

Shaw And Hicks To Address Farm Meet

Farm Legislation And Bureau Plans To Be Discussed

Other Important Problems On Agenda At Big Meet Here Friday

In their addresses before the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the Williamston High School auditorium on Friday afternoon of this week, Messrs. R. Flake Shaw and Carl Hicks, recognized farm leaders, will discuss some timely and important problems.

Mr. Shaw, executive vice president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau will discuss:

"International problems as they relate to exportation of farm commodities; and

"The future outlook of farm programs and what we will suffer if we lose our international market; and

"The present program and present pending farm bills (Aiken and Hope Bills) and the effect they will have on the South if enacted into law."

Mr. Shaw will also discuss the quota provision and price support of not less than 90 percent on "our commodities."

Commenting on the educational program of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, Mr. Hicks is expected to explain a proposal calling for an intensified work in connection with plant disease research and means for financing it. Martin County is being asked to help finance the important project and contributions will be received at the meeting here tomorrow. It is hoped by Martin County Farm Bureau officials that the members will make liberal donations to the fund at that time.

The business program, scheduled to get under way at 4:30 tomorrow afternoon, will be fairly brief and will be adjourned in ample time for the big barbecue. Plans for the joint Fat Stock show and Farm Bureau meeting are completed in detail. The youthful exhibitors have already moved their prize exhibits into the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here where the show will be held. Thirty pigs and bushels of corn meal are cooking for the barbecue which will be served by the ladies of the Cedar Branch Baptist Church.

Several prominent political candidates will be here, but they have been assigned no definite parts in the program, it was pointed out.

Over two thousand people are expected here for the annual event, and every detail has been attended to in an effort to make it a successful and enjoyable one. The members are asked to come on time, attend the important meeting in the high school auditorium and meet around the barbecue tables a short time later.

Sending Boy To Hoffman School

Johnnie Allen Smith, Jr., teenage youth who shot up a card game in Parmele and assaulted Gus Pitt with a shot gun the early part of last week, is being made ready to enter the correctional school at Hoffman for an indefinite period.

After he has run the gauntlet maintained by the state's social system, the lad will be turned over to officers in about a week or ten days for the trip.

At a hearing before Juvenile Judge L. B. Wynne a few days ago, the boy had very little to say. His parents said they had never heard of the boy being in trouble before and apparently they were deeply affected by the action of the court.

During the meantime an investigation of conditions under which teen-agers are allowed to play cards in a public place on Sundays is to be investigated.

The Smith boy, thinking he was to make the trip to Hoffman on Tuesday of this week, dressed and took a seat on the porch where he waited most of the day.

Drop In Marriage Licenses Reported In Martin County

White Applicants Outnumbered the Colored For First Time in Months

After holding to a fairly high figure for several years, the number of marriage licenses issued in this county during last month dwindled to the lowest point recorded for any month in more than two years.

For the first time in recent months, white applicants outnumbered the colored last month, but lead by a margin of only one.

Licenses were issued in April by Register J. Sam Getsinger to nine white and eight colored couples, as follows:

White
Robt. A. Haislip, Jr., of Oak City and Frances Nelson of Hassell.

Herman C. Stewart of Bell Cross, N. C., and Lissie F. Clark of Elizabeth City.

Johnnie F. Woolard, Jr., RFD 1, Washington, and Della Katherine Wynne of Williamston.

William C. Ellis, Jr., of Jamesville, and Emma Naomi Chesson of Williamston.

Rome Rogerson, Jr., and Pattie Price, both of R 2, Williamston.

William Benjamin Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, and Sadie Mae Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Samuel Howard Roberson of Williamston and Letty Jean Williams, RFD 1, Bethel.

Walter R. Hussey of Elizabeth City and Lilly Ann Stillman of Creswell.

Clifton Ray Legett and Evelyn Robinson, both of RFD 1, Robersonville.

Colored
Joe Wilson Jordan and Mary Alice Ballance, both of Windsor.

Milton Baines and Thelma Louise Brown, both of Robersonville.

Lee A. Griffin and Martha James, both of Jamesville.

Willie Chesson of Williamston and Alberta Comer of Norfolk.

Eli Armistead and Olivia Blount, both of Williamston.

Elex Dunkins and Lureatha Moore, both of Greenville.

Robert Andrews, Jr., and Pearl Hassell, both of Williamston.

George Moore and Eva Brown, both of Robersonville.

W. E. Roberson Died Wednesday

Wm. Edward Robertson, 66, died at his home on the old J. Lass Wynne farm in Cross Roads Township Wednesday morning at 8:00 o'clock after a long period of declining health. His condition had been serious for about four weeks.

He was born and reared in Washington County, coming to Martin about eighteen years ago and locating on the old Ballard farm in Poplar Point Township where he lived until some over a year ago when he moved to Cross Roads. He had farmed all his life.

