

County's Farmers Again Endorsing 90 Percent Plan

Some Doubt About Position Taken By Farm Leader In This State

Leaders, politicians and lobbyists may favor flexible price supports for farm commodities, but Martin County farmers, attending a Farm Bureau meeting in the county courthouse last Friday evening, again unanimously endorsed the rigid or 90 percent price support plan. The meeting, attracting representatives from all parts of the county, left little doubt about where they stand in the crucial farm battle now pending in the U. S. Congress, and they earnestly sought for a clarification of the stand now being taken by national and state farm leaders.

Bill Little, field representative for the North Carolina Farm Bureau, discussed the parity programs, and said that R. Flake Shaw, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, favored the present or 90 percent parity program. The statement about Shaw's stand on the parity plan was qualified a bit, leaving some doubt just as to where the state leader really stands.

Shaw was charged a few days ago with having deserted the 90 percent parity plan, State Agriculture Commissioner "Stag" Ballentine pointing out that the North Carolina Farm Bureau in its annual meeting last November had gone on record in an unmistakable way in favor of the 90 percent parity plan.

When Mr. Little maintained at the last Friday evening meeting that Mr. Shaw had not deserted the 90 percent parity plan, his declaration hardly is in keeping with statements made by the state leaders before the U. S. Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry in Washington the week before.

Answering Senator Holland's question, "Do you mean by that that your state Farm Bureau is supporting the program that has been outlined by Mr. Kline?" Mr. Shaw was quoted as saying:

"We had the president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau who sat on the resolutions committee and we have five voting delegates who voted for every principle in it. I would say this, Senator Holland, and I do not want to be misunderstood, we have people in our state, just like all other states, who do not agree with that philosophy, and do not agree with that principle, because in the first instance they do not understand what they are talking about when they say 90 versus 75. They do not understand the qualifying elements and a lot that is in this document that we have presented here today. We think it is pretty good. We know very well that we worked at it as hard as we knew how and it is the best basis that we have for developing facts and information on any kind of a program."

Mr. Little explained that Shaw represented the Southern Region which is comprised of thirteen states, and that nine of those thirteen

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County Men Are Named Directors

Messrs. C. L. Daniel of Williams Township and Sidney Mallory of RFD 1, Oak City, were renominated for places on the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association board of directors at a meeting of Martin County farmers in the courthouse last Friday evening. Their election is scheduled at a meeting of the association to be held in Scotland Neck on Friday of this week.

ROUND-UP

Eight persons were rounded up and jailed in this county during the past week-end, according to a jail entry record. Five of the eight were booked for public drunkenness, two for drunken driving and one for forgery. Six of the eight were white, a man and his wife and his brother from Virginia. The ages of the group ranged from 21 to 35 years.

Committee Named To Plan Annual Farm Bureau Meet

A committee was named to make plans for the annual Martin County Farm Bureau membership held in the courthouse last Friday evening. Messrs. Johnny Gurkin, Mayo Hardison, R. S. Everett, Carl Griffin, S. T. Everett, T. B. Brandon, Sidney Mallory and Wilbur Barrett were named to the committee and they are charged with the duty of making all the arrangements for the event which will be held on April 9 in connection with the annual fat stock show.

The committee is expected to have between 25 and 30 pigs barbecued for the event, and the ladies aid of the Cedar Branch Baptist Church will serve the supper.

OVER THE TOP

"Our township is over the top with some to spare," Chairman Floyd Moore said yesterday, explaining that the people of Williams had responded willingly to the current Red Cross Fund Drive call. The small township is the first district in the Martin County Chapter to reach the 1954 goal.

Mr. Moore explained that a detailed report on the drive would be released just as soon as a few more contacts are handled.

Funeral Held For James A. Warren

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Wynne, in Cross Roads Township last Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for James Allen Warren who died at his home on Highway 903 between Robersonville and Stokes last Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The Rev. P. E. Cayton, pastor of Christian Chapel, conducted the service. Interment was in the Ausbon Cemetery in Cross Roads.

Apparently in his usual health last Wednesday, Mr. Warren suffered a stroke early the following morning, dying a few hours later at his home.

