

Early Trials Of Farm Bureau In State Recalled

Prominent Farm Leaders at Meeting In This County On Friday Evening

Speaking to representatives of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the Methodist Church dining room here last Friday evening, prominent State farm leaders recalled the early trials of the Farm Bureau in this State and went on to stress the importance of farmer organizations.

Held in connection with the current membership drive, the meeting was assured that this county's goal of 2,000 members would be reached, that approximately 1,000 farmers and business men have already joined the organization since the canvass was started a few weeks ago.

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Mr. Winslow then reviewed legislation, including the old Triple A, the Stabilization Cooperative Corporation, Tobacco Associates and other agencies that had been created in an effort to help agriculture. He pointed out that there is a movement now underway to perfect a world-wide organization in an effort to remove restraints and promote research on a world-wide basis.

County Boys To Go To Germany

Several Martin County young men of the U. S. Army's 43rd Division are slated to sail from Norfolk tomorrow morning for service in Europe, possibly Germany.

No official release could be had but it was reported that Henry Roberson, Carl Johnson, Bill Gurganus, Russell Roberson and Garland Taylor would be in the group. It is likely that Herman Earl Crawford will not be able to make the trip, reports stating that he was a patient in the hospital at Camp Pickett, Va. Jesse Gray Lilley, another member of the unit, was transferred to Indiantown Gap, Pa. for further training. He is reporting to the new station today.

Funeral Held Here For Infant Last Thursday

James Garland, the 17-day-old infant son of Mrs. James Garland Manning and her late husband, died in a local hospital last Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted at the home on West Main Street Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Survey for Proposed Truck Route Here About Finished

A survey for a proposed truck route or by-pass here is just about complete, according to information gained from engineers last week-end.

While the proposed route is not yet definite, it is proposed to run it straight off the river bridge across the Wilson and Griffin farms, crossing the eastern end of U. S. Highway 64 near the Heilig-Meyers furniture warehouse, back of G. and H. Builders' Supply Company mill and on across U. S. Highway 17 between Sunny Side Inn and Joe Peel's blacksmith shop, on to the Martin farm and butting into the dirt road between Skewarkey Church and Highway 64 at a point back of the West End Baptist Church and Gordon's grocery, and continuing

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Take More Crabs In The Roanoke

With the river holding to and even slightly below sea level, crabs, ordinarily found only in brackish water, are being taken from the Roanoke in fairly large quantities. Water from the sound is backing up in the stream and the crabs have been found at points almost as far up as Hamilton.

David Joyner took twenty or more sizable crabs from the stream early yesterday morning, and Hugh Spruill and Darryl Clayton, Jr., made preparation for a stew.

ROUND-UP

Nine persons were rounded-up and detained temporarily, at least, in the county jail last week-end, officers explaining that there was a slight increase in activities on the crime front during the period.

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Reports reaching here stated that two sailors, traveling in a 1951 Ford and apparently at a speed close to 90 miles an hour, plowed into the rear of the truck without warning. The sailors ran into the woods without offering to aid the wreck victims.

Returning Man To Philadelphia

Charged with non-support, Augustine Jones, a native of this county, is being returned to Philadelphia to answer the charge Jones was unsuccessful in his fight against extradition. The papers were cleared last week-end and the man's return is pending, the sheriff's office reports.

According to Jones, he has a good defense. He explained that he went to Pennsylvania some years ago and married there. After a number of years in a steel mill he was forced to quit on account of a physical ailment. Unable to make a living there he returned to his old home in Goose Nest Township to farm, but his wife would not leave the city. Jones told officers he had offered his wife a home in this county but that she refused to move south, that he had extended support to her in the city.

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New Price Record Reported On The Tobacco Market Yesterday

Reviews Program Of World Tobacco Congress At Meet

Organization Working For Free Movement In World Trade

Raleigh, Oct. 8.—J. B. Hutson, president of Tobacco Associates, Inc., discussed the work of the recently concluded World Tobacco Congress here this week.

"Providing for the free movement of tobacco from country to country rather than its curtailment through a world organization," was the main accomplishment of the Congress," held in Amsterdam, Holland, the Associates' president told the officers and directors at their meeting here. J. Henry Vaughn, Elm City president at the meeting.

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Club Foundation Conducting Drive

Negro 4-H Club members are starting a drive in North Carolina to raise \$50,000 to supplement the foundation's program, it was announced this week.

There are 1,500 Negro 4-H club members in this county and they are being asked to raise \$1,100. The drive, considered among the most worthy fund raising projects, has been endorsed by State officials and is being directed in this county by M. M. Levin, K. P. Lindsley, N. W. Slade, C. W. Slade and J. W. Rodgers.

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Sales Are Pushing Right On Toward The Ten Million Mark

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Never in the history of the market, has the price been so tenaciously "bullish," today's record bowing out in favor of the one the next day. Entire rows have been selling for more than seventy cents a pound straight through, and individual piles have sold right up almost to the Big Dollar. Three piles in one row sold above 90 cents without the buyers bating an eye.

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Insurance Rumor Declared False

Contrary to repeated rumors, J. A. Wetherington declared last week-end that he carried no insurance on his farm properties near Robersonville, that the \$7,000 fire about a month ago was a complete loss. Everything he had, including building, tobacco, mules, corn and hay and farm supplies, was a complete loss, the farmer said.

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