

To Exhibit Over Hundred Animals At Show Friday

Interest Shifts From Beef Cattle To Hogs In This County

After emphasizing beef cattle for several years, the annual Martin County Fat Stock Show on Friday of this week will feature hogs, reports from the office of the county agent indicating that the hog show will be the largest of its kind ever held in this section. Where the county club members exhibited over forty nice beef calves a year ago, they'll enter only eight this year. There will be some keen competition among the eight, however, according to 4-H Club Leader Jesse Sumner.

With a record number of hogs entered, the show is expected to attract even more interest than it did a year ago or in any preceding year. The price outlook is possibly more favorable than it was a year ago when the beef cattle department sales averaged only 29 cents or thereabouts.

Beef calves are to be exhibited by Billy Bailey, who brought down the grand champion from Everetts last year, and Mahue Bailey of Bear Grass, Mary Jane Rogers of Williamston, John Gurganus of Hamilton, Peggy Gurganus of Oak City, Johnny Price of Williamston and Everett Purvis of Hassell. The 4-H club members are all betting on their herefords to take prize money. The exhibitors of calves grading choice or prime will receive \$10 and a ribbon, and exhibitors of animals grading good will receive \$8. Owners of animals grading below good will receive \$5. A showmanship prize of \$5 will be offered.

The 4-H club members and Future Farmers of America are combining to make the swine department the big feature of the show this year. Approximately 85 hogs are to be exhibited by the following club boys and girls: Asa Bailey, LeRoy Leggett and Raymond Bennett of Bear Grass, Billy Edmondson, Hilton Leggett, Clifton Matthews and Marion Griffin of Everetts, Bennie Ray Hopkins, Darrell Manning, Thurman Manning and Larry Woolard of Farm Life, Calvin Oglesby of Hamilton, Jimmy Knowles, Ross Knowles, Robt. Lloyd Sexton and Bobby Ray Rogers of Jamesville, Albert Thompson, Gene Hyman and N. G. Hyman of Oak City, Elliott Harris, Dan Johnson, Mary Alice Warren and Earl Warren of Robersonville, Cloy Price, Virginia Price, Johnny Price, Jerry Nichols, Reg. Coltrain, Dillon Rogerson, Jack Woolard, Wade Rogerson, Taylor Rogerson, Wade Bunting, Aubrey Rogerson, Jack Williams and Billy VanNortwick of Williamston, and by FFA members Geo. Ayers of Oak City, James Modlin of Jamesville and several from Robersonville.

The show will be held in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse. The youthful exhibitors are to deliver their entries on Thursday of this week. Judges J. C. Pierce of the State Extension Division and Harry Hamilton of the State Department of Agriculture, have been assigned to the show and they will be assisted by Messrs. Kelly and Case.

Commenting on the show in an article a short time ago, Assistant Agent Sumner said he misquoted Mary Jane Rogers.

The first Martin County Fat Stock Show was held April 27, 1944. Eight fat steers were exhibited and fat hogs were exhibited by three farmers and one 4-H.

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TEN IN ONE

The unusual strawberries was displayed here over the week-end by Farmer W. R. Cratt, RFD 2, Williamston. Shaped somewhat like toes on the feet, the freak had ten berries attached Siamese fashion to each other, forming a clump about as wide as one's four fingers. There were seven other normally developed berries on the same vine.

CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow". So far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but as future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done. The Enterprise presents the youngsters as the one great hope for the future.

Top row, left to right, Aleese, eight months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Bazemore, Williamston; Garland, two, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Shepherd, Williamston; James Carlton, two and a half, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Wynne, Jr., Williamston; Bottom row, Mary Lou, one, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Revels, Williamston; Perry, one, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry E. Odom, Sr., Williamston; and William Eugene, ten months, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Revels, Williamston.

