

## Farmers Seek Open Swine Vaccinations

### Committee Named By Bureau Group To Study Problem

#### Farmers Plenty Mad Over Limiting Work To Veterinarian

Meeting in the courthouse last Friday evening, approximately 130 farmers took a definite stand against any plan that would limit the vaccination of swine to veterinarians, and declared they would camp in Raleigh in support of a law opening the field to farm agents, agriculture teachers, trained students and possibly others. The matter was openly discussed after a rugged fashion for more than an hour. While confusion existed, the meeting is believed to have made a logical move when Farm Bureau officials suggested that a committee composed of Farm Agent Tom B. Brandon, Representative A. Corey, Board of Commissioners Chairman John Henry Edwards, Dr. W. F. Coppage, and agriculture teachers in the county meet on Friday evening of this week and discuss the problem.

Few problems have vexed farmers in this county more than the proposal to eliminate vaccinations by others than a licensed veterinarian.

Opening the discussion, Representative A. Corey declared that he did not want to tread on the veterinarian, and added that the problem must be solved cooperatively, that a plan must be advanced whereby vaccinations could be handled and handled at a nominal cost.

The representative called on Dr. W. F. Coppage to state his position and suggest a solution.

Commenting on a proposal to open the field to anyone to handle swine vaccinations, Dr. Coppage said, "It is a move to take down all bars on live virus, for if you open the field you will have more cholera." The veterinarian said that he had seen more cholera in the past two weeks than at any time he had been practicing, and declared that he wants to see the county raise more hogs. "But a lot of the cholera is due to faulty vaccination," he added.

Coppage said if the people want free vaccination for hogs he would like to see them have it, and declared that he could handle all the vaccinations and his regular practice, too.

The doctor pointed out that intelligence is not a factor in the mechanics of vaccinations, that any one who could read and had the strength to insert and withdraw a needle could do the work. "But conditions vary by herds, and a trained veterinarian is in position to note 'those conditions,'" he explained.

The discussion reached a frank and blunt stage at that point, a farmer asking the doctor if the law as supported by the profession would allow the barber law which requires a barber to have a license before he is eligible to cut hair. The veterinarian said, "Not exactly," and declared that he did not want to argue, that he, too, was interested in the county.

Corey, adding a few words, said that it was too much for one man to vaccinate all the hogs in the county, that the county needs a veterinarian and that all should work together.

Asked by one farmer if Tom Brandon could not vaccinate hogs as good as a veterinarian, Dr. Coppage said, "Frankly, no."

Brandon was then called on and he said that vaccinations had been 98 percent effective in this county, that certain factors had to be considered such as weather, colds, pneumonia and others. The agent, stating that Martin County was raising more hogs per acre than any other county in the state, urged the group to study the problem and work out a solution for the benefit of everybody and maintain the county's position in hog raising.

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### LAGGING

After getting off to a splendid start, the drive to raise \$4,700 for the Martin County Infantile Paralysis Fund was reported yesterday to be lagging. Some over \$600 has been raised by direct mail solicitation, the income from that source falling considerably below expectations, according to Fund Chairman L. B. Wynne. Those who have not answered the direct mail appeals are urged to respond liberally.

It was explained that the schools and the little coin collectors will hardly be able to raise the remainder or nearly \$4,000.

New infantile paralysis cases are being reported in the State and this county and others must be prepared to meet any emergency. To date hardly enough has been raised to pay off obligations incurred last year.

## Plan Livestock Feeding School

County Agent T. B. Brandon has announced that a livestock feeding school for all farmers and others interested in livestock improvement will be held on Feb. 1 at the court house beginning at 10 a. m.

Mr. Brandon says that farmers in Martin County are turning more and more to keeping livestock as a means of supplementing their incomes and maintaining soil fertility through the use of manure. This one day school is scheduled to give farmers more information on practical management of beef cattle, hogs, and sheep along with information on the outlook for profitable returns in livestock farming, and the control of diseases and parasites.

The program will include a review of the Martin County livestock situation by Mr. Brandon, Outlook Information by John Winfield of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Control of Diseases and parasites by J. Conner, Jr., of North Carolina State Extension Division, and Practical Feeding and Management of Beef Cattle, Swine and Sheep by L. I. Case, Jack Kelly, and Paul Swaffar of the State Extension Service. In addition there will be an interesting sound movie relating to livestock feeding.

