champion for \$592.72 or \$391.96 over the market.

Local Man Badly Hurt In Accident Sunday Morning

Occupants Unhurt When Car Turns Over In Sec- ond Road Accident

O. L. Willard, owner-operator of Willard's Shoe Shop here, was badly cut about the head, arm and leg and severely shocked about 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning when his car, a 1941 model Chevrolet, turned over in a curve on Highway No. 64 between Williamston and Jamesville near the S. J. Tetterton farm. His injuries were first considered critical, but examination at the local hospital where he was entered for treatment revealed a bad cut on his head, long gashes on his left arm and left leg. He was said to have lost much blood and to have suffered severe shock.

Returning from Jamesville where he had carried an employee, Jennings Price, Mr. Willard stated that he was forced off the highway by another car, that when he turned back on the hard surface he lost control. The machine turned over and rolled into the woods, fifteen or eighteen feet away from the highway. He freed himself and waited beside the highway for some little time before a Plymouth taxi, returning from Williamston, stopped, picked him up and delivered him to the hospital.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$500 by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident.

Last Thursday night about 11:30 o'clock, occupants of William Maurice Pate's car escaped unhurt when the machine went out of control and turned over on the Bear Grass Road about one-half mile from Highway No. 17. Driving his 1942 Ford toward Bear Grass, Pate said a car turned in front of him, that he ran off the highway and lost control, the car making a complete turn and landing on its wheels. Bud Hardison, Clifton Pate, Mary Hoyle and Irene Taylor, riding with the young man, were not hurt. Patrolman W. E. Saunders, who made the investigation, said. Damage to the car was estimated at \$400.

Firemen Called To Burning Tree

Awakened by a noise last Friday shortly before midnight, neighbors saw fire shooting skyward back of the local teacherage on Smithwick Street and immediately called out the fire department. Some one had accidentally or intentionally fired a large hollow oak tree on the lot between the teacherage and the grade school grounds and sparks were falling on nearby buildings. The smoldering fire had filled the northern part of the town with smoke before it was discovered.

Exhausting the supply of water in the tank on the truck, firemen had to use a hose to reach the corner of Church and Smithwick Streets and played water on the burning tree for eight or ten minutes before bringing it under control.

The following night the same tree caught fire again, but no general alarm was sounded. More water was poured on the tree, and school authorities made plans to take the tree down Monday. At 11:30 o'clock Sunday night the tree, weakened by decay and then by age, toppled over, smashing a store house in the teacherage yard and damaging the roof on a barn in Joe Leggett's yard. Neighbors were frightened out of their beds by the crash of the falling tree.

Rehabilitation Of City Fire Victims

Their earthly possessions wiped out in the recent Texas City fire, the heads of seven hundred families are now appealing to the Red Cross for rehabilitation, according to late reports coming from the stricken city. Approximately half million dollars were spent by the Red Cross in caring for immediate relief, the report adding that 380 of the 800 victims hospitalized were still being cared for that 150 Red Cross nurses were still serving in the area.

Fat Stock Show Prize Winners Are Announced

Prizes, Amounting to \$283 Paid Out By Sponsoring Organizations Here

A total of \$283 was paid to the youthful club members exhibiting prize winning animals in the Martin County Fat Stock show last Friday, the amount including prizes for showmanship.

Billy Bailey copped the largest single prize, \$22, for exhibiting the grand champion baby beef. Mary Jane Rogers, exhibiting the reserve grand champion, received \$18 but forged ahead to take the largest amount by winning a \$10 showmanship prize in a field of six contestants. Jack Woolard won \$14 when his beef calf rated third in the show and won \$6 more in the showmanship contest.

The following club members received \$10 each when their entries were placed in the No. 1 classification: Jimmy Knowles, Calvin Oglesby, Edith Rogerson, James Rogerson, Bobby Clark, Lorene Oglesby, Noah Bennett and Howard Bennett. The following received \$6 each of prize money in the beef cattle department, their animals falling into the No. 2 classification: Pat Wynne, Henry G. Corey, Lorette Oglesby, Priscilla Roberson, Fred Griffin, Wesley Cratt, William Ross Knowles, George Ayers, Jr., Bobby Lilley, Priscilla Roberson, Johnnie Price and Joseph Williams.

In the swine department, James Modlin took a large share of the prize money, \$21, with his Poland-China pig. The Future Farmer of America owned the grand champion pig, taking first and second places in the light weight group to boost his prize money. Other winners in the light weight group were, Chole Price, 3rd and fourth places; Wallace Warren, 5th, \$2; Jack Liverman, 6th, \$1. In the heavy weight group, Ray Harrell, of the Oak City FFA club, was first with his entry and won \$8. Taylor Rogerson was second and won \$7; Bonnie Ray Hopkins, 3rd, \$5; and Albert Thompson, 4th, \$4. Harrell, exhibiting the reserve grand champion, received an additional cash prize of \$4.

