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OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY

M. G. Mann Speaks To FCX Patrons In High School Here

Approximately 850 Attended Annual Meeting On Wednesday Afternoon

Speaking before 850 stockholders and patrons of the Martin FCX Service at their annual county meeting and picnic held yesterday afternoon in the Williamston High School, M. G. Mann, general manager of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, declared that all phases of agriculture must be organized if this country hopes to have a balanced economy.

"The records plainly show," Mann said, "that both labor and industry have been growing stronger and stronger through organization, while agriculture has been growing weaker due to the lack of organization until our entire economy is about to collapse."

Describing agriculture, labor and industry as the foundation stenes of our economic structure. Mann said that it was an absolute necessity for agriculture to keep step with labor and industry in order to maintain economic balance.

"Our entire economy depends on agriculture," Mann declared, "when it fails both labor and industry suffer as a result.'

Mann praised the wisdom and foresight of the industry and labtion of their groups."

realize economic security."

it had saved the farmers of North Carolina more than ten million dollars through its classing on a grade and staple basis and

through scientific marketing. "Farmers are also reaping a rewards through their FCX which is owned by over 80,000 farmers in the two Carolinas," Mann stated. "Today the FCX has a net worth of more than \$3,500,000 and last year did a record volume of

business of over \$28,000,000. He said that farmers in the two Carolinas had purchased and marketed more than 125 million dollars through their FCX since it was organized 14 years ago.

"In addition to these services," Mann added, "the farmers also own 36 seed-cleaning plants; manufacturing plants for feeds; fertilizers; insecticides; farm machinery; paint; a hybrid-corn processing plant (and is building another); grain elevators; farm machinery distribution units; various marketing facilities; three wholesale warehouses; and 48 retail FCX services."

"These," he concluded, "are a economic necessity, because individuals are not willing to invest the large sums of money neces-(Continued on page eight)

• Hamilton Firm To Reopen Business

Sixty-three days after fire RFD 3, Williamston, won third wrecked his store and wiped out prize (\$5), and Mrs. F. G. Bowen, an unusually large stock of mer- RFD 2, Williamston, won fourth chandise in Hamilton, Henry S. (dress material). Johnson, Jr., is reopening for business in a new and modern structure with another large and all-

new stock of goods there. The opening has been scheduled last year. for Wednesday of next week when a special program will be offered, including a free show and won the horse-shoe contest. valuable prizes. The owner, surin the course of about three years, Mrs. Mozella Williams, RFD 1, is planning for a record number Williamston, and the oldest fathof visits from patrons and other er, Mr. W. W. Griffin, 80, of Wil-

friends in the county and section. liamston Route 1, in attendance The firm has long figured pro- upon the meeting were rememminently in the merchandise field bered. Door prizes went to James pany in Hamilton and George's from any of the other schools, but in this section and the opening of Williams, RFD 1, Jamesville, and Place located halfway between as far as it could be learned all its new store on September 8 is James Bullock, Williamston. A Williamston and Windsor, owned of the nine white and twenty-one awaited by patrons and other free barbecue was served the and operated by Mr. George Leg- colored schools opened the term

WALLACE GETS ARMED AID AFTER EGG BARRAGE



AFTER BEING GREETED by egg-hurling hecklers who left him with a spattered shirt (left) as he toured four North Carolina towns, Henry Wallace is given armed protection upon his arrival in Durham, N. C. At right, a National Guardsman, pistol in hand, makes a path through the crowd as the Progressive Party presidential candidate (arrow) reached Durham to attend a state convention of his party. Gov. Gregg Cherry de-

Over 400 Register For The W. Ben Weaver Draft In First Three Days

young men registered in this fessor Harry Hughes, in the Amcounty for the draft during the erican Legion Hut on Watts Street Funeral Friday Afternoon first three days of the registra-center, handling all registrations or leaders, adding, "But I deplore tion, Draft Board Chairman Eufor the county and a few tranthe fact that the agricultural lead- gene Rice explaining that if the sients, is open each day from 8:00 ership of 100 years ago did not ratio is maintained the total reg- o'clock a. m. until 5:00 o'clock in have the vision and wisdom to or- istration will exceed the 2,088 es- the afternoon. ganize the farmers for the protectimated by State draft officials The registration through yestera short time ago.

