

X-Rayed Over Four Thousand In County

Making A Second Check Of Thirty Survey Pictures

Bad Weather Interrupts TB Survey; Slight Delay In Hamilton

The mass TB survey, launched in this county on Tuesday of last week, is going forward very well despite unfavorable weather and bad road conditions, a report from the health department states. During the first five days of the survey, 4,370 people visited the mobile X-ray units and had X-rays made. After reaching a 1,200-peak last Thursday, the survey was retarded by bad weather and road conditions. Schedules were maintained, however, through last Saturday with one exception. One of the units could not be moved out of Poplar Point in time to meet the schedule in Hamilton last Saturday, but it was placed in operation shortly before noon Monday when a fairly large number of persons lined up for their X-rays.

Hamilton reported 180 X-rays Monday.

The unit in front of Clark's Pharmacy in Williamston led the list last Thursday when 405 X-rays were made. Parmele was second with 352, Gold Point following with 256, and Lilley's store with 171. Making its first appearance in Robersonville last Friday, the unit handled 334 X-rays, Williamston dropping to second place with 235. Edwards' store in Poplar Point reported 183, and 152 were made at Corey's Cross Roads. Only 359 X-rays were made at three places in the county last Saturday, as follows: Williamston, 150; Robersonville, 87; and the State Highway Prison camp area, 119.

While each case is held in strict confidence, it was learned that 30 persons had been asked to report to the health department for further examination. Reading the more than 3,000 X-rays made during the first three days of the survey, Dr. R. F. Bell of the State Health Department notified the thirty persons to attend one of three special clinics being held each week during the survey in the county health department offices for further study of their cases. It was pointed out that the call for further examination does not mean that TB had been found, but that in some instances, the pictures did not show up well or there was some defect in the film. It is understood that some TB cases have been uncovered, and among the unsuspecting. The special clinics, arranged just for further examination of doubtful cases, are being held each Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:30 o'clock, each Wednesday morning from 9:00 o'clock to 12 noon, and each Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:30 o'clock during the survey period.

Thousands of those who have already had their X-rays made are receiving cards, giving them a clean bill of health as far as TB is concerned.

Two mobile X-rays will operate until further notice in Robersonville and Williamston. Another is in Hamilton today. On Wednesday, a unit is to be stationed at Smith Brothers' store near Palmyra. One of the units is to

SHOWS 'EM UP

"We are just proving to you danyankees that you haven't got everything up north," Jim Eubanks laughingly explained to a northerner as he paraded in front of the Martin apartments on East Main Street here last Sunday. "We are making a snow man just to show you up," Eubanks added.

The tourist, enjoying the jibe, talked about fifteen minutes and continued on his way south.

ENJOYABLE TIME

Seeing the first snow in their young lives, quite a few local children, unmindful of the anxiety of stranded tourists, made the best of the snow last Sunday. Sunday schools and church services were called off, giving the youngsters and an unbelievably large number of the old boys a full day to romp and play in the snow.

Possibly 75 or even 100 snow men and boys were moided by the kids and their pappies. Williams Street took the top honors, Banker Clyde Griffin and his two sons taking the top prize for their artistic design while Frank Carstarphen, with the help of others, went in for size and height. A short distance away, Marvin Coltrain and his helpers worked until the step ladder gave out and they yielded.

Proposes Higher Education In All Community Areas

Government Now Spending Big Sum On Post-High School Vet Education

President Truman's Commission on High Education recently proposed bringing higher education into everybody's home town by developing tuition-free "community colleges," or junior colleges. Federal financial help and a strengthened United States Office of Education in Washington are needed, the commission said in its third report to the President, to meet an important need for more college facilities. It said: "Post-high school education must be brought within the reach, economically and geographically, of many more people than at present."

The community college, extending free education through the fourteenth year, would operate within the state education systems. District colleges would take care of rural areas not served by city public school systems. Comparable development of church and privately supported institutions is proposed, and universities would offer similar two-year courses.

The commission noted that the federal government has been spending as much as \$1,772,000,000 a year on post-high school education in a variety of special programs administered by the Veterans Administration and fourteen other agencies, with little co-ordination of the effort. A "more effective" program is proposed.

