

Vote Saturday For Farm Research Plan

Large Vote Urged By Farm Leaders Throughout State

Martin County Farmers are Strongly in Favor Of The Program

Martin County farmers along with those throughout the State will go to special polling places on Saturday in support of a plan to supplement agricultural research work, preliminary reports reaching here from all over the county indicating that farmers will strongly favor the program.

It is proposed to levy five cents a ton of fertilizer and feeds to raise money for support of an extensive farm research program. The amount to the individual is quite small, but the total will enable a far more effective research work in disease and insect control and advance agriculture in many other ways.

Martin farm leaders are leading the way in the program, and they are appealing to all others eligible to vote to do so.

Members of the Martin County Production and Marketing Administration will hold the polls open without charge from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., Saturday, November 3, as follows:

Bear Grass: Terry's Store, E. C. Harrison, H. U. Peel and H. G. Harrison, poll holders.

Cross Roads: Geo. Taylor's Service Station, G. H. Forbes, Geo. W. Taylor and J. F. Bailey, poll holders.

Goose Nest No. 1 and No. 2: J. H. Ayers' Store, J. L. Mizelle, Jasper Whitfield, Sidney Mallory, Jack Smith, Minton Beach, Jr., and H. H. Worsley, poll holders.

Griffins: Manning's store (Piney Grove), S. E. Manning, D. C. Gurkin and Lester J. Griffin, poll holders.

Hamilton: Regular voting place, W. E. Purvis, J. H. Lillard and Roy Beach, poll holders.

Jameville No. 1 and No. 2: Town House, A. L. Modlin, Howard Hardison, A. W. Lilley, M. E. Ange, R. G. Coburn and Sherwood Davis, poll holders.

Poplar Point-Williamston: Agriculture Building, V. U. Bunting, Fisher Harris and John W. Gurdwood Davis, poll holders.

Robersonville No. 1 and No. 2: G and S Motor Company, J. R. Daniel, L. L. Everett, Sam Jenkins, C. L. Keel, Cecil B. Powell and J. D. Britton, poll holders.

Williams: County House, R. J. Hardison, Paul Harrington and Joe L. Coltrain, poll holders.

R. Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, Executive Vice-President of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, sent out an SOS today to the more than 74,000 Farm Bureau families throughout the State to "leave no stone unturned in getting out the largest rural vote ever cast on the November 3 Nickels For Know-How Referendum."

Shaw said that he is calling on

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Youth Struck By Car Last Evening

Robert Earl Bland, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Bland, was painfully but believed not seriously hurt when he was struck by a car in West End early last evening. He was removed to Brown's Community Hospital where an examination revealed a head concussion but no broken bones.

Bland and four other youngsters, wearing Halloween masks, were playing near the Ellis Gray Keel home in the dirt road leading off Highway 64 at West End when he was struck. LeRoy Leggett, young man of RFD 2, Williamston, drove his car off Highway 64 toward Skewarkey when he hit the boy, witnesses declaring that the others in the road barely escaped. Leggett slowed his car down just before it struck the lad, according to Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation.

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MORE KNOCKS

A top government oil expert warns motorists to expect less zip and more knocks in gasoline.

C. E. Davis, direct of the refining division of the Petroleum Administration for Defense, said that lead available for production of tetraethyl lead has been declining recently, in dictating trouble for motorists. Tetraethyl lead is the chemical that puts power in gasoline.

"It would be timely to get advice of all your friends to get ready to clean up their engines, retard the spark setting, and prepare for knock-on the hills," Mr. Davis said.

Twenty-one Cases Heard In County Court On Monday

Judge Johnson Imposed Fines in Amount of \$795 In Short Session

During a session lasting hardly three hours, Judge R. T. Johnson handed twenty-one cases and imposed fines in the amount of \$795 in the Martin County Recorder's Court Monday. Few spectators heard the proceedings which were

climaxed by a young man who threatened to "get even" with an officer if it took him twenty years.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, King Evans was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked, Levia H. Roebuck pleaded guilty and was fined \$200, plus costs.

Burt Gorham was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading guilty of operating a meat market without a permit, J. T. Laughinghouse was fined \$15, plus costs.