Mr. Brandon urges all farmers who can attend.

## 242,463 Acres Of Peanuts For State

The 1949 acreage allotment of peanuts to be picked and threshed in North Carolina was recently announced by the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. D. A. North Carolina's allotment for the 1949 crop year is 242,463 acres.

The 242,463 acres allotted the State for 1949 would be 15.2 percent less than the acreage harvested last year, 16.9 percent less than 1947 and 9.5 percent less than the 1937-46 average acreage.

Allotments were also announced for the two other states in the Virginia-North Carolina Area. Virginia received an allotment of 141,108 acres for 1949. This compares with 165 thousand acres harvested in 1948 and the 1937-46 average of 149 thousand. Tennessee received an allotment of 5,524 acres and this compares with 5,000 acres harvested in 1948-1947 and the 1937-46 average of 8,000 acres.

This is the first year since 1942 that peanuts have been under acreage quotas.

The allotment for this and other individual counties has not been announced. Martin County committeemen have been working on the allotments but they have not yet been determined.

## Critically Hurt In Freak Highway Wreck Near Here

### Floyd Mizelle Suffers Skull Fracture And Other Injuries Saturday

Floyd Mizelle, 18, was critically hurt in a freak highway accident at Skewarkey on Highway 17 last Saturday evening shortly after 9:00 o'clock. Removed to the local hospital for treatment, the young man was said to have suffered a skull fracture, broken collar bone and severe chest injuries. He was said this morning to be getting along as well as could be expected.

Mizelle was riding with James Patrick Wynne, driver of the 1948 Jeep pick-up belonging to D. M. Roberson, and Miss Janie Ball. Wynne, driving south on the highway, said he was blinded by the bright lights of an approaching truck, said he drove on the right shoulder and the door on his side flew open. It was while trying to close the door that he lost control of the machine which swerved to the left and tilted on two wheels. Wynne and Mizelle were thrown out of the machine, but Miss Ball rode out the wreck, the jeep righting itself and coming to a stop without property damage. Wynne was not hurt, but Miss Ball was said to have suffered a minor ankle injury.

Patrolman J. T. Rowe investigated the accident.

The only other accident reported on Martin County highways during the third week of the New Year was a minor one between Parmele and Robersonville last Wednesday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock. Driving east on U. S. 64, Neil Whitner Kahn of Wilmington started to pass a log truck driven by William Hudgins, Route 1, Robersonville. Just as he was passing, the truck started to make a left turn, sideswiping the car, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation. No one was hurt and damage to the car was estimated at \$50. It was reported that Hudgins was booked for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

While there have been no fatal highway accidents in the county so far this year, Mrs. Betty Barnhill of Robersonville died in a Tarboro hospital Sunday of injuries received in a wreck near Bethel week before last.

## Jaycees Consider Plans for the Year

The Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce held a regular dinner meeting last Friday evening in the Woman's club. A number of important matters were discussed.

Almost every member of the entire group took part in the pros and cons of plans for a proposed Jaycee sponsored minstrel show. Co-chairman of the project, Nelson Leggett, gave a very informative talk on the show. Jaycee Leggett's outline revealed that the minstrel can be one of the most profitable programs the organization has ever had. Full co-operation from the entire club is received.

Other reports during the meeting included a summary of the club's financial standing by Treasurer Billy Biggs. Frank Weaver, Jr., reported plans for a Valentine dance.

President Exum Ward, Jr., reminded members of the quarterly board meeting of North Carolina Jaycees to be held in Durham, Feb. 12 and 13. The club voted to contribute to the Infantile Paralysis drive which is now in progress. The amount of the check is to be decided at a later date.

A vacancy recently created by the resignation of a member of the board of directors was filled by the election of Ed Rowland to complete the unexpired term.

The meeting was well-attended by members who enjoyed a delicious meal served them by the sophomore class of Farm Life High School. Charles Manning pronounced the invocation. The fellowship prize won by Frank Weaver, was awarded by Joe Gurganus.

