

Soil Fumigation Demonstration Is Held In County

Practice Proved Profitable Where Nematodes Infes- tation Was Heavy

Following action taken by farmers in other counties in this and adjoining states, Martin County farmers last week investigated the value of soil fumigation practices in the aggravated fight to control pests. Conducting the first soil fumigation demonstration ever held in this county, representatives of the Standard Fertilizer Company discussed the latest method of controlling nematodes and other soil pests. The demonstration was conducted on the Coy Roberson farm in Griffins Township Thursday afternoon, but unfavorable weather limited the number of farmers to about a dozen.

Using special equipment, the demonstrators fumigated several acres on the farm and the practice is hardly expected to go forward on any large scale until the results are checked.

Special equipment is available at about \$150 and the cost of the poison runs at the rate of about \$33 per acre. Custom fumigating is averaging about \$40 per acre.

Martin farmers have suffered fairly heavy losses as a result of nematode infestation. The damage is centered around the roots of the plants.

This root damage is started by nematodes—tiny worms—living beneath the ground and so small that you can't see them readily without a magnifying glass. Extensive surveys have shown that nematodes swarm in enormous numbers in all of the soils in which tobacco is grown in the U. S. In fact, much of the soil best suited to tobacco production has been diverted to other use because of the heavy nematode infestation.

The tobacco farmer is concerned with two types of nematodes. Best known perhaps is the Root Knot Nematode, which remains alive in the soil over winter and, in the spring and summer, attacks tobacco roots in the seedbed and field. It literally starves the plant to death by causing the formation on the roots of galls of solid tissue which prevent the plant from getting enough food and water to maintain healthy growth.

The other type is the Meadow or Lesion Nematode, which many authorities now believe to be the cause of Brown Root Rot. It bores into feeder roots and causes them to turn brown or black and rot off.

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Patient Passes In Sanatorium

A patient in the Martin County Sanatorium for about seven years, Mack Henry Downing died there late Wednesday night. Earlier he was thought to be getting along as well as usual. He suffered a relapse and died a short time later.

He was born in Goose Nest Township 68 years ago on August 15, 1882, and spent most of his life there.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. E. H. Harrell, Oak City; two brothers, James M. Downing of Scotland Neck, and Daniel Downing of Speed; one sister, Mrs. Charlie Strickland of Speed.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his daughter Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. E. C. Sexton, pastor of the Oak City Baptist Church. Interment was in the Oak City Cemetery.

ROUND-UP

Although officers declare it was the quietest period in many months, eight persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end. Five were booked for public drunkenness, two for larceny and one for an assault.

Three of the eight were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 18 to 58 years.

Red Cross Campaign Fund Growing In This Chapter

"The Red Cross Fund Drive is going forward rapidly and the preliminary reports are encouraging," Chairman John Henry Edwards said late yesterday.

Sixteen of the canvassers in Williamston's business districts have completed their solicitations, turning in \$1,209. It is estimated that the five reports now outstanding will boost that amount considerably, exclusive of the contributions that are being made by the colored citizens with Professor Edgar J. Hayes as chairman.

Approximately forty canvassers went into Williamston's residential areas yesterday and this morning, and the first reports from them are encouraging.

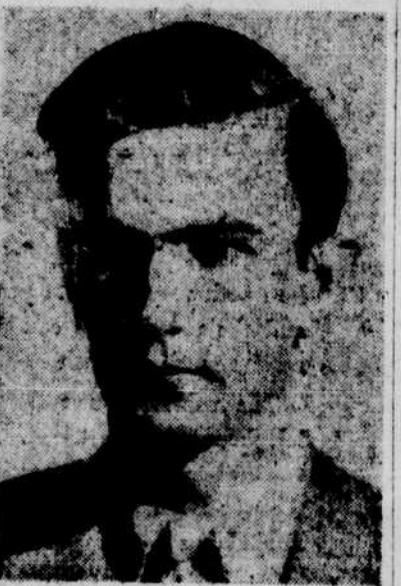
Mrs. Irving Roberson, heading

the drive in Williams Township, is making progress with the aid of Mesdames Grady Godard, Albert Tyre and Henry Williams. Mrs. Camille F. Rawls reported that the drive in Jamesville is well over half-completed, that the people in that district are responding splendidly.