Adjudged guilty of speeding, James Elmer Godard was taxed with the costs. He appealed to the higher courts. It was during the time that he was detained on the speeding charge that the defendant allegedly resisted arrest. When faced with that charge, he pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for nine months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$350 fine and costs, and on further condition that the defendant remain of good behavior for five years. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$500. It was during his trial that the defendant declared he would "get even" with the arresting officer if it took him twenty years.

Charged with speeding, Tom C. Hoggard, Jr., of Windsor, Willie Ray Evans of Greenville and Louis Andrews of Greensboro were each taxed with the costs.

Pleading not guilty, W. Horace Gubman was found guilty of reckless driving and was fined \$35, plus costs.

Randolph Brown, pleading innocent, was found guilty of an assault and larceny. He was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending judgment upon the condition that the defendant return a coat to the prosecuting witness and remain of good behavior for a year.

Johnnie Brown, pleading guilty of drunken driving was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his driver's license for a year.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Geo. Purvis was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with violating the health laws, Hallie Andrews, Jr., pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Arthur, Robert and J. T. Edmondson pleaded guilty of violating the hunting laws, and each was fined \$5, plus costs. It was pointed out in court that the de-

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Funeral For Hero Of Korean War In Everetts Sunday

Pvt. Harry Paul Roberson To Be Buried With Honors Here Sunday

Funeral services for Cpl. Harry Paul Roberson, hero of the Korean War, will be held in the Everetts Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the Robersonville Christian Church, and the Rev. E. R. Stewart, pastor of the Hamilton and Everetts Baptist Churches, will conduct the service. A firing squad from Fort Bragg will be in charge of the military rites at the graveside in Woodlawn Cemetery here, and members of the John W. Hassell Post of the American Legion are to serve as pall bearers.

Cpl. Roberson's body is to reach here early tomorrow morning and will remain at the Biggs Funeral Home until 3:00 p. m. Saturday when it will be carried to his late home in Everetts. The body will be moved to the church one hour before the service Sunday afternoon.

The Bronze Star Medal, offered for heroic achievement will be presented posthumously during the graveside rites.

Cpl. Roberson was born in Everetts on October 30, 1928, the son of Arthur R. and Lillian Wynne Roberson. He attended the schools in Everetts and Robersonville, and volunteered for service in the U. S. Coast Guard about high school graduation time. After serving in Alaska and other stations for fifteen months, he returned home and studied for about one year in a Raleigh business school. Completing his work there in 1949, he was employed by White's Sheet and Metal Works in Williamston and later by tobacco firms in Robersonville and Greenville.

On May 3, 1950 he volunteered for service in the army, and after receiving his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he was flown to Japan on September 17. A short time later he was in the Korean conflict and had been in action hardly more than five minutes before he was wounded in the hip. Recovered, he returned to action and was wounded a second time in January. He was soon back in action and on last February 14 he was fatally wounded, dying in a hospital four days later on February 18.

Surviving are his parents; a brother, Mack Alden Roberson, of Everetts, and two sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Coltrain of Everetts and Miss Jackie Frances Roberson of Miami.

Cpl. Roberson, a promising young man and held in very high esteem by all who knew him, is the first Everetts young man to sacrifice his life in war during the current century, at least.

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Plan Art Exhibit In Woman's Club

A splendid opportunity for art education is afforded in the exhibit of Fine Art Prints which will be on display Tuesday and Wednesday, November 6th and 7th, at the Womens Club. The collection consists of 150 masterpieces of the most famous old and modern painters. The reproductions are of the finest type produced, showing the original color as well as brush strokes of the original canvases.

These pictures are being loaned for the purpose of raising a fund with which to purchase pictures for the school.

Individuals and clubs may also place orders for these prints at this time and they may be bought in various sizes, framed, or unframed.

This exhibit may be seen at 9:00 - 12:00 A. M., 1:00 - 3:00 P. M. or 8:00 - 9:00 P. M.

Accident Victim Moved To Veterans' Hospital

Suffering a broken neck in a fall down a second-story stairway last Saturday night, John Matthew Williams, local colored man, was removed yesterday to a veterans hospital at Kecoughtan, Virginia. His condition was said to be critical.

