

Dairy Plans For County Discussed By Farmer Group

County Importing More Than \$1,000 Worth of Milk Each Week

The need for expanded dairying in Martin County was discussed by farmers at a meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the courthouse last Friday evening. The farm leaders expressed much interest in an expanded dairy program for the county and with a modern milk plant now under construction in the county it is believed that a new source of income to supplement that received from farm crops will be created.

While the county is actually importing more than \$52,000 worth of raw milk annually, no mention was made of other dairy products. If ice cream and other dairy products were manufactured at home, an industry running into several hundred thousands of dollars could be established.

Addressing the meeting briefly, Mr. Van G. Taylor who is constructing a plant in partnership with his nephew, Van Ralph Taylor, said that his dairy in Poplar Point was buying milk from nearby farms for about 70 cents per gallon. He explained that the plant would consider establishing milk routes in the county and create a market for surplus milk on the farm.

Farmer Mayo Hardison said he was milking two cows, that first there was plenty of milk, cream and butter for his household and that he was selling the surplus to the dairy for about \$90 a month. "It isn't all profit, to be sure, but it is a mighty good source of income besides the ample supply provided for ourselves," Mr. Hardison said. He is convinced that Martin County can go into the business not on any big scale but with two or three cows on the individual farm and make money.

It was pointed out that Farmer Roy Taylor in Poplar Point is selling about \$100 worth of milk to the dairy each month, that the farmer had found it necessary to buy very little feed and that he had hardly missed the feed given the cows on his farm.

Interested in the progress of their county the Messrs. Van G. and Van R. Taylor will gladly discuss the business as a source of individual income with farmers and help them launch the project.

An expanded dairy program for the county will be discussed at a mass meeting of farmers and other interested citizens at a date to be announced.

Noted Minister Will Speak Here

Dr. L. N. D. Wells, noted churchman, will speak in the Williamston Christian Church Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock, and the public is invited to hear him.

Dr. Wells, former pastor of East Dallas Christian Church, one of the largest churches in the neighborhood of Disciples of Christ is Chairman of the Advisory Section of the Crusade for a Christian World. He is fortunate in having obtained the services of Dr. Wells for Crusade Chairman. He is widely known throughout the brotherhood as a dynamic personality and his qualities of aggressive leadership are deeply respected and highly esteemed.

As Crusade Chairman of the Advisory Section, Dr. Wells will be chairman of the hundreds of World Crusaders, consisting of representatives of the states and provinces on the Crusade Advisory Committee, the Board and the state and provincial leaders, and including ministers, laymen, laywomen and young people.

Sheriff Improving In A Washington Hospital

Entering a Washington hospital for treatment last Saturday afternoon, Sheriff C. E. Rockwell was reported slightly improved this morning.

Peanut Harvest Just About Completed In This County

Between 98 and 99 percent of the peanut crop has been harvested in this county, late reports declaring that there is only an occasional crop left in the fields. Favorable weather prevailing for more than a week made it possible for most farmers to complete the harvest last week, a task ordinarily handled days before Christmas.

The goobers have been moving to market in volume and while prices have held to government support levels few buyers were active. Most of the deliveries this year were made to government warehouses to be converted into oil stock. Prices have ranged around eight cents for oil stock while the open market ranged from about 10 to 11 cents. The cleaners found too many wet and

damaged peanuts, and the buyers in several instances withdrew from the market. Possibly sixty percent of the crop has moved into government channels.

Large deliveries were reported on the market here yesterday and storage facilities are now taxed almost to capacity. This week, it is almost certain, will see the last of the marketing rush.

Some few farmers are holding their peanuts on the farm in the hope that the goobers will dry out sufficiently to permit their sale on the open market.

Cleaners declare that the 1948-49 season was the most hectic on record, and it is readily admitted that if the government had not been present with a support price, the bottom would have dropped out of the market.

Band, Float And Car To Appear For Lions' Club

Green Wave Band Presents Full Dress Rehearsal Of Routine Tonight at 7

The Williamston High School Green Wave Band, a float and an official car will represent Williamston at the District, Lions' convention in Rocky Mount tomorrow in the feature parade. A full dress rehearsal of the part Williamston will have in the parade will be presented tonight at 7 o'clock when the band will go through its routine and the float will be on display.