Chairman Edwards, assisted by H. P. Mobley, as co-chairman, is anxious to push on toward the \$4,700 goal by the latter part of this or early next week, and he again appeals to the people in the chapter to cooperate with the canvassers in every way possible.

During the meantime, the Red Cross Chapter authorities are making arrangements for handling the bloodmobile in Williamston on March 30.

MANAGER



Edwin Barefoot, a native of Dunn, has taken over the local management of the Roanoke Lockers, Inc. here. It has been announced by the firm's new owners, Messrs. Wullenwaber, Tyler and Westbrook.

House Committee Gives Referendum Unfavorable Vote

Only Five To Seven Favor Submitting Liquor Question To People

Raleigh—The Crissman all-or-nothing liquor referendum bill got the kiss of death at a secret session of the House Committee on Propositions and Grievances last week.

The committee voted by an approximate 29 to 5 margin to give the bill an unfavorable report. The vote was not recorded, and was by voice, but committee members said later that only "five to seven" members voted against the unfavorable report. Thirty-four of the committee's 37 members attended the morning "executive session", with the press excluded.

The motion for an unfavorable report was made by Rep. Noah Burfoot of Pasquotank and was seconded by Rep. C. Wayland Spruill of Bertie.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Walter Crissman of Guilford and co-signed by 21 other representatives, called for a state-wide vote on the sale of wine, liquor and beer. Subject to the vote, the three either would be sold in every county of the State through ABC stores or would be outlawed in every county.

Crissman was expected to try to get the bill removed from the unfavorable calendar when the net muster enough strength to he said this move would not come until later. It would take a two-thirds vote of the House to get the bill before it for further consideration. Crissman probably cannot muster enough strength to get the bill to the floor, but by calling for a roll call vote he can get every member on record. That could prove embarrassing at the next election, since dry forces have announced their intention of trying to defeat those legislators voting against a state referendum.

Meantime, both House and Senate had a couple of dull sessions. Rep. Fred Royster of Vance in-
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Miss Lora Sleeper Dies In Hospital In Concord, N. H.

Faithfully Served This County As Home Agent For Fifteen Years

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, for fifteen years Martin County Home Demonstration agent, died in a Concord, New Hampshire, hospital last Thursday, according to information received here from Walter C. Jenkins, former Williamston man who is now living in the New Hampshire city. No details could be learned, but reports reaching here earlier stated that Miss Sleeper had been ill for a few months. She was employed as an extension worker in the New Hampshire State Hospital's occupational therapy department.

A native of Concord, Miss Sleeper, 51, was graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1922, and came to this county in January, 1928. In April, 1943, she resigned to return to her home and be near her family.

Few public servants ever served this county and its people more faithfully than Miss Sleeper did during the more than fifteen years she spent here as county home agent. She assisted deserving boys and girls through college and participated in every movement designed for the betterment of the county and its people. She was a member of the Baptist church here.

Surviving are her parents, William J. and Nancy Peach Sleeper of Concord, N. H.

Funeral services were conducted in Concord Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Bond Arranged In Attack Case

Clarence McCool, Pennsylvania soldier arrested and jailed here for allegedly attacking a teenage girl, was released in \$5,000 bond last Friday afternoon. The Rev. Thomas A. Williams was the intermediary and John Wier signed the bond.

Leaving here with the minister, McCool said he was returning to his station at Fort Bragg. He is slated to return here for trial on March 19.

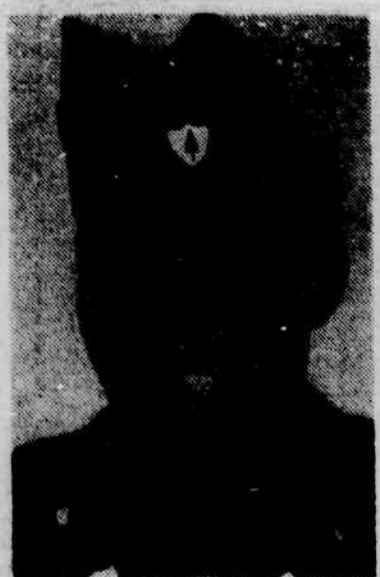
The other two defendants, James A. and Samuel R. Hardison, in the case were released in \$5,000 bail on February 5. Since that time, Samuel Hardison married one of the prosecuting witnesses.

