

Aerial Pictures Taken Of Homes In This County

Public Being Asked to Help Identify Fifty-Two Aerial Photos

During the course of the coming twelve months, this paper plans to run about fifty aerial photos of homes in Martin County. The pictures were taken at random by a "dare-devil" aerial photographer of the Zekan-Robbins Company of Harlan, Iowa, and he picked his own "shots". The problem now is to get the pictures identified, and the owners of the properties are being asked to drop a card to this paper identifying the pictures as they appear from time to time.

The countryside in Martin County has been mapped on the surface and from the air. First-hand observations have been made by travelers in their fast-moving vehicles. Now, this paper is making it possible to get a good look at the farm picture from the air.

No assignments were made. The pilot and photographer flew into the county one day and snapped the pictures at random. In taking the "mystery farm" pictures, the company representatives flew almost 300 miles back and forth across the county, swooping down every now and then to get a close-up of a farm property. Just when the pictures were made could not be learned, but it is believed they were taken about three weeks ago. Possible some of the owners of the properties photographed saw or heard the company representatives flying low about that time. The photographers, it should be noted, are not to be confused with the airplane dusters who have been taking the tops of trees off during recent days.

Original photographs of the properties can be made available to the property owners, and the company has agreed to make pictures also of post card size.

The first in the series of farm pictures is being published today. Help in identifying them will be appreciated. A list of the names of the owners and location of the properties and mail the card to this paper without delay.

The Zekan-Robbins company, of Harlan, Iowa, is composed of men who learned their trade in the U. S. Navy and Army during World War II. Zekan and Robbins used cameras similar to the ones they now use, when they were flying from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

Farming today is big business. Big investments in land, livestock, buildings and machinery are shown in the series of aerial photos, and the picture series is a tribute to agriculture in Martin County.

County Boy Now At Canadian Base

Prince George, B. C.—A/2c William D. Taylor, son of Audrey Taylor, Route 3, Williamston, was assigned recently to overseas duty with the 918th AC&W Squadron at Prince George, British Columbia, Canada.

Taylor, a 1951 graduate of Oak City High School, is a radar operator. The 918th AS&W Squadron is one of several radar stations across northern Canada providing early warning against possible air attack across the polar region.

