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Farm Home Group Hold Meeting In County Thursday

Discuss Use of Surplus Acres And Enjoy Sumptuous Picnic Dinner

The Martin County Farm Ownership borrowers of the Farmers Home Administration held their annual meeting last Thursday in the courthouse. The meeting convened at 10:00 o'clock and the discussions were led by County Supervisor James C. Eubanks.

The group was asked to list the important changes in their farm and home operation practices they contemplate making in 1950, 1951, and 1952 and practices they have not normally been doing in the past. These practices were listed in order and a discussion of each was held. The major practices listed were more acreage to improved pastures, grow sweet potatoes for the local auction, increase the number of cattle on the farm including milk cows and beef cattle, prepare for better care of sows at farrowing, and seed some land to hay crops. Quite a good discussion was also had on growing more food and feed crops and the conservation of foods.

All the way through the discussion every farmer and wife indicated that they were beginning to realize a surplus of cultivated land since cash crops are under control and allotments of the cash crops have been reduced. Supervisor Eubanks then showed three charts. These charts were average figures of the FO borrowers in Martin County for the years 1947, 1949, and then one of what is to be expected in 1953 or 1955.

In 1947 the average shows 104 acres of total land with 38 acres cleared. During that year 6.8 acres was set in tobacco, 15.7 acres planted in peanuts, 12.7 acres in corn, and 1.1 acres in improved pastures, leaving 1.7 acres for gardens, truck crops, farmstead, etc.

In 1949 there were a total of 104 acres with 40.8 cleared, of which tobacco was 5.1 acres, peanuts 10.2 acres, corn 11.7 acres and improved pasture 4.0 acres, and 1.9 acres in garden and truck patches.

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Slightly Injured In Road Accident

Howard Moore, young white man, was painfully but believed not badly injured in a truck automobile accident last noon on the Prison Camp Road, a few miles from Williamston. Moore was riding with Van Ralph Taylor in Mr. Taylor's 1947 Plymouth. Robert Bailey, driving a C. Bailey's 1941 Chevrolet truck, started to make a left turn, stopped and was backing up when the vehicles sideswiped each other, causing about \$400 damage to the car and about \$150 to the truck, according to Patrolman John T. Rowe who made the investigation.

No one was hurt Friday evening at 6:45 o'clock when John R. Gordon backed his 1941 Plymouth into the Skewarkey Road between Highways 17 and 64 and into the path of a 1941 Chevrolet driven by Wright Clark. Damage to the Plymouth was estimated at \$200 and that to the Chevrolet at \$50 by Patrolman J. T. Rowe.

Thirty-Two Will Take The Census In Martin County

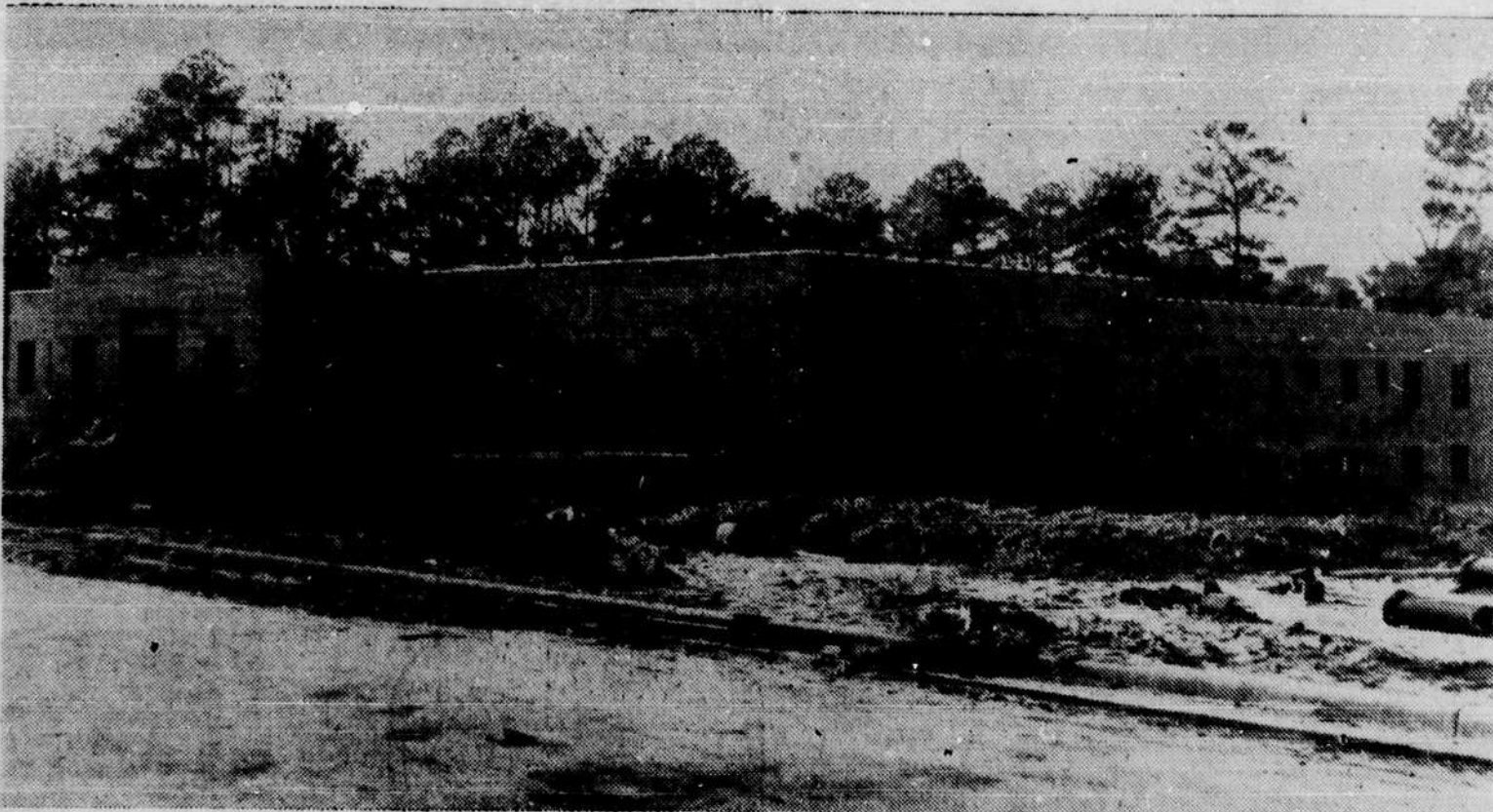
A force of approximately 34 persons will be employed to take the 17th Decennial Census in Martin County, it is announced by District Supervisor F. Webb Williams for the United States Bureau of the Census here. This force will be responsible for taking the 1950 Census in April in every township within the borders of the county.