LITTLE ROBBERY

Operating on the ultra conservative side, a robber broke into the county's ABC store at Jamesville during last Friday night and made away with four pints of liquor. Not only did he limit his take, but the robber also confined his selection to the cheaper brands.

An entrance was gained through a window, Clerk Bob Mobley stating that he could miss only the four pints of liquor from the store.

WOUNDED



Wounded in action near Wouju in Korea on January 27, Pfc. Lonnie M. Nicholson has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Mrs. Nicholson of Williamston RFD 3, was notified a short time ago.

Farm Bureau Says Tobacco Acreage Increase Needed

Preliminary Plans Made For Annual Barbecue Next Month

Martin County Farm Bureau directors and representatives, meeting in the courthouse last Friday night, discussed the recent tobacco acreage increase and proposed changes in the peanut program and made preliminary arrangements for holding the organization's annual barbecue.

It was fairly apparent that the organization is a bit dubious about the prospects for tobacco prices with the fourteen percent acreage increase going into effect this year. The leaders are of the opinion the increase is only temporary, that a decrease is likely to follow in 1952. The organization went on record as favoring the current increase, the leaders explaining that the U. S. Department of Agriculture had called for more tobacco and if the present producing areas can't produce it other sections are likely to offer to meet the demand. "If we are to save our tobacco program, we must go along with it and meet the demand," C. L. Daniel, president, said.

The leaders discussed the peanut program but took no definite action. It is apparent that the peanut program is getting into a bad fix, a warning having been issued pointing out the possibility of support withdrawals unless subsidies can be held down. It was pointed out that the government spent twenty million dollars subsidizing the crop last year, that farmers in this section will receive within the next several months about \$13 an acre for their 1950 plantings.

A bill is before Congress now, calling for an increase in the edible peanut acreage. Pledging about \$1,000 some time ago for research work that has meant so much in developing
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Victim Of Wreck Dies In Hospital

Ralph Clark, brother of Miss Margaret Clark, nurse in Brown's Community Hospital here, died early Sunday morning in a Whiteville hospital of injuries received in a vehicle accident near Clarkton last Friday night.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon in the Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church and interment was in the cemetery there.

Surviving besides his sister here are his widow, the former Miss Ernestine Warner; two sons, Jimmy and Tommie; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Spurgeon Clark of all of Elizabethtown; three brothers, D. J. Clark, Elizabethtown, Sgt. Archie Clark, Fort Worth, Texas; T. J. Clark, Valdosta, Ga., and Elizabethtown; five sisters, Mrs. Charles Page, Lumberton, Mrs. John D. Chason, Mrs. Dan Ray Pate, Rosa and Jenny Clark of Raleigh.

Old Age Pensions Discussed Monday By County Board

Road Recommendations Made By Commissioners In Regular Meeting

Martin County's commissioners—Messrs. C. C. Martin, J. H. Edwards, W. M. Harrison, H. L. Roebuck, and H. S. Johnson, Jr.—discussed old age pensions and requests for roads during most of their regular meeting Monday.

Finding the demand for old age assistance and hospitalization literally running wild, the commissioners went on record as favoring a law requiring settlement of advances out of any property held by the claimants. In other words, if a claimant has property he will be allowed to keep the property but at his death the money advanced by the county will be repaid from the sale of the property.

The board recommended that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over and improve or widen and improve the following road:

The Barber road in Williams Township.

Powell's path in Robersonville Township, running four-tenths of a mile from the Gold Point-Everetts Road.

The Stubbs Road in Jamesville Township, running from 171 one-half mile to Arthur Modlin's residence.

A road in Jamesville Township, running from Highway 64 via D. R. Holliday's to the Poplar Chapel Road, a distance of 1.1 miles.

The Roberson Road in Griffins Township, running 1.5 miles from a point on black-top road near Jordan Peel's to the Jamesville-Washington Road, near Mack Roberson's.

A road in Griffins Township, running from Highway 171 at Noah Roberson's store via the J. R. Coltrain farm to the Manning Road, a distance of 1.4 miles.

The requests for the roads were supported by signed petitions, the petitioners agreeing to freely give the necessary right-of-way and even furnish sand and some tile on one or more of the projects. Unofficial reports state that at least three proposed road improvement projects in the county are being delayed because of right-of-way difficulties.

