

## New Farm Programs Reviewed By Bonner

### Does Not Believe Aiken Bill Will Meet the Problem

#### Representative Bonner Addresses Farm Bureau Here Last Friday

Addressing the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the Williamston High School Auditorium, Congressman Herbert Bonner briefly paid tribute to the late Senator Melville Broughton and immediately talked about a major topic now in the minds of farmers. His address, reviewing briefly the farm legislative program, follows:

As one who is personally interested in the welfare and prosperity of the people of this community, I consider that it is more than just an official honor to speak before you today. However, this time I come before you with a feeling of deep emotion, for in speaking to you—the Farm Bureau of Martin County—it is not easy to forget the appearance just one year ago on this very platform of our greatly missed friend, the late Honorable J. Melville Broughton, who, as United States Senator in the space of a mere two months, had made his impress upon our nation. As all of us know, he was one of our country's greatest farm crusaders and particularly we should be reminded of his magnificent record in support of the farming problems of this section.

Today the farmers of this country are again faced with the possibility of major changes in our federal laws dealing with agriculture. Specifically, it appears that in the main, the Congress is confronted with three alternative agricultural programs. Because I believe the American people stand squarely behind the principle of farm support, I thereupon believe that we shall have to depend upon one of the following programs for the continuation and maintenance of our nation's rural economy. Presently, these legislative possibilities are:

1. To leave matters as they are and to permit Title 2 of the Hope-Aiken Act of 1948, with its lower support level to go into effect on January 1, 1950;

2. To propose simple extension of the existing supports under Title 1 of the 1948 Act and either thereby provision or eliminate the Title 2 provision;

3. To adopt some form of legislation embodying the recent proposals made by the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Charles F. Brannan.

Now, before discussing the specific advantages and disadvantages of these farm price support programs, let us reacquaint ourselves with the broad provisions of each and the objectives which each envision.

It should be first remembered that the Hope-Aiken Act of 1948 stands as the basic legislative support authority and furthermore, that this Act provides two separate price programs for agricultural commodities. It was on this very platform some time ago that I questioned the desirability of this legislation as being a permanent proposition. Title 1 of the 1948 Act contains the price support law of the land today, and it

### MEETING

E. L. Hinton, State Sanitary engineer, will address a regular meeting of the local Woman's Club and special guests in the club hall this evening at 8:00 o'clock, and the public is invited. Town officials and health department personnel are to attend and participate in the program.

The main topic before the meeting will center around garbage collections and disposal, a topic that is quite ripe for discussion and action, the club members declare.

### ABOUT COMPLETE

Tobacco transplanting will have been completed in its entirety by late tomorrow in this county, according to reports received here today. The crop today is 98 percent or more set. Transplanting 14 acres, one farmer said that less than a dozen plants died in the field except quite a few that were cut down by worms.

Their transplanting completed, Martin farmers are opening their plant beds to farmers in a dozen or more counties in this State and to a few in Virginia. No charge for the plants is being asked in most cases. "I can never tell when I'll be looking around for plants," Farmer Sidney Beacham said yesterday.

## Mrs. Sallie Stone Dies at Her Home Early On Friday

### Funeral Held In Griffins Saturday For Well Known County Citizen

Mrs. Sallie Anne Corey Griffin Stone, beloved Griffins Township citizen, died at her home there last Friday morning at 5:40 o'clock. She had been in declining health for some months, but was able to be up until about a week before her death. She suffered a stroke of paralysis and that was followed by a heart attack last Wednesday and a second stroke on Thursday.

The daughter of the late John Gray Corey and wife, Luvenia Hardison Corey, she was born in Griffins Township 72 years ago in May, 1877, and lived there all her life. Mrs. Griffin was a prominent figure in the Primitive Baptist Church for many years, giving freely of her time and means to its support. Untold numbers were warmly greeted in her home at all times and especially when church meetings were held in her home community down through the years. She greatly enjoyed the finer things in life and found much pleasure among her flowers which she raised in profusion to beautify the yard and borders along the highway passing her home. Devoted to her family and friends, she was recognized as a benefactor and helper by all whose privilege it was to know her.

