

County Held Its Best Annual

Stock Show-Sale Here Friday

Steers Averaged Above \$33; Hogs Sold For \$30.90

Thomas Revels Sells Champ Steer For 45c; Champ Hog Brought 70c

Martin County 4-H club members and show of all time last Thursday and Friday when twenty-five beef calves were sold for an average of \$33.13 and the sixty prize hogs brought an average price of \$30.90 per hundred pounds. Total receipts added up to \$12,222.52, including \$4,000.65 for the sixty hogs, \$7,156.52 for the 25 choice beef calves and seven commercial grade beef calves. The price average for hogs compared with an average of \$21.88 last year, an increase this year of \$9.02 per hundred pounds. The average price for the twenty-five prize steers this year was 78 cents per hundred higher than it was a year ago.

The largest crowd ever to attend a show and sale in this county was present for the event which was held in Williamston's Carolina tobacco warehouse. An added feature last Friday afternoon was a rope and whip performance by James Cratt, former club member of Bear Grass Township. Thomas Revels of Griffins Township walked away with top honors when his Hereford steer was rated grand champion of the show and was sold for 45 cents a pound, or \$425.25. The animal was purchased by Colonial Stores and is to be sold in its Williamston store. The reserve champion, also a Hereford, was sold by Mike Griffin of Jamesville for 39 cents a pound or \$319.90 to S and V Super Market where it will be placed on sale.

Other choice steers were sold by the youthful owners, as follows: Larry Mobley to Raymond Rawls at \$35.50, Henry Rogers to Belk-Tyler's at \$32.00; Lester Early to Slade-Rhodes Co., Hamilton, at \$33; Dorothy Price to Manning and Peel Hardware Company at \$32.50, John Griffin to Greenville Livestock Sales at \$33.50, James Parker to House Chevrolet Company, Plymouth, at \$32; Johnnie Griffin to Robersonville Tractor Company at \$33, Ward Perry to Smithfield (Va.) Packing Company at \$32, Wallace Smith to Henderson's, Inc., Scotland Neck, at \$32, Robt. Lee Perry to Martin Feed Mills at \$33, Rudolph Parker to Sunny Side Market at \$33.

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Investigate Death Of Resident Here

The unexpected death of L. Branch Marslender here last Thursday evening is being investigated by officers from the police and sheriff departments, but no findings have been announced. Funeral services were held for Marslender last Saturday.

According to the sheriff's department, Marslender was injured in an affray at the river here on the afternoon of Saturday, April 3, and those injuries may or may not have caused his death. Arrangements were made by Coroner W. W. Biggs and an autopsy was performed at Duke last Friday, but no report from the pathology department there is expected immediately. It was said Marslender was carrying a gun when he was carried to the hospital by Preston Stedman, a neighbor, when after the attack.

Pre-School Clinics Being Held Now In This County

With private doctors cooperating, the Martin County Board of Health is now conducting the annual pre-school clinics in this county. The first in the series was held last week at the Health Center for Williamston white children. Ninety-five little tots reported whose initials go from A through M, and on April 23 for children whose names begin with the initials N through Z; Hamilton on April 27; Oak City on May 4; Everetts on May 19, and Farm Life on May 21.

L. B. Marslender Funeral Held In West End Church

Highway Worker Died In A Local Hospital Early On Thursday Evening

Lawrence Branch Marslender, native of Beaufort County, died in a hospital here last Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock following a five-day illness. Pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of his death. He was a victim of arthritis but continued active until the Saturday before his death five days later.

The son of the late Lillie Whichard and Julius Jasper Marslender, he was born at Blounts Creek 46 years ago on March 15, 1908. After spending his early life there he moved to Washington where he was employed until 1935 when he located in the Farm Life community of this county. In 1942 he went with the State Highway and Public Works Commission and made his home in West End since that time. He was married to Miss Ernestine Wilson of Grimesland. Surviving are his widow; two sons, L. Branch Marslender, Jr., and Jackie Marslender of Norfolk, Dick and Ward Marslender, both of Washington, and three sisters, Mrs. W. T. Cratch of Washington, Mrs. J. B. Wilkinson of Weldon and Mrs. A. M. Davis, Jr., of Roanoke Rapids.

He was a member of the West End Baptist Church here and funeral services were conducted there last Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. William C. Medlin, pastor. Interment was in Oakdale Cemetery at Washington.

Inspect Model Kitchen Here

The Virginia Electric Power Company's model kitchen was minutely inspected by home economics teachers and home agents from several counties in this area and by a number of local people last Thursday evening. Unfavorable weather conditions held down the attendance.