The largest segment of employees for the Census in the local district consists of the enumerators of whom there will be 32. These enumerators will make the house to house calls in the work of collecting official census information regarding the population

and housing in urban areas, and additionally, agricultural activities in the rural areas. Their work in the field will be supervised and checked by a force of 2 crew leaders. At the Census District Office headquarters in Washington, N. C., about 6 persons will compose the staff to edit the enumerators' reports, make preliminary tabulations, and perform other office work in connection with the census.

Provisional results of the Population Census count will be announced locally by the district supervisor when the district office staff has completed the preliminary tabulations.

Brick Work Complete On New Hospital



Brick work on Williamston's new hospital has been completed and the roof is on, opening the way for work by the plumbing, heating and electrical contractors. The

builders, Drs. G. G. Himmelwright, J. T. Llewellyn, Chas. I. Harris and Jas. S. Rhodes, Jr., plan to occupy the building some time next fall. The hospital is located on Liberty Street about one block off North Haughton.

Conduct Funeral For Mrs. Everett In Robersonville

Well Known County Citizen Died At Home Wednesday After Long Illness

Funeral services were conducted in the Robersonville Baptist Church last Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Henry S. Everett, well known county citizen who died at her home there last Wednesday evening. Suffering a stroke, she had been an invalid for about twelve years, but continued interested in the affairs of the day and the welfare of her family and friends, lending encouragement and cheering others along. She was a devoted member of the Robersonville Baptist Church for years and her pastor, Rev. R. E. Ferguson conducted the funeral. Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

The daughter of the late William Mack and Virginia Whichard Daniel, she was born near Robersonville 67 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Everett and made her home in Oak City where he was in business for a number of years before locating in Robersonville.

Surviving besides Mr. Everett, who is mayor of Robersonville,

Eastern Star Plans Banquet

Members of the Williamston Chapter No. 266 Order of the Eastern Star will hold their first annual banquet Friday evening, February 24, at 7:00 o'clock in the Woman's Club building, it was announced today by the ticket committee, Mrs. Christine Manning Peeler, Mrs. Mary Cook Clayton and Mrs. Minerva F. Levin. All members are directed to contact a member of the committee for reservations and tickets which are priced at \$1.25 each.

ROUND-UP

Fourteen persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail over the week-end, Jailer Roy Peel explaining that he had emptied the jail just a few days before for the first time this year and in time for the big rush last week-end.

Six were charged with drunkenness, two for larceny, three for aiding and abetting larceny, and one each for operating a car without a driver's license, drunken driving and assault. One was white and the ages ranged from 18 to 45 years.