She was married in 1896 to Gray Griffin who died during the influenza epidemic in the late teens. Some years later she was married to Elder E. C. Stone who came to this country from England. He died in 1947.

Surviving are one son, John A. Griffin of Griffins Township; three daughters, Mrs. Johnny Gurkin and Mrs. Effie Sparrow of Williamston, and Mrs. Hugu B. Beaufort of Beaufort County.

Mrs. Griffin was a member of the Hayes Swamp Church and Elders J. H. Frye of Rocky Mount.

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## Feed Over 2,000 At Barbecue Here

More than 2,000 persons, including quite a few visitors from other counties, enjoyed the annual Martin County Farm Bureau barbecue at the Williamston High School last Friday evening. The supply of barbecue was more than adequate to meet the demand and the meal was served without delay by members of the Cross Roads church.

Congressman Herbert Bonner, making the main address at the meeting, was introduced by Chas. L. Daniel, president of the Martin County unit and his address was carried over WRRF, Washington.

The large crowd was very orderly, officers said, and the town was glad to have the visitors to the stock show and annual meeting.

## Ralph J. Parker Died Suddenly In His Office Here

### Funeral at 4:00 O'Clock Today For Well-Known Business Man

Ralph Jerome Parker, well-known local citizen and business man, died suddenly in his office at Parker's Self-Service Laundry yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, the victim of a heart attack. Mr. Parker had a heart condition since he was discharged from the service at the end of World War I, but he had continued fairly active despite his illness. For the past several weeks he had not been feeling so well, but patrons visiting his business on Simmons Avenue yesterday morning found him in good spirit and apparently getting along better than usual. A patron had left the office only a few minutes when Mrs. Parker found him. He had been sitting on a stool at the counter and slumped to the floor, dying apparently without a struggle and before medical aid or anyone could reach him.

The son of the late Edward Lee Parker and Minnie Barnes Parker, he was born in Dunn 56 years ago on September 19, 1892. He spent most of his life there and after completing the Dunn schools he studied and was graduated from a business college in Richmond. He was secretary for a big lumber company in Virginia for one year before returning to his home to engage in the mercantile business with his father and brother.

He was married on June 21, 1926, to Miss Louise Harrison of Williamston, and in 1935 he sold his business in Dunn and located here to engage in the mercantile business. While he never complained of his ailment, he was forced to virtual retirement, but he held employment with Darden's Department Store, Martin Supply Company and Critcher's Shoe Store before building a self-service laundry which he owned and operated.

He volunteered for service in the U. S. Army at the outbreak of World War I and served overseas in active combat for almost a year. He resumed his place in the business partnership in Dunn at the close of the war and continued there until he moved to Williamston September 1, 1935.

He was a Mason, affiliating with Palmyra Lodge in Dunn when a young man and take the Shrine during the war years. He was a member of the Methodist Church for many years, exemplifying the principles of the church in his dealings with his fellowman. Despite his infirmity, he contributed much to the business and religious life of his adopted community, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was devoted to his family and friends and was ever ready to accommodate and help his fellowman.

Surviving are his widow, two children, Miss Elizabeth Parker, a student at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and a son, Ralph, Jr., of Williamston; three brothers, E. T. Parker of Rembert, S. C., L. H. Parker of Chicago and E. L. Parker of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home on North Houghton Street this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

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## Honor County Students At Greenville College

Misses Ellen Joyce Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Clark of Everetts, and Miss Elizabeth Manning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Manning of Williamston, have been honored at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville.

Miss Clark, ranking with the fifteen seniors making the highest scholastic records, was honored at a dinner given by the Pitt County Phi Beta Kappa association at the Proctor Hotel last week. Mrs. Sarah Ellis Getsinger, wife of Conrad Getsinger of Williamston, was also a member of the honor group.

Miss Manning was recognized last week for her work as a member of "Tecocan," a yearbook of the college.