Local Tobacco Market To Close Season November 7

The Williamston tobacco market will lower the curtain on its 1951 operations next Wednesday, November 7, it was announced by the Board of Trade yesterday. Already the market has broken all previous records in the number of pounds sold and the amount of money paid the growers.

Next Wednesday was fixed as the closing date when a survey revealed that just about all the tobacco in this area had been marketed. The market operators were assured by those few farmers with tobacco still on hand that they could have it ready for market on or before next Wednesday. Sales have been declining rather

rapidly since Monday of last week, and reached a new low for the season yesterday when only 36,500 pounds were marketed.

The delivery of inferior grades and scrap in some cases has caused drop in the daily averages, but grade for grade, prices continue to hold firm. The sales yesterday averaged \$53.03.

Through yesterday, the market here had sold 12,249,798 pounds for an average of \$55.28 per hundred pounds. Sales today are unusually light and there is little likelihood that the total will exceed the twelve and one-half million mark by the time the market closes next Wednesday.

ASSIGNED

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland has been assigned to preside over the two-week special term of the Martin County Superior Court opening here on Monday, November 19, it was announced today by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne.

The assignment was made by Chief Justice W. A. Devin of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

A. J. Hoard Dies Yesterday At His Home In West End

Funeral Will Be Conducted Friday Afternoon At Home Of Daughter

Andrew Jackson Hoard, retired commercial fisherman and farmer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Gurkin, in West End yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock. He had been in declining health following a stroke suffered while fishing last April. He had partially recovered from that attack and was getting along very well until last Saturday when he suffered another stroke. His condition had been critical since that time.

The son of the late Wiley Jackson Hoard and Sarah Anne Gurganus Hoard, he was born in this community 68 years ago on January 28, 1883, and lived in and near Williamston all his life. Following the death of his last wife, he made his home most of the time with a daughter, Mrs. Samuel Clark, in Cross Roads, moving about two weeks ago to make his home with his daughter in West End.

He was married three times, first to Maggie Harris, then to Anne Williams and following her death to Laura Williams. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Lane of New Bern by his second marriage, and by his third marriage, two daughters, Mrs. Gurkin and Mrs. Samuel Clark of RFD, Robersonville; one son, S/Sgt. Andrew C. Hoard of Eglin Field, Fla.; two step-sons and six grand-children; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Wells of Tarboro, Mrs. J. E. Hammond of Bethel, Mrs. J. J. Summerlin of Williamston; and four brothers, Samuel F. Hoard of Norfolk, N. C. Hoard of Portsmouth, and C. E. and J. H. Hoard of Tarboro.

Funeral services will be conducted at his daughter's home in West End Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mother Of Local Resident Passes

Funeral services were conducted in the Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, Rose Hill, yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Vida Savage Fussell, 66, who died at her home there Tuesday morning at 7:00 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Wade H. Allison, assisted by the Rev. James E. Rogers, conducted the rites, and burial was in the Fussell cemetery near Rose Hill.

Surviving are her husband, A. O. Fussell; a son, F. L. Fussell of Williamston, and a daughter, Mrs. L. J. Matthews of Winston-Salem.

Water And Sewer Program Cost Ran Up To \$203,070.60

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Williamston's recently completed improvement program—the installation of a 300,000-gallon capacity water tank and several miles of sewer lines—cost \$203,070.60. The town actually paid out \$201,913.95 since it earned \$1,156.65 in interest on money invested while work on the project was under way.

The cost of the water tank itself was \$49,350, but the cost of the foundation—\$3,351.51—boosted the total to \$52,701.51.

The 59,293.4 feet or just about eleven and one-quarter miles of added sewer lines cost \$135,816.66, the amount including the cost of the construction of 195 manholes and thirty-eight wyes. The engineer's fees amounted to \$11,311.06, and other items added \$3,241.37 to the total.