Slight Damage Is Caused By Fire

Damage, unofficially estimated at about \$400, resulted when a fire of undetermined origin destroyed just about all the summer clothes of the John Dennis Hardisons' and smoked up several rooms in the old S. R. Biggs house just off Main on South Smithwick Street here yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Occupants in an upstairs apartment smelled smoke, but thought it was caused by burning crayon one of the children had placed on the stove. When the smoke smell became pronounced, the fire was traced to a downstairs closet. Firemen were called and the choking smoke forced them out of the room time and again until windows were raised and the fire was beat back with water from a small hose line.

Mr. Hardison went to the closet early yesterday morning and turned off a night light. He left home about 7:45 o'clock and as far as it could be learned no one else entered the closet after that time.

Tarboro Group To Visit Local Club

Lawrence H. Fountain, Lieutenant Governor of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International, and approximately 25 other Tarboro Kiwanians will be the guests of the local club at a meeting to be held on Thursday evening.

Local Kiwanis Club President, Fitzhugh Fussell, stated today that the visitors will present a program which will be of great interest to the local members.

SEWING CLASS

The sewing class recently organized in the local home economics department has selected Wednesday as its day of meeting. All ladies interested in this class who did not report for the last meeting, may register on February 15 at 7:30 p. m.

Autopsy Reveals No Cause For Ira Alexander's Death

An autopsy report received here a few days ago from Wilson and Wilson, attorneys for the Mengel Corporation, revealed no definite cause for the death of Ira L. Alexander in Roanoke River at Jamesville on the morning of January 4. The autopsy was made by a Norfolk pathologist upon the request of the Mengel company, employer of Mr. Alexander.

The certificate prepared by the pathologist mentioned no cause, but it was said that food particles were found in the glottis. No official interpretation of the report could be had, but it would indicate that possibly the man choked to death. At any rate the report failed to support an earlier claim that the man died of a heart attack.

Investigating the case, Coroner S. R. Biggs questioned several eye witnesses, including the two who recovered the body from the Roanoke. On the basis of information gained from the witnesses, Coroner Biggs filed a death certificate with the County Board of Health a few days ago, stating that the man was accidentally drowned.

Mr. Alexander with a number of other workers was leaving Jamesville on a boat and he started to walk the rail around the cabin to wipe the windshield when he slipped and fell into the water and drowned before he could be reached a few minutes later.

Premier Showing Of Special Movie Here

Encountering strong opposition, the plan to build a Negro high school in Oak City will be investigated by representatives of the State Board of Education in a field survey next Monday, it was learned this week.

The representatives will take a census of the school population in the Parmele and Oak City areas and travel the established bus routes, one report said.

No decision on the plan is expected before next month.

Service Record Gets Recognition

H. J. Lotz, section foreman for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was given a 25-year service pin by the company at an informal ceremony held in Tarboro a few days ago by Road Master H. C. Wade in the presence of other employees.

Born in Kenosha, Wis., Mr. Lotz moved to Richmond and went with the Coast Line there in 1917 as track apprentice and was soon promoted to section foreman. After serving at Stoney Creek and Rocky Mount, he resigned, but re-entered the service in 1922 and was stationed in Parmele in March, 1922, going to Everetts a year later. After staying there until 1938, he was transferred to Scotland Neck where he continues as section foreman.

Mr. Lotz married Miss Lucy L. Mills of this county and they have two children. The son, H. J. Lotz, is a corporal in the Air Corps and is now stationed in Germany.

Meat Thieves Are Active In County In Past Few Days

Sheriff's Office Rounds Up Four and Warns Locking All Smokehouses

Meat thieves are on the march again in this county, and Sheriff M. W. Holloman today is urging all farmers to make their smokehouses secure. The officer explained that the recent thefts could make the beginning of a little crime wave with its center around meat houses.

The smokehouse of Farmer Warren Farmer was entered at his home near Robersonville early last week, the thief or thieves carrying away one ham and a shoulder. Apparently well pleased with the taste, the rogues returned sometime during last Saturday night and carried away six hams and two shoulders.

Missing the meat early Sunday morning, the owner followed an army shoe track from the smokehouse to the home of Percy Williams. Realizing that someone was on his trail Williams threw the shoes away and ran into the woods. The sheriff's office answered the call a short time later and a search of the woods was started. John T. Whitfield, charged with aiding and abetting larceny, was arrested and during the meantime, Mr. Farmer and John Henry Farmer trapped Williams and took him into custody late that afternoon.

The meat was valued at \$140. Walking down a woodpath in conducting the search for Williams, Deputy Raymond Rawls met Joe Gainer, 44-year-old colored man, walking toward him with half gallon of white liquor. Gainer, failing to recognize the officer, approached with extended hand. Deputy Rawls was puzzled until Gainer explained that he had purchased the whiskey from a white man, that he (Gainer) was waiting in the woods for the change from a \$5 bill. Gainer said that he gave the white man \$5 and that there was no change, and it was agreed that he should wait in the woods until change could be made. The seller was supposed to return \$1.50 to Gainer. Deputy Rawls said he saw a car drive away about the time he entered the woods. Gainer was placed in jail and booked for violating the liquor laws.