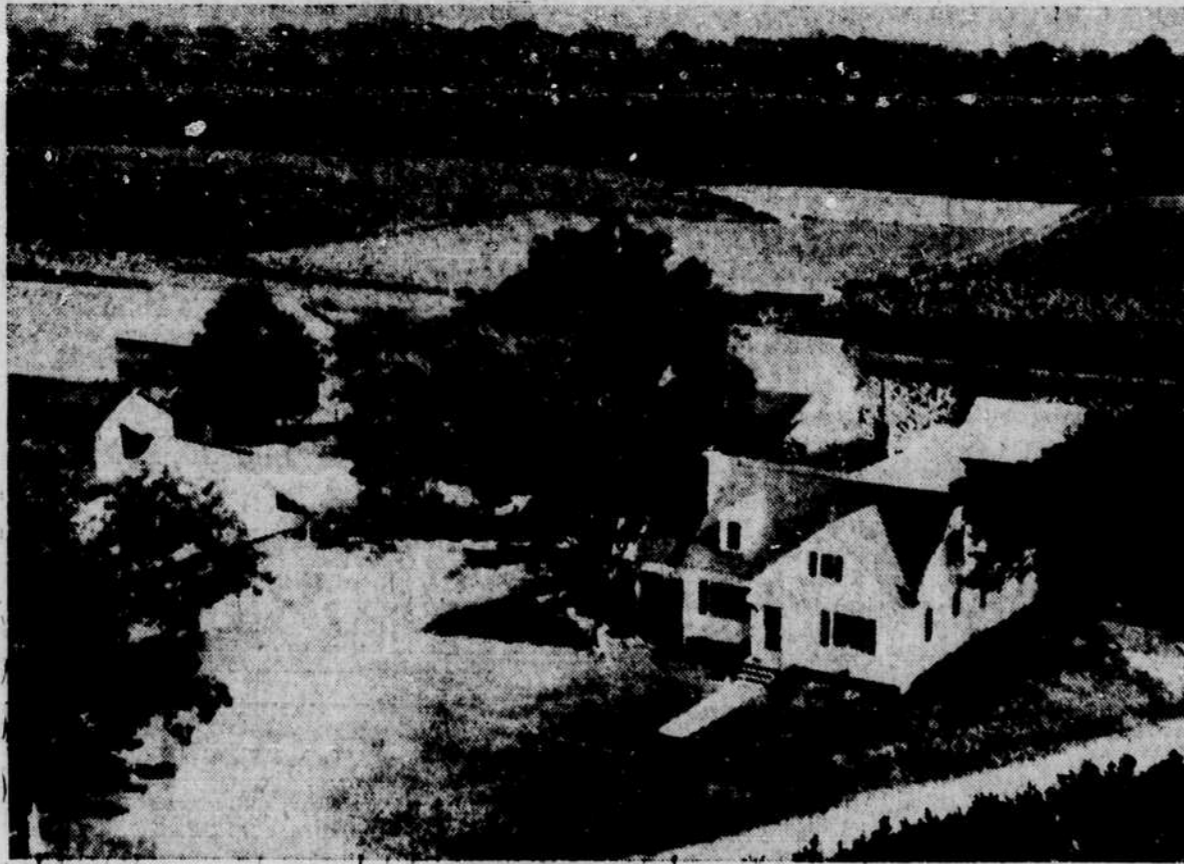
Wm. Cullipher Now In Korea

7th Div., Korea.—Pfc. William T. Cullipher, son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Cullipher, Oak City, N. C., recently joined the 7th Infantry Division in Korea.

The "Bayonet" division is undergoing intensive training to maintain the peak combat efficiency it displayed from Pusan to the Yalu river.

Cullipher, a former employee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, entered the Army last August and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Martin County From The Air



This is the first in a series of aerial photos made of Martin County homes under a special contract entered into by this paper and a company in Iowa. A photographer who had never set foot in the county made the pictures, and they were taken at random. The property owners or those acquainted with the properties pictured are asked to help identify the pictures by mailing in the names and locations. The pictures were planned with the idea of giving the readers of this paper a bird's eye view of agriculture from the air.

Georgia Tobacco Markets Weaker

Average prices for Georgia-Florida flue-cured tobacco last week showed a slightly lower trend on grades sold in largest volume. Also, quality did not hold as good as the first two days of the season. Sales were heavy although several markets throughout the belt cleared floors daily reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Gross sales for the week ending July 23 totaled 42,718,586 pounds and averaged \$51.88 per hundred. The average was 96c below that paid the first two days of the season. Though the same date season gross sales amounted to 57,054,467 pounds for an average of \$52.12. Sales last year for the first seven days grossed 67,152,907 pounds at an average of \$51.70.

Lower quality lugs, primings and nondescript were off generally \$1.00 to \$5.00 from last week. Better lugs and cutters were steady. A better demand was shown for leaf grades as these increased \$1.00 to \$5.00. Price variations in most instances were only \$1.00 and \$2.00. More than 60 percent of the grades brought \$1.00 to \$7.00 more per hundred than averages set the second week last season.

A larger percentage of low quality tobacco was marketed during the week. The ratio of good lugs was smaller. Lugs and primings again predominated the offerings.

Approximately 4 percent of weekly gross sales was turned over by growers to the Stabilization Corporation for Government loan. Season receipts through Thursday, July 22 were 2,137,085 pounds or 44 percent of gross sales.

Formulate Plans For Annual Fair

At a regular meeting of the club last Thursday evening, ten Lions were named by Chairman Fletcher Thomas to serve as a committee to promote the annual Martin County fair here this fall. The ten-member committee is to meet a similar group from the Kiwanis Club at a "Dutch" breakfast on Thursday of this week when plans for the event will be advanced.