Runs Into Cold Snap Down South

Looking for sunshine and warm weather, Mr. N. E. McDaniel moved in last week from Tanacross, Alaska, just in time to run head into one of the worst sleet and snow storms to grip this section in a dozen years. "The weather is much worse here than it was in Tanacross when I left there," Mr. McDaniel said, adding that he saw real sunshine yesterday morning for the first time since his arrival.

Mr. McDaniel is communicator for the Civil Aeronautics Administration and is looking for an apartment for his family.

Farm Security Patrons Meeting Here Thursday

The 27 tenant-purchase borrowers of the Farmers Home Administration (the old Farm Security Administration) will meet in the Woman's Club here on Thursday morning of this week at 10:30 o'clock, County Supervisor Jas. C. Eubanks announced. They will be joined by five tenant-purchase borrowers from Bertie.

Polio Fund Drive Short Of Its Goal In Martin County

Chairman Explains That Very Few Schools Have Made Reports

The annual infantile paralysis fund drive in this county was \$999.08 short of its minimum goal of \$2,650 yesterday, but Chairman L. B. Wynne was quick to point out that only a few of the schools had reported and the coin collectors, located in about fifty business houses throughout the county had not been canvassed. Weather conditions made it next to impossible to complete a survey of the drive last week-end, and possibly it will be the latter part of this or early next week before final tabulations can be made, the chairman said.

Up until late Monday, a total of \$1,650.92 had been collected and reported to the chairman. Williamston's elementary school set a new record when the boys and girls really went to work for the fund. The children raised \$513.00, exceeding by a fairly sizable margin the amount collected a year ago, Chairman Wynne said. Miss Rogers' room led the list with \$78. Other contributions were reported as follows: Miss Miss Modlin's room, \$57.46; Miss Jenkins' room, \$43.20; Mrs. C. C. Burn's room, \$42.85; Mrs. Kimball's room, \$38.49; Miss Bailey's room, \$37.78; Mrs. Fussell's room, \$36.60; Miss Manning's room, \$31.80; Miss Benson's room, \$29.00; Miss Everett's room, \$28.00; Mrs. Carstarphen's room, \$20.45; Mrs. Froeberger's room, \$19.87; Miss Talton's room, \$16.50; Miss Baker's room, \$13.40; Miss Crawford's room, \$11.50; and Miss Morris's room, \$8.20.

Raising \$112.47, Farm Life school where Master John Wade Coltrain is a pupil after virtually recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis, more than doubled the amount reported last year. The schools in Robersonville reported \$185 last week, and it could not be learned if the report was complete.

With one or two exceptions, collections in the colored schools are falling behind those of last year, according to preliminary reports received from four centers. Whichard-James reported \$8, Jones, \$6.20; Williams, \$6.80, \$14.00; and Jamesville \$10.00.

In addition to the amounts reported by the schools, \$802.25 has been received by direct mail, the chairman stating that he had heard from 194 of the 442 solicited by letter.

The larger schools have reported, leaving the smaller ones, the coin collectors and those who have not yet replied to the direct mail appeals to raise right at \$1,000. The drive might carry, but there can be no let-up during the remainder of the drive, it was pointed out.

A case of infantile paralysis was

Local People In Accident Friday

Miss Jane Goff, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John L. Goff, was painfully but not seriously hurt, and several other Martin County persons were bruised and shocked in a passenger bus accident near Tarboro early last Friday afternoon.

Suffering a head injury, Miss Goff was treated in a Tarboro hospital for several days and is expected to return to her home here today to spend a short time before returning to A. C. College, Wilson, to continue her studies.

Mrs. Olena Swain Bunn received a slight knee injury but she was able to continue to the home of her parents here.

Miss Ann Johnson and Cecil Batts of Robersonville were also riding the bus but they escaped uninjured except for minor bruises and shock.

According to reports reaching here, the bus driver turned out for a car parked on the highway and lost control. The bus skidded and turned over. While no one was fatally injured, one passenger suffered a broken back.

Board Extends Time For Listing Property

Free Vaccination Of Dogs Provided By Board's Order

Authorities Make Adjustments In Taxes and Issue Relief Orders

Realizing that many owners could not get to the designated places to list their property holdings on account of unfavorable weather and bad road conditions, the Martin County Commissioners in regular session Monday extended the time for listing until the latter part of next week. It is estimated that the time extension will add several hundred dollars to the listing bill. Court action is to be expected in those cases where property and poll are not listed during the extension period. Reports from several of the list-takers state that the work is fairly well advanced, that the job could be completed easily in a few more days if road and weather conditions were favorable to travel.