Making his monthly report, Tax Collector M. L. Peel said that all but \$45,563.95 of the \$335,489.49 levy for 1950 had been collected, that the unpaid balance this year is about \$1,000 smaller than it was for 1949 at the corresponding time last year. All but \$3,357.96 of the \$313,314.06 levy for 1949 has been collected. There is a balance due of \$5,185.64 on the \$284,357.55 levy for 1948, and \$3,207.56 is due on the \$235,185.59 levy for 1947.

Native Missing In Korean War

Dallas W. Dickerson, a native of this county, has been missing in action in Korea since February 15, according to information received last week-end by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Dickerson of Pitt County.

A letter from Dickerson to his parents was written two days before he was reported missing.

The 23-year-old infantry private was in the first group drafted from Pitt County. He left October 23 for Armed Forces duty and received an eight-day leave at which time he came home prior to going overseas November 9.

Dickerson was born in Martin County where the family lived for some time before moving to their present home five miles from Greenville on the Falkland highway. He attended the Falkland school before being drafted. The Dickersons have three other sons and four daughters.

Continues Quite Ill At Home Near Parmele

Mr. B. W. James, 89 years old, continues critically ill at his home near Parmele, according to information received here yesterday.

Recovering from an attack of pneumonia a few weeks ago, Mr. James fell at his home last week, severely injuring his head.

New Firm Operating Freezer Locker Here

Edwin Barefoot To Manage Local Roanoke Lockers

Plans Being Made To En- large Plan And Expand Its Facilities

Purchasing the plant of the Colonial Frozen Foods of Williamston a short time ago, the new owners, Al Wullenwaber, president; Harry M. Tyler, vice president and treasurer; Earl Westbrook, secretary; took over active operation of the properties here last week-end with Edwin Barefoot as local manager. The new firm is operating as the Roanoke Lockers, Inc.

Operating one of the largest plants in the State at Dunn since 1946, the new owners have developed a frozen food business that is widely known throughout the South. Messrs. Wullenwaber, Tyler, and Westbrook are well known business men of Dunn, and the new manager comes to his new position as an able operator and business leader. Reports from his home town say he has done an exceptionally fine job at the Dunn plant during the past five years. He attended the Dunn schools and was graduated from Westbrook High School in Sampson County. After serving three years in the Army during World War II, he went with the Dunn plant where he received his training from men who knew the business. Mrs. Barefoot is the former Miss Ruby Violet of Russellville, Kentucky.

While he will maintain his headquarters in Dunn, Mr. Wullenwaber, the president, will supervise operations at the plant here. It was announced this week that plans are already being made for enlarging the plant and expanding its facilities. Larger machinery is to be installed as a part of a modernization program, it was announced. The plant here now has 511 individual lockers and facilities for
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Steals \$900 From Home Last Night

Breaking through a window about 9:00 o'clock last night, Leon Rogers, 17-year-old colored boy, entered his grandfather's home near Williamston, opened an iron safe and started out with \$900 in cash. His grandparents, Henry Rogers and wife, had retired, but the grandmother, hearing him, went to the room and tried to catch him as he ran toward the window. The lad escaped but dropped \$600 of the cash near a bed.

Arrested here by Officers Modlin, Moore and Wiggins at a filling station here at 11:30 o'clock last night, Rogers declared he dropped all the money as he fled from the home. Questioned by Sheriff M. W. Holloman later in the night, Rogers admitted he had hidden \$230 under a warehouse and that was recovered, leaving \$70 unaccounted for.

DELAYED

The opening of the Martin County Broadcasting Company's radio station WIAM in Williamston has again been delayed, it was announced today by the new owners, Messrs. Jim Gray, Henry Johnson and Chas. Gray.

"We could go ahead and open on the 14th as planned, for everything is in readiness, but we are waiting to make it convenient for several dignitaries to attend," the owners said, in explaining the delay. Congressman Herbert Bonner, Governor Kerr Scott and others have been invited to attend the opening which is now tentatively scheduled either for the 16th or 19th of this month.