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Eight-inch terra cotta: 38,326 feet laid at a depth ranging from a few inches to six feet at \$1.37 per foot, \$52,506.62; 2,784 feet laid from six to eight feet in depth at \$1.90 per foot, \$5,289.60; 148 feet laid from eight to ten feet in depth at \$2.35 per foot, \$347.80; 12 feet laid from 10 to 12 feet in depth at \$2.90 per foot, \$34.80.

Ten-inch terra cotta pipe: 1,641 feet laid in depth from a few inches to six feet at \$1.55 per foot, \$2,543.55; 1,184 feet laid from six to eight feet in depth at \$2.08 per foot, \$2,462.72; and 442 feet laid from eight to ten feet in depth at \$2.61 per foot, \$1,153.62.

Fifteen-inch terra cotta pipe: 10,508.4 feet laid from a few inches to a depth of four feet at \$3.25 per foot, \$34,152.30; 1,605 feet laid from six to eight feet in depth at \$3.45 per foot, \$5,537.25; 315 feet laid from six to eight feet at \$3.75 per foot, \$1,181.25; and sixty feet laid from eight to ten feet in depth at \$4 per foot, \$240.

Eighteen-inch terra cotta pipe: 1,215 feet laid from a few inches to a depth of four feet at \$4.25 per foot, \$5,163.75; 350 feet laid from four to six feet in depth at \$4.50 per foot, \$1,575.00; and 138 feet laid from six to eight feet in depth at \$5 a foot, \$690.

The 440 feet of 18-inch iron pipe was laid at a cost of \$6.15 per foot or \$2,706.00. To tunnel under the railroad on West Main Street cost \$37 a foot for the 42-inch iron pipe or \$2,775.00. The 38 wyes cost \$2.30 each or \$87.40.

Manholes: 118 four feet and less in depth, \$85 each or \$10,030; 71 manholes, ranging in depth from four to six feet, \$90 each or \$6,390; five, ranging in depth from six to eight feet, \$100 each or \$500.

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Former Resident Died In Kinston Tuesday Morning

Funeral Held At Home There Yesterday For Clarence A. Jeffress

Clarence Albert Jeffress, former resident and prominent business man in this section of North Carolina, died at his home in Kinston Tuesday morning at 2:45 o'clock. Suffering with a heart condition, he had been in declining health for about three months.

A native of Chase City, Virginia, he came to North Carolina and entered the tobacco business about the turn of the century. As a representative of the Imperial Tobacco Company, he was on the Tarboro market for a while before locating in Williamston in 1903. He was married to Miss Ida Hassell here in 1904, and five years later located in Kinston where he became manager of the Imperial Company's office and operations, a position he held until his retirement two years ago. He was also prominent in the affairs of the town there and active in religious work.

During his stay in Williamston he planned a building and operated a drug store in the building now occupied by the Firestone store, selling the business two years later to Charlie Chase.

Mrs. Jeffress died in November, 1935, and his second marriage was to Tilla Gill. Surviving are his widow, five sons by his first marriage, Clarence A. Jeffress, Jr., A. H. (Bootsy) Jeffress, John L. Jeffress and Fleming Jeffress of Kinston and Thomas D. (Timbo) Jeffress of Rocky Mount; two daughters, Mrs. Della Edwards and Mrs. Cecil Wooten, Jr., of Kinston.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Edwin F. Moseley, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Mark Lawrence, pastor of the Queen Street Methodist church. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Kinston.

Mr. John L. Hassell, a brother-in-law, and Mesdames Jim Station and Bill Glover attended the funeral.

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Dairy Specialist Speaks to Rotary

Dr. F. H. Hagermeyers, Registrar of Teachers College of Columbia University in New York has officially notified Martin County Colored teachers that they had completed all requirements for the Master of Art Degree. These teachers are Geo. T. Hyman Principal of the Salsbury School, Hassell; N. W. Slade, Principal of the Robersonville Colored School, Daisy Chance Feggins, and Minnie Taylor Howell, both teachers in the Robersonville Colored School.

This degree will be officially conferred on Dec. 19, 1951. Graduation exercises will be held in June 1952.