"Business and labor have built There will be no registration colored youths. There were 147 afternoon at 4:00 o'clock following a sound foundation while agricul- next Menday, Labor Day, it was World War II veterans, 101 marture has deterioriated and until announced by the board chair- ried non-veterans, 138 single men, Suffering a broken shoulder in a we can get all phases of agricul- man, but registrations will be re- twenty-nine eighteen-years-olds, fall about a year ago, he had been ture as well organized we will not sumed the following day and con- who registered a bit out of turn, tinue each day except Sunday and seven transients. could definitely profit through or- date the registration of 18-yearthat in the last three years alone, handled by volunteers, headed by been announced.

LIMITED HOLIDAY

Next Monday, Labor Day,

will be observed as a limited

holiday here. There will be no

tobacco sales on any of the

markets. The post office, li-

quor store, and a few offices,

including federal and state,

Mercantile establishments

and most professional busi-

ness and offices wil carry on

business as usual, it was

Names Officers

Patrons of the Martin FCX Ser-

vice, meeting in the high school

here yesterday afternoon, named

their directors for the coming

year, as follows: W. M. Hardison,

RFD 3, Williamston; T. B. Slade,

Hamilton; W. L. Taylor, RFD 2,

Williamston; J. Carl Griffin,

Jamesville; and L. A. Clark, Ever-

Mrs. Hugh Bennett of Goose

Nest Township won the \$15 prize

in the dress contest. Mrs. Jasper

Woolard, RFD 1, Williamston, won

second (\$10); Mrs. Lester Bryant,

Mrs. Zack Cowin, RFD 2, Wil-

guessing the amount of volume of

and Verble Jones, Williamston,

The oldest mothers, Mrs. F. G.

liamston was awarded \$5

FCX In County

learned today.

will be closed for the day.

Four hundred and twenty-two Preacher John W. Hardy and Proin Williamston. The registration

day included 162 white and 260

In showing how the farmers through September 18. After that The Army is calling for 10,000 several weeks. men for November, and it is likeganization, Mann cited the record olds will be handled in the draft ly that early registrants will start Gold Point section 77 years ago of the North Carolina Cotton board offices on the third floor of receiving questionnaires within on October 29, 1871. With the ex-Growers Cooperative Association Williamston's city hall. The cur- the next ten days or two weeks. ception of about three years spent selling all right, and quite a few for thirty days. The road term with its 15,000 members. He said rent registrations are being The quota for this county has not

Mercury Tumbles

mark for several days, the mercury started tumbling here late piness of others Tuesday, reaching a point in the change from the record-high mer- years, and was faithful in attendcury readings was so abrupt that ance upon its services. the populace hardly had time to He was married in 1895 to Miss get out of summer togs and many Maggie Rawls and she survives shivered it out, declaring that it with six children, three sons, J would take several days of low Frank Weaver of Williamston, thermometer readings to cool 'em | William Jasper Weaver of Plymoff after the heat attack.

The weather men declare the time, possibly through today. However, it is fairly certain that there'll be no return this year to such hot weather as existed for a spell prior to and including last Schools Report

week-end. There is some doubt if the 'phony" hurricane off the coast had anything to do with the weather break. An old-timey thunder storm hit here late Tuesand bringing welcomed relief. Last reports stated that the hurri-C. Coast and traveling farther to be abrewin' in the Caribbean.

Boosters Adding New Members

The Williamston Boosters club is expanding in membership, it for was reported by Mr. Lyn Taylor, complete with the employment of secretary and promotion director, Mrs. W. H. Abernathy as fifth business handled by the local FCX who stated that nine new members had been added during the graduate of ECTC, Greenville, has Herman Dickerson, Jamesville, past few days.

