

Propose New Law For Vaccination Of County's Hogs

Would Authorize Vaccinations by Farm Agents, Agriculture Teachers

Representative A. Corey this week drafted a proposed bill to open the vaccination of hogs to farm agents, agriculture teachers, trained students and other persons qualified to handle the work.

The self-explanatory law as proposed by the representative at the request of numerous farmers, follows:

An Act to provide a hog cholera prevention program for Martin County and to permit the sale and use of hog cholera vaccine therefor.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners of Martin County hereby authorize and empower to institute a county wide program for the prevention of hog cholera. For the purpose of such program, the county farm demonstration agent is hereby designated and appointed as director of this program and he and his assistants and the vocational agriculture teachers in the several schools of the county are hereby empowered to cooperate with the local veterinarian in carrying out the provisions and the purpose of this program.

Section 2. The county farm demonstration agent and his assistants and the vocational agriculture teachers in the several schools are hereby empowered to carry out the provisions of this Act and giving the service of vaccinating hogs in the county and training others through the schools and the county agent's office, such people as are interested and want to enter in this work, and any such trainee or person practicing under these instructions shall have qualified themselves through instructions and actual experience have qualified themselves for the service of vaccinating hogs may be certified by the county agent or vocational agriculture teachers to the board of county commissioners and such as are certified may be approved and commissioned by the board of commissioners and empowered to perform the service of vaccinating hogs in Martin County; the county agent is hereby instructed to keep a list of all who are certified and approved to perform such service in the office of county agent for the benefit of the hog raisers of the county who might want service at any time; provided that the county commissioners have authority to revoke for cause any appointment made under the authority of this Act when recommended by the county farm agent or any vocational agriculture teacher.

Sec. 3. The County Board of Commissioners of Martin County shall grant to the county agent permission in writing to purchase, sell, distribute or use in Martin County any vaccine, virus or serum for the prevention of hog cholera manufactured in accordance with the provisions of section 4,879 of the Consolidated Statutes, and it shall be lawful for the county agent to so distribute, sell or use such vaccine, virus or serum and it is further provided that the board of commissioners shall provide adequate refrigeration space in the county agent's

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Tax List-Takers Report Big Rush

Reports from several of the township tax list-takers in the county stated that a big rush developed last week-end and reached a climax yesterday when as many as fifty owners lined up to list their properties.

No extension has been allowed but it is likely that the list-takers will handle late listings the remainder of this week without penalty.

Interrupted by the untimely death of the list-taker in Griffiths last week, the listing work there is now being handled by Mrs. Margaret Roberson Revels with the aid of the tax supervisor.

Reach No Agreement On Hog Vaccinations

Going Ahead With Plan To Legalize Open Vaccinations

Committee Throws Up Its Hands After Discussing Problem for an Hour

The problem centering around hog vaccinations in Martin County, was tied up in a neat little bundle and dispatched to the legislature in Raleigh for action when a special committee named by the Farm Bureau could reach no agreement during an hour-long discussion in the county agriculture building last Friday evening.

Hog vaccinations came into the limelight in this county some months ago when agriculture teachers were warned by the district solicitor to stop the practice. The action, limiting the work almost entirely to licensed veterinarians, brought bitter criticism from hundreds of farmers from one end of the county to the other. The problem was brought into the open at a Farm Bureau meeting held in the courthouse and attended by about 130 farmers on the night of January 21. The farmer group at that time demanded that Representative A. Corey draft a bill and work for its passage in the legislature, making it legal for the county agents, agriculture teachers and others trained for the work to vaccinate hogs in this county. Before that action was to be taken, a committee, composed of Representative Corey, farm agents, agriculture teachers and Dr. W. F. Coppage, veterinarian in the county, was to discuss the problem, looking toward a satisfactory settlement for all concerned. At the end of an hour of rather heated argument, Representative Corey said he was going ahead with a bill to legalize hog vaccinations by the county agents, agriculture teachers and other competent persons, explaining that the people had spoken and that no satisfactory alternative apparently could be offered.

After reading the proposed law, Dr. W. F. Coppage said he was not going to support something he did not think is right, and explained that he would fight it to a finish. As for cooperation, he said the farm agent's office had cooperated with him, but that the agriculture teachers had not, and went on to charge that Professor V. B. Hairr, of Jamesville, had practiced veterinary medicine; namely, the vaccination of mules and the rubbing of penicillin on a cow's udder in the treatment of mastitis. Hairr, declaring he wanted to cooperate with the veterinarian, said he had arranged no mule vaccinations following a talk with the doctor, and denied that he had made any charge for vaccinating mules or other animals.

The argument would go off on a tangent every now and then, but Representative Corey would bring it back and finally threw up his hands and walked out of the meeting.