Former County Agent McLendon, the man who established and conducted the first show in the county four years ago, attended the event last Friday, and he was well pleased with the work the boys and girls had done.

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Band Parents Here Form Association

Parents of members of the newly formed Williamston school band met in the High school auditorium Monday evening and formed a band parents' association of which they elected Meyer

The meeting was opened by Professor Jack Butler, band director, who made remarks about the prospects of the band and the need for a parents' organization. A rehearsal of a few fundamental band numbers or practices was given and then the organization was formed.

Mr. J. D. Page, secretary-treasurer, was named vice president and Mrs. J. D. Page, secretary-treasurer. These officers are to meet with Professor Butler soon to name a policy committee. Attorney Hugh Horton read a letter regarding the possibility of securing band instruments turned over to the high school at Willard after the government disbanded the Penderlea organization. The matter is now to be taken up directly with the principal of the Willard school and some hope was expressed that part of the instruments might be made available for local use on a buy, borrow, beg or "steal" basis, as one person expressed it.

At the close of the band demonstration a hymn was played for the first time by the group, and was very well done, considering the extremely short time Professor Butler has been working with the group. He hopes to have a presentable band by late fall. Moving pictures, in color, were shown of the first band parade and of the last parade before Mr. Butler's entry into the service.

County Farm Youths Receive \$12,979.96 At Stock Show Here

Forty-two Calves Sold For \$10,889 Friday Afternoon

Total of \$238 Paid To Club Girls and Boys In The County Last Friday

Martin County's fourth annual fat stock show grossed 4-H club members and Future Farmers of America a total of \$12,979.96 last Friday afternoon—\$10,889.10 for 36,297 pounds of choice beef, \$1,807.86 for 6,234 pounds of prize hogs and \$283 in cash prizes. The beef cattle show averaged right at 30 cents, or a few points higher than the average reported a year ago, and the swine sales averaged 29 cents, a fraction higher than the average receipts recorded in 1946.

Master Billy Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bailey of Everetts, took the high honors of the show when he presented the grand champion calf, a 956-pound Hereford. The animal sold for 62 cents a pound, or a cent higher than the price paid Jack Williamson for his grand champion entry last year.

It was fairly apparent at the start that the judge, I. M. Case of the Extension Service, was having a difficult task, but after calling in other recognized judges the second award went to Miss Mary Jane Rogers, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Minga Rogers of near Williamston. Her entry was sold to the Smithfield Packing Company for 36 cents a pound. The price paid for the reserve champion beef calf fell about nine cents under the price paid for the No. 2 winner a year ago.

While the show was the best of the four ever held here, not as many of the entries went into the first classification as was expected. Judge Case worked the greater part of two hours classifying the show animals before grading eleven of them No. 1. Eleven others graded No. 2, one No. 3 and the remainder were rated No. 4.

While the 4-H club members (Continued on page two)

Oak City School Closing Program

The Oak City High School, the first in the county to announce a finals program for the current term, will hold the first in a series of exercises next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock when the Rev. Robert M. McNair, Tarboro Episcopal minister, delivers the commencement sermon in the auditorium.

hold their exercises next Tuesday at 8:15 p. m. The exercise will be in the auditorium, and will include "A Southern Rosary," and is being presented under the direction of the English teacher, Miss Beatrice Davis.

State Senator Julian B. Allen, of Rockledge, plans to address the seniors at their graduation exercises Wednesday, May 21 at 8:15 p. m. Principal H. M. Ansley, completing his work in the teaching profession, will present diplomas to the 37 graduates.

ROUND-UP

A comparatively quiet week-end was reported on the crime front in this county, local, county and state officers stating that only two persons were arrested and placed in the county jail during the period.

One of the two, Warren Griffin, colored man of Griffiths Township, was booked for shoplifting, and another, a young white man, was booked for being drunk and disorderly. "We had a very quiet time in Robersonville during the week-end," Officers Smith and Griffin of Robersonville said yesterday.

FAIR

The drive for old clothing conducted by the several churches here last Sunday was described as fairly successful. While the drive did not attract old clothing at the rate of one pound per person, much clothing of good value was delivered to the churches. Chairman B. T. Hurley said yesterday.

Quite a few overlooked the call made in the name of needy humanity in Europe, and they may deliver their clothing to a box in a side door at the Methodist church next to the parsonage through most of Wednesday of this week.

Worrell To Head Lions Club Here In Coming Year

Succeeds H. P. Mobley As W. Clyde Griffin Be- comes Treasurer

At their regular meeting last Thursday evening, members of the local Lions Club elected officers for the new fiscal year, which will begin July 1st. The election was held a month early, due to the fact that the state convention is being held earlier this year.