Only three members of the board, Messrs. J. H. Edward, chairman and Joshua L. Coltrain and W. M. Harrison, were present for the meeting. Possibly Commissioner R. A. Haislip and C. Abram Roberson were snow bound and could not report. The quorum handled its work and adjourned about 1:00 o'clock.

Tax Collector M. L. Peel was relieved of the task of supervising the vaccination of dogs in the county. Dr. W. F. Coggage was appointed to handle the job with the assistance of the sheriff and deputies. The vaccinations, slated for the month of April, will be free to dog owners, but the county will pay the veterinarian 75 cents for each, and the veterinarian is to pay for the vaccine and costs of the clinics. He is to make and submit complete reports of each vaccination. A reserve of \$100 will be set aside until the vaccinations are checked against the tax books, the fund to care for any discrepancy existing between the actual number of dogs vaccinated and the number listed for taxation.

Only one road request was received during the day. H. Leman Barnhill asked the board to recommend that a road in Cross Roads Township known as the George Keel and Walter Beach road be included in the highway system for maintenance. It was pointed out that such a recommendation had already been made but apparently no action has been taken by the highway commission.

Considerable time was spent clearing up old tax account and issuing relief orders and making needed adjustments. Some of the cases under survey dated back as far as 1928.

The Dixie Peanut Company was relieved of the payment of taxes on \$47,928 worth of peanuts listed in error.

Taxes listed by Mack Little in Robersonville in 1930 through 1939 were reduced from \$61.85 to \$50 to offset excess valuation.

A relief order was granted Wesley Jenkins Heirs on \$400 property when it was learned that the holdings had been double listed in Robersonville Township.

The board accepted the recommendation of the county attorneys to accept \$57.90 taxes on property listed in the name of Nellie

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ROUND-UP

Weather conditions even affected the crime front here and in most communities of the county last week-end, the jail record showing that only four persons were detained during the period.

Two were booked for disorderly conduct and one each for drunkenness and drunken driving. Three were white and the ages of the group ranged from 20 to 54 years.

SCHOOLS

Tentative plans were announced this morning for reopening the schools in this county on Thursday morning of this week, according to information released by the board of education office this morning.

It was explained that the date for reopening is not definite, that weather and road conditions will have much to do with the schedule. Definite announcement will be made later.

O. R. Roberson, Retired Farmer, Died On Sunday

Funeral Services Are Being Conducted In Spring Green Church Today

Orlander Reddick Roberson, retired farmer and well known Poplar Point citizen, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Slade Roberson, there Sunday afternoon at 4:35 o'clock. In declining health for more than fifteen years, Mr. Roberson had been getting along as well as usual until the latter part of last November. He had not been active since that time and his condition was critical for about ten days before the end.

A son of the late John A. and Julia Highsmith Roberson, he was born in the Leens section of Pitt County 81 years ago on September 16, 1866. He spent his early life there, marrying Miss Melissa Moore, a native of Washington County, who died in 1928. In 1900 the family moved to this county and located in Poplar Point Township where Mr. Roberson continued to farm.

Following the death of his wife he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Slade White. Failing health forced his retirement from active farming, but he continued interested in agriculture and aiding on the Slade farm as long as he was able.

A member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 45 years, he was unusually active in religious activities at Spring Green, serving it as deacon for more than thirty years. His last visit away from home was to the church on the fourth Saturday in November of last year. In addition to his leadership in the church, Mr. Roberson was respected as a good citizen and friend.

Besides his daughter with whom he made his home during the past twenty years, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. S. Leggett of Everetts; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted in the church at Spring Green this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and burial will follow in the church cemetery there. In the absence of his pastor, Elder W. E. Grimes who was reported quite ill at his home in Pitt County, Elder A. B. Ayers will conduct the last rites.

Session Of County Court Postponed Here Monday

Literally snowed under at his home in Robersonville, Judge J. C. Smith was unable to reach here Monday and the regular session of the county recorder's court was called off. Very few cases were on the docket and they will be handled at the next regular meeting on Monday, February 9.