A son of the late Stanley and Mary Corey Warren, he was born in Pitt County 63 years ago on February 28, 1891. He spent his early life in Pitt County where he was employed by an oil company. In 1923 he moved to this county and farmed until about five years ago when he engaged in the building trades.

He was first married to Melissa Cherry of Pitt County, and three daughters, Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Rufus Cherry of Wilson, and Mrs. Russell Garrett of Elm City, and a son, Allen Warren, survive that union. His second marriage was to Lucy Bland of Martin County who died in 1952. A daughter, Mrs. Ruppert Brown of Baltimore and a son, William Stanley Warren of the home, survive that union. Also surviving are two brothers, Frank Warren of Robersonville and Willie Warren of Greenville, and a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Nelson, of Stokes.

Local Firemen Answer Calls

Local firemen answered two calls yesterday afternoon, one to a grass fire between the Williams-Town Peanut Company plant and the G. and H. Builders' Supply Company, and the other to the Clark farm near Oak City.

The grass fire was soon checked. Advised that the Clark farm fire had been brought under control, the department called the E. L. White store in Poplar Point just in time for Mrs. White to flag the truck and direct it back to the station.

Details of the farm fire could not be learned immediately, but one report said a gas tank exploded on a tractor, and that the operator was not hurt.

This morning shortly after 12:00 o'clock, a general alarm was sounded and firemen went to a chicken coop near the Whitfield home just off Plum Street in North End. "Firemen" Thurman Nicholson was doing an effective job with a garden hose, and firemen were able to knock the fire out in a matter of minutes. The coop was charred on one side, but damage was negligible.

Man Lost Life In Gardner's Creek Saturday Night

Johnnie Hall, 55-year-old man of RFD 1, Whitakers, fell from a boat while fishing in Gardner's Creek shortly after 10:00 o'clock last Saturday night and is presumed dead. No trace of the body had been found up until early this morning after friends, relatives and representatives of the sheriff's department had dragged the stream since early Sunday morning. Floating logs and limbs and submerged debris made the dragging operations difficult, and officers explained that it looked as if the search would have to be one of watching and waiting for the body to surface.

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Little Relief Is Offered Majority Of The Taxpayers

Washington.—Three Democratic leaders have offered their party's answer to President Eisenhower in the tax battle. It is the biggest and most clean-cut partisan fiscal struggle since Mr. Eisenhower took office.

Nobody can guess how it will turn out.

President Eisenhower made a strong 15-minute defense of his position recently.

The counterargument given by the Democrats was delivered over equivalent radio time by three respected leaders. It was notable that they were all from the South and generally regarded as middle-road or conservative.

In brief, their argument is that the Republicans are proposing to give tax concessions to the well-to-do and neglecting the poor people, and that they are following what Democrats charge is the old Republican "trickle-down" theory in distributing economic concessions.

There are seven children in the Hall family, a friend of the missing man said yesterday.

Enter Pleas In Beaufort Court

Pleading guilty of participating in a series of robberies in Beaufort County during recent months, five Martin County youths were sentenced by Judge Malcolm Paul in Washington last Thursday afternoon.

James Moore, Bobby Mims and William Roberson were placed on probation, and Wm. Barnes and Onward Reason were sentenced to prison for not less than three and not more than four years. The probation and sentences are to run concurrently with the ones handed down by Judge Chester Morris in the Martin County Superior Court earlier in the week.

The two lads sentenced to prison were removed from Beaufort County to Raleigh today to start serving their terms, it was reported.

Engineers Club Will Meet In Jacksonville

The East Carolina Engineers Club will hold its monthly meeting at Jacksonville, North Carolina, on Wednesday, March 24, at 6:30 p. m.

The announced program is to be a talk on "Combat Engineering" by a member of the Joint Development Board of the U. S. Marine Corps—Camp Lejeune. All members are urged to attend what promises to be a very interesting meeting.

Scott Calls For Volunteers

In a hurried trip through this area last evening, Kerr Scott, candidate for the U. S. Senate, called for volunteers to lend him support. No scheduled stop had been planned by the former governor, but he saw several people in the county, and a committee is now shaping up to support his candidacy.

Mr. Scott, assured of a strong support in this county and adjoining territory, was asked what he would compromise for in the

One Hurt In Car Accident On The County Highways

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Body Of Whitakers Man Had Not Been Recovered Early Today

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Hall fell out of the boat several miles from Gardner's Creek bridge and at a point not too far from where the stream empties into Devils Gut.