## Outside Capital Interested In Opening Radio Station

Meeting with several representative citizens and officials here last week-end, John C. Green, representing the John C. Green Company, an affiliate of the Dixie Engineering Company of Columbia, South Carolina, explained that outside capital was interested in locating a commercial radio station in Williamston.

Without disclosing the identity of the parties he was representing, Mr. Green explained that his clients wanted to know if local capital was planning a station, that if no one was interested in advancing the project and the merchants and town would support a station financed by outside capital he was of the opinion that his clients would be interested in opening a station here. He made it quite clear that if local capital was

planning to open a station, his clients would not come in.

Mr. Green, explaining that he does not own or operate a radio station, said that he is a radio consultant and engineer, that he charges a flat fee of approximately \$2,500 for procuring the permit, purchasing materials and supervising the construction of the plant, and hiring the personnel to operate the station.

He declared that Williamston and surrounding territory could very well support a station, that it would be an asset to the section.

Pointing out that six persons would be needed to operate the plant, Mr. Green suggested that a 1,000 watt station be planned.

Green, a Southern Pines man, said he would advise local authorities of developments.

### ROUND-UP

Twelve persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail by local, county and state officers last week-end.

Three were charged with deadly weapon assaults, one each with disorderly conduct, carrying a concealed weapon, drunken driving and speeding, and five with public drunkenness.

Four of the dozen were white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 52 years.

## Interest Shown In Dairy Plans

Martin County farmers in a Farm Bureau meeting in the courthouse last Friday evening expressed much interest in dairying on a small scale and as a supplementary source of income.

Discussing the plan, Mr. V. G. Taylor, who is now building with his nephew, Van Ralph Taylor, a modern milk plant in Williamston, said that large quantities of milk are being imported, that they were interested in cooperating with Martin farmers in expanding milk production. He explained that they would establish milk routes where practical, that extra income running into thousands of dollars could be had by farmers in the county.

Mr. Taylor said if the people knew how much milk was being imported they would want to do something about it.

Individual farmers now selling milk to the dairy operator said they were averaging from \$90 to \$100 a month in cash income.

Mr. Taylor said he would be glad to discuss the plan with any farmer and help get more cows into the county.

## Local Boy Honor Man In the Navy

Hilton B. Peel, seaman recruit USN, has been chosen as honor man of Company, 490 at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California. He was presented with an award consisting of an identification bracelet showing that he was honor man of his company.

Hilton is the son of Mrs. Collin Peel of Williamston. He is a graduate of the Williamston High School and was employed by the Enterprise Publishing Company before he joined the Navy. He has not received his next duty assignment as yet.

## Thousands See New Chevrolet

According to estimates offered by employes, approximately two thousand persons inspected the new Chevrolet on display in the Roanoke Chevrolet Company showroom here last Saturday.

The first inspections were made shortly after 6:00 o'clock that morning and continued until late in the evening. Much favorable comment was heard.

## Proposing Change In Law Relating To Tax Discounts

### Discount Period Would Be Extended From June To August

In a proposed law now being considered in the State Legislature, it would be possible for farmers selling their tobacco in August to take advantage of a two percent discount on their county taxes. Heretofore, the discount has been limited, more or less, to corporations and others who were in a position to reap the maximum discount allowed in the month of June.

The bill as introduced in the legislature by Representative Corey last week would merely change the maximum discount period from June to August.

It has been pointed out that the tax books cannot be made ready by June and hardly before August for the current year. Those who would pay in June or July do not know the exact amount of their taxes and it has been customary to figure the payments on the accounts of the previous year. When the rate is finally figured and the amount determined, the payment seldom matches the account, necessitating changes and additional bookkeeping.

Under the terms of the bill, taxes would actually become due the first Monday in October each year. Discounts in August would be figured at two percent; one percent in September and one-half of one percent in October. There will be no discount or penalty in November and December. Penalties would be figured at one percent in January, two percent in February, plus one-half of one percent for each month in which taxes are not paid after February.

## Petty Larceny Reported Here

The practice of petty larceny is being reported here, on a fairly alarming scale, according to reports heard over the week-end. Several cars were pilfered and the refrigerator on the back porch of Mrs. J. C. Crawford's home on North Houghton Street was entered early yesterday morning.