He was married to Miss Gracie May Hall of Washington County, and she survives with three daughters, Mrs. Miles Sitterson of Plymouth, Mrs. Jos. A. Haislip of Hassell and Mrs. Ralph Purvis of near Hassell; two sons, Edward Robertson of the home and LeRoy Robertson of Snow Hill; three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Brown, Mrs. Charles L. Weeks, Mrs. P. E. Whedbee, and one brother, W. W. Robertson, all of Plymouth.

He was a member of the Christian church at Hassell, and the Rev. Z. Thad Cox, Farmville minister, and Rev. J. M. Perry of Robersonville are conducting the funeral service this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Will Reopen Inspection Lane Here On May 14

A lane for the inspection of motor vehicles will be reopened here on Friday of next week, according to unofficial information received this week. The lane is operating in Robersonville this week.

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, Alice, two daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Coltrain, Williamston; Ben, two and a half, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Courtney, Williamston; Helen Ann, two, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. I. Harris, Williamston; Bottom row, Gene, four, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hardison, Williamston; Mary Elizabeth, four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Beach, Robersonville; and Allen, 21 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore, Williamston.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Martin County motorists did right well in respecting life, limb and property during their travels on the highways last week. Only one minor accident was reported during the period.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

18th Week				
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge				
1948	1	0	0	\$ 100
1947	2	2	0	75
Comparisons To Date				
1948	50	20	1	\$ 9,460
1947	44	25	3	9,350

Costly Rural Fire Late Last Night

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed three outbuildings and threatened the dwelling of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Tice in Griffins Township shortly after 11:00 o'clock last night. No official report could be had immediately but according to some estimates the loss amounted to approximately seven or eight thousand dollars with only a small amount of insurance in force.

Mr. Tice, an invalid, saw the fire through his bedroom window as it burned in the front part of the packhouse. Mrs. Tice tried to call neighbors but they did not hear the phone. A young grandson was dispatched to the home of one of the Tice boys while she went to the lot and turned out the work stock. Garland Tice was said to have blistered his face badly when he went to a shed and backed out a tractor. Other than the tractor and team very little was saved, large quantities of corn, hay, seed and fertilizer burning.

The local fire department received a call at 11:35 o'clock but the equipment reached there too late to render any effective aid. Neighbors and other friends reached the scene in large numbers and they saved the dwelling which was badly blistered by the heat. One report stated that the dwelling caught fire but was saved by concerted effort.

Committee Re-Elects School Teachers Here

Meeting this week, the Williamston School Committee re-elected all teachers in the district. It was learned, however, that Miss Mary Ellen Sawyer, science teacher, was resigning to enter another profession.

Breaks His Collar Bone While Playing Yesterday

Jack Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Welch, suffered a broken collar bone while playing on the high school grounds here yesterday.

Judge Smith Has Twenty-two Cases In County Court

Fines and Forfeitures Last Monday Amount To Almost \$700

Judge J. Calvin Smith handled twenty-two cases in a comparatively short session last Monday in the Martin County Recorder's Court and imposed several road sentences. Fines and forfeitures amounted to \$689.10, the costs boosting the total income for the day to well over \$1,000 for the session.

Proceedings:
Charged with drunken driving Eddie Golphin pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for four months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. The court recommended that the defendant's driver's license be revoked for one year.

Entering a plea of nolo contendere in the case in which he was charged with larceny and receiving, Hezekiah Bell was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs and on the further condition that the defendant violates no criminal law for one year.

The case charging Charlie Ben Roberson with non-support was continued under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in July upon the payment of \$50 a month for the support of his wife.

Charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Herbert Bunting pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, he was sentenced to the roads for one year, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs and on the further condition that the defendant operates no motor vehicle for two years.

Pleading not guilty, Lee Rollins was adjudged guilty of assaulting his wife and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs and on the further condition that the defendant remains away from his wife for one year.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and failing to dim lights, Joe Edward Purvis pleaded guilty of failing to dim his vehicle lights. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Paul D. Roberson and the court fined the defendant \$10, plus the costs.

Herbert Danson was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Judgments absolved on \$50 bond was allowed in the case charging Floyd Edward Miller with speeding.

Robert Joseph Greely and Priscilla Elizabeth Dunham, charged with speeding, forfeited their \$47.05 bonds.

The case charging Oliver Rogers with assaulting a female was not pressed, but is subject to be carried into court again.

Pleading guilty of being drunk and disorderly, George Wynne (colored) was sentenced to the roads for four months, the court suspending the term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. He is to remain sober for one year.

Infant Is Found Dead In County

Jackie Reason, three and one-half months old, was found dead in bed by her mother at their home on the Ball Gray farm near Jamesville about 5:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, death resulting from accidental suffocation. It is believed that the child had been dead several hours when the mother, sleeping with her, discovered the lifeless body.

She was the daughter of Sam Reason and wife, the former Miss Carrie Dell Haislip of the Hamilton section of this county.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon and burial was in the Reason cemetery, near Hamilton.