Former County Resident Breaks Her Hip In Fall

Mrs. Robert L. Grimes who was Miss Maggie Thomas of Hamilton before her marriage, is in King's Daughter's Hospital, Portsmouth, recovering from a broken hip suffered in a fall on the ice at her home in Portsmouth the early part of last week. Last reports state she is getting along very well and hoped to be out of the hospital in a few weeks.

Two Minor Road Wrecks Reported In Martin County

Hit-and-Run Driver Arrested In Scotland Neck Last Thursday Night

Carl Bailey, Plymouth attorney, escaped injury when his car, an Oldsmobile, figured in an accident just beyond Sweet Water Creek on Highway 64 last Thursday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock.

A 1947 Dodge school bus, driven by Luther Cordon of the Darzens section, was traveling toward Jamesville and lifted the stop sign to discharge a passenger. John Robert Coltrain, Jr., driving his Ford toward Williamston, was forced to stop quickly, and the attorney driving behind Coltrain did not see the signal in time to avoid a crash. The Bailey car, trying to go between the Coltrain car and the school bus, spent most of its force against the rear bumper of the Ford and barely touched the bus. The Bailey car had its front damaged, Patrolman W. E. Saunders estimating that repairs would cost approximately \$100.

About 11:30 o'clock last Wednesday night, Edward M. Brown, Jr., of Scotland Neck, was driving toward Hobgood about five miles out of Oak City when an unidentified driver operating an old model car sideswiped his 1939 Plymouth and knocked it into a roadside ditch. No one was hurt and damage to the car was estimated at \$50 to the Brown car.

No trace of the hit-and-run driver could be had immediately but Patrolmen Saunders, Narron and Parker picked up a lead the following day and arrested Willie Brady in Scotland Neck Thursday night. Joe Brady, accompanying Willie, his brother, owned the car and he was arrested and charged with allowing another to operate a motor vehicle without stopping after an accident in which property damage resulted.

The Bradys reported for trial here yesterday but there was no court and their cases were continued until next Monday, Patrolman Saunders, chief investigator, said this morning.

Native Of County Dies In Hospital

O. B. Rawls, Sr., a native of Martin County, died in a Washington hospital last Saturday morning. Funeral services were conducted at the late home in Beaufort County Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by Rev. M. L. Ambrose, pastor of the church at Old Ford where Mr. Rawls was a member for a number of years. He was one of the oldest members of the Red Men's Lodge in Washington and the Order had charge of the rites at the grave. Burial was in Washington's Oakdale Cemetery.

The son of the late Nicholas Rawls and wife, he was born in this county on November 10, 1887 and located when a young man in Beaufort where he farmed. In early life he was married to Miss Mamie Lilley.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. W. W. Chesson, Mrs. Carl Willard and Mrs. Clarence Roberson, all of Washington, RFD; five sons, Johnnie, Jesse, Nicholas, James and O. B. Rawls, Jr., all of Washington; three sisters, Mrs. Chas. Beacham of Bear Grass, and Mrs. Claude Beacham and Mrs. Mack Rogers, both of RFD, Washington; and seven grandchildren.

Small Child Recovering From Dose Of Poison

Little Miss Theresa Ayers, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ayers, is in Duke hospital receiving treatment for a poison dose. Last reports received from her were very encouraging, and she is expected to be able to return home in about ten days or two weeks.

Playing around in the kitchen early last Friday, the child took a small spoon, climbed up to the sink and dipped up a small quantity of poison draino that had been put there to unstop the pipes. It is thought she swallowed very little of the poison.

Yanks Invade Town Over The Week-end

Worst Snowstorm In Twelve Years Ties Up Business

Hampered by the bad weather last week and the early part of this, the drive for used clothing and other articles has been extended another week, Mrs. R. H. Goodman, chairman, announced.

A last call is being made in the name of suffering humanity overseas, the chairman stating that added interest had been shown while this section shivered in its worst wintry blast in years.

The churches will receive additional bundles next Sunday, and the collection, to be handled by Martin - Elliot Company trucks, will start picking up the bundles next week at the schools.

Quite a few shop-worn items have been contributed by local business firms during the past several days, and the county is well along the way toward getting together a creditable collection of clothing and other items.

Plans Completed For Farm School

Plans have been completed for holding a special and important school for farmers in the Martin County courthouse on Thursday and Friday of this week, Farm Agent T. B. Brandon reminded interested parties today.

The school is to run each day from 9:30 a. m. until 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and a general invitation is being extended to all farmers and other interested parties to attend.