Determined to make the fair the "biggest" ever, the promoters will soon contact those business firms that sponsored booths last year.

ROUND-UP

Few arrests were made and only three persons landed in the county jail during the past week-end. One each was charged with forgery, drunken driving and public drunkenness. The ages of the group ranged from 22 to 35 years and one of the three was white.

100 PERCENT

Wheat quotas for 1955 were given a 100 percent support by growers in this county last Friday. Both wheat growers, holding allotments, voted for the program, it was announced. This county is allotted 119 acres, but only 76 acres are planted by the two growers.

A few other farmers plant wheat in the county, but their acreages are not large enough to classify them as commercial growers.

Lone Accident On County Road

Motorists, traveling the highways and streets in this county last week, were involved in only two accidents. No one was injured and the property damage was limited.

Henry Lee Arnold, operating Mrs. Francis B. Lawton's 1951 Ford, was driving toward Williamston on the Poplar Point road last Saturday night at 11:15 o'clock when William Henry Harrell of RFD 1, Hamilton, started to pass. The cars sideswiped each other and the Harrell car, a 1953 Chevrolet belonging to James Oliver Wynne, went out of control and turned over twice.

Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$50 and that to the other car at \$400.

Two other Martin County people were involved in an accident on Highway 903 over in Pitt County late Sunday night. Neither of two parties, Henry Taylor and Lowell Everett, was injured. Property damage amounted to an estimated \$700.

Garage Robbed Here Thursday

Stevenson's garage on Jamesville Road here was entered and robbed sometime during late Thursday night or early Friday morning.

Removing the window stops, the robber removed a side window to gain an entrance. Once inside the robber tore into the cash register and took \$10 in small change. Nothing else was missed from the garage, Sheriff M. W. Holloman said following a preliminary investigation.

Fined For Following Fire Truck Here Friday

George P. Webb was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs in Justice W. M. Tetterton's court here for following a fire truck to the Cherry Street fire last Friday night.

Members of the volunteer fire department point out that they are finding it more difficult to reach fires, that the traffic delays them and makes it impossible for them to get within one or more blocks of a fire in their vehicles.

Home Damaged By Fire Friday

Fire of undetermined origin damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noah D. (Bud) Gurganus on Cherry Street here last Friday evening shortly after 9:00 o'clock. The second floor ceiling was charred and just about all the contents there, including two or three beds and much clothing were burned.

Members of the family were attending services just across the street in the Holiness church when the fire was discovered. Starting at one end of the house, the fire burned through a window and apparently had a good start before it was discovered. Neighbors rushed there and removed all the furniture from the first floor. Using a large hose line, firemen had the fire under control within a few minutes. Water damaged the first floor.

An unofficial estimate placed the loss on contents at \$1,000 and damage to the house will approximate \$1,500.

The home was owned by Willie Lassiter, and the loss was covered by insurance, Fire Chief G. P. Hall said.

Everetts Club Supports Fund

The Everetts Home Demonstration Club, supporting the appeal for the Cancer Fund in this county, raised and reported a total of \$60.72. Mrs. Elizabeth P. Harrison, home agent, announced this week. Contributions were made as follows:

- Hardy's Grocery, 5.00; D. C. Peel, 1.00; Mobley's Station, 5.00; Tom Barnhill, 5.00; George Bland, 5.00; Bullock's Service Station, 1.00; Mobley's Grocery Store, 3.00; Mrs. Ida Clark, 5.00; Mrs. Eula Biggs, 5.00; Mrs. Sallie Mobley, 5.00; Mrs. G. G. Bailey, 5.00; Mrs. L. A. Clark, 5.00; Mrs. Russell Wynne, 1.00; Mrs. J. S. Peele, 1.00; Mrs. Elmo James, 1.00; Mrs. A. D. Wynne, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Wynne, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wynne, 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey, 5.00; Mrs. Rosa Peaks, 5.00.

- Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Peele, 10.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ayers, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wynne, 1.00; Other contributions, 3.42; Mrs. Van Peerce, 1.00; Mrs. J. S. Ayers, Sr., 1.00; Merritt Tarkington, 1.00; Alton Keel, 5.00; Mrs. Loraine Jackson, 1.00; Mrs. Mack James, 2.00; C. G. Leggett, 1.00; J. M. Stalls, 1.00; Taylor Brothers, 5.00; Paul Bailey, 1.00; James Stalls, 5.00; Ida James, 5.00; H. H. Williams, 5.00; W. S. Leggett, 5.00.

To Show Holy Land Pictures In Jameville

Returning from a three-year stay in Europe and the Near East, Mrs. Thomas Stuckle will show a series of interesting pictures of the Holy Land in the Jameville Christian Church Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The public is invited.

Wheat Growers Approve Control By Thin Margin

Comparatively Small Vote Cast In Referendum Last Friday

Washington.—The nation's wheat growers have voted once again to accept controls on their next year's crop—but the margin was the thinnest ever.

The outcome means that the government will continue paying high support prices for wheat—somewhere between 75 and 90 per cent of parity. The rate is not yet decided.

But it also means that, in Secretary of Agriculture Benson's own terms, controls on what the farmer can plant in 1955 will be the toughest ever.

Growers supporting controls cast 73.3 per cent of the vote in Friday's referendum, the Agriculture Department calculated. Since a favorable vote of 66.7 per cent was needed to continue controls, the margin was thin indeed—much slimmer than was expected from advance indications.

Light Turnout

Some 267,000 farmers voted—a light turnout. Nearly a million were eligible by virtue of planting more than 15 acres of wheat. The final outcome was in doubt for hours, until North Dakota came in with a whopping majority of "yes" votes—46,206 to 2,073.

Had controls been rejected, the support price of wheat would have dropped to 50 per cent of parity—the standard said by law to give farmers a fair return for their produce compared with their production costs. But farmers would have been able to grow as much wheat as they wished.

The "yes" vote means high supports but stricter-than-usual controls on what farmers can plant.

The referendum was held under a law which provides for rigid acreage controls whenever the supply of wheat on hand is above "normal."

It was the smallest "yes" percentage ever rolled up in a wheat program referendum and compared with 81.2 per cent in 1941 and 81 per cent in 1941.

The unofficial totals—complete, official figures won't be available for three or four weeks—show that 195,801 farmers voted for the control program and 71,303 against. One year ago the vote was 390,221 "yes" and 57,221 "no". Agriculture Department officials had several explanations for the light total vote and the increase in the "no" vote compared with last year.

Marvin L. McLain, chief of the department's grain branch, said a drop in vote was expected since last year's total was unusually high. He said there probably also was a lack of interest because Congress and the administration have not yet settled on the support level.

In addition, Mr. McLain said, some farmers may have thought they were voting only on whether to accept controls—not on whether to continue high supports.

It's not known now at exactly what level wheat supports will be pegged next year. The present law would set this at 90 per cent of parity. But Congress is considering President Eisenhower's recommendation of a flexible system ranging from 75 to 90 per cent. The House has passed a scale sliding from 82 1/2 to 90 per cent. The Senate hasn't acted but its Agriculture Committee recommends continuation at a rigid 90 per cent.

Under the program voted Friday, the government will handle social losses in the high wheat areas.

Mosquito Control Program Effective

The new mosquito control program recently advanced here is proving highly effective, according to preliminary reports.

The town recently purchased a dusting or fogging machine, and a dust is being used to kill the mosquitoes. While the dust has a somewhat disagreeable odor, it is not poisonous to humans or birds and will not damage shrubs or flowers. The machine cost approximately \$900 and is being operated fairly economically.