Plan Drive Against Rats In Williamston

FEW REGISTER

Incomplete reports indicate that very few people registered last Saturday for the primary election to be held on Saturday, May 29. One of the local precincts added one name to the list, Registrar S. H. Grimes stating that several others reported to the registration center but were unable to qualify.

The registration books will remain open through Saturday of next week. Those persons who have voted in the precinct where they now live do not have to register again, but newcomers and those attaining the age of 21 years by next November 2 must register to participate in the primary the latter part of this month.

W. O. Willoughby Dies At His Home Early Wednesday

Funeral Service Is Being Conducted At Residence On Houghton Street

William Ola Willoughby, retired farmer, died at his home on North Houghton Street near the city limits here at 12:15 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been in declining health following a stroke suffered about six years ago. On Monday of this week he suffered a second stroke and his condition was recognized as critical.

Mr. Willoughby was born in Fayetteville, N. C., 56 years ago on March 4, 1892. When he was quite young he moved to this county with his parents, and lived in various sections of the county until he located here several years ago. Declining health forced his retirement from the farm, but despite his infirmities he continued fairly active in and around the home until he was fatally stricken this week. He was a son of the late W. H. and Mattie Forbes Willoughby of Pitt County.

When a young man he was married to Miss Vesta Bailey and she survives with five children; three daughters, Mrs. Johnnie Cherry, Mrs. Lester Jones and Miss Mattie Willoughby, all of Williamston; and two sons, Louis B. and J. D. Willoughby, both of Williamston. Also surviving are a brother, James T. Willoughby of Hobgood; and three sisters, Mrs. H. B. Smith of Robersonville, Mrs. Leonard Allen of Arlington, Va., and Miss Lula Pearl Willoughby of Hobgood; and four grandchildren.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, joining at Roberson's Chapel some years ago. Rev. James I. Lowry, local Presbyterian minister, and Rev. Jas. M. Perry, Robersonville minister, are conducting the last rites at the home this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Soldier's Body On Way Back Home

The body of Sgt. Edward S. Brown who made the supreme sacrifice for his county in North Burma on June 25, 1944, is en route to this county for burial in his native soil near Jamesville, his mother, Mrs. Dare S. Brown, was notified this week.

It could not be learned immediately on what ship the body is making its last journey home from the Asiatic Theater or when it would dock presumably on the West Coast. It is expected the body, handled through the distribution center in Charlotte, will reach Jamesville in about one month.

The young man's body is one of 2,024 being returned to this county on the U. S. Connolly, and is one of 54 being brought to North Carolina.

Board Discussed Various Problems At Regular Meet

Possibility Presents Itself For Extending Smithwick Street to Avenue

Meeting in regular session Tuesday evening, Williamston's town commissioners discussed a varied program of problems for more than two hours, taking immediate action on some and delaying action on others, pending a more complete study of the details.

W. B. Gaylord, county sanitarian representing the health department, discussed an anti-rat campaign with the commissioners, outlining two suggested programs. The sanitarian explained that a county-wide drive against rats is taking shape, that extensive plans are being formulated to reduce the rapidly increasing rat population. It was suggested that Williamston promote a six-month program which would cost \$300 for materials, plus the salary of one man. It would cost possibly \$1,500 or \$1,600. The other program will cost about \$240, but it will be handled almost over night. Accepting the \$240 short program, the commissioners explained that the six-month program will be studied and possibly be included in the new budget as a necessity. During the meantime, the town will cooperate every way possible in advancing the county-wide drive against rats.

The rats are here in numbers and are threatening the health of the community, to say nothing of the damage resulting to property. It was told at the meeting Tuesday night that one plant put out poison bait one night and picked up a cotton basketful of rats the next morning.

The rodents are burrowing into pit privies right on the main street where sewer connections can be made the sanitarian said. He added that the rat population has reached that point where they are actually destroying one another.

Turning to other matters, the board considered giving away the municipal swimming pool for its own keep. Last year the pool took in about \$1,100 and cost about \$2,100, exclusive of water and other items. The town is offering it to the Recreational Committee, agreeing to furnish water and chemicals free. "You take and operate it and keep the profits," the board suggested to John L. Goff, recreational committee chairman.

Planning to build on Halifax Street, several lots on the Chas. Herriott home, Julius Warren asked for water. Water is to be made available within a short time.

Two caution lights, one for Pine and Houghton and the other for Houghton and Washington Streets were ordered purchased and installed.

Offer Big Reward In Robbery Case

After spending considerable time and exhausting every possible lead, local police today are hopeful the \$584.50 reward will help break the Gaywood Cherry attack-robber case here.

The reward was made up by friends of Mr. Cherry upon the circulation of a petition in his behalf by Mr. John Gurganus over the week. The contributions range as high as \$200, and it is possible that others will boost the total.

Cherry, night watchman at the Marvel Package Company near Roanoke River here, was brutally assaulted and robbed while making a regular inspection of the property last Friday night. The victim is responding to treatment in the local hospital, and there is still the possibility that he'll be able to throw more light on the attack when he is fully recovered.