

Farm Foundation Gets Approval Of The Farm Bureau

Plans Are Made for Annual Barbecue and Meeting Friday, April 13

Leaders of the Martin County Farm Bureau in a special meeting last Friday evening endorsed the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation and went on to make plans for the annual Farm Bureau barbecue and meeting to be held in this county on Friday, April 13.

Reporting on a meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Farm Bureau held in Raleigh recently, County President Chas. L. Daniel said that plans were discussed for promoting the North Carolina Agriculture Foundation an organization designed to promote farm research and battle crop diseases and insects. "We have got to do something if we are to survive," Mr. Daniel said. It was pointed out that had it not been for those scientists who developed disease-resistant tobacco, farmers in Martin County would be out of the tobacco business in another two or three years.

The State directors explained that the prevalence of crop diseases and the increased threats offered by insects are creating a great demand for the services of scientists, and that if this State is to retain its leadership in the scientific field, special consideration must be provided. It is being proposed to assess each ton of fertilizer five cents and put it in a special fund to support the foundation. The assessment plan is to be submitted to the farmers in a referendum to be announced later. If the plan is favored and there are those who are not satisfied will be refunded their five cents a ton assessment.

Once the plan is understood, it is certain farmers will support it. County Agent Tom Brandon said that much work is being done to develop hybrid peanut. He was one of eight agents to be called to a demonstration, and soil samples are being taken in Martin County from those fields where production ranged up to twenty bags per acre and on those soils where it was under 19 bags per acre.

Barbecue
It was announced that farmers in the county had already offered thirty pigs for the annual barbecue and that the ladies of Macedonia with the aid of volunteers were planning to serve the meal without a charge for their services. The county organization, trying to meet its obligations, including prizes for various farm projects and contributions to the agricultural foundation, is experiencing financial handicaps, but with free pigs and other items offered without cost, the organization is coming through in fine shape this year.

Misses Sam Everett and Lester Bryant with the aid of others are to gather up the pigs for the barbecue, and Messrs. J. R. Winslow, Johnny Gurkin, Carl Griffin, Mayo Hardison, Reuben Everett and Mrs. Hugh Bennet and Mrs. Johnny Gurkin were named on a committee to make preparations for the event.

Another meeting will be held on April 6 to make final arrangements for the annual barbecue on April 13.

Attack Follows Change Argument

Walter Hardison, colored, was painfully cut in his side early last Saturday night by Willie Gus Williams. Using a razor-sharp pocket knife of fairly good size, Williams ripped through Hardison's thick clothing and plowed about one-quarter of an inch deep into the flesh over a distance of several inches. The victim was sewed up in a local hospital and discharged.

No official version of the attack could be had immediately, but officers were quoted as saying that the two men got into an argument over change for a quarter. Williams asked for change for a quarter, but Hardison only had twenty-one cents. From that point, the argument started getting real hot.

Governor In Timely Radio Talk Monday

INVITED

Congressman Harold Coolidge of the North Carolina Fourth District and chairman of the powerful House Agriculture Committee, has been invited to address the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau on Friday, April 13, it was announced following a meeting of County Farm Bureau leaders last Friday night.

Congressman Herbert Bonner and other well-known leaders are also being invited to be present.

Reviews Doings In Legislature In Recent Days

Bill Would Limit Vote On Beer and Wine To The County Unit

Raleigh—A watered-down, industry approved stream sanitation bill passed the House last week by a 98-14 vote and was sent to the Senate.

It was a committee substitute for a bill originally calling for establishment of a stream sanitation commission that would make its own rules and regulations but would seek to clean up North Carolina's streams.

That measure—introduced by Reps. Roy Taylor of Buncombe, Vivian Whitfield of Pender and C. Shreve of Guilford—was opposed by industrialists, who drew up some 21 pages of amendments that rewrote the measure.

The bill as passed spells out what can and cannot be done by the commission, but in effect it mostly sets up such a commission and then says that the commission cannot force compliance, if that would be too expensive for cities or industries charged with polluting the state's streams.

Legislators who have been plugging for a stream sanitation bill for the last six years labelled the bill as "weak, but better than nothing—it let's us get our foot in the door."