It was the first drowning in the Roanoke or its tributaries this fishing season. A Nash County man lost his life in the creek year before last not too far from the spot where Hall fell out of his boat. There were no drownings reported in this immediate area during the fishing season last year.

Plan Talent Show For Miss Bailey

The 10th grade of the Bear Grass school will sponsor a talent show on Friday, March 26th at 8:00 P. M. Receipts are to go to Norma Bailey. Norma is the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bailey, Rt. 2 Williamston, who was severely burned on December 17, 1953. She was in a local hospital until February 2, 1954, when she was transferred to Duke Hospital where she stayed for nine days. Now she is home again. Although there has been some donations this hospitalization wasn't given for a song, but there are many people willing to give a song or some other talent so that Norma and her family might be better able to meet these and other bills that might present themselves in the course of treatment.

Some of those people are: The Bear Grass Trio, Louvenia Rogerson, Jeanette Lilly, Thurman Griffin, Mary Anna Rogerson, Calvin Chesson, The Melody Masters, Ruby Wynne and Wilda Wynne, Jesse Cowan, Myrtle Ann Nicholson, Carl Beacham and Edward Rogers, Myra Fisher, Rachel Rogerson and Katherine Lilly. Hattie Stubbs, James Cratt, Janice Manning, Mary Lee Beacham, Ann Holliday and Miss Modlin, The Crazy Four, Henry Cowan and Guy Leggett Jr., Mike Kilpatrick and Judy Highsmith, Crisse Gurkin, Loretta Harrington, Della Gurkin, Johnnie Leggett, Betty Stubbs and several others.

The price of admission to this worthwhile cause is 15 and 25 cents. Norma's class is working hard to help her. When you are approached to buy a ticket won't you?

Amvets Consider Building Project

Given an acre of land, the AMVETS (American veterans of World War II) are making plans to erect a building in this county. It was announced last week-end, it was announced last week-end, it was announced last week-end.

The land, donated by Mrs. Lizzie Smithwick, is located on Highway 171 just outside the Jamesville town limits. No details for the building have been made public, but it was learned that the organization has some funds in the bank. There are about twenty active members of the organization in the county at this time, it was learned.

Brother Of Local Resident Passes

David Styron Wood, brother of Mrs. Leman Barnhill of Williams County, died suddenly following a heart attack at his LaGrange home Sunday afternoon. He was 63 years of age.

Surviving besides his sister in Williams County are his widow, the former Miss Annie Hardy; three sons, David, Jr., Milton Hardy and James Marshall Wood, all of LaGrange; and three sisters, Mrs. Fred S. Isler, and Mrs. R. M. Adams, both of LaGrange and Mrs. Guy Dawson of Clinton.

Funeral services were conducted this morning at 11:00 o'clock in the LaGrange Presbyterian Church. Interment was in the cemetery there.

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Demonsstration

The Extension Service, in cooperation with the Matheson Chemical Company, will conduct a special field demonstration on the use of anhydrous ammonia on the O. P. Wolf farm near Jamesville on Friday afternoon in this week at 2:00 o'clock.

The liquid fertilizer, rapidly gaining acceptance in the farming world, will be placed in the ground just ahead of the corn planting.

Farmers and others interested are invited to attend.

Teen-Age Mother And Her Child Are Reported Missing

Invited to attend her 17-year-old daughter's wedding, Mrs. Loillian Alex of Belmar, New Jersey, after traveling all night Thursday night, reached here last Friday to find her daughter missing along with her two-month-old grandchild. After looking in vain most of Friday, the mother returned by Trailways to her New Jersey home, but not until she had pleaded with officers to continue the search for the two wanderers.

The story behind the pathetic case has an ugly twist and dates back a year or more, according to information coming from the sheriff's office. The story apparently had its beginning in New Jersey, but the locale was shifted to this county last September when the teen-ager told officers

she came down to marry a young man she met while he was near her home in New Jersey. She found the boy either engaged or already married to another. After wandering around the county, mostly in Williamston, she was handed bus fare donated by Skeerway Masons. The girl's baby was born last January, and about three weeks ago she left home with the infant, presumably to marry another man. She called her mother and explained that she was being taken care of in a trailer in or near Williamston, that the wedding was planned for the past weekend. The man she advised her mother she was marrying is already married, according to officers who believe that the case is or could be an involved one.