After inspecting the living center and the modern equipment, the visitors were served refreshments.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Clearing up a misunderstanding, Ed Grady, executive secretary of the Williamston Boosters, states that the Easter season holiday schedule provides for an all-day holiday Easter Monday but no half-holiday the following Wednesday, April 21. The regular half-holidays on Wednesday will be in effect again on the 28th to run until tobacco market opening time. Stores will be open here tomorrow afternoon.

Store Robbed In Everetts Sunday

Small Amount Of Money And Few Articles Reported Missing

Robbers were active again in this county during the week-end, striking Everetts and entering the post office and Harry Hardy's store sometime during the early hours of Sunday morning. The post office is located in the D. C. Peel store. Unable to gain an entrance

TRAFFIC COUNT

Observing the flow of traffic on Highway 17 just south of here last Friday afternoon, Cpl. M. C. Byrum of the Highway Patrol said that vehicles were moving at the rate of 192 per hour, that the average speed during a 30-minute check was 42.2 miles per hour.

Only one was speeding and speed was checked at 58 miles an hour. A slow-poke, traveling 22 miles an hour, was warned to speed up.

C. Calvin Wynne, Native of County, Dies Near Roper

Funeral Held In Washington County Yesterday Afternoon

Charles Calvin Wynne, native of this county, died at his home in Washington County between Roper and Creswell early Sunday morning under what have been described as mysterious circumstances. It was reported that two unidentified colored men attacked him at a store near his home late Saturday night and apparently ruptured his spleen. The sheriff of Washington County is investigating the attack, but as far as it could be learned here today no report on his findings, if any, has been released.

Mr. Wynne retired Saturday evening and about 9:00 o'clock a neighbor Edison Tweedy, called him to accompany him to a rural store. He got in the pick-up truck and left home. He was returned home about 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning, and explained that he had been attacked. At the time it was not thought his condition was serious, later investigation revealing no bruised or extensive marks on his body. He went to sleep, and roused about 2:00 o'clock, telling his wife that his legs were killing him, that he was cold. More cover was placed over him and he went back to sleep. Waking about 4:00 o'clock, Mrs. Lilley felt his cold body and summoned help. An Edenton doctor was called and he was quoted as saying that the spleen had been ruptured, apparently resulting in his death.

The son of the late Augustus and Esther Bennett Wynne, he was born near Williamston next to the Mary Cherry farm 37 years ago and spent his early years on the farm. In 1945 he located in Washington County, where he is now employed in the State Department of Agriculture, L. B. Outlaw of the A. C. L., and A. V. Allen.

New Firm Opens For Business Here

A new firm, operating under the name of Hobby Shop, was opened in the Maytag building just outside the town limits on Highway 17 yesterday. The shop handles all types of hobby materials and supplies such as model planes, cars, paint sets and numerous items associated with hobbies.

Bonner Address Farmers Here

Jamesville Making Plans For Annual Fish Festival

Plans are well advanced for Jamesville's annual fish festival on Easter Monday, preliminary reports pointing to the biggest event of the kind ever planned there. Sponsored this year by the Ruritan Club, the festival is to be held at the Jamesville school, but the catches are centered around herring and rock just now. Hundreds of fishermen are visiting the stream from a wide territory. Bridgekeeper Hugh Spruill reported more than 150 cars parked near the river bridge here during the past few days. Using small hoop nets, the fishermen were said to be dipping up the tens of thousands. One report not yet confirmed declared that thirty thousand of the fish had to be dumped back into the river when the size of the catch created a bottleneck at the plant. In addition to herring, the fishermen are taking rock in greater numbers, the runs becoming larger.

Poll Holders Named In County Saturday

AT LAST

Delayed for months, plans are now going forward for a new bus station here. A representative of Trailways was here last Friday and was said to have announced that something was to be done in the near future to relieve primitive conditions surrounding bus travel in and out of the town. No plans were revealed, but a site is to be selected shortly, according to one reliable but unofficial report.

Superior Court In Session For Trial Of Civil Calendar

Few Cases Removed From The Calendar During First Sitting Monday

Opening a special two-week term for the trial of civil cases only, the Martin County Superior Court with Judge Malcolm Paul of Washington presiding, cleared a few cases from the calendar Monday, and discussed motions in several other actions. It was learned that quite a few cases had been settled by agreement, but judgments were not entered immediately. Proceedings: Two divorces, all based on two-year separation grounds, were granted as follows: Chessie Sutton from Willie Gray Sutton, Paul Holliday from Mary E. Holliday. Considerable time was spent Monday morning hearing counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and the North Carolina Pulp Company plead for a continuance in the case of the petitioners for Martin County Drainage District No. 3 in which the companies are defendants. The pulp company, stating that it had about 1,000 acres involved, maintained that it had not had

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Scouts To Handle Light Bulb Sale

Wednesday night, uniformed scouts of troop 27 will make house to house calls in Williamston selling light bulbs. The purpose of the sale is to raise money to help pay expenses to Hilmont Ranch at Cimarron, New Mexico for the training of the scouts. The school is graded on the interest he takes in troop activities and rank advancements he has made during the contest period. Troop leaders feel this contest has done more to stimulate interest in scouting than any other activity the troop has undertaken. The bulbs will be sold in packages of four in 60, 75, and 100 watt sizes. A package of four 60 watt bulbs will sell for 70 cents while the 75's and 100's will sell for 80 cents. These prices are equivalent to or somewhat lower than the regular retail price. Everyone is urged to support the local scouting program by purchasing at least one package of bulbs.