Watchman Attacked And Robbed Friday

DOG KILLINGS

Operating over a period of several months and without formal ceremony, some one has been busy killing dogs in the town of Hassell. A report reaching here over the weekend stated that about thirty dogs had been poisoned there during the period.

Finding his \$100 hound dead, M. Mills had an autopsy performed and it was revealed that strychnine had been used to destroy the canine. Officers are investigating the dog deaths, and while suspicion centers on one man, no proof to support a charge against him has been obtained.

Father of Local Resident Passes

Barnett Bloom, father of Mrs. Frank J. Margolis of Williamston, died in Los Angeles, California, last Saturday evening following a long period of declining health. His condition had been critical after a heart attack suffered last week.

He was born in New York 75 years ago and lived there until about ten years ago when he retired from business and went west for his health. He had visited here several times, making his last trip about nine years ago.

The body is being transferred to New York by air express and the last rites will be conducted in Riverside Chapel Wednesday afternoon, interment following in New York.

Surviving besides Mrs. Bloom and Mrs. Margolis are two daughters, Mrs. Norman Arenwald and Miss Alice Bloom of New York; and three brothers, Milton Bloom of Norfolk, and Lou and Saul Bloom, both of New York.

Report Highway Attack In County

Driving along Highway 125 between Oak City and Conoho Church last Saturday afternoon, four young white men stopped their Virginia Ford-car and attacked three teen-age girls, according to reports reaching here. They tried to drag the girls into the car, but the victims broke away and ran into a field, the white boys following. The attack was stopped when the girls yelled and attracted attention of residents in the neighborhood.

Badly frightened the attack victims, escaping unharmed, failed to get the license number but said that the car was from Virginia. No report was made immediately to officers who were unable to get a lead in the case.

Offer Reward For Apprehension Of Attacker - Robber

Haywood Cherry Recovering from Attack In The Hospital Here

Haywood Cherry, watchman at the Marvil Package Company plant near the river here was brutally attacked and robbed there last Friday night about 10:00 o'clock. Almost beaten to death, the young man was removed to the local hospital by Officers Chas. R. Moore and Bill Haislip a few minutes after the attack. Struck at least four times with some instrument, Cherry has hardly been able to discuss the attack, but he has revealed some information during brief interviews officers held with him so far.

A fairly sizable reward is being posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the attacker. Police are working on the case, investigating one or two meager leads which they hope will help solve the case.

Robbery was given by Police Chief W. E. Saunders as the motive for the attack, the assailant apparently planning to kill the watchman and then rob him. Receiving his wages for the week Friday evening, Cherry had sent his earnings home to his wife by messenger just a short time before the attack, the robber removing the man's empty billfold and relieving him of a .38 calibre special Smith and Weston pistol.

Making his hourly inspection of the plant, Cherry was moving along the back side of the storage warehouse and just as he started to make a turn at the corner near the railroad he was knocked in the head. He toppled over backwards into some weeds and bushes and a small drain ditch. He saw the man just about the time the blow landed on his head. Knocked almost unconscious by the first blow, the watchman could hardly recall what followed. It is apparent, however, that he was struck at least three more times with some object, and

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Car Damaged At Street Intersection Saturday

Damage estimated at \$100 resulted to Herbert Taylor's new Buick when a log truck, owned by R. J. Hardison, crashed into it at the intersection of Smithwick and Church Streets here last Saturday afternoon. Taylor was driving on Smithwick and the truck was traveling East on Church.

The brake fluid container developed a leak just as the truck driver started to apply his brakes, leaving him without braking power.

Hold Pre - School Clinics Beginning May 10 In County

Children Entering School Next Fall Are To Be Examined At Schools

Beginning next Monday, May 10, health department personnel will hold the first clinics for children, both white and colored, planning to enter school next fall for the first time. The clinics are held free and all children entering school next fall must be vaccinated against certain diseases.