New members are R. L. Ward ence and volunteered to relieve Coal and Wood Co., Muse Jewelry the teaching shortage. Co., owned and operated by Marviving his second disastrous fire Bowen, RFD 2, Williamston, and garet M. Muse and Elbert S. Peel, grades, follow: First, 101; second, Jr., Dr. John D. Biggs, Roberson's 98; third, 95; fourth, 100; fifth, Slaughter House, Newton-John- 98; sixth, 102; seventh, 96; eighth, son Laundry, Quinn Motorcycle 70; ninth, 56; tenth, 53; eleventh Service. Firestone Home and Auto 38; and twelfth, 30. Store and Slade, Rhodes and Com-

Died Wednesday **Near Gold Point**

Here For Prominent **County Farmer**

William Benjamin Weaver well-known county citizen and prominent farmer, died at his home near Gold Point Wednesday a long period of declining health. an invalid since that time. His condition had been critical for for those inferior types are hold-

ton for about twenty years. He number. After cavorting around the 100 that his own welfare was made secondary to that and to the hap-

He was a member of the Baptist low sixties this morning. The Church here for about thirty alloted time, eliminating any

outh, and Lewis A. Weaver of the home; three daughters, Mrs. G. A. cool spell will last only a short Burroughs of Norfolk, Mrs. O. S. Cowan of Williamston, and Mrs.

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Enrollment Gain

Opening the new term yester day afternoon, Williamston's day, releasing a badly needed rain white elementary and high schools reported a slight gain in enrollment figures over those recane was still 200 miles off the N. corded for the first day last year. Principal B. G. Stewart, explainsea, but another storm was said to ing that the enrollment never reached a maximum the first day, stated that the count in the pri mary-elementary departments jumped from 746 to 750, and that the high school enrollment went from 166 to 177, making for a grand enrollment of 927 compared with 912 a year ago.

The faculty has been announced grade teacher. Mrs. Abernathy, a had seven years' teaching experi-

First-day enrollment figures, by

No report has been received

Local Market Has Substantial Lead Over 1947 Sales

Through Yesterday 2,483,-532 Pounds Had Yielded \$47.50 Average

market had sold through yesterday 2,483,532 pounds for \$1,178, year's figures, the market sold morning. nearly half million pounds more in the first ten days of this season than it did in the comparative period a year ago. The market this year is holding a \$3.76 price advantage over the average re corded for the first ten days of the 1947 season. Last year the market sold 1,807,604 pounds for an average price of \$43.69.

The section is supposed to have a better quality crop this yea than it had last, but apparently the price differential shows n marked change for the better in the face of production costs and inflationary prices for other items.

The price trend this past five sales days has been fairly regular, reaching a high of \$46.87 day be-Drunks Dominate Docket fore yesterday and hitting the lowest point-\$44.71-of the season last Friday. Yesterday the market averaged right at \$46.00 for 239,596 pounds.

During the second five-day sellng period ending yesterday; the market sold 1,438,682 pounds for \$657,317.68, an average of \$45.69, all but took over, they were so a figure just \$3.20 per hundred numerous. higher than the average reported for sales in the comparative period of 1947.

Fairly large quantities of tips Luke was sentenced to the roads are being offered and the prices for thirty days, the trial justice ing the general average down, but good behavior for one year an Mr. Weaver was born in the farmers do not hesitate to point the payment of \$8.50 costs. out that they are disappointed in in Washington County he lived individual farmers are averaging was suspended upon the payment and farmed all his life in Martin, above 60 cents a pound, but those of \$9.50 costs and guaranteed good making his home near Williams- farmers are comparatively few in behavior for one year.

was an industrious farmer, one The \$45 and \$46 averages re- taxed with \$8.50 costs for being From Record High who found enjoyment and content the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here this week compare drunk and down. The state of the ported here the ported he

> Sales are running very smooth ly and with the exception of one or two days the selling organizations completed their work in the to the county court for trial. great delay for the patrons.