Arrangements are Made For Holding Town's Elections

Minor Business Discussed During Short Meeting Last Evening

Arrangements were made by the local board of commissioners in regular session last evening for holding the town's municipal elections in April and May. J. E. Pope was made registrar and O. S. Anderson and J. T. Price were named judges of elections with Reginald Simpson as alternate. Registration books are to be opened for new registrations and transfers on March 24, remaining open for three Saturdays with challenge day set for April 14.

The primary election is scheduled for April 16, and the general election is to be held on May 8.

Candidates for mayor and town commissioners must file with Clerk Marion Cobb not later than April 5.

The appointment of Wilson Wiggins to the police force was approved. Wiggins succeeds Officer Verble Jones, resigned.

Police were ordered to check up on the promiscuous shooting of air rifles in town. Officers stated that several lads had been carried before the juvenile court already. There is a possibility that the officers will possess some of the rifles unless the users exercise greater care in shooting them. Another indirect plea was made, urging parents to have lights or reflectors placed on their children's bicycles.

The condition of several streets was discussed, the superintendent explaining that the sewer installation program had made it next to impossible to keep them in shape. He explained that pipe had been ordered and that with better weather in prospect, something could be done to relieve a bad situation.

The board voted to throw the book at all peddlers. The clerk was instructed to deny licenses to peddlers who did not have state licenses and to demand the procurement of local permits before offering any goods for sale.

Police were instructed to crack down on parking law violations by local people and to issue courtesy cards to visitors.

A water line is to be run to the Hill Street area, the board ordered.

A paving project on Lee Street was ordered, and East Main Street
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Report Two Car Wrecks Recently

No one was hurt and property damage was limited in two minor vehicle accidents reported on highways and streets in this county during the past few days.

Driving on Highway 17 just north of Corey's Cross Roads last Thursday about noon, Maurice Conrad Vincent of 826 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill, Fla., started to stop just ahead of Jas. S. Knight of Greenville. Knight applied the brakes on the Federal truck he was driving, but a sliding gave way and he plowed into the rear of the car, causing about \$25 damage to the car. No one was hurt, according to Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation.

Cars driven by Annie Cooper of Scotland Neck and Alfred Roberson of Williamston crashed on North Houghton Street here yesterday morning. No one was hurt and damage to the cars was estimated at about \$200.

EXTENDED

Time for entering hogs in the annual fat stock show in the county next month by adult farmers has been extended until Saturday of this week, Assistant County Agent D. W. Brady announces. The agent explained that he was forced to be out of the county last week on account of illness of his father, and that time for receiving entries was postponed a few days.

PRESIDENT



Al Wullenwaber, prominent Dunn business man and one of the new owners of the freezer locker plant in Williamston, will supervise operations here, it has been announced.

William R. Cherry Died In Hospital Here Last Night

Funeral Service Wednesday For Spanish-American War Veteran

William Romulus (Bill) Cherry died in a local hospital last night at 9:45 o'clock after a long period of declining health. His condition had been critical since the middle of December.

The son of the late J. L. and Maggie Tompkins Cherry, he was born in Williamston 75 years ago on May 13, 1875. After spending his early life at home, he joined the U. S. Marine Corps and was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. He was discharged from the service on account of impaired eyesight, but he was able to engage in the shipping business for a number of years, running the coastal routes. He was also engaged in the fishing business for about ten years. Except for about ten years spent in Florida and five years at Bridgeton, he made Williamston his home.

Failing eyesight forced his retirement about fifteen years ago, but he was able to be up and about until just a few months ago.

He was married in 1898 to Miss Sarah Gurganus and she survives with a brother, Claude Cherry, of Williamston.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home here Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Artificial Fur Made Of Nylon

Artificial fur, made of nylon, is being tested for soldiers in Arctic areas. The synthetic furs are being developed by the Aero-Medical Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, Ohio. Previously, wolf fur had proved to be the best protection for wolf fur have been cut off. The new synthetic fur rivals its natural counterpart in luster, softness, quality and wearability—and costs only about a fifth as much.

Oak City Ruritans To Meet Thursday Night

The Oak City Ruritan Club will meet in regular session Thursday March 8th at 7:15 in the Oak City School building, with president B. F. Sloan presiding. The Hamilton Ruritan Club is invited. John R. Jenkins, Jr., attorney at law of Aulander, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Jenkins will bring a group of Aulander Ruritans with him to take part in a discussion of how to meet the objectives of the local clubs.