Dr. John Williams, health officer, stated that clinics in all the white schools will be held in the mornings from 9:30 until 11:30 except in Hassell where the clinic will be held from 2:00 until 3:30 in the afternoon. Dates for holding the clinics in the white schools follow:

Hamilton, May 10; Everetts, May 11; Bear Grass, May 12; Robersonville, May 13 and 14; Williamston, May 17 and 18; Jamesville, May 19; Oak City, May 20, Farm Life, May 21. The clinic will be held in Hassell on May 20 from 2:00 to 3:30 p. m., and the others from 9:30 until 11:30 on the specified dates.

The clinics in the colored schools will be held from 1:00 until 3:30 in the afternoons on the following dates:

Jamesville, May 10; Gold Point May 11; Parmele, May 12; Robersonville, May 13; Oak City, May 14; Salisbury, May 17; Everetts, May 18; and Williamston, May 19 and 20.

In connection with the clinics, the health officer said:

"As here-to-fore, we will examine all the children for remedial defects and begin the vaccinations for whooping cough and diphtheria; the remainder of which can be continued at health units at regular stations. We will also vaccinate for smallpox. It is state law that all children be protected against whooping cough, diphtheria and smallpox by the time they are one year old. This matter of waiting until the child is of school age is not only illegal but dangerous, as by that age he has lived over the most dangerous period of his life for whooping cough and diphtheria. The fact that we give these vaccinations at our preschool clinics simply is to encourage this practice. This year will be the last time we are going to do it."

"It would certainly be a grand thing for a parent, especially the mother, to be present. It will not take much of her time, and she knows what diseases the child has had, what vaccinations and some times, what is the child's handicaps."

"I feel the parent who sends her child to school on the truck to spend the day and be examined at the clinic is not much interested."

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Takes Over Management Of Jamesville ABC Store

Named to fill the position made vacant by the death of Mr. Montford Brown a few weeks ago, Mr. Lloyd Waters took over the management of the Jamesville ABC store last Saturday.

Ministers Accept Challenge To Fight Beer - Wine Sales

Fairly certain the industry will move in for action, county ministers and interested laymen, meeting in the Christian Church here last Friday evening, readily accepted the challenge and the ministers accepted the call to lead the movement calling for a vote on beer and wine sales in this county. Accepting the call to head the drive, the ministers will meet here Thursday night of this week in the Christian church and make ready for a rough-and-tumble fight or any other action they deem necessary to carry the proposal before the people.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the number of petitioners is sufficient to support a plea for a special referendum, but the leaders are calling for more signatures to the special petitions. More

Four Thousand Dogs Vaccinated

Nearly four thousand dogs—3,846, to be exact—were vaccinated in the annual drive against rabies recently handled in this county, Dr. W. F. Coppage, veterinarian, handling the clinics, announced this week.

Although appointments have been met in just about every section of the county, there are quite a few dogs that have not been immunized and arrangements have been made to handle those at the doctor's office in Williamston any week day.

The list has been turned over to the county authorities for checking, and dogs that have not been vaccinated will either be immunized or killed.

A review of the vaccinations, by townships, follows:

Jamesville, 377; Williams, 81; Griffins, 355; Bear Grass, 215; Williamston, 478; Cross Roads, 237; Robersonville, 462; Poplar Nest, 114; Hamilton, 234; Goose Nest, 484; post-clinic vaccinations, 79.

The campaign is believed to have been the most successful ever conducted against rabies in this county.

Building Burns In Bear Grass

Believed to have started from defective wiring, fire destroyed a small feed house and a small quantity of hay and corn on the premises of Mrs. Javan Rogers in Bear Grass early last night. No estimate of the damage could be had immediately.

Fearful the fire would spread to other buildings and possibly to the large dwelling, some one placed a call for volunteer firemen here. The call was answered but by the time the fire-fighting apparatus reached there a large and hard-working group had confined the fire to the one small structure.