Robbery Trail Being Retraced

The robbery trail blazed by a number of teen-agers during the past few months is being opened again in this county, according to reports coming from the sheriff's office. The courts had hardly disposed of the first wave of robberies before the second series was opened by another team.

Twisting off the front door lock, robbers entered the Noah Roberson store in Farm Life some time during early last Friday morning and carried away goods valued at about \$75. The loot included about \$12 in cash which was carried away in the money drawer. Goods missed from the store included about 22 pairs of men's dress socks, twelve pairs of women's hose, a dozen "T" shirts, a dozen men's shirts and half-dozen pairs of Happy Jim and Blue Bell overalls. A wrist watch, stolen in the first robbery on January 29 and recovered a short time later, was stolen. It was a man's wrist watch and had a suede band.

The robbers drove by the store two or three times and parked about twelve or fifteen steps from the front door to load up the stolen goods.

The robbery was discovered about 7:00 o'clock Friday morning when the owner went there to open for the day's business.

Change Made In Elections Board

C. D. Carstarphen, Williams County man, and J. R. Winslow and Wade Wick both of Robersonville, were named to the Martin County Board of Elections by the State Board in session last Saturday. Mr. Winslow is succeeding Hassel Worsley, Democrat, on the county board. Mr. Wick represents the Republican Party. Messrs. Carstarphen and Wick have served on the board for some time.

The group will meet early next month to perfect an organization, name precinct officials and make ready for the registration and subsequent primary election on May 29.

A report from Chairman Carstarphen this week revealed no major developments on the political front in this county. A race developed for constable in Hamilton Township last week-end when Harper M. Peel announced his candidacy. James S. Ayers filed his candidacy several weeks ago to succeed himself in the office.

Clyde H. Bunting, young business man, also filed last week for constable of Robersonville Township.

The candidacy of Lemuel H. Ross of Washington was certified this week to Chairman Carstarphen by the Beaufort County Board of Elections. Marie Scrogg of Manteo and Edward L. Owens of Plymouth announced their candidacies, but their candidacies had not been certified. Chairman Carstarphen said today.

POULTRY SCHOOL

T. B. Morris, poultry specialist of the North Carolina Extension Division, Raleigh, will conduct a special poultry school in the grammar grade school auditorium in Williamston Thursday evening of this week at 1:30 o'clock. Club members and adults, including home demonstration club members and others, are invited to attend.

Heard Few Civil Cases Monday In Superior Court

Meeting Monday morning in the second of a two-week term the Martin County Superior Court with Judge Chester Morris presiding, cleared a number of cases from the civil calendar, including five divorce actions.

Divorces, all based on grounds of two years of separation, were granted as follows:

Sadie R. Joyner from George W. Joyner, ollie O'Neal Corey from Joseph Paisley orey, Mamie Griffin from Emmett Alvin Griffin, Cleopatra Andrews Tyner from John M. Tyner, and Lucy Price from James Lloyd Price. In the case of Mamie Griffin against Emmett Griffin, the court found the plaintiff a fit and competent person and awarded her the custody of their child, the evidence showing that the child had been abandoned by the defendant.

Five Divorces Granted In Short Time During Morning Session

In the divorce case of Mamie A. Wynne against George H. Wynne, the jury answered the issue in favor of the plaintiff, but custody of a minor was involved and a judgment was not signed immediately by Judge Morris.

After the plaintiff had completed evidence in the case of Mrs. Annie L. Roberson against D. C. Williams, Jr., the defense made a motion for non-suit. The court ruled that the plaintiff "had not offered sufficient evidence to entitle the jury to pass upon the cause" and the non-suit motion was granted. An appeal to the State Supreme Court was made. The plaintiff in the case alleged false pretense and asked damages in the sum of approximately \$15,000.

A voluntary non-suit was taken by the plaintiff in the case of J. S. Crandall against Garland Wynne.

It was explained to the court that the case of Chas. H. Jenkins against Curtis O'Mary had been settled. Motions were made in several other cases, and still other cases were continued for the term.

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