## Farmers Attacked By Bees In County Tobacco Field

Just as if he did not have enough trouble combatting the blue mold, weather conditions, wire worms and plant diseases, Farmer James Williams last week was attacked by a swarm of bees in his tobacco field near Jamesville.

Williams, aided by LeRoy Merritt and Joseph Hardison, was busily engaged on a tobacco transplanter when he saw a swarm of bees bearing the resemblance of a molasses barrel making a "bee" line for him, his helpers and the two young mules pulling the transplanter. Before any opposition could be offered, the bees attacked. Merritt pulled a large straw hat down over his head and

escaped with only a few stinging blows. Hardison depended on distance, but carried signs of a meaningful attack on his neck.

Williams, bearing the brunt of the attack while he was cutting the young mules from the planter, was badly stung about the hands and face. Once freed, the mules ran to the lot and rolled over and over to clear themselves of the stingers.

The boys declare it was a hot time there for a few minutes. The attack delayed operations a greater part of an hour and even after activities were resumed the men and mules kept one eye on watch for bees and the other on their work.

### GRANDPA

The grand daddy of copper liquor stills was picked up in Bear Grass Township last Thursday afternoon, according to ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel who fetched it in after pouring out 1,600 gallons of beer and wrecking a 50-gallon cooler and two 200-gallon coolers.

The copper kettle, estimated to hold about three hundred gallons, was the largest taken from the woods in this county in years, the officers said.

## Two Homes Burn Here Early Last Sunday Evening

### Inadequate Water Supply In Area Blocks Efforts To Check Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed two tenant houses and threatened another near the corner of North Sycamore and Hyman Streets back of Woodlawn Cemetery here at 8:00 o'clock Sunday evening. An inadequate water system in that area handicapped firemen, but they were able to confine the fire to the two small houses owned by Charles Ormond. The newly completed house of William Ballance was threatened but damage was limited, one report stating that one side of the house was blistered.

Apparently starting in an apartment occupied by Bob Winbush and his wife, the fire was burning rapidly before anyone discovered it. No one was at home and neighbors tried to break inside and check the fire but their efforts were fruitless. By the time the fire truck was carried there, the fire was spreading to the small house occupied by Mervin Rascoe and his family and the Ballance house was smoking badly on one side. The homes were at the extreme end of North Sycamore Street and out of reach of the nearest hydrant several blocks away on Church Street.

Fire-truck followers moved into the area by the hundreds, blocking the narrow streets and making it impossible for firemen to drive in the second truck. It was estimated that nearly 1,000 persons swarmed into the area.

Reports stated that nothing was saved from the Winbush home except a stove, but that the Rascoe family saved most of the furniture and clothing.

No estimate on the loss could be had officially, but it was learned

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## Navy Commissions New Heavy Cruiser at Boston

John L. Tyson, chief quartermaster, USN, son of Walter E. Tyson of Oak City, N. C., and husband of Mrs. Myrtle Wilson Tyson of 315 West 29th St., Norfolk, Va., took part in the commissioning of the Navy's newest heavy cruiser USS Salem, on May 14, at the Naval Shipyard, South Boston Annex, Boston, Mass.

The Salem has all the Navy's latest improvements in equipment and conveniences. It is the most completely air-conditioned ship in the fleet.

## Bond Rally Held In Scotland Neck On Friday Night

### Committees To Place Facts Before People In This Highway District

Tentative plans were made at a meeting of more than 100 representatives from several of the counties in the Highway Commission's First District held in Scotland Neck last Friday evening to place the facts on the school-road program before the people.

Senators Allsbrooks and Fountain, former Senator Chas. H. Jenkins, Representative Branch and other state leaders, including M. A. Huggins, secretary of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention addressed the meeting and appealed for support for the program. Representatives Corey of this county, Spruill, the man from Bertie who says "We've got labor by the throat" and other politicians from the district were not there. However, it has been reliably reported that some of those who were not at the meeting had taken the stump in opposition to the program. It was also reliably reported that some of those who are opposing the program would have agreed to floating bond issues if friend Chas. J. were in the driver's seat, that Johnson proposed a similar school-road program in his campaign.