Marine Corps Recruiter Here Once Each Week

A new recruiting service was inaugurated here last week when the Marine Corps opened an office in the post office to interview prospective recruits. The recruiter, M-Sgt. John M. Faulkner, a native of Mississippi, will be in the post office here each Friday from 10:00 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. until further notice.

SEINE FISHING

Started last Tuesday after a delay of weeks seine fishing in the Roanoke at Jamesville met with failure through yesterday and operations were suspended late in the day. The operator plans to resume operations on a trial basis later in the week, possibly on Thursday or Friday.

The catches during the brief operating season have averaged little more than 150 herring and only one rock has been taken from the stream by the seine this season.

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

Good And True Democrats Meet in Precincts Saturday

All good and true Democrats are slated to meet in their respective precincts in this county on Saturday of this week, Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the party's executive committee, announcing that the meeting may be held any time from 6:00 o'clock that morning until sunset the same day.

The precinct meetings, ordinarily attracting very little attention in this county in recent years, are to perfect their organizations by electing a chairman, secretary and treasurer and they are to name delegates to the county convention which is to be held the following Saturday in the courthouse.

Precinct organizations have de-

teriorated to a low point, possibly as a result of the Al Smith-Hoover debacle way back in 1928, and the task of "hanging on" has been handled by the old-liners for the most part. Horace Ayers is succeeding his father as chairman of the Cross Roads unit. Other precinct chairmen carried over from year to year are: C. B. Martin, Jamesville; Joshua L. Coltrain, Williams; Pleny Peel, Griffins; J. D. Wynne, Bear Grass; C. H. Godwin, Williamston No. 1; H. G. Horton, Williamston No. 2; Paul Roberson, Robersonville; Jos. R. Winslow, Gold Point; W. S. White, Poplar Point; L. R. Everett, Hamilton; D. R. Edmondson, Hassell; and J. F. Crisp, Goose Nest.

Secretary Of The Farm Bureau To Make Main Speech

Thirty Pigs and Bushels Of Corn Bread And Slaw Being Prepared

Extensive preparations are rapidly being completed for entertaining the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau at the high school in Williamston on Friday afternoon of this week. A preliminary report from the organization's office yesterday stated that thirty pigs will be barbecued, that bushels of corn meal will be baked and made ready along with tasty slaw. Cool drinks will be made available on the spot. A special committee has been working for days, making preparations for the county's biggest annual event.

The program is slated to get underway in the high school auditorium at 4:30 o'clock that afternoon, the Farm Bureau officials explaining that some important business is to be placed before the membership, that R. Flake Shaw, the organization's executive secretary, and Mr. Carl Hicks of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation, will address the meeting. The business program will be brief and will not delay the barbecue very long, an official of the Farm Bureau declared.

"Mr. Shaw will have some timely information to offer and it will be well for every member to hear him," an official said. Mr. Hicks will discuss a plan whereby the Farm Bureau can aid materially research programs. It was decided some time ago by the county Farm Bureau directors to appeal to the members for cash contributions to support a research program. Mr. Hicks will explain the plan in detail. The contributions will be voluntary, and while it is hoped the Farm Bureau members will support the plan, they are under no obligation to do so and they'll be welcomed at the annual meeting whether they contribute to the research program or not. The directors are anxious to raise Martin County's share in financing the program. Quite a few other counties have already raised their quotas.

Over two thousand persons attended the last meeting, and with fair weather and most of the tobacco already transplanted, it is quite likely that an all-time record number will be present for the annual meeting on Friday of this week.

Tickets to the barbecue have been placed in the mails and just about all the details for feeding and handling the crowd have been attended to, and all are just hoping the weather will be favorable for a big day in the county's farm history.

Coroner Resting At Home On Watts Street

Troubled with high blood pressure, S. Rome Biggs, Martin County coroner, retired to his bed at his home on Watts Street here last week-end upon the advice of his physician. He was instructed to rest for ten days or two weeks and remain quiet and receive no company, reports stating that rest and dieting will enable him to be out within a reasonable time.