Lion K. D. Worrell was elected president and will succeed H. P. Mobley. Others elected were as follows: 1st vice president, Wheeler M. Manning; 2nd vice president, Ernest S. Mearys; 3rd vice president, Claude J. Goodman; tail twister, W. T. Owens; Lion Tamer, Exum L. Ward, Jr.; 2-year directors, B. G. Stewart and D. V. Clayton; 1 year director, W. B. Gaylord, Jr.

The members felt that it was best to keep a banker as treasurer, so they elected Lion W. Clyde Griffin, to succeed D. V. Clayton, the latter having capably served in that position for the past six years. The new rules allow the incoming president to appoint the secretary, instead of the secretary being elected by the membership, so the secretary for next year has not been named.

Among the matters of business passed on by a majority vote of the club were the amount that the club will charge for admission to the grandstand at the ball park for regular season games and the permission for Lions-sponsored Scout Troop No. 29 baseball team to play some of its games on Sunday. Lion Homer Barnhill reported that the check for the club's share of chewing gum machine receipts for the month was only about \$64.00, and urged a wider distribution of the ball gum.

At the conclusion of the business session, the members (Continued on page eight)

School Operating Safety Patrol Unit

Beginning last Thursday morning, a squad of patrolmen composed of local students started serving at various street intersections leading to the white schools here. Wearing badges, "Sam Brown" belts and equipped with signal flags, the youthful enforcers of pedestrian traffic to and from the schools should relieve parents of a great deal of anxiety during the remaining weeks of the present school term, and in the terms to come.

The School Safety Patrol, as the unit is called, is being sponsored by the Williamston Lions Club, and is being directed by Professor Jack Butler. The Lions Club is furnishing the equipment necessary. If the students will follow orders of the various members of the patrol in crossing the streets on their way to and from school, the danger of any one being injured or killed will be greatly lessened.

Special Speakers Addressed Farm Meeting Friday

State President Cap Eagles Cites Differential In Farm Income

President Chas. L. Daniel and special guests, Congressman Herbert Bonner and State President W. W. (Cap) Eagles made some timely remarks when they briefly addressed the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the Williamston High School auditorium last Friday evening.

Following the invocation by R. J. Hardison, County President Daniel extended a cordial welcome to the special visitors and others and briefly reviewed the growth of the organization. "In twelve years, our county organization has grown from 400 to 2,104 members. We now have 62,000 members in the State and over a million in the nation. Our problems are just as great today as they were twelve years ago," Mr. Daniel said in urging the members to cooperate and stick together. The county leader expressed the opinion that Martin farmers and business men would continue to support the organization in the future.

Declaring that the Farm Bureau stands for a higher standard of living for the farmer, Mr. Eagles said that although 20 percent of the population is on the farm, farmers are receiving only 11 percent of the national income. "The Farm Bureau is working for the full 20 percent," he said, adding his congratulations for the splendid support given the organization by Martin County.

In his brief remarks, Congressman Bonner referred to this county as being one of the best balanced farming counties in the country, that it ranked near the top with its bountiful crops and splendid income. Speaking especially to the organization's colored members, the congressman said to them, "You'll never find a better friend than the one you live with, and I assure you that I have tried to help the colored farmer just as much as the white one," he said. The congressman also stated that he knew the farmers were looking to Washington and reviewed briefly the program advanced and maintained under the Roosevelt administration, stating that he would do all possible in the interest of agriculture.

In addition to attracting nearly 2,000 members, the meeting was attended by a quite a few special guests, including Wayland Spruill, and B. E. Grant of Windsor, Former State President Winslow, Bruce Suggs and son of Greenville, Former County Agent Lloyd Weeks of Raleigh and quite a few others.

The cost of the barbecue supper has not been definitely determined, but the meeting and supper were indeed orderly even though the meeting was delayed 45 minutes while the fat stock show was completing its sale. Local officers and members of the highway patrol handled the parking task in a masterly way, and there was no delay in feeding the 2,000 members and guests. Two tubs of barbecue were left over, and as far as it could be learned no one left failing to handle the liberal helpings.

Martin County ABC board advanced a control program when it ordered the local liquor store closing. (Continued on page three)

Bond Arranged For Young Man

Charged with entering the Cowen home on East Main Street and forcing his way into a room where persons were sleeping, Jackson Gary Nicholson was released in \$500 bond last week-end by Justice John L. Hassell. Bond was first denied the defendant when, at a preliminary hearing, the evidence indicated that he entered the home with intent to commit a felony. Additional evidence was offered by the prosecution, tending to show that there was no intent to commit a felony. Bond was arranged immediately, and the young white man was released.