Republican Rep. Ralph Fisher of Transylvania, however, said he thought the measure would be hard to administer and would be hard on individuals. He anticipated a public recreation similar to that which wound up with the death in the 1949 General Assembly of the motor vehicle inspection law.

Fisher said the measure tried to cover everything from (Continued from Page Six)

County Boys Are A Bit Homesick

Direct reports from several of the Martin County boys who left last week for a stretch in the services say they are getting along all right, but that they have a greater appreciation for good ole Martin County.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Johnson and children, Thelma, Gene, Dan and Lillian Anne, visited the boys at Fort Jackson Sunday. Their son and brother, Kenneth Johnson, and Mac Manning were shipping out for Camp Gordon, Georgia, and were not a bit happy over the movement farther away from home. Alfred Hollis is remaining at Jackson. Henry Leggett was doing all right but Mr. Johnson said the young man was a bit upset because his girl was sick.

No report on the other boys could be had immediately.

Returns Home After Stay In The Hospital

Suffering with a heart condition Mr. Calvin Ayers, well-known Bear Grass farmer, returned to his home yesterday afternoon after receiving treatment for several days in Brown's Community Hospital.

Must Rededicate Ourselves To The Finer Principles

Urges High Type and Best Quality Programs For The People

Participating in the program, marking the formal opening of the Martin County Broadcasting Company's radio station, WIAM, in Williamston's high school auditorium Monday afternoon, Governor Kerr Scott declared it was time to rededicate ourselves to the higher principles in life.

Introduced by Mayor Robt. Cowen, the State's Chief Executive, in his own artistic way said, "It is indeed a privilege to come down here where someone will listen to men, for in Raleigh no one listens or pays any attention to me." The Governor went on to say that things were going along pretty well up in Raleigh even though there had been some hitting back at one another.

Making the main address, marking the opening of the station, the Governor said that many living today could remember when they saw the first electric light, the first telephone, tractor, radio and so on. He then predicted that there would be many more new things, that change is inevitable. He went on to warn that we must be alert to change, that we must be ready to take advantage of them.

While he admitted that he did not know the telephone situation in this area, he pointed out that telephone and electric franchises were granted to companies, and that it was the companies' responsibility to provide adequate services.

"This is a great agricultural county with some industry. It is a county of good people," Mr. Scott said, but he warned that it'll help itself only by helping others. "Cooperation counts," the Governor said, recalling the time when Aycock pleaded for better schools and explaining that neighbors got neighbors to work for better schools for all.

"It is to rededicate ourselves to the progress of our counties, to adhere to life's higher principles," the Governor said, declaring that we had not done too well in the recent past. "We must look after our school children, and instill in them moral character and stamina. When we do that, (Continued on page five)

Brooder And Pigs Destroyed by Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the brooder house, seven sows and about thirty week-old pigs on the M. Luther Peel farm near here sometime during last Friday night.

The house, built of concrete blocks with a cement floor, was intact at 11:00 o'clock Friday night. Early Saturday morning fire wrecked it.

Lights were left burning in the house to keep the pigs warm, and it is possible that the fire started from the wiring.

The building was 26 by 40 feet and had two sheds. The loss was estimated at about \$3,000 and there was no insurance.

"FREE MAN"

Tom Mathis, Oklahoma boy arrested by Robersonville police and members of the Highway Patrol last Thursday, observed his twenty-first birthday in the county jail Friday. "I'm 21 years old and now a free man," the soldier, absent without leave from the army, forgetting all about the iron bars in front of him and the reckoning that was to come with the army.

Absent without leave along with Jos. W. Stowell, 18, since March 1, Mathis was turned over to military police.

Attack Cases Are Continued Monday In Superior Court

Few Cases Disposed of During First Day of Two-Week Term

After disposing of the regular formalities, the Martin County Superior Court, opening a two-week mixed term here yesterday, lightened its docket considerably by continuing a number of cases. Stating that he was needed in Raleigh, Senator H. G. Horton asked that the several cases in which he was interested be continued until the June term. Judge W. C. Harris, presiding, granted the continuance request, explaining that it was customary to grant legislators such requests.