In conclusion, Dr. Coppage said that he was not going to favor something that is detrimental to the county "regardless of what the public thinks." "I will never sanction turning loose live virus indiscriminately," he declared.

Representative Corey said that night that at least ten other counties, facing a similar situation, were seeking the passage of a law along the line now being proposed in Martin.

ROUND-UP

Six persons, one white, were arrested and temporarily detained by local, county and state officers in their last week-end round-up. Four were involved in larceny cases. One was charged with an assault and carrying a concealed weapon and the other defendant was booked for murder.

The ages of the group ranged from 21 to 61 years.

SIGN LEASE

Leder Brothers, prominent in the merchandising field in this State, last week-end leased Harrison Brothers store next to Darden's for a five-year period.

No official announcement has been released by the firm's headquarters at Whiteville, but one report stated that the building would be renovated and made ready for opening possibly by early summer.

Files Preliminary Report In County On Paralysis Fund

About \$1,500 Reported To Date; Drive Being Continued

Right at \$1,500 has been raised and reported in the paralysis fund drive in this county, Chairman L. B. Wynne said Monday. The early reports, while encouraging, are hardly measuring up to the urgent demand and there is some doubt if the drive will reach the \$4,700 goal unless the drive is extended. The chairman said this week that hardly more than 150 of those canvassed by direct mail had replied, that he was hoping that many of the remaining 325 would act in behalf of the drive.

The fund campaign was slated to close Monday, but the chairman explains that it will be continued because the need is so urgent.

So far, \$841.80 has been received by direct mail. Last year approximately \$600 came in by direct mail, the quota is just twice as large as it was in 1948 and for the current drive to reach the goal, direct mail contributions would have to exceed \$1,200.

Five colored schools, reporting prior to Monday noon, collected \$122.40, as follows: Hamilton, \$36.60; White Oak Springs, \$21.26; Everett's, \$36.90; Biggs, \$20.65; and Smithwick's, \$7.

Four white schools, all in the smaller classification, up until noon Monday had reported \$348.18, as follows: Hamilton, \$100; Bear Grass, \$140.18; Hassell, \$18.00; and Everetts, \$90.00.

Mr. Chas. R. Gray, county co-chairman, reported \$185.50 raised in direct solicitations in Robersonville exclusive of contributions mailed directly to the chairman.

No official report has been made, but Williamston's grammar school was said to be nearing the \$600 mark yesterday, and the colored school had raised more than \$150 at that time.

His young daughter recovering from an attack of paralysis, Junior Mills submitted 132 new dollar bills to the drive yesterday. Other little victims of the disease, anxious to help and appreciate the aid they had received, are said to have worked faithfully in behalf of the drive.

The Martin County division of the fund has been in the red some time, and it is starting a new year with hardly enough money to clear the deficit and build up a reserve for any emergency. Those citizens of the county who have not contributed to the fund are earnestly urged to forward a check or cash to L. B. Wynne, chairman, Williamston, without delay.

Funeral For Infant At Vernon Church Today

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon in the Vernon Methodist Church on the old Williamston-Everetts Road for Julia Clyde Raynor, seven-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Raynor of New Bern. Suffering with a heart ailment the child died at the home of her parents in the Craven capital yesterday morning.

Interment will be in the Raynor family cemetery.

Plans Go Forward In Martin County Drainage Program

Engineer Makes Preliminary Survey In Sweet Water and Gardner's Creek

Plans for an extensive land drainage program in this county are going forward rapidly in some sections and if there are no technicalities to delay the work drainage machines should be at work sometime this summer, according to information gained last week-end.

Preliminary surveys were made of Gardner's and Sweet Water Creeks and the tributaries last week by Engineer George Renfrew of the Soil Conservation Service. No large scale project is being recommended there, but the engineer pointed out the need for removing drifts and straightening the channels in the main creeks and then center on small projects affecting from six to about ten farms. In addition to the drainage value it will improve the health

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Towns Seek Part Of Liquor Store Profits

MEET TONIGHT

The election of a successor to fill the position made vacant by the death of Mr. G. H. Harrison as a member of the town board of commissioners is scheduled at a meeting of the board this evening at 8:00 o'clock. Several persons have been mentioned as possible successors, but not officially.

Other than the election and the handling of routine matters very little business has been scheduled for the meeting this evening.

Funeral Saturday At Hamilton Home For Mrs. Mizelle

Halifax Native Dies Early On Friday Following A Long Illness

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Bettie) Mizelle, native of Halifax County, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jasper H. Harrell in Hamilton at 4:20 o'clock last Friday morning. She had been in declining health for about ten years and her condition had been critical since she suffered a stroke of paralysis about two weeks ago. She had been able to be up much of the time until her last illness.