Some timely topics will be discussed by recognized leaders, and the school offers a real opportunity for farmers to better equip themselves to meet and solve farm problems.

Beginning at 9:30 o'clock on Thursday morning, A. C. Kimrey will talk about the family cow. Dr. E. R. Collins will discuss corn production, reviewing the best hybrid yields, from 10:30 until 12 noon. Following the lunch period, Jack Kelly will talk on swine production at 1:30 and he will be followed by S. H. Dobson who will talk about pastures.

On Friday, John Harris will present some facts about home gardens. At 10:30 that morning, R. R. Bennett will give some late and interesting facts about tobacco. In the afternoon, J. T. Conner will talk about insects and the latest control methods. Crop diseases will be discussed by Howard Garriss, beginning at 2:30.

If it is impossible for a farmer to attend the full two-day school, he is asked to pick out his favorite topic and attend at that time. However, every minute of the school is important and farmers will find it to their advantage to pack the courthouse every minute of the school.

Not Unlawful To Set Trot Lines

Contrary to a report appearing in a daily paper feature published a short time ago, it isn't unlawful to fish with trot lines; at least, it isn't unlawful when cut bait is used, according to information coming from Ben H. James, county game warden.

Rock fishermen along the Roanoke were greatly upset when it was reported that trot lines could not be used lawfully. "There's nothing to the report," the warden declared.

Recalling recent changes in the Wildlife Resources Commission, the warden stated that Clyde P. Patton had been elected a director of the commission, that D. Warren Lupton, Jr., of New Holland, had been elected chief of law enforcement, and S. B. Caley of Kinston was named commission chairman at a recent meeting of the agency.

Worst Snowstorm In Twelve Years Ties Up Business

Schools Close, Mail and Bus Service Halted, Tourists Are Delayed

Driven to cover by one of the worst sleet-snow storms to strike this section in twelve years, the Yankees successfully invaded Williamston last week-end. The invaders, seeking sunshine and warm weather farther south, were not greeted by grape shot and cannon balls like unto that poured at the invading armies back in the sixties. Instead they were taken into private homes and accorded every possible accommodation, several of the delayed tourists stating that they had really found Southern hospitality here, but that they would have to travel farther south to find balmy weather.

The local hotel was filled to overflowing early last Saturday. Tourist homes were booked solid and rooms-for-rent signs disappeared in a hurry. Before night-fall, the situation was seriously aggravated when a line formed at the hotel desk, and another at the police station. Some of the tourists were really frightened, and when one was advised that a room was available without heat, he gladly accepted, adding that he did not mind sleeping in "the ice box." Between one hundred and fifty and two hundred tourists, mostly northerners, were delayed here by the ice-covered roads that night. A few braved the aggravated weather conditions Sunday and continued southward, but most of them held to their rooms until yesterday.

The Yankee invasion was described as the worst to strike here since early 1936 when a heavy snow broke in the roof on the Planters Warehouse and snow and ice interrupted traffic for several days.

Sleet and hominy snow made travel dangerous a week previously, but the full fury of the cold wave started creeping in over the week-end. Rain, sleet and snow fell Saturday afternoon, forcing just about all traffic off the highways. Several local shops, running short on fuel, closed early Saturday afternoon and business in general was tied up.

About 9:00 o'clock, the mercury eased up a bit and rain mixed with a little sleet fell from then until about 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Three quarters of an hour later snow started falling. Fanned by a regular gale the snow reached about six inches by 9:00 o'clock that morning.

Traffic, with the exception of newspaper delivery trucks and cars, was virtually blocked during the early part of the day, but highways forces cleared the main highways shortly before noon and travel was restored on a limited scale in this immediate section. Virginia, its highways covered with snow ranging up to six and eighteen inches deep, ordered all traffic off its highway unless vehicles wore chains and travel was vitally necessary. A few motorists broke through there late Sunday, but travel moved slowly even as late as this morning, according to reports reaching here.

Bus schedules were canceled

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ICEBERGS

While the mercury has gone no lower than the middle teens here in recent days, the upper Roanoke region must have had much lower thermometer readings. Miniature icebergs have been floating down the river here for two days, some so large that they broke in two when they struck the bridge fender.

Gardner's Creek near here is frozen over, but the ice is not very thick, reports say.