Wrecks Auto In County Tuesday

Apparently driving too fas around a curve, Richard Earl O' Mary of Greenville turned over the 1936 Ford he had borrowed from A. W. Williams of Raleigh last Tuesday evening in the Cross Roads section of this county.

when fifteen directors and can-Checking the wreck, Patrolman Powers and Parker said the car! first somersaulted and then rolled agreed to go down the line again over twice on the dirt road. for the organization as the only hope for agriculture in a chang-

No accurate estimate of the damage could be had immediately but the loss will run into several

hundred dollars, it is believed. ed that at the last meeting in May, the organization spent \$1,438.60 O'Mary is thought to have been injured but he could not be reachto feed the membership at the annual barbecue, leaving a cash ed immediately by the officers and the extent of his injuries balance of \$131.90. Pointing out that the county could not be determined. The pahad been asked to enroll 2,300 trolmen are holding the car in members for the new year, Presi-Robersonville.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

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.

sections could recognize the need The accident toll on Martin County's highways so far this for a strong organization, we would get 2,300 members and year is no worse but, at the same time, it is little better more without any trouble," Daniel said. than the record for the corresponding period in 1947. Most of those at the meeting have championed the cause of the

\$19,250

35th Week Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1947 4 6 0 1,310 Comparisons To Date

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1947 89

Inspection Lane Handles Judge J. C. Smith 600 Vehicles In Two Days

mechanical inspection station here this week and carried approximately 600 vehicles through the During the end of the first ten lane in two days. Chief Inspector cars and trucks were packed from sale days, Williamston's tobacco Porter stated late yesterday that the lane near the intersection of day, the rain that afternoon limi- Hatton, across Watts, on by Biggs ing the work. Yesterday, 350 ve- Street and down to and around 410.40 or an average of \$47.45 per hicles were inspected and a fairly on Harrell, nearly to Ray Street. 100 pounds. Compared with last long line took form early this The last car was out of sight of the

there were a few arguments, there hicles not yet inspected are subwere no untoward incidents and ject to be stopped by patrolmen the inspection work progressed and directed to the inspection very rapidly. A few owners park- lane. The lane will be open here ed their cars in the line Tuesday through next Monday and will night and went through the lane move Tuesday to Plymouth. Inafternoon the rush had been clear- is to be kept open by a skeleton ed, but more vehicles started mov- i crew Labor Day

Justices Of Peace

Handle Ten Cases

In Past Few Days

In Justices Hassell's and

Johnson's Courts

Justices of the Peace John L

Hassell and R. T. Johnson handled

ten cases in their courts here dur-

ing the past few days. The drunks

Justice Hassell handled the fol-

Drunk and disorderly, John

John Henry White, drunk and

Jesse Rascoe was fined \$5 and

to the county court for an assault

Willie Gorham, charged with as-

saulting a female, was bound over

Justice Johnson handled the fol-

Charged with non-support, Mil-

ton Outterbridge was adjudged

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Farm Bureau Asks

For New Members

The Martin County Farm Bu

reau launched its 1948-49 mem-

bership drive Wednesday evening

vassers met in the courthouse and

The secretary-treasurer report-

dent C. L. Daniel expressed the

belief that "unless we get a big

membership throughout the land

pointed out that tobacco parity

was voted in the recent congress

by only a one-vote margin, that

without parity tobacco prices to-

day could be averaging around

"I sincerely believe that if far

mers and others in the farming

organization down through the

turn the task over to others they

allow the movement to go by de-

Mr.

gains made in recent years."

we stand to lose many of the

with a deadly weapon.

owing cases:

ing world.

25 cents.

owing cases:

Moving to meet the inspection, ing to the lane on Warren Street deadline, owners converged on the early today and it was fairly apparent that another record number of machines would be inspected before 5:00 o'clock today.

During the big rush Tuesday, 250 vehicles were inspected Tues- Warren and Park Streets, east on lane.

Crowded conditions existed A ten-day period of grace has where the line formed and while been allowed, but owners of vewithout delay. By late yesterday spector Porter stated that the lane

hour session. Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuted the docket.

RAINFALL

The 4.27 inches of rainfall recorded here for the past month was about normal, but at the same time it was the smallest reported since 1943 and compares with 8.06 inches recorded in August of last year. Rain fell on twelve of the

31 days, but nearly half, or 1.96 inches, poured down in exactly fifteen minutes on Saturday, August 21. So far this year 32.22 inches of rain have fallen here, the total including two snows, one 5.7 and the other a 15-inch fall on February 9 and 10.