Presiding over the Scotland Neck meeting, one of several held all over the State, Henry G. Shelton, First District Highway Commissioner, answered some pertinent questions freely and very frankly, and declared that the program was sound and most assuredly a step in the right direction. Commissioner Shelton, who definitely holds the confidence of his people said that Martin's share in the \$200 million issue would be \$1,666,000.00 in addition to regular funds, that it would surface nearly 100 miles of strictly rural roads. "It is our plan to surface 12,000 miles of rural roads at an estimated cost of \$18,000 a mile and improve, that is, widen and make passable the year around 35,000 miles of road in the State," Commissioner Shelton said.

Asked if \$100 million would not be enough to issue in bonds, the commissioner explained that it is wise to have the money authorized for the entire program now, that once it was half completed there would be a tendency for those who have the program to oppose it for others. He further explained that the bonds would be issued as needed, that the program is not to be unduly rushed at the expense of economy, that there is no intention to complete the projects in three or four years, that the program would be continued over into the next administration.

He assured the group that no ad valorem or property tax is necessary, that the bonds can be financed with the 1-cent gas tax, plus the amount now being spent to finance old bonds which will retire in 1953. He explained that the program would leave more for improving the primary roads and bridges.

"Your highway commission is throwing money around," Shelton said. He briefly referred to Cameron Morrison's road program started in 1921 and told how much it had helped the State. "North Carolina had about 65,000 cars, Virginia had 150,000. In a short time, North Carolina passed Virginia in car registration and now has about 300,000," the commissioner said.

Senator Lipid pleaded for both the schools and roads. "Our children are entitled to adequate teachers, adequate buildings, adequate sanitary conditions, and they are to be able to get to school on time and back home on time," the senator said, adding that it was important for doctors to get to the man off the main highways. The two plans are dependent one on the other, for what's the use to build a school and the children can't get to it? he asked. The senator said that North Carolina has the capacity to advance the program.

Senator L. H. Fountain of Edge-

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## Stock Show Receipts Total Near \$17,000

### POTATOES FOR SALE

Irish potatoes are to be made available to Martin County livestock raisers at one cent per one hundred pounds of \$3 for a car of 30,000 pounds, it was announced by the Triple A office this week. Orders are being received for the surplus potatoes now. The price includes the freight.

The farmer is to use the potatoes for livestock feeding only. The spuds will be stained with vegetable oil, and if they are placed to any other use the purchaser is subject to a penalty of \$4 per hundred pounds.

Interested farmers are directed to contact the county agent's office for further information.

## Two Injured In Auto Wrecks On Roads In County

### Other Victims Mending Slowly In Hospital. Last Reports Indicate

Two persons were painfully but believed not critically injured in as many highway accidents on highways in this county during the week-end, according to reports coming from the county highway patrol office. It was also reported that two victims injured earlier in the week were mending slowly in a Washington hospital. The two injured over the week-end landed in the hospital where they were said to be getting along very well.

Jim Gray, Jr., well known Robersonville business man, was said to have had two ribs broken or torn from the back bone, to have suffered severe cuts on his head, when his car, a 1949 Ford tudor sedan, went out of control and turned over on the highway 64 and Skewarkey Road intersection about one and one-half miles west of Williamston last Saturday evening at 10:30 o'clock. The car apparently went out of control on the curve, skidded and tore into an embankment and turned over. After receiving first aid treatment, he was removed to a Tarboro hospital in a Biggs ambulance. Assisted by Patrolmen Ed Simmons and M. F. Powers, Patrolman John T. Rowe made the investigation and estimated the damage to the car at about \$900.