The cases, charging Sammy and Pete Hardison and Clarence McCool with attacking two teenage girls were continued until June, along with the Roland Savage drunken driving case. The grand jury, examining several witnesses in the alleged rape cases, returned true bills late in open court Monday. All three of the defendants were in court for trial when their cases were continued.

Today, the court has very few cases on its calendar, but a heavy schedule is confronting the court for tomorrow and it is possible that the criminal docket will not be cleared before late Thursday or early Friday. Next week, the court is to hear divorce actions and civil cases.

Proceedings: Charged with violating the liquor laws, James A. Warren was found not guilty.

Charged with assaulting Samuel Randolph with a shot gun on December 11, R. C. Council was found guilty of secret assault. The jury recommended mercy and Judge Harris sentenced him to the roads for twelve months. The judge said had it not been for the jury recommendations he would have made the sentence of three years' duration.

James Wilson, pleading guilty of stealing, LeRoy Robert Reed pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, and was fined \$50, plus costs.

The case, charging Raymond Williams with an assault with a deadly weapon, was remanded to the county court for trial when it appeared there was no intent (Continued from page five)

Wounded Officer Leaves Hospital

Badly wounded in an accidental shooting at the sheriff's office early last Thursday morning, Cecil Bullock, popular member of the county's ABC enforcement system, returned to his home in West End yesterday morning after receiving treatment in a local hospital.

Although a bullet from a .38-calibre pistol, tore through both his thighs, the officer was able to walk out of the hospital, and advised his department head that he would be ready to return to work shortly.

Two Men Hurt In Logging Accidents

Will Perry, well-known Martin County man, suffered a broken leg in a logging accident last week. His leg broken below the knee, he was removed to Martin General Hospital where he was reported today to be getting along very well. Employed by the Nicholson boys, logging contractors, Mr. Perry was sawing a log in two when one end swung around and hit him on the leg, breaking it.

Thomas Lee, 43-year-old colored man of Lewiston, suffered two broken ribs and shoulder fracture when a pull block broke and the cable struck him last Thursday. Employed by the Mengel Company, Lee was operating a skidder in the swamps between here and Plymouth when the accident took place. He was removed to a local hospital for treatment and is getting along all right.

Grand Jury Gets Its First Female Member this Week

Nine New Members Added To Jury But No Charge Made by Judge Harris

For the first time in history the Martin County Grand Jury has a woman included among its members. Several women have served on the petit juries in recent years, but Mrs. P. T. Roane, Jr., the former Miss Helen Johnson of Hamilton and an employee of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company in Williamston, was the first to subscribe to the grand jury oath.

Mrs. Roane entered upon her new duties in the superior court Monday and is scheduled to serve as a member of the jury for one year.

Completing six months as a member of the jury, James Bullock, Williamston merchant, was named foreman of the body for the next six months. He succeeds William H. Griffin who recently completed a year's work as a member and foreman of the jury.

The new members of the grand jury who are slated to serve twelve months include besides Mrs. Roane, the following: Russell E. Williams, J. C. Rawls, Jr., R. L. Bolling, Edward Mizelle, L. B. Willoughby, E. N. Harrell, Dewey Perry and Henry Lee. The name of the old members who are to serve six more months or until they are replaced next September include besides Foreman Bullock, the following: L. R. Donaldson, Gaston Savage, C. A. Askew, Edgar D. Brown, J. R. Overton, C. P. Cullipher and Whit C. Purcell. (Continued from page five)

Arrested for Hit-And-Run Driving

Curtis Lee Cherry, young Bertie colored man, was arrested late yesterday afternoon for alleged hit-and-run driving on the streets of Williamston a short time earlier. Given a preliminary hearing before Justice Chas. R. Mobley, Cherry was released in \$500 bond and is to appear in the county court for trial April 2.

Tanking up on beer at Duck Inn, Cherry got into his 1948 Ford and in a lightning take-off, side-swiped an electric light pole and plowed into Farmer Clyde Modlin's 1941 Olds parked in front of the Throver Hardware and Appliance Company's store. The Olds was knocked into K. Lester Terry's 1949 Ford which was parked in the line of attack.

No one was hurt, and damage to the vehicles was estimated at about \$410, including \$300 to the Olds, \$100 to Cherry's car and \$10 to the Terry Ford.

