

Census Survey Is Almost Complete In Martin County

Last District Is Assigned For Enumeration Here A Few Days Ago

The census survey, according to unofficial reports, is rapidly nearing completion in most of the Martin County districts, one report stating that several of the enumerators have completed their work, and that all assignments had been effected.

Mrs. L. H. Gurganus, completing the survey on the south side of Williamston just recently, has been assigned to the north side. She is making splendid progress and plans to finish the work within the next two weeks. Unofficial reports state that the southern half of the town boasts a population of about 2,080. It is estimated that the north side will count an equal number if not exceed it.

In handling her last district assignment, Mrs. Gurganus appeals to the housewives to cooperate with her in every way possible. The housewife can materially aid the work by ascertaining the husband's salary, amount of building and loan carried by the family and the value of the home, it was pointed out. This information is treated confidentially and is to be used only in determining in a group result.

No official figures on the population count have been released, but indications are that the districts are holding their own and gaining in most instances.

Though the decennial census-taking was planned as a "blitzkrieg," to be mopped up in two weeks, the work has been going on six weeks and is still far from completion in the county, as a whole. It's not only the large number of additional questions that has slowed it up, but the fact that so many more women are away from home, working, than in 1930, that handicaps the enumerators. Also the sideline housing census contributes to delay. So far only 2,000 of the 17,000 municipal units have been completed with returns coming in at the rate of 500 to 1,000 units a day. This rate should speed up steadily. After all the whoop-te-doo about the "nosiness" of the questions relating to income, there has been exceedingly little sensitiveness on the part of the citizens. Only 100,000 in fact, have chosen to mail their answers in secret—although 15,000,000 cards had been prepared for this purpose.

Hatred For Hitler Grows In County

Ignoring the value of human life and property and gambling with the whole civilized world, Adolf Hitler has raised the dander of nearly everyone in this section. Along with the dago, Mussolini, he is the most despised man in the world today.

From every nook and corner of this county comes word that the United States should intervene, should start now in trying to save civilization from a madman. If possible they would keep our men and soldiers at home, but they would start moving all kinds of commodities, munitions, airplanes and equipment tomorrow to the Allies. They would advise one Mussolini that a declaration of war by Italy means a declaration of war by the United States.

Judging from the reports that come from the countryside, no incident similar to the sinking of the Lusitania is necessary to get definite action. Before Hitler started his devastating march on innocent Holland, Belgium, a veteran of the last war, stated that he would go to war only with his hands tied behind him. After the invasion, the same veteran said he was ready and wanted to go to war. "If some one will take care of my small family, I will gladly go to do what little I could to stop the mad fool," an aged county resident said yesterday.

Out of the hundreds who have expressed their views on the war, only one—a Williamston man—has withheld any encouraging comment in behalf of the Allies. Possibly there are others, but this man said that he hoped Germany would win.

Airplane "Mystery" Is Partially Solved

Reports declaring an airplane had crashed several miles above Williamston in the Roanoke lowlands have been proved unfounded, but the mystery surrounding the appearance and activities of the ship remains.

According to later information gathered from those near the spot where the plane was thought to have crashed, the big ship tore out of the heavens toward the earth at a speed estimated by some at 600 miles an hour, straightened itself and warbled out of sight hardly before spectators could see what was happening. The first reports received here came from spectators several miles away. When the ship kept going down below the horizon they naturally reached the conclusion that it had crashed. "It was the fastest thing made by humans ever to appear in these parts, one spectator was quoted as saying,

Light Tobacco Crop Predicted In This Section by Specialist

Starting a variety tobacco test and

making a general field inspection, Lloyd T. Weeks, former Martin Assistant County Agent who is now tobacco specialist for the State Extension Service, this week predicted a light leaf crop for eastern North Carolina, as a whole. "Weather conditions will have much to do with the weight and quality of the crop, but judging the future from the past, we can expect a light crop," Mr. Weeks explained.

Tobacco transplanting, first delayed by cold weather and blue mold attacks, has been hampered by dry weather and winds during the early and middle parts of this week. Mr. Weeks stating that it would be well on toward the latter part of next

week before the work reached a climax in this section of the State. Last year at this time, the majority of the crop had been transplanted and many farmers were plowing the young weed. Bud Mobley is one of the very few farmers in this county with tobacco large enough to be plowed.

Specialist Weeks started a variety test with Farmer Clarence Griffin in Griffins Township this week. Eight varieties are being used on about one-half acre of land. They will be handled under identical conditions with Mr. Weeks directing the work. The names of the varieties are: Virginia Bright Leaf, Improved Gold Dollar, Gold Dollar, Starin 5; Mammoth, Bonanza, White Stem Orinoco and "400".