Funeral Monday For Dr. Wm. C. Mercer

Prominent Doctor Died In Hospital At 2 A. M. Sunday

Funeral For Local Dentist Held In Church Mon- day Afternoon

Dr. William Cassie Mercer, prominent local dentist, died in a hospital here at 2:00 o'clock Sunday morning following a two-day illness. Apparently recovering from a heart attack suffered four years ago last May, he has been active in his practice and was in his office when he suffered an attack last Friday afternoon about 3:00 o'clock. Removed to the hospital, he suffered a second attack that evening, his condition becoming following another attack at Midnight Saturday. Members of the family were at his bedside, having reached here several hours earlier from Tennessee and Whiteville.

The son of the late William Henry and Mary Parker Mercer, he was born in Fountain 57 years ago on October 23, 1896, and spent his early life there. Completing the schools in his home community and graduated from Piedmont College in Western North Carolina, he entered Atlanta-Southern Dental College and was graduated there in 1918. After serving as a first lieutenant overseas in World War I, he located in Durham. Following his marriage to Miss Grace Beasley of Ahsokie, he moved to Ahsokie in 1920 and practiced there until 1934 when he located and continued his professional work in Williamston.

He was a member of Xi Psi Phi fraternity while at Atlanta-Southern, and was a member of the Baptist Church for many years, serving as a deacon several terms.

Dr. Mercer was active in various civic and community affairs in his adopted communities, taking a keen interest in their general advancement. He was a member of the local Kiwanis Club, and always had a smile and a cheery greeting for everyone.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Lewis Smith of Whiteville; one son, W. C. Mercer, Jr., student in a Tennessee dental college; two brothers, D. R. Mercer of Fountain, and H. M. Mercer of Walstonburg; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted in the Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the Rev. E. Gordon Conklin, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Oscar Creech of Ahsokie. Interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Active pallbearers were, Ferbee Beasley, Marvin Mercer, Jr., Bill Glover, Bruce Beasley, Bill Spivey, Dick Elliott, John Henry Edwards and Frank Margolis.

Appoint Walser To Faculty Here

Dale Walser, Lexington young man, was recently appointed to succeed Miss Maud Thomas as a member of the local school faculty. His appointment just about rounds out the teaching personnel in the local school for the coming term, Principal B. G. Stewart said yesterday.

Mr. Walser is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, and taught in the Jonesville High School last term. He will handle social studies in the high school here.

Miss Thomas resigned to enter the matrimonial field.

Band Rehearsals To Begin Tonight

Rehearsals for the Williamston High School Green Wave Band are to be resumed tonight beginning at 8:00 o'clock in the band room with Director Jack Butler in charge.

This will be a very important session for the band and all the members and prospective members for the 1954-55 scholastic year are urged to be present.

DIES SUDDENLY



Funeral services were conducted in the Baptist Church here yesterday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock for Dr. William C. Mercer, leading citizen and prominent member of the dental profession, who died suddenly in a local hospital Sunday morning.

Attend Funeral For Dr. Mercer

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral for Dr. W. C. Mercer in the Baptist Church here yesterday afternoon were:

- Mrs. Delphia Parker, Lelah G. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Parker, Macclesfield; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woolard, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. Beasley, Kinston; Mrs. Ted Shan, Mrs. Adelle Lambert, Windsor; Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sears, Whiteville; Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Carson, Robersonville; Mr. Wood Beasley, Colerain; Mrs. S. M. Crisp, Greenville; Sgt. Ted Mercer, Columbia, South Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Storey Cutchins, Franklin, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Beasley, Mr. A. B. Beasley, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Eagles, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Mr. F. J. Turnage, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Luerattee, Mrs. Myrtle Lane, Mrs. M. J. Yelverton, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Harris, Mr. and Mrs. John Fountain, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gay, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gay, Mrs. R. A. Fountain, Fountain; Mrs. Florence B. Beasley, Rev. Oscar Creech, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Newell, Mrs. C. U. Hughes, Mrs. J. S. Deans, Mrs. J. A. Mitchell, Ahsokie; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mercer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shackelford, Mrs. A. B. Tugwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Shackelford, Walstonburg.