Final plans for the local club's participation in the convention's big parade tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock were announced at a meeting of the Lion's club last Thursday night at the Woman's Club. Louis Day, Deputy District Governor of District 31-C attended the meeting Thursday night. From Rocky Mount he brought details of the big convention plans. The Mid-Winter convention starts tonight with a big dinner dance at the Club Carlyle.

The big event of the convention will be the mammoth parade Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock when the Williamston Green Wave Band, representing the Williamston Lions, will compete with ten other of the state's best high school bands for first prize.

Faced with such imposing competition as the bands from Elizabeth City, Henderson, and Wilmington, Professor Butler has been putting his charges through their paces daily to perfect a new routine for the parade. Local citizens who can not make the trip to Rocky Mount will be afforded an opportunity to see the band routine tonight on Main Street.

International President Eugene S. Briggs of Enid, Oklahoma, will be in the reviewing stands when the Green Wave Band passes in review and the entire proceedings will be broadcast over the Dixie Network and the radio stations.

The band and all others attending the big parade Wednesday are to leave for Rocky Mount at 9:00 a. m. and will travel in a unit to the convention city. The bus carrying the band and the cars supplementing it will also return as a unit in the early afternoon.

Following Lion Day's convention report the club was treated to a fifteen minute transcribed program on Lionism by Ted Malone. (Continued on page eight)

ABOUT HALF

Approximately one-half of the taxable property has been placed on the books for the 1949-50 tax year, according to information coming from the office of County Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel. The listing period continues through January 31, no provision having been made to extend the time for listing after that date. Values are holding their own with several districts showing some gain, the tax man explained.

LEAF ACREAGE

Martin County has been allotted 11,390 acres of tobacco under the 1949 program, the office of the county agent announced this week. Last year the allotment was 10,840 acres.

It is fairly certain that the entire allotment will be planted this year.

Funeral Here For Richard P. Hawes

Graveside services were conducted in Woodlawn Cemetery here this morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. E. R. Shuller, Methodist minister, for Richard P. Hawes, retired naval engineer, who died in Doctors' Hospital, Washington, D. C. last Friday. He had been in declining health for some time and his condition had been serious for about two weeks.

Mr. Hawes was born in Groves Street, New York City, 75 years ago and entered the naval service when a young man, serving fifty-two years and during two world wars as an engineer of naval ordnance at the Washington Navy Yard (now the Naval Gun Factory). He was to have retired in 1941 but continued at his post of duty when World War II started.

He was married here to Miss Mary Roberson of Williamston on October 26, 1919, and later located in Lanham, Maryland. He attended Columbian College, now George Washington University.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor in the Hines Funeral Home, 2901 14th Street, NW, Washington, D. C., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Hawes served for a number of years as chairman of the house committee of the Washington Golf and Country Club. He made annual visits to Williamston over a period of years, enjoying hunting trips with friends here, and showing a keen interest in the town and community. He was a member of the D. C. Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Surviving besides Mrs. Hawes is a brother, John G. Hawes, personnel officer of the tabulating division, Census Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Peanut Farmers Facing Problem

Martin County peanut farmers along with others in the old producing areas are certain to face a problem this year. A reduction of approximately 22 percent has been ordered in the crop, and the problem now is to apply the reduction.

It is quite likely that the old growers who did not materially increase their acreage will be cut considerably below a normal allotment while comparatively new growers will have a fairly prominent place in the production picture.

Peanut production figures in the county are being prepared and they will be submitted to the Raleigh office where an allotment formula will be determined.

Delegates Report On National Farm Bureau Meeting

Martin County Now Has 2,076 Members; 1,325,000 In The Nation

Reporting on the national convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation held in Atlantic City last month, delegates from this county to the meeting said in the courthouse last Friday night that the nation's farm leaders were fairly optimistic about the future. The delegates admitted, however, that those leaders pointed out that there were problems to be solved.

The Congressional proposal to knock out the 90 percent-of-parity plan was discussed at length, the delegates reporting that the convention passed a resolution favoring the continuance of the plan where controls are maintained. The substitute plan as explained by the delegates would allow parity to drop as low as 60 percent of cost of production. While such a plan would be better than no plan at all, it does not fit into the picture as it exists for industry and labor in our nation today, it was explained. The meeting last Friday night adopted a resolution, urging the continuance of the 90 percent-of-parity program.