WPA Activities Are Reviewed in County

Varied Work Being Done On Number Of Public Projects

Organization Planning "Open House" For Inspection of Activities Next Week

By MISS ELLA MAE GAYLORD

The Works Projects Administration has set aside the week of May 20-25 for Open House on all projects operated by the professional and service division. Everyone is cordially invited to see for himself the type of work that is accomplished by these projects, and that it is of value to our community, both from the point of view of people employed and the services rendered to our county. All of us are familiar with the red, white and blue signs on all WPA construction projects which designate the building of roads, schoolhouses, courthouses, hospitals and other public buildings; but do we know even the names of the projects that operate under the supervision of the professional and service division?

These projects are divided into three groups: welfare projects, community service projects and records and research projects. By welfare projects, we mean those activities which aid the needy and undernourished citizens of our county, such as the sewing, lunch, canning and gardening, the surplus commodity, matron service, housekeeping aide and nursing projects.

The sewing room in Martin county is located at Williamston with 19 women making pajamas. Each worker is given one operation which she does all the time. This, of course, increases production and gives better workmanship. The county provides 66 2-3 per cent of the textiles used in making garments which, when finished, are distributed by the welfare department to persons in need. An outstanding feature of this project is that it furnishes clothing to school children in need, thus increasing school attendance. Have you ever noticed how much better dressed are the underprivileged school children now than formerly? Do you realize that it is due to the WPA sewing project?

The lunch project was set up to serve lunches to underprivileged and underweight school children. School principals report that school children have gained as much as eleven pounds and that promotions have steadily increased since they have well balanced lunches each day. In Martin County alone 30,028 free lunches have been served since January 1, 1940, and sixteen certified women have been given employment.

The garden project was set up to produce food for lunch rooms operated by WPA. Only labor is furnished by WPA, sponsors furnish all seeds, fertilizer, implements, etc. There will be a garden at Robersonville, Oak City and Williamston and a canning center will operate in connection with each.

The purpose of the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation is to take care of surplus farm products which must be disposed of in such a manner that they will not re-enter normal trade channels or interfere with that portion of such products remaining therein. The corporation, therefore, not only removes the surplus from the markets by boosting prices but distributes the surplus to low income family groups through the county welfare departments. All persons receiving these commodities are certified by the local welfare departments. Commodities are sent to the storeroom at Williamston twice a month from the warehouse in Windsor, 737 people, 17 schools, with 1337 children are receiving commodities which are used to supplement the hot lunches served by the lunch project. The Surplus Commodity project also distributes to the counties the clothing made in the WPA sewing rooms.

In a recent survey of the sanitary conditions in public institutions in

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CHALLENGE DAY

While every one of the 5,432 registrations on the Martin County books is subject to challenge, there is little prospect that any one will question the validity of a single entry when the books are held open for public inspection in the thirteen precincts tomorrow. Unofficial reports indicate that there are names on the books that will not remain there if challenged, but since the opposition is apparently weak nothing will be done to have the names removed.

Jurymen Are Drawn For One Week Term Of Superior Court

Judge Q. K. Nimocks Returns For Court Convening On June 17th

Jurymen were drawn for service in the June term of Martin County Superior court by the county commissioners in their regular May meeting last week. The names of thirty-six men are included in the list made subject to service on the grand and petit juries. Judge Q. K. Nimock, holding his first term of court in this county last March, is scheduled to return and preside over the court which will hear cases of criminal and civil nature.

Very few cases have been placed on the criminal docket to date, but several civil cases have already been booked for trial during the one-week term beginning Monday, June 17.

The names of the jurymen are listed by townships, as follows: Jamesville Township: Julian Fagan and C. M. Ange.

Williams Township: S. L. Andrews, Joshua L. Coltrain and Joe L. Coltrain.

Griffins Township: W. Jesse Lilley, W. Hugh Daniel, Kader Lilley and Roland Griffin.

Bear Grass Township: W. O. Peel and W. Barkley Rogers.

Williamston Township: W. D. Ambers, Joseph G. Corey, E. R. Chesnon, S. A. Perry, Frank J. Carstaphen and R. S. Price, Jr.

Cross Roads Township: Ollie Keel

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Rev. Leon Russell Will Close Revival Here This Evening

Raleigh Minister Well Received in a Series of Services This Week

Rev. Leon Russell, Raleigh minister, will bring to a close a series of special services in the Methodist Church here this evening, the minister having delivered a group of forceful sermons during the past few days. Fairly large crowds have heard the visiting minister during each morning and evening, the attendance reflecting an increase as the meeting draws to an end. Rev. S. J. Starnes, pastor of the church, stated today that the meeting had been very successful, that he was hopeful the public would be present in large numbers to hear Rev. Russell in the last of his sermons.