When Cherry did not stop, some one got his car license number and Patrolman M. F. Powers, patrolling between here and Windsor arrested him ten or twelve minutes later.

The accident was the only one reported on the streets and highways in this county in more than a week.

Big Boat Makes A Return Trip

The 263-foot long motorship, Vermont, made a return trip from Baltimore to the Standard Fertilizer Company plant here over the week-end, bringing a cargo of fertilizer materials.

Since the boat made its first trip up the Roanoke a little over two weeks ago it had made a run to Savannah and carried approximately 1,500 tons of paper north. The boat captain is not anticipating another trip on high water, explaining that it is almost impossible to handle it in swift current around the horseshoe bends.

Unable to turn around near the plat, the boat moved through the drawbridge and after some difficulty made his turn in the eddy just above the old wharf, and moved out under full steam about 9:15 o'clock Sunday morning. A third trip is planned within the next three weeks, one report said.

Radio Station WIAM Gets Big "Send-Off" Monday Afternoon

Herbert C. Bonner Makes Radio Talk Here Yesterday

Congratulates Owners For Opening Radio Station WIAM

Paying tribute to the people of this section and expressing his appreciation for the opportunity of returning to Martin County, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, participating in the formal exercises marking the opening of the Martin County Broadcasting Company's radio station, WIAM, warmly congratulated the owners and went on to wish them every success.

"Our community and State can take great pride in the establishment of this new station, WIAM," the Congressman said.

Continuing, he said: "Throughout the ages communication has been the most vital element in peaceful society. It is the means by which man has made known his wants and formed the cooperative efforts which have made our world ever better. There is in all of us a yearning for expression of our thoughts and principles. Through the spoken word and in writings every one of us presents his thoughts to others. This bringing together of collective thought has produced the progress that has made for the highest type of human civilization.

"By our very nature we are all social beings. We are interested in our friends, our business, our Government and far-away places. Every one of us has a curious vein ever seeking to know about our surroundings.

"No greater stride has been made in human progress than the communication by radio. Into our homes has been brought the voices, discussions, and expressions of the outstanding leaders in every field: government, arts, literature, entertainment. The radio has come to mean a very personal contact with what is going on in the world around us.

"One hundred years ago our people were limited to written dispatches or transmittals by word of mouth; the time lag between an event and the national acquaintance with such happenings was very great. Today radio can command the attention of the majority of our citizens at a given time. When something of international or national importance faces us, our people are quickly alerted, more thoroughly informed, and better versed in the affairs of their Government and nation. (Continued from page five)

Jamesville Plans Big Fish Festival

The Jamesville Ruritan Club announced yesterday that next Monday, March 26, from 11 a. m. to approximately 7:00 p. m., the big annual Fish Festival will be staged with fish plates available in all styles of cooking and served both in the school cafeteria and on the river shore.

Last year the fish festival drew many fish lovers from all over the area and the money made on the sale of the fish was applied to the purchase of a fire truck for the town. Further details are to be announced later in the week.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end. Two of the seven were rated absent without leave from the Army. Two others were charged with drunken driving, and one each was booked for assault, public drunkenness, and non-support.

Four of the seven were white and the ages ranged from 18 to 35 years.

EQUALIZATION

Meeting as a board of equalization and review, the Martin County Commissioners in a short session Monday morning reviewed three tax cases, making minor adjustments to bring each in line with other listings.

The Wiley Goodrich residence in Hassell was reduced in value from \$1,210 to \$810. Reductions of \$200 were granted in values of the listings on the homes of J. B. Glenn and W. H. Abernathy in Williamston.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Harrison At Bear Grass Home

Well-Known Citizen Died At Her Home There Saturday Morning

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Bear Grass Township Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Harriett L. Harrison who died there Saturday morning at 7:10 o'clock. Elder A. B. Ayers, her pastor, conducted the last rites and burial was in the family cemetery near the home.

Mrs. Harrison had been in declining health for some time, and her condition was aggravated about three weeks ago when she fell at her home and broke her hip. Removed to a Washington hospital, she recovered from an attack of pneumonia and was able to return to her home the early part of last week. She suffered a relapse shortly thereafter and her condition was considered critical since that time.