The daughter of the late Willie and Frances Davenport Briley she was born in the Scotland Neck section of Halifax County eighty-one years ago on November 8, 1867, and spent most of her life there. In early womanhood she was married to Bert Mizelle who died about twenty-five years ago. Following the death of her husband she moved to this county and had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harrell, near Palmyra for some time before the family located in Hamilton some over a year ago.

She was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church at Hobgood for almost half a century.

Surviving besides her daughter are four sisters, Mrs. Debbie Briley of Tarboro, Mrs. Sallie Lilley and Mrs. Bertie Hudson, both of Scotland Neck, and Mrs. Bertha Bunting of New York City; five

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Recovering From Major Operation In Hospital

Undergoing a major operation yesterday, Miss Cora Proctor was reported today to be getting along as well as could be expected. Reports reaching here stated that she was in the operating room more than four hours and was given two blood transfusions yesterday.

Doctors Considering Plans For New Thirty-Bed Hospital Here

No Order Issued to Prevent Removal of Logs in Dispute

Contrary to reports, no restraining order has been issued blocking the removal of timber cut from territory lately in dispute between John R. Coltraine and the Robersons in the Farm Life section of Griffiths Township. It was reliably learned that members of the Coltraine family asked about the ownership of the logs, that the father, charged with the murder of Tom Roberson, suggested that they do nothing about them.

While a land boundary has been in dispute for years between Coltraine and the Roberson boys, it now develops that as far as the late Tom Roberson and his brother-in-law, Gabe Roberson, knew there was no contest over the ownership of the little of land where they cut some timber Saturday before last. "The first we knew of any dispute over the particular piece of land was last Wednesday morning when Coltraine came upon us in the woods and asked, 'Who cut those logs?'" Gabe Roberson said.

It was explained that Coltraine had disputed the boundary line between his land and that of two of the Roberson boys, Simon and Louis, over a period of years, that he had carried the dispute into the courts four times without a favorable decision for himself. "As to a dispute over the boundary between the land of Coltraine and that which my brother-in-law and I owned jointly, we knew nothing about it until just a matter of seconds before the fatal attack," Gabe Roberson declared.

Will Carry Plea To County Board At Next Meeting

Law Enforcement Proving Big Burden, Citizens Say At Friday Meeting

Declaring that law enforcement is proving a big burden, representatives from non-liquor store towns in the county at a meeting with Representative A. Corey and officials from the towns where ABC stores are operated, formulated plans for carrying an appeal to the county board of commissioners at their next regular meeting for relief.

The problem of enforcing the law in the several county towns was readily recognized by the meeting, but the two liquor store towns represented explained that their hard-pressed financial conditions would hardly permit a division of the profits with other towns. It was tentatively suggested that the non-store towns could possibly apply for stores and then be in a position to share in the profits. The proposal was virtually dismissed when it was explained that a fifth store would hardly pay expenses, that it would cost the county more than it received in profits.

As the main spokesman for the Hamilton delegation, Mr. Don G. Matthews declared that Hamilton experienced just about the same difficulties as the store towns in enforcing the laws. It was pointed out that Hamilton people would rent a car, go to the store and load up for a day or two and then come back to offer a problem most all day Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday.

put up with the liquor problem and have just about as much trouble with drunks on the streets as

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Driver Exonerated By Coroner's Jury

Greenville.—A coroner's jury at an inquest at the city hall in Bethel last night, with Pitt County Coroner Griffin H. Rouse presiding, exonerated Milford Holliday of Williamston of blame for the death of Mrs. Betty Wilson Barnhill of Robersonville last Sunday as a result of a collision of two motor vehicles near Bethel on January 13.

Coroner Rouse said testimony was that Mrs. Barnhill's car, in trying to dodge a dog on the highway, swerved to the left, colliding with a truck driven by Holliday. Both drivers were injured, Mrs. Barnhill fatally. Both vehicles were badly damaged. Mrs. Barnhill died at a Tarboro hospital.

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Submitting Plans To Fire Marshall For His Approval

One Outside and Three Local Doctors Promoting The Project

Drs. Chas. I. Harris, Jr., James S. Rhodes, Jr., and John T. Llewellyn are considering with a recognized surgeon from out of town the construction of a new thirty-bed hospital in Williamston, it was officially learned last week-end.

Drs. Rhodes and Harris said that tentative plans for the structure had been prepared and are being submitted to State Fire Marshall Sherwood Brockwell for his approval. No definite cost estimates have been advanced, and further developments are being delayed pending action by the fire marshal, it was explained.

Several possible sites are being considered, but a definite one has not been selected, according to information coming from the three local doctors interested in the project.