The meeting voted to pay \$500 into the state educational foundation to promote research work in plant diseases such as black shank and root rot in tobacco and for the never ending fight against insects and other pests. The Martin County Farm Bureau previously had agreed to pay \$1,000 as its share of the cost in supporting the program.

Pointing out that the need for a strong farm organization is greater now than ever before, President Chas. L. Daniel, one of the delegates reporting on the national convention, said that Martin County now has 2,076 members, that the State has 67,504 and that the nation 1,325,000 members. Georgia, with 73,000 members, leads the South in membership.

T. B. Brandon, Geo. C. Griffin and Reuben Everett were other delegates who reported briefly on the national meeting held in the New Jersey city.

Mayo Hardison, Tom Brandon, C. L. Daniel, Henry Early, Geo. Griffin, Garland Forbes, V. G.

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Asks Substitute For "Mud Taxes"

In a special message to a joint session of the State Senate and House of Representatives Monday

Mr. Daniel proposed a bond issue and a one cent additional gasoline tax as substitutes for "mud taxes" in North Carolina. The one cent gas tax increase and a 200 million dollar bond issue would be used to finance a secondary road program.

Declaring that his program would be cheaper than the mud tax the rural people are now paying, Mr. Daniel would have a road program of 12,000 miles of secondary roads, roads neglected, more or less, all these years.

The proposed issue is about twice as large as all previous road bond issues of the past.

Lane Inspecting Many Vehicles

Ending a five-day stay here, the State Motor Vehicle Inspection lane handled several hundred motor vehicles, Supervisor M. L. Baker, Jr., said. The lane will be reopened on February 11 for six days. All 1936 and prior models were scheduled to have been inspected this month and 39 and 39 models will be inspected next month. Supervisor Baker said that it is permissible to inspect any model at any time, but that deadlines were necessary to prevent congestion. All models are to be inspected before June 30 and a second time this year before December 31.

Funeral Saturday West End Church For Pfc. Newbern

Young Man Gave His Life During World War II In Battle Of Bulge

Funeral services will be conducted in the West End Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Pfc. John C. Newbern, Jr., who gave his life during World War II along the French-German border. The pastor, Rev. Thad Ashley and Rev. E. R. Stewart, Baptist minister of Hamilton, will conduct the service, and a detail from the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will be in charge of the military rites at the graveside in Woodlawn Cemetery here. The young man's body will reach here Thursday afternoon from the Brooklyn depot and will lie in state at the Biggs Funeral Home until one hour before the service Saturday afternoon.

The son of John C. and Mrs. Willie White Newbern, he was born in Bertie County on April 13, 1921, and spent his early life there, attending the county schools and later completing his education in the Windsor High School. In 1938 when his family moved to this county, the youth went to Newport News where he was employed in the ship yard and later in a drug store. He was married in 1940 to Miss Agnes Elliott of Edenton and she survives with two children, Arnette and John C. Newbern, III, all of Kansas City, Missouri. Also surviving are his parents; one brother, David L. Newbern of Williamston; and two sisters, Miss Bessie Newbern of Newport News, and Miss Pearl Newbern who is now studying at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky.

He entered the service in March, 1944, from Newport News, and following his basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga., he went to the European theater in November, 1945, participating in the Battle of the Bulge. Pfc. Newbern was with the 401st Glider Infantry Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, and was killed on February 18, 1945, while on a night patrol in Haguenau Forest near the French-German border.

He was a promising young man and was a member of Green's Cross Baptist Church in Bertie County.

Insurance Firms Consolidate Here

The insurance firms of K. B. Crawford and Harrison and Carstaphen have been consolidated here, and offices will be maintained in the hotel building, it was publicly announced this week.

Organized in 1936 by Mr. K. B. Crawford, the Crawford agency is closing its office in the Guaranty Bank building and the senior Mr. Crawford and his son, Asa, will be associated with the Harrison and Carstaphen agency.

The consolidation will in no way alter the effectiveness of policies written, and the Messrs. Crawford will welcome their old customers and friends in their new location.

Farmers Receive Soil Payments

The first checks for soil building practices carried out in 1948 have been received by farmers in this county. Approximately 200 checks, amounting to around \$3,000, have been delivered to date, the office of the county agent announced this week.