Henderson Woolard, 68-year-old colored man, suffered a compound fracture of his left leg when he

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## May 28 Fixed As Poppy Day Here

Saturday, May 28, was set aside as Poppy Day in Williamston in a proclamation issued today by Mayor Robert Cowen. The proclamation urged all citizens to observe the day by wearing memorial poppies in honor of those who gave their lives in the two World Wars. It stated:

"Whereas, 75 men of Martin County gave their lives in defense of the United States of America in World War I and World War II; and

"Whereas, Memory of their service, and sacrifice is a source of great inspiration to all citizens of our nation faces new difficulties and dangers; and

"Whereas, This memory is kept bright by the annual wearing of memorial poppies in their honor and in honor of all other Americans who died in world war service;

"Now, therefore, I, Robert Cowen, Mayor of the Town of Williamston, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 28, to be Poppy Day in the Town of Williamston and urge that all citizens observe the day by wearing the memorial poppy of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary."

## Young Exhibitors Bit Disappointed In Cattle Prices

### Youth Prove Beyond Doubt That Good Stock Can Be Raised In The County

Martin County 4-H club members, Future Farmers of America and a few adult farmers really "pulled off" a great livestock show in Williamston last Thursday and Friday. It was the biggest, finest event of its kind ever held in this section, and drew praise from judges and the several thousands visitors who moved into and out of the Planter Warehouse during the two days. Jack Kelly, State College swine specialist, said it was the largest show of its kind ever held in the State and certainly one of the best. J. I. Case, Professor Dillard and Kelly admitted the judging was about as difficult as they had ever tackled at any show.

Prices while ranging from three to six cents a pound above the market for the beef calves and from about two to three cents per pound higher than the market for hogs, were somewhat disappointing to the youthful exhibitors.

Mary Jane Rogers, developing a knack for raising winners, sold her grand champion steer to Colonial Stores for 37 cents a pound. It was the second time she had taken first place with her entry, a white face Hereford, Billy Bailey, who has been in the big money before, exhibited the reserve champion and sold him to the Smithfield (Va.) Packing Company for \$2 1-2 cents a pound.

Other sales in the cattle department were made by the following:

Everett Purvis to Robersonville Packing Co. for 30 cents, Joseph Williams to Roberson Slaughter House for 29 3-4 cents; Peggy Gurganus to New Born Provision Co. for 29 cents, Henry Rogers to Smithfield (Va.) Packing Co. for 28 3-4 cents, Henry Swimpson to Greenville Livestock Market for 28 cents, Irene Purvis to Colonial Stores for 28 1-4 cents, Melvin Price to Allen Jenkins Stockyard, Greenville, for 30 1-4 cents, Pat Wynne to Roberson Slaughter House for 30 cents, Corone Bryant to Williamston Frozen Food Locker for 28 cents, Howard Gardner to Guaranty Bank, Williamston, for 26 1-4 cents, Gloria Taylor to Roanoke Chevrolet Co. for 30 cents, Michael Edmondson to Jim Eubanks for 27 cents, Curtis Gurganus to Moore Grocery Co. for 28 cents, Curtis Gurganus to Throwing Appliance for 27 cents, Calvin Oglesby to Johnson Mercantile Co., Hamilton, for 30 cents, Ruth Hazel Bailey to Williamston Motor Co. for 29 cents, Jimmy Peaks to Allen Jenkins Livestock Co., Greenville for 25 3-4 cents, Ross Knowles to Williamston Supply Co. for 30 1-4 cents, Jimmy Knowles to Williamston Peanut Co. for 30 1-2 cents, Howard Gardner to Greenville Livestock Market for 28 1-2 cents.

J. and Chas. Manning for 27 cents, Dallas Purvis, Jr., to W. C. Whitehurst, Bethel, for 28 cents, Ward Perry to Standard Fertilizer Co. for 27 cents, Melvin Price to Colonial Stores for 28 1-2 cents, Pat Wynne to Roberson's Cafe for 28 cents, Leroy Leggett to Johnnie Holliday for 27 cents, Billy VanNortwick to Williamston Freezer

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### ROUND-UP

Five persons were rounded up and jailed, one for the second time in a matter of a few hours, in the county hoose-gow over the week-end. James Council, charged with drunkenness, broke out of the Oak City jail and was arrested a second time and placed in the county's bastille. Three others were booked for public drunkenness and one for assault. All were colored, their ages ranging from 19 to 29 years.