BIDS

Bids for the construction of an addition to the Bear Grass School and an additional unit for Williamston will be received by the Martin County Board of Education in special session here on Monday, May 17, it was learned this week.

Advance reports indicate that quite a few contractors plan to enter bids for one or both of the contracts.

Authorities Appoint Hospital Committee

Proposed Welfare Budget Calls For Total Of \$66,390

Board To Meet With Education Group May 18 to Consider School Bids

Meeting in regular session on Monday, the Martin County Commissioners worked until late afternoon handling routine duties and special business and discussing the proposed welfare budget for the 1948-49 fiscal year.

After virtually agreeing at a previous meeting to call a special election to ascertain the wishes of the people of the county relative to the construction of a hospital, the commissioners this week named a committee to proceed with the preliminary work. John Henry Edwards, board chairman, was named chairman of the committee and he will be assisted by Commissioners C. A. Roberson and W. M. Harrison and Elbert S. Peel, county attorney. The duties of the committee were not specified, the board instructing the group to go ahead with its work preparatory to calling an election for a bond issue at an early date.

Two juries were called by the commissioners, one for a case in the county court next Monday and a second for the June term of the superior court. Names of the jurors called for the special county court case next Monday are, Griffins, Theron L. Griffin and N. R. Danie; Williamston, W. M. Myers, W. G. Peel, Carl C. Coltrain; Williams, Vern Hardison; Jamesville, George Hopkins; Robersonville, J. C. Martin; and Cross Roads, L. A. Clark.

Reporting to the board, Tax Collector M. L. Peel stated that all but \$16,437.00 of the \$215,221.01 levy for 1947 had been collected, that all but \$3,476.50 of the \$207,102.92 levy for 1946 had been collected, and that there was a balance uncollected for 1945 in the sum of \$1,641.81.

Meeting with members of the county welfare department committee, the board spent considerable time studying the proposed welfare budget, approving without delay several items but delaying action in others.

The proposed budget calls for a rough increase of approximately \$14,350 or fiscal at \$66,400.00 for the 1948-49 fiscal year as compared with approximately \$52,000 appropriated in the current fiscal year.

Administration costs are being upped from \$11,785 to \$12,870, the state and federal governments to pay \$4,672 of the administration cost, leaving \$ 8,198 to be financed.

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DEEP WELL

Digging 440 feet into the ground at the town's municipal water plant, well drillers are believed to have discovered a large water source for the town. In the course of the drilling, the well men found thirty feet of excellent water bearing sand, offering the largest supply of water in the system. The contractors are sinking a test well this week to check the quality and determine the chloride or salt content. If the findings are favorable, work will be rushed on a permanent well.

Three geologists, sent here by the federal government, checked the operations foot by foot, offering valuable suggestions as the test well was being dug.

Observe Family Week This Week

The sixth observance of National Family Week is being held this week, with "Christ, the Center of Home Life," as the Protestant theme, according to Dr. L. Foster Wood, chairman of the sponsoring Inter-council Committee on Christian Family Life. Dr. Wood said the purpose of Family Week is "to challenge our American people to create homes which will be a blessing to the men, women and children in them."

The Inter-council Committee represents the family life agencies of the Federal Council of Churches, the International Council of Religious Education, and the United Council of Church Women. It joins with representatives of the Jewish and Catholic faiths in sponsoring Family Week.

Represent County On Roll Of Honor

Five Martin County young women met the scholastic requirements to have their names appear on the East Carolina Teachers College honor roll for the winter quarter, it was announced a few days ago by Dr. J. K. Long, the registrar.

Fourteen out of every 100 students enrolled in the college had their names included in the honor list.

The names of Martin County's honor students are: Mercedes Anne and Verna Marie Throckmoldt, Jamesville; Louise Hines and Elizabeth Manning, Williamston; and Ellen Joyce Clark, of Everetts.