It is estimated that farmers in this county are eligible for total payments in the sum of \$22,000. It was pointed out, however, that nearly 100 farmers who qualified to participate in the program had not reported to the county agent's office to sign the proper applications. All eligible farmers have been notified by direct mail and yet about 100 have delayed signing.

Martin County farmers can earn this year possibly more than \$50,000 by carrying out certain soil building practices, but it isn't likely that they will earn that much.

Extensive Drainage Program for County

OFF TO GOOD START

The annual drive to raise \$4,700 in this county for the Infantile Paralysis Fund was off to a good start last Thursday, Chairman L. B. Wynne said.

D. A. Brown, Robersonville man, led the drive when he submitted a \$5 donation. Other contributions, averaging more than double those received in the 1948 drive, followed.

The chairman is depending upon the various school principals and Chas. Gray in Robersonville to help carry the drive over the top between now and the last of this month.

Mrs. Robt. Hodges Died At Her Home Early Last Friday

Funeral Service Conducted At 3:00 O'Clock Satur- day Afternoon

Mrs. Robert L. Hodges, highly esteemed citizen, died at her home on the Washington Highway in Bear Grass Township at 3:30 o'clock last Friday morning of a heart attack. She suffered an attack two weeks previously, but was thought to be getting along fairly well until last Thursday night when she was fatally stricken by another attack.

The former Miss Mary Whitley, she was born in this county sixty-one years ago on September 6, 1887, the daughter of the late T. C. and Christine Biggs Whitley. Following her marriage to Mr. Hodges thirty-nine years ago, she made her home in Griffins Township for a year, locating then in Bear Grass Township where the family had since made their home.

She was a faithful member of the church at Macedonia a long time, and her pastor, Rev. Preston Cayton, assisted by Rev. Dennis Warren Davis, a former pastor, conducted the funeral service at the home at 3:00 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. Interment was in the family cemetery on the home farm.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Stalls and Mrs. Frank Holliday; one son, John Archie Hodges, all of the home community; a sister, Mrs. Lon Lilley of RFD 1, Washington; two half-sisters, and six half-brothers.

Big Presidential Inaugural Planned

The Democrats with the help of the Republicans are making extensive preparations for President Harry S. Truman's inaugural ceremonies on Thursday of next week.

The extensive preparations had their beginning during the Eightieth Congress when the Republicans, convinced beyond a shadow of doubt that Thomas Dewey would be the man to be inaugurated, went all out despite their tight-fisted economy and appropriated big money for the event. It just so happens that the Republicans are paying for the big time the Democrats are going to have next week.

To handle the ceremonies, the planners used nearly one million board feet of lumber to build the stands where the high officials and 15,000 invited guests will view the four-hour-long inaugural parade. That's about enough lumber to build almost 100 homes. Most of the lumber will be salvaged, of course. It'll cost around \$15,000 to demolish the stands and remove the nails from the lumber, it is estimated. The platform, built in front of and around the President's stand, covers about 1.6 acres.

Over 500 North Carolinians are planning to attend the inauguration.

Plan For Project Well Advanced In Several Sections

Tentative Surveys May Be Called For Without Cost To The Individual

An extensive farm drainage program was discussed by County Sanitarian W. E. Gaylord and H. F. McKnight of the Soil Conservation Service at a meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the courthouse last Friday evening.

Recognizing the need for such a program, Farmer Van G. Taylor admitted that it'll be one big job "if it keeps on raining."

Mr. Gaylord explained that there were seven natural watersheds in the county, fed by smaller streams. He listed the main ones as Welch's Creek, Warren Neck Creek, Gardner's Creek, Sweet Water Creek, the canal in the Williamston area, feeding into the river; Bear Grass Swamp and Conoho Creek. The tributaries include Smithwick Creek, Turkey Swamp, Flat and Collie Swamp, to mention a few.

It was explained that farmers living in any one of the watersheds may petition the Soil Conservation Service and get a survey without cost to the individual. If the survey shows that improved drainage is necessary, that it will prove beneficial then plans can be advanced for creating a special drainage district. Petitions, it was pointed out, have already been circulated in some areas.

Heading the soil conservation work in this county, Mr. McKnight went into the program in more detail, declaring that improved drainage is badly needed throughout the county. He added that some sections were more in need of drainage than others.

Approximately one-half million feet of drain tile have been laid in the county during the past two or three years, that it would do more good if adequate drainage was made available.