A review of the minister's sermons follows:

Tuesday Evening
When Jesus commanded His followers, saying, "Whosoever shall compel thee to go with him one mile, go with him two," he illustrated a great principle of life. There are certain things that life requires of us. In every realm there are requirements that must be met, and one can go through life simply meeting the requirements. But, when a person determines to do not only that which is required of him, but a great deal more than that person moves out of the realm of the first mile over into the realm of the second mile where all of the joy of living is to be found. All of the joy of working, all the joy of business, all the joy of home belongs in that realm beyond that which is required of us.

The glory of the Christian's experience is not usually found in the things that are required. The beauty of the task and the joy of fellowship with Christ all belong to the second mile. When one prays because he feels he must, prayer may be meaningless, but when he prays because he wants to pray because he has a glorious experience. When one reads the Bible because he feels it is required, the Bible can be dull and uninteresting; but when he reads the Bible because it offers the privilege of communion with God then it becomes a glorious part of one's Christian living. Going to church may be an uninteresting experience to the person who goes simply because he feels it to be his duty, but it becomes one of the finest experiences of life to the person who goes because he wants to go.

When Jesus gave men the principle

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PROCLAMATION

In cooperation with the National Work Projects Administration, Mayor J. L. Hassell has proclaimed the period from May 20 to 25 as "Project Activity Week" in Williamston.

The National Work Projects Administration has set aside May 20-25, 1940 as "This Week Pays Our Community" in order that taxpayers and any interested citizen may avail themselves of the opportunity to become acquainted with the accomplishments of the professional and service division in terms of community values and to also make themselves aware of the needs and opportunities in every community for carrying through more of America's unfinished business. The public is invited and urged to visit any and all WPA projects and attend the WPA dinner on May 24.

Williamston's WPA-Maintained Library



Sponsored by a comparatively small number of public-spirited citizens, Williamston's Public Library has rendered a valuable service to the community during the approximately two years it has been in operation. Much of the success is directly attributable to the Works Progress Administration, the organization that

has made it possible to hold the library open. Next week has been proclaimed by Mayor John L. Hassell as "Project Activity Week" in cooperation with the National organization, and the public is invited to visit the library and other WPA projects to evaluate the work being done in this community.

Report Germans To Be Gaining In France; Brussels About To Fall In Critical Period Of War

County Court In Long Session For Trial of 15 Cases

Prayer for Judgment Continued in Four of the Cases Heard by Judge

The regular weekly term of the Martin County Recorder's Court was held in session a greater part of last Monday for Judge H. O. Peel to handle the fifteen cases on the docket. Unable to handle its work during a long morning session, the court recessed for lunch and worked well into the middle of the afternoon before adjournment was ordered. The trial of several cases was long drawn-out, the court continuing several others under prayer for judgment.

Harry Augustus Robinson, charged with drunken driving, hit and run and leaving the scene of an accident without making known his identity, pleaded guilty of drunken driving. The case was continued under prayer for judgment until next Monday.

The case charging Hardy Smallwood with carrying a concealed weapon and an assault with a deadly weapon was not pressed.

The case charging Louise Barnhill with an assault with a deadly weapon was not pressed with leave. Philistine Barnhill failed to answer when called in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon and papers were ordered issued by the court for his arrest.

Booker T. Lanier was found not guilty in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

Charged with failing to list his properties for taxation, Dave Savage was ordered arrested for not appearing in court and answering the charge.

Elliott and Fannie Jordan were charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. The woman in the case failed to appear in court and her arrest was ordered. The case was continued under prayer for judgment as to the man.

In the case charging John Whitehurst with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer, the defendant was found not guilty of resisting the officer, and prayer for judgment was continued as to the assault charge.

Charged with disorderly conduct and simple assault, Brownie Whitehurst was found guilty of simple assault, the court continuing the case under prayer for judgment.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Lester Williams with an assault on a female.

Major Barber was found not guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with temporary larceny, Orlander Perkins was sentenced to the roads for a term of two months.

Joshua Lawrence, charged with drunken driving, was sentenced to the roads for a period of three months.

In the case charging him with bastardy, William Gurkin was directed to pay into the court \$25 for his illegitimate child and to pay \$10 a month for the next two years for the support of the child. He is to reappear at the end of that time for further judgment, the court requiring bond in the sum of \$250.

Heavy Blow Dealt Liquor Traffic In County This Week

Employing modern equipment in their drive on the illicit liquor business in this county, A.B.C. Officer J. H. Roebuck and federal agents blotted out nine manufacturing plants in two days to set an all-time record. Following up a regular blitzkrieg last Monday, Officer Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Peel, returned to the Bear Grass section the following day and wrecked five additional plants spotted from the air the day before, bringing the total for the two days to nine.