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Recreation Hours Listed For Week

The following schedule for the week of the week has been released by Director of Recreation Roger Thrift:

Tuesday—10-12, General activity at the gym; 3-5, baseball or softball; 5:30, tennis for older group.

Wednesday—10-11 Tennis instruction, young group; 11-12 general activity at gym; 2:00 o'clock, Little League practice in Greenville.

Thursday—10-12, Ping Pong Tournament at gym; 3-5, baseball; 5-6:30, General activity at gym.

Friday—9-10:30, Tennis for the young group.

Woman Traps Big Fish In Her Lap

While expert fishermen run all over eastern North Carolina trying to catch fish, Mrs. L. R. Donaldson goes out to Farmer Van Nortwick's pond near here and picks 'em up in her lap.

Fishing with Mrs. Lizzie Bennett a few days ago in the Van-Nortwick pond, Mrs. Donaldson was sitting in a boat at the shore line when a two-pound chub sprung out of the water and landed in her lap. Quick maneuvering landed the prize in the boat.

4-H Club Members Represent County At State Meeting

One Made Member of Honor Club, Other Rates High In Special Contest

By Miss Peggy Jordan, Assistant Home Agent

The 4-H Club is the oldest rural organization in the nation and North Carolina has the largest enrollment of any state in the nation. This past week, July 19-23, boys and girls from all over the state met in Raleigh, N. C., at State College for 4-H Club Week—a week of fellowship, fun, and education.

Martin County may be proud of the part she played in 4-H Club week. Although there were only three 4-H girls representing the county, each was striving to fill the 4-H club motto, "To make the best better".

Joan Carol Coltraine, eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coltraine, of Farm Life was one of the 27 4-H'ers in the state to be tapped into the Honor Club. This is the highest honor which a 4-H Club member can attain. Joan Carol has been very outstanding in 4-H Club work and intends to continue in the 4-H Club at Woman's College in Greensboro where she has enrolled for the fall term.

Catherine Rogerson, 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Rogerson of Bear Grass won fifth place in the State Dress Revue out of 96 contestants. This is the first year that she could enter the Senior Division. Having won first place in the County Revue she was then eligible for the State Revue.

Betsy Roebuck, fourteen year old granddaughter of Mrs. Arthur Lilley, went to her first 4-H Club week. She along with the other two girls will tell you, "It was a terrific experience".

During the week there were many demonstrations given by district winners in competition for the state winners. To name a few of these demonstrations, there were vegetable demonstrations on production, marketing, and vegetable use. On areas in which the 4-H'ers were tested were held to determine the state winners were: Livestock, Conservation, Dairy Foods, Farm Home Electric, Soil and Water Conservation, Dairy management, Beekeeping, forestry, public speaking and Tractor operating.

There was a talent contest featuring the talent of the state winners. On this program the boys and girls saw other 4-H'ers doing everything from a ventriloquist act to acrobatics. There is quite a bit of talent in the 4-H Clubs of our state.

Frank L. Teuton, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Washington, D. C., gave a very informative talk on "New Things For More People." He showed how research had put to use the manly

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Marine Injured In Car Accident

M Sgt. Robert E. Hollingsworth, stationed at Edenton, was painfully but believed not badly injured in an automobile accident a short distance beyond the river bridge on Highway 17 about 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

On his way back to his base after taking his wife and child to Rocky Mount to board a south-bound train, Hollingsworth told officers he swerved his car, a 1950 Cadillac, to the left to miss a deer in the road. He lost control and plunged off the hill to the right. The front of the car plowed into the swamp and the machine flipped over, causing about \$1,000 damage, officers said.

Hollingsworth crawled out of the wrecked car and walked to the basket factory. He was removed by police car to a local hospital where he was given first aid treatment and transferred a short time later by marine ambulance to the base hospital in Edenton. He suffered a nose injury, bruises and several broken ribs, according to the investigating officers. It was stated that the car traveled down the left side of the highway nearly three hundred feet before swerving and plunging down the hill.