Enforcement Unit suspending the term upon pledged Had Busy Time In

Ten Stills Taken and Eight Persons Were Arrested During Period

Martin County's Alcoholic Beverages Control Enforcement vision, headed by ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck, reported a busy time during the month of August when the illicit liquor traffic flared up possibly in anticipation of a rushing fall business.

Ten illicit manufacturing plants including five prize copper ket-

Eight persons were arested and our of them were convicted in the county courts. Road sentences totaled twenty-two months and fines amounted to \$500. Four other alleged violators are scheduled to face trial in the federal the roads for ninety days. The court in Washington in October.

quantity of beer-mash, most of the the court costs. 50,000 gallons being of inferior quality while some was downight filthy-nasty.

In carrying on their work, the officers traveled 1,305 miles durng the month.

More recently the enforcement group worked in two townships, wrecking three illicit plants and pouring out nearly 1,000 gallons of beer.

On Tuesday of this week Officer Roebuck assisted by Deputy Roy Peel wrecked a 50-gallon capacity oil drum still in Robersonville Township. The plant was fully equipped and the officers poured out 200 gallons of beer

Last Friday, the enforcement head, assisted by Deputies Roy Peel and Buck Holloman captured a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle in the Free Union Section and poured out 100 gallons of sugar mash. At a second plant site, the officers poured out 650 gallons of sugar beer but could not find the manufacturing equipment.

Little Business Slated for County Commissioners

Very little business other than that of a routine nature is schedyears, and while they are ready to uled for consideration at the regular meeting of the Martin Coun- members of the group saw the are not content to stand idle and ty Board of Commissioners next need for further improvements at Monday, Clerk J. Sam Getsinger

Has Sixteen Cases In County's Court

Fines Imposed During Three - Hour Session Monday Total \$455

Judge J. Calvin Smith handled sixteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. the docket including one jury trial. Fines in the sum of \$455 were imposed during the three-

His case having been continued under prayer for judgment at a previous session, Chester Mooring, charged with larceny, was sentenced to jail to serve a five-day term and pay a \$25 fine, plus

Charged with drunken driving, Willard Whitley pleaded guilty and his case was continued under prayer for judgment until next

Having pleaded guilty at the session held on Monday of fast week, Thomas William Stanley, charged with non-support, was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$100 into the court for his wife, Lucille Stanley, and their child. The defendant is to pay \$20 a month for two years, and if he does not meet the terms of the judgment he is to serve the sen-

Pleading guilty of an assault, Vance Price was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and on the further condition that he remains sober and violates no crimnal law during the next two

Anthony Lanier, charged with arceny, was adjudged not guilty. Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Timothy Month Of August Towns was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The court sus-Towns was sentenced to the roads pended the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

James Willis Rogers, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25 and taxed with the

Dean Gordon Bunting was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs when he pleaded guilty of speed-

Charged with the possession of materials for the manufacture of illicit liquors and eight gallons of illicit liquor, Joe Mobley pleaded guilty of possessing illegal liwere wrecked in August, the catch quors and was fined \$150 and taxed with the costs. The case charging Mrs. Mobley with a similar of-

fense was dismissed. Charged with being drunk and disorderly and interfering with an officer, Jesse J. Marlow and Charles Russell Roberts pleaded guilty and they were sentenced to road terms were suspended upon The officers poured out a second the payment of a \$30 fine each and

Adjudged guilty of speeding, William Gray Whitley, Jr., of Wilson, was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with larceny by trick, William M. Sherman pleaded guil-(Continued on page eight)

Farmers In Martin **Held Annual Tour**

The annual Negro farm and home tour in Martin County was an outstanding success this year, with a total of 55 farm men and women in attendance, reports R. M. Edwards, Negro county agent for the State College Extension Service. +

Three homes and three farms were visited. Persons touring the farms were able to observe tobacco, peanut, corn, and soybean demonstrations, permanent pastures, purebred dairy cattle, a fine herd of purebred Duroc hogs, and one and a half acres of certified sweet potatoes being produced for

seed. In addition to observing the improved practices being used in production of crops and livestock, some places, and many helpful recommendations were made.