The officers poured out more than 6,000 gallons of beer and thirty gallons of white liquor. It is possible that the territory is about as dry now as it has been at any time in recent years, one report declaring that the manufacturers were wrecked as exporters and became importers overnight.

It could not be learned definitely, but according to reliable reports similar raids will be repeated and extended into other sections as time passes.

House Agriculture Group In Favor Of Changing Leaf Act

Committee Recommends That Amendments Be Passed Immediately

Amendments to the AAA tobacco program were headed toward final House action Wednesday in Washington, D. C., as the House Agriculture Committee reported the proposals with a recommendation they be passed.

Sponsored by Representative Harold D. Cooley, the amendments are the product of collective effort on the part of growers, warehousemen, business men, tobacco area congressmen and the agriculture department to improve the tobacco control program.

Six amendments are contained in the bill, known as H. R. 9700.

The first amendment would permit allowance in fixing quotas for tobacco temporarily stored here because of the European war.

Amendment No. 2 authorizes upward adjustments of marketing quotas to spread excess quantities over more than one year.

Amendment No. 3 permits the growers to vote on a three-year control program.

Amendment No. 4 provides that the marketing quota for the next three years shall not be reduced more than 10 per cent below 1940-41 level and eliminates the provision stating that quotas shall not be less than 75 per cent of the flue-cured production. This amendment also seeks to provide more adequate protection for small growers and to facilitate collection of penalties.

Amendment No. 5 would permit the carrying over of tobacco from one marketing year to another without payment of penalty if it is "within quota" in the year from which it is carried over.

Amendment No. 6 would strengthen enforcement by increasing fines for violations.

With the action of the House committee, the bill will be placed on the House calendar for early action. Little difficulty is expected in securing House approval since the bill has the support of all congressmen from tobacco-growing districts.

With the defense program coming into the limelight over night, it is possible that the amendments will be delayed, but their passage is to be expected this term.

NO RESPONSE, YET

The pitiful pleas coming from a war-stricken people in dire circumstances across the seas have been ignored so far by our people. A Red Cross call going out this week has not been answered by a single person in the Martin County chapter, according to the latest report coming from Chairman Harry A. Biggs.

If we are the Christian people we picture ourselves to be, we will more than subscribe the \$400 quota assigned this chapter, and raise it now.

We have heard about refugees forming lines along the roads, but no one has heard where the poor bits of humanity stop to lay their heads. Donations will be received by Harry Biggs, Chairman of the Martin County Red Cross Chapter.

Seriousness Of War Situation Is Cited By President Roosevelt

Renewed Attack On Unannounced Front Expected By Allies Momentarily

The great drive of the German hordes to annihilate millions of humans and wipe out the last semblance of hope for suffering humanity entered its second week along the Belgian and French fronts today with added seriousness and uncertainty for the Allied cause. The invaders early today had driven thirty miles into French territory and were flanking the lines along the "impregnable" Maginot line. The fall of Brussels was certain according to a claim advanced by the German high command today. British and Belgian soldiers were fleeing before the death fire of thousands of tanks, machine gun bullets and bombs from the air. Turmoil was general along a 150-mile front, and it is apparent at this time that the defense is not coping with the mighty strength of the invading hordes. The captures of twelve thousand Frenchmen and two generals was claimed by the invaders today.

The Belgian government is reported to have fled from Brussels, but is still on Belgian soil.

Driving toward coast territory, the Germans are apparently planning to establish air bases for raids on nearby England. American subjects have been warned to leave London for Ireland to escape expected heavy air bombardments.

While the powerful and savage war machine of Hitler rolled on in its march of countless death and untold damage, added trouble continues to brew in Italy and along the border of little peaceful Switzerland. Italians were today demanding the seizure of the French Island of Corsica, and Switzerland, fearful of an attack by Germans who are being massed along her border, started moving women and children to interior points by the trainroads.

One report claimed that the de-

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Assault Case Sent To Superior Court

Guy Rollins, colored man charged with secretly assaulting John Robert Lawrence with intent to kill him, was bound over to the superior court trial by Justice J. L. Hassell at a preliminary hearing held here this week. Bond in the sum of \$500 was required, and unable to raise that amount, Rollins was returned to jail. Rollins went to the home of Lawrence in the Spring Green community on the 17th of last March and allegedly fired on him with a gun. Lawrence was in a critical condition for weeks, but is now apparently getting along very well.

The justice has been fairly busy this week handling minor cases, most of them dealing with assaults.

Jake Norfleet was bound over to the county court for trial in