Mrs. Harrison was born in Bear Grass Township 71 years ago on August 22, 1879, the daughter of the late Reuben Thomas and Caroline Cherry Rogers. She spent all her life in that community, and in early womanhood was married to John Harrison who died thirty-eight years ago. She was a member of the Bear Grass Primitive Baptist Church for many years and was faithful in its service. She was a devoted mother, a good neighbor and thoughtful friend, giving freely of her time in the service of others and asking little for herself. (Continued on page five)

Volunteers Asked To Make Pledges

It is fairly certain that approximately 250 persons will volunteer blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its first run in this county on Friday of next week, but Recruiters V. J. Spivey and Wheeler Manning point out that it is important for the volunteers to sign pledge cards.

When a pledge card is signed, it is possible to make appointments to keep the bloodmobile operating smoothly and evenly throughout the day. If all the volunteers tried to come at one time, there'd be much waiting; in fact, such a condition would make it impossible to get the 175-pint quota.

Nearly every organization in the chapter, working with the program, has pledged its quota of donors, including Kiwanis, Lions and Ruritan clubs, firemen, Eastern Star and others.

If you can spare a pint of blood for use in Williamston hospitals and in Korea and have not signed a pledge card, see Wheeler Manning or Bill Spivey or call the Red Cross office today.

Returns To His Office Following An Illness

Quite ill for several days, Dr. John W. Williams returned to his duties in the Martin County Health offices this morning. He will carry on tuberculin tests started in the schools recently.

Congressman And Governor Attend Opening Program

Many Congratulatory Messages Received; School Band First On Air

The Martin County Broadcasting Company, Jim and Charlie Gray and Henry A. Johnson, owners, got a great send-off when they formally opened their radio station, WIAM, in Williamston Monday afternoon at one o'clock on the dot. Governor Kerr Scott, Congressman Herbert Bonner and a goodly number of other dignitaries from the State and district attended the formal opening and participated briefly in the program presided over by Sherwood L. Roberson as master of ceremonies. Approximately 500 persons were in the high school auditorium where the formal exercises were held, and it is fairly certain that thousands listened to the program over their radios.

Williamston's High School Band, under the direction of Professor Jack Butler, broke the ether on the formal program, playing The Star Spangled Banner.

Marshall Pack, guest announcer, introduced Mr. Roberson, the master of ceremonies, after identifying the station. Rev. Stewart B. Simms, pastor of Williamston's Memorial Baptist Church, offered the invocation.

Mayor Robert H. Cowen, declaring it was a pleasure to have a part on the program, welcomed the opening of the station and the distinguished guests and other visitors.

Mr. Roberson read congratulatory messages from radio stations and owners operators in Greenville, S. C., and N. C., Charlotte, Thomasville, Brebard, Shelby, Oxford, Orangeburg, New Bern, Wadesboro, Lexington, Roxboro, Washington, Charleston and Florence, South Carolina. More congratulatory messages were received as the program advanced.

Representative E. G. Anderson of Martin, Representative Wayland Spruill of Bertie, Senator Hugh G. Horton, District Highway Commissioner Henry G. Shelton, Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh, and Solicitor George Fountain of Tarboro, all made brief talks, commending the owners for the opening of the station and wishing them success.

Following talks by Governor Kerr Scott and Congressman Bonner, the high school band rendered (Continued on Page Five)

Peanut Increase Hangs In Balance

An increase in the 1951 peanut acreage is hanging in the balance in Washington. Both the House and Senate have passed measures providing for an increase, but there is a discrepancy in acreage, the Senate Bill limiting the acreage to be planted in peanuts for oil.

Both bills provide for an increase of 37,250 acres of edible peanuts grown in this section, but the Senate would limit oil peanut acreage increases to 34,900 acres while the House bill allows an increase of 79,000 acres for the growers of oil types.

The proposed measures will be referred to committee and it has been pointed out that unless the House agrees to the Senate version there'll be no change for an increase in the acreage in this section, even if the Secretary of Agriculture were to declare the edible type in "short supply."

Slightly Improved In Local Hospital Today

Critically ill in a local hospital for several days, Mr. J. Lawrence Peel was reported slightly improved this morning. It was explained that while he was responding to treatment he continues seriously ill.