Furniture School Here Last Week

Mr. A. R. Zimmerman, a representative of the Southern Furniture Association in High Point, was instructor here each evening last week for a series of classes in the sale of furniture. This program is sponsored by the dealers in conjunction with the State Department of Public Instruction. All the local dealers and employees attended each evening for two hours. The classes included furniture finishes, fabrics, colors, color coordination, room balance and salesmanship. The dealers and employees not only enjoyed Mr. Zimmerman's illustrated classes, but also profited a great deal from the instruction.

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Two Thousand At Annual Meeting Of Farm Bureau

Bureau Official Declares He Is Against Flexible Price Support Plan

Declaring he was against low-price program, R. Flake Shaw, executive vice president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, went on to say at the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau last Friday afternoon in the Williamston High School auditorium that he did not think the present farm program is in any serious danger and that there'll be little if anything done to its basic structure. Mr. Shaw, stating that he was glad to be back in Martin County where co-workers had meant much to him and the State organization, maintained that no one wants to do anything to the program, adding that he was just back from a meeting of State Farm Bureau presidents in Chicago and there was support for the continuation of the present program. But the Farm Bureau official declared that the program must live up to the law and respect the facts, adding that no country ever got into trouble where there was a sound agricultural program. While he said the cost of the program did not worry him, Mr. Shaw apparently is greatly concerned over the growing public sentiment against the farmer. Some want to know why farm price supports are needed when food prices are so high. There's little the farmer can do in between the two ends, and they must have price supports to protect themselves and the country, Shaw said. "The act to manufacture can all meet in one room and work on their problems, but the farmer can't," Mr. Shaw said, pointing out that 85 percent of the population looks to the 15 percent on the farm for food and fiber and that they should be pleased to know that so few will

Few Substitutions In Personnel For Handling Election

Registration Books Open On May 1 For The Primary On May 29th

Precinct officials for handling the May 29 primary election were named in this county last Saturday when the elections board met in the courthouse and perfected its organization for another two years. All three members, Messrs. C. D. Carstarphen, of Williamsville, and J. R. Winslow and Wade W. Robinson, were present for the one-hour meeting.

Carstarphen was continued as chairman of the board and he was empowered to handle the secretarial work. The creation of a third precinct in Williamston Township was discussed but no action was taken. It was pointed out that the vote in the No. 2 precinct runs well over 1,100, that the precinct in Robersonville is becoming too large for the efficient tabulation of votes. While no changes were made in the 13-precinct line-up, it is possible that some action will be taken within the next two years if the vote continues to increase.

Three Accidents On County Roads

No one was reported hurt and damage was limited to about \$1,300 in a series of three accidents on the highways in this county during the past few days.

Last Wednesday evening about 7:45 o'clock, Cleophas Leather of RFD 1, Hobgood, was driving a tractor with a disk attached, when Guilford Herman Hollis, of RFD 1, Oak City, ran up behind him and into the disk with a 1953 Chevrolet. Both vehicles were traveling on Highway 125 in the direction of Hobgood. Damage to the car was estimated at \$250.

When Louise Stewart Bryant of 713 Howard Street, Tarboro, slowed down at the intersection of Highways 125 and 903 last Wednesday evening at 6:45 o'clock, Jos. Benjamin Whitfield struck the rear of her 1952 Chevrolet with his 1953 Pontiac, causing about \$150 damage to his car and about \$100 to the other machine.

Sunday morning at about 11:00 o'clock, Rufus Knight slowed down or stopped his Mercury for the railroad in Jamesville on Highway 171, and George Mariner plowed into the rear of the Mercury with his Chevrolet, causing about \$400 damage to each machine. Both cars were traveling into Jamesville.

Bart Eugene Melvin was driving on the Prison Camp road last Saturday morning when his car choked down, and was struck from the rear by a 1953 Chrysler driven by Genet Everette Lilley of 406 N. Green Street, Greenville, causing about \$250 damage to her car and about \$25 damage to the other one. Mrs. Lilley said she thought the car was moving, that she was watching the action of a child to the side of the road, and that when she looked ahead she saw the car was stopped but did not have time to stop her own before crashing into it.

The ages of the group ranged from 21 to 58 years.