Missing meat at the slaughterhouse, Grover Lilley, John B. Roberson and George Peel established a watch last Saturday noon and saw John Roberson, colored, go to a corner and start out with a sack. A sizable ham was found as Roberson was leaving the slaughterhouse.

James Clark and Navin Hawkins were detained and are being questioned in connection with the theft.

Picture Based On Record Of Frank Armstrong In War

Because He Made His Home Here, Williamston Gets First Release

"Twelve O'clock High," rated one of the best pictures based on events in World War II, will be shown for the first time in North Carolina at a local theater, beginning February 19, it was announced yesterday by Noah Hardison, manager.

The early release of the picture was arranged when the producers saw a special story in The Enterprise a few weeks ago, explaining that the young man around whom the picture is centered, made his home here during the summers with his grandparents, Superior Court Clerk and Mrs. J. A. Hobbs.

General Frank Armstrong, the leader of the first day-light bombing raids on German targets during World War II, is portrayed by Gregory Peck in the picture. The general is remembered here as a boy with admirable traits and marked leadership, and his annual visits here were anticipated by his young friends.

The picture, just recently released, is now playing in the big theaters in New York City and other large cities in the country.

General Armstrong is being extended an invitation to attend the initial showing in North Carolina at the Watts next Sunday, but it could not be learned today whether he would be able to attend.

Adult Farmers Plan County Swine Show

Will Be Held In Conjunction With Annual Club Show

Operating independently of the 4-H and FFA club members, Martin County farmers are to hold a fat hog show in Williamston on May 5, it was announced this week by Assistant County Farm Agent D. W. Brady. The show will be held on the same date that the club members show their baby beef cattle and hogs, but the prizes will be separate, Agent Brady explaining that entries by independent adult farmers will add to the club show.

Plans for this adult show have been worked out in cooperation with Mr. D. M. Roberson, operator of Roberson's Slaughter House in Williamston. This fat hog show and sale will be in competition with the 4-H boys and girls hog show. Mr. Roberson stated that he would be allowed to pay at least \$1.00 per hundred pounds above market price for all these hogs. Prizes totaling \$338.00 will also be offered.

The weight groups for this show will be from 180 to 240 pounds and from 240 to 270 pounds. These weight limitations must be adhered to. Hogs may be grouped and shown as follows in both weight groups: as an individual, as a pen of 3 hogs, as a pen of 5 hogs and as a pen of 10 hogs.

Prizes will be as follows for both weight groups:

Individual or pen of 1: 1st prize, \$5; 2nd prize, \$4; 3rd prize, \$3; 4th prize, \$2; and 5th prize, \$1.

Pen of 3: 1st prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$8; 3rd prize, \$6; 4th prize, \$4; and 5th prize, \$2.

Pen of 5: 1st prize, \$15; 2nd prize, \$12; 3rd prize, \$9; 4th prize, \$6; 5th prize, \$3.

Pen of 10: 1st prize, \$25; 2nd prize, \$20; 3rd prize, \$15; 4th prize, \$10; and 5th prize, \$5.

The Grand Champion hog will be the individual hog placing first and a prize of \$5.00 will be given for this animal. The Reserve

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J. B. Tetterton Dies In Hospital

John B. Tetterton, Washington County man and brother of Stewart J. Tetterton of this county, died early yesterday morning in a Washington hospital after a short illness. He was 66 years old and had retired as a farmer.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home near Roper this afternoon by his pastor, Rev. P. B. Nickens, Baptist minister of Plymouth and interment will follow in the Weede Cemetery near Plymouth.

Surviving besides his brother in this county is his widow, the former Miss Nora Allen of Plymouth.

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Many Examined In Cancer Clinic At Elizabeth City

Quite a few people in northeastern North Carolina are attending the cancer clinic weekly in Elizabeth City, according to reports reaching here from the center during the past week or two.

Recently thirty-three persons, including 26 white women, six white men and one colored woman, received examinations in the clinic. While most of those reporting to the clinic were from Pasquotank County on account of its nearness, others went there from Currituck, Perquimans, Bertie, Martin, Chowan, Edgecombe and Washington counties.

Examinations are free to all women 35 or over, all men 40 or over, and to anyone with a symptom or a "danger signal", regardless of age.

The clinics are held every Friday afternoon in the Health Center, Elizabeth City. Registration is from 1:00 until 2:30 p. m.

Frequently there are more applicants for examination than can be accommodated. Therefore, in order that those who live at a distance may be sure of an examination and thus not make a trip in vain, priorities will be sent, on request, to all who live twenty miles or more from Elizabeth City. Address your request to Cancer Center Clerk, Health Center, Harnoy Street, Elizabeth City, N. C., and indicate two dates on which you could come for examination.