At the Crawford home the thief was making away with a fairly large helping of meats when members of the family heard him and frightened him away. The thief dropped the package of meat and escaped.

Finding the doors locked, a thief cracked two windows on Herbert Taylor's car parked in his yard on Grace Street and forced an entrance. A small coin purse with a small amount of change was missed. Jack Edmondson's car, parked at his home on Beech Street, was also entered but nothing was missed. A short time ago the mats were stolen from a car parked on Washington Street.

## Firemen Called To The Biggs Home Here Friday

Volunteer firemen were called to the Biggs home on Biggs Street here at 3:40 last Friday afternoon when a chimney blazed out. Little or no damage was done by the fire.

## Plans Go Forward For Sweet Potato Market In County

### Farmers Interested In Project Outlined At Meeting Last Friday

Prospects for establishing a recognized market for sweet potatoes in this county are considered very encouraging, according to a report coming from a Farm Bureau meeting held in the county courthouse last Friday evening. Approximately 130 farmers expressed much interest in the project, and it is planned to go ahead with arrangements for opening a market.

Addressing the large group, M. M. Levin, member of the Farm Bureau committee named some time ago to investigate the possibility of opening a market, said that the outlook was very favorable. "And I assure you that if we did not think an established market would help Martin County, that it could not meet with success, we would tell you so," Mr. Levin declared.

A recognized authority on marketing but admittedly no expert when it comes to production, Mr. Levin and other members of the committee have worked diligently in an effort to give potato growers in this county an established market. Dealers in several of the big centers may have never tasted one of Martin County's delicious sweet potatoes, but already they have heard about them from Mr. Levin. One dealer, rated among the largest in the country, was brought to the county and entertained in the Levin home. He was impressed by the people and he is for the Martin County sweet potato. Just back from a visit to the markets in New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Mr. Levin told the meeting that he planned to carry the investigation to the middle west, that he wanted to make a trip to Louisiana and study the sweet potato set-up there.

Discussing the progress of the movement to establish a market, Mr. Levin said that proper equipment for grading and packing potatoes in an acceptable package could be had for \$2,800, that the committee planned to have the market open and operating for the 1949 crop.

The discussion centered around (Continued on page eight)

## Parents-Teachers Met Last Evening

A concert under the direction of Mrs. Beecher Patterson was presented to a large audience at the PTA meeting held last night in the High School auditorium at 8 o'clock. The concert, in three parts, was given by the elementary, junior and senior glee clubs.

During the business session which preceded the musical, reports from the various committees were heard. The president announced that the highway to the school was to be paved in the near future.

The group was reminded that Miss Genevieve Burton, State Field Secretary of the PTA, would hold an all day meeting Thursday, February 10, in the courtroom at the courthouse. "Education for Responsible Parenthood" will be the topic of discussion. The meeting will start at 10 o'clock and all interested patrons are invited to attend.

Mrs. Shag Abernethy's class was awarded the attendance prize and her class had agreed previously to give it to the March of Dimes, should they win it.

The following program was presented by the glee club: "Ole Uncle Ned," "De Campntown Races," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Ring, Ring the Banjo," and "Ole Black Joe."

Junior Glee Club, pianist, Janice Manning; "Lead Me Lord," "Beautiful Dreamer," "Cherubim," "Massa Dear," "The Green Cathedral."

Senior Glee Club, pianist, Lily Bet Muse. "Olden Songs," "On the Road to Mandalay," "The Lorelei," "Praise Ye the Father."

## Funeral Monday For George H. Harrison

### FUNERAL MONDAY



Funeral services, attended by large numbers of business associates and other friends from several states, were conducted at the home here yesterday afternoon for George H. Harrison, Sr., who died in a local hospital early last Saturday afternoon.

## Prominent Citizen Died In Hospital Saturday Evening

### Pioneered Modern Business Development In Williamston Section

George H. Harrison, prominent eastern North Carolina business man and leader, died in the hospital here last Saturday evening at 7:55 o'clock of a heart attack suffered half an hour earlier. In declining health for two years, he had been quite ill at intervals for the past six months, receiving treatment in various hospitals during much of that time. He re-entered the hospital Saturday morning when his condition became worse. Specialists were called here during the day, but another attack followed and hope for his recovery was all but abandoned a few hours before the end. The end came peacefully with members of the family at the bedside.