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Make Plans To Open Peanut Market Here

Government Will Have Warehouse Open This Fall

Meeting in regular session next Monday, the Martin County commissioners will have very little new business on their calendar, Clerk J. S. Getsinger said today. A jury is to be drawn for the December term of court and routine business will keep the group in session until noon.

Scheduled to appear before the board, Robt. B. Nelson, Robersonville man, advised the clerk this week that he would not be able to attend, explaining that he would be in Virginia in the interest of having U. S. Highway 13 extended through this section south.

Plans are just about complete for opening the peanut market here, an official report stating that some buyers are ready to go on the market now but only if the peanuts offered for sale are in good condition.

As far as it could be learned this morning, no peanuts have moved at this point from the current crop, and little interest is being shown in the crop. Observers have pointed out that the season now on the eve of opening is certain to be an interesting and at the same time a confusing one.

Farmers who market their peanuts in good condition, that is, with no more than ten percent moisture content and limited damage and foreign material, can expect a price within the 11-to-13-cent range. A few are likely to go for less than eleven cents and possibly a few will sell slightly above thirteen cents.

That the market will be "tight" is admitted by all connected with the business. It is predicted that the open market will hold almost strictly to support prices, not in the fields or on the farms but at delivery points. It has been customary during a number of years for the buyers to haul their purchases from the pickers in the field or farm storage. If the buyers haul their purchases this year it will be based on a charge of about 15 cents a bag, according to one report.

The federal grading service recently established field headquarters here for the assignment of graders to the various markets. Approximately forty graders are now available, and others will be brought in from South Carolina, Georgia and other southern states.

Warned that no peanuts will be accepted with a moisture content above ten percent, farmers in this county are slow to start picking operations. A few started ten days or even two weeks ago, but they stopped their operations when it was found the moisture content was running too high. Incidentally, the yield was running about 22 bags per acre in the upper part of the county where the first pickings were reported. Quite a few pickers were in operation in various parts of the county before rain started falling to

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Killing Result Of Drunken Brawl In House Of Ill Fame

Castannia Sutton Denied Bond In Sheppard Murder Case

The murder of Alton Lee Sheppard, young colored man, climaxed a drunken brawl in the home of Castannia Sutton near Parmelee early last Sunday morning, according to conflicting evidence offered at a preliminary hearing held before Justice Chas. R. Mobley in the courthouse here last night.

The Sutton woman, the common law wife of the victim according to testimony offered at the hearing, allegedly stabbed Sheppard with an ice pick and Justice Mobley ordered her held without bond for trial at the December term of the Martin County Superior Court in December. Defense counsel stated that habeas corpus proceedings would be instituted as soon as possible to support a claim to bond.

Three witnesses were called by the State and the evidence offered by two of them was brazenly contradictory. One of the witnesses admitted he was so drunk he hardly knew what was happening. A second one was either drinking and did not know what happened or his memory was too short for him to offer any enlightening testimony. The third witness said she was asleep, saw nothing and heard nothing until she heard a noise just before the woman drove the pick into Sheppard's chest.

Gus Andrews, the first witness, said he was passing the Sutton home and decided to drop in for a while, that he was with Justus Andrews in the kitchen when the Sutton woman came in. Sheppard followed closely behind her and he assaulted her in the kitchen. He first said that the woman came in with her husband, but changed his story. The witness said he tried to part them in the kitchen, that Sheppard threw him to the floor and the woman went to her room. He said Sheppard followed her there and closed the door, and he saw nothing more. He added that he heard her call for help, but he could not get to her because the door was latched.

Justus Andrews said he was in the kitchen playing his box (Guitar) when Castannia and Sheppard came in. He maintained there was no fight in the kitchen, that Sheppard was mad and that she went to her bedroom with Sheppard following closely behind her. He quoted Castannia as saying, "Stop slapping me in the face," but he said he did not hear her call for help.

According to Justus' testimony, the door to the bedroom was not closed, the witness saying that he saw Sheppard slap the woman. After explaining that he did not hear the woman call for help, Justus Andrews declared that he wasn't in physical condition to help anybody, that he was thinking about his own welfare. After seeing Sheppard slap the woman, Andrews said he went to the front porch and played his box.

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Federal Grading Service To Have Graders Available On The Markets