Martin County has done little or nothing to clear its streams and they are filled with tree tops, debris and dirt, one report stating that the "runs" in some swamps have been lost.

The conservationist explained that the cost of the drainage projects will be based on benefits to be derived. If a farmer is materially benefitted he will be asked to accept a greater share of the costs than the farmer who is farther removed and whose benefits will be limited.

It was pointed out that the work can be advanced very cheaply now and that the government will accept about two-thirds of the cost. The costs run about 15 cents a cubic yard, the price having dropped from 30 cents to that figure fairly recently.

Conservation drainage work in other counties with that left undone in this county, McKnight said that Pitt County has had twelve drag lines in operation the greater part of the past two years, that vast improvements had been made to farm land there. "Martin County, it would seem, is missing a good chance to improve its farms," McKnight declared.

The Farm Bureau group was impressed by the plan and endorsed the program.

ROUND-UP

State, county and local officers rounded up thirteen alleged law violators and detained them temporarily in the county jail last week-end. Fussin', fightin' and feudin' led the charges, the jail book showing that ten were arrested for assaults with deadly weapon. Local police placed five or six in the jail at one time last Saturday night. The other charges were of a minor nature.

Two of the thirteen were white and the ages of the group ranged from 17 to 39 years.

Several Persons Injured In Auto Wrecks Recently

Two Cars Turn Over Near Oak City: Car Strikes Truck In Everetts

Several persons were hurt, none seriously, in three motor vehicle accidents in this county last week-end, and Mrs. Bettie Barnhill, of Robersonville, was gravely injured when her car struck a truck on Highway 64, a short distance west of Bethel last Thursday evening. Complete details could not be had on all the three accidents in this county but patrolmen said no one was badly hurt in them.

Reports from a Tarboro hospital where Mrs. Barnhill was carried for treatment stated yesterday that if no complications resulted she had a chance to recover.

Driving east on the 64 highway, Mrs. Barnhill was said to have turned to avoid striking a dog, that her new Kaiser car, missing the front part, plowed under a truck loaded with peanuts and driven by Milford B. Holliday of near Williamston. She was said to have suffered fractures of the skull, elbow and ankle and severe lacerations. Patrolman Perry, investigating the accident, estimated the damage to the truck at more than \$100 and said the new car was demolished.

In one of the first motor vehicle accidents in this county so far in the New Year involving personal injury, Wendell Manning was cut badly on one hand and Samuel Hardison was cut around the left eye. Leslie Godard and Wayne Manning, riding with Hardison and Wendell Manning, were not hurt.

Harold Griffin parked his pickup truck on a dirt street in Everetts in front of a dance hall last Thursday night, and Wendell Manning, driving a 1936 Plymouth, plowed into it.

Investigating the accident Patrolman B. W. Parker estimated the damage to the car at \$300 and that to the truck at \$50.

A 1941 model car was said to have turned over on the Hamilton-Palmyra road early Saturday night, but late yesterday patrolmen had not completed their investigation and few details could be learned.

Sunday morning about 9:00 o'clock Frank Owens Freuler of Tarboro lost control of his car and it turned over on a dirt road near Oak City, injuring his right leg and doing about \$200 damage to the machine, according to a report coming from Patrolman R. P. Narron.

Oak City Man Is Critically Hurt

Russell Sherrod, colored man, was critically wounded when Russell Sherrod, also colored, drove a knife into his lung, climaxing a gambling quarrel in Oak City early last Saturday evening.

Treated in Dr. E. E. Pittman's office in Oak City, the victim was removed to a Tarboro hospital.

Sherrod and Charlie Manning, Roman Locke, Duke Bryant, Budde, and "Daddy" Sherrill, all colored, were reported to have been gambling at a gin house in Oak City when Locke walked up and bet Sherrod that he could not make a point. Sherrod made the point, and when Locke did not pay up he was attacked, according to information coming from Gene Tyson, the arresting officer.

Warrants, charging them with gambling, have been lodged against the gamblers. Sherrod is being held in the county jail and a hearing in the case is being delayed pending the outcome of Locke's condition.

Body Of County Youth Coming Home From Pacific

The body of Pfc. David Wilson Hardison who lost his life on Okinawa in May, 1945, is on its way home for burial in native soil, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Hardison, were advised last week-end.

The body is being handled by the Atlanta distribution center and it likely will be several weeks reaching home.