The son of the late Cushing Biggs Harrison and Martha Taylor Harrison, he was born in Bear Grass Township 65 years ago on December 11, 1883. After attending the schools in his home community he studied under the late R. J. Peel at Jamesville and at Buies Creek. When a young man he came to Williamston and worked for N. S. Peel and Company before forming a partnership with his boyhood teacher, O. King Coving. When the business was destroyed by fire he entered the employ of C. D. Carstarphen, and went with M. C. Braswell at Battleground in 1908.

He was married in June, 1906, to Miss Charley Woolard who died in December, 1913. He was married to Miss Arline Murrill of Richlands in April, 1922.

After laying the foundation with the Braswell interests for a most successful business career that was to follow, Mr. Harrison returned to his native county in 1917 and organized and opened a wholesale grocery business in the building now occupied by the C. and G. Soda Shop. Within a short time the firm, to meet a rapidly expanding business, constructed and occupied the building housing the Martin-Elliott Company on Houghton Street.

Ever alert to changing conditions, he organized with his brother, the late C. Augustus Harrison, the Harrison Oil Company, a firm destined to become one of the largest in this section of the State. In the late thirties, Mr. Harrison sold out the wholesale grocery business to devote more time to his oil firm and other interests. At the time of his death he was president of the Harrison, Windsor, Aulander, Robersonville and Oak City Oil Companies, and headed the Williamston Peanut Company, one of the largest firms of its type in the country, and the Colonial Freezer Locker Company here.

Coming here when the population of the town was hardly one-tenth of its today, Mr. Harrison is perhaps better remembered for his pioneer work in the modern development of Williamston and community than in any other field, including even his own private business activity. He was instrumental in locating just about every major industry now operating in Williamston, and when a change was about to take place with the possibility that payrolls would be curtailed, he, with others, fearlessly moved in to take over and keep the wheels of progress humming. His was a life unselfishly devoted to the advancement of the town and the welfare of all the people. His record of achievement is unequalled in this entire section.

He never shirked a duty in any field, serving his town as a member of the board of commissioners continuously for almost thirty years. He also served on various commissions, maintained a one-man chamber of commerce almost entirely at his own expense for years and devoted considerable

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## Reviews Work On Drainage Project

Discussing an extensive drainage program proposed for Martin County, H. F. McKnight, soil conservationist, told a group of farmers at a Farm Bureau meeting last Friday evening in the courthouse that a drainage engineer would be in the county this week to make a study of certain watersheds. The survey, McKnight explained, will be made without cost and the value of the project will be determined.

The conservationist stated that it would be fine if the main streams in the county could be cleaned out, but apparently such a project is out of the question. However, it is feasible and vitally necessary to drain some of the swamps. "Something will have to be done if farming is to be continued in some areas," McKnight explained.

He briefly reviewed the extensive work now being carried on in Pitt County and plans for expanding the drainage program in Beaufort and Washington Counties. "We can get some federal aid and if we do not wake up now, it could be too late later on," he declared.

Preliminary petitions have been completed in two sections and it is possible that the program will have a beginning in this county within a short time.

Representative A. Corey said that a bill is being considered in the legislature enabling the farmers to form drainage districts and advance the work. He explained, however, that final action would be up to the individual farmers.

## Alberta Knox To Enter West Point

Miss Alberta Knox, daughter of Mrs. Janie Edwards Knox and the late Wilton Knox of Williamston, will enter West Point Military Academy in the near future, it was learned here last week-end. Miss Knox is one of the first sixteen young members of the Woman's Auxiliary Corps ever to be chosen for training at the academy.

Following almost two years of X-ray work in Miami and Orlando hospitals, Miss Knox entered the medical corps of the Wacs on October 14, 1948. She received her basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, and is being assigned to Brooks General Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where she'll be in training eight weeks before entering West Point.

Two of the other fifteen young women entering the academy are from eastern North Carolina, the sixteen having been chosen from a list of several hundred candidates.