"We can't do much until the plans are approved, but if they are, and it is likely that they will be acceptable, we will push arrangements to get construction work underway without delay," a spokesman for the group was quoted as saying.

The tentative plans, in addition to the thirty beds, call for adequate operating rooms, laboratories, nursery, clinical facilities and extensive modern equipment.

"We plan to operate on a 24-hour schedule and offer every possible medical service," one of the doctors explained.

The project is being advanced apart from the North Carolina State Medical Care Commission plan, and will be financed mainly by the four doctors possibly with the aid of a stock sale to county citizens, depending on the tentative cost of the project.

"It is our plan to give this section a modern hospital service and medical care in keeping with the demand of all the people," Dr. Harris declared, adding that the project developments will be announced from time to time.

Drops Dead On Hamilton Street

Mittie Duggan, 75-year-old colored woman, fell dead on a Hamilton Street near the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock, the apparent victim of a heart attack. Investigating the death, Coroner S. R. Biggs ruled no inquest was necessary.

Anticipating bad weather, the aged woman was carrying water from a neighbor's home to her own. She had carried two buckets to her home and was on a second trip with two more buckets. Walking near the woman, Lee Green, 15, said she saw the woman place the buckets on the ground, then straighten up and fall over backwards. Going to her, friends found the woman dead.

She was a daughter of Enjah and Mariah Watson and is survived by several daughters and sisters.

Teacher Resigns; Appoint Another

Rex Best, English teacher in the local high school since last fall, last week tendered his resignation which was reluctantly accepted by the district committee. Best explained he had been offered a \$6,000 job as secretary to Congressman John Kerr in Washington, D. C.

Norwood Smith who was recently graduated from Duke University, was elected to fill the position made vacant by the Best resignation. Both young men entered upon their new duties yesterday.

Smith comes here from Wilmington.

Several Highway Wrecks Reported During Week-end

Three of Four Accidents Took Place During Early Part of Sunday Night

Four motor vehicle accidents were reported on the streets and highways of this county during the week-end, but as far as it could be learned no one was hurt, but the property damage approximated \$1,000. Three of the four accidents were reported early Sunday evening while sleet and rain fell.

The first of the Sunday accidents was reported by Patrolman B. W. Parker on the streets of Robersonville. Berry House, Jr., had parked his car at the curb on the street leading toward Stokes shortly before 6:00 o'clock that evening. Charles Richard Grimes of Gold Point was driving from the direction of Stokes and instead of passing the car on the left, he chose to run up on the curb and ripped a fender off House's 1946 Chevrolet. Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$75 and that to the Ford at \$50. Officer George Ross and Patrolman Parker arrested Grimes, a colored man, and charged him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and drunken driving.

At 7:15 o'clock that evening Raleigh William Wilson, colored, of Williamston, was driving his 1940 Chevrolet along about ten or twelve miles an hour toward Williamston on Highway 34 when William R. Evans, RFD 2, Williamston, came up behind in his 1941 Plymouth. Evans told Patrolman Rowe that he was running along about 25 miles an hour when he saw the Wilson car, that he applied his brakes and was running about 20 miles an hour when he crashed into the rear of Wilson's car, doing about \$100 damage to his and about \$40 to Wilson's machine. No citations were given and it was reported that the operators of the two cars settled the accident which took place just west of the town limits.

Fifteen minutes after the Wilson-Evans accident, Patrol E. P. Simmons was called to a wreck about one and one-half miles west of the patrol radio station. According to the patrolman, Albert Clarence Biggs, colored, was driving toward Williamston on his side of the road when Terrace Gillingham Fagan of Plymouth crashed into him with a 1948 Kaiser. The Fagan woman, said to have been unable to see very well on account of the sleet, was driving to the left of the center highway line. The left front wheels of both cars were just about torn down, the officer said. The Fagan car continued on about 60 feet and came to a stop in the woods. The 1939 Chevrolet, driven by Biggs, went 112 feet and plunged down an embankment. No one was hurt. Patrolman Simmons estimated the damage to the Kaiser at \$350 and that to the Chevrolet at \$300.

Thought to have been racing from Hobgood toward Oak City, Ernest Watson, colored, of near Oak City, started to pass Jesse Lee Jones, colored, of Scotland Neck, on a curve about three miles out of Oak City last Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. The rear bumper of Watson's 1936 Ford caught in the front bumper of

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Home Agents Met Here Last Friday

The Northeastern Home Agent's Association met in the Martin County courtroom last Friday at 10 o'clock.

The morning session was a business meeting presided over by Miss Florence Cox, home agent of Halifax County.

The association enjoyed a delicious fried chicken dinner at the Hotel George Reynolds.

Counties represented at the meeting were Bertie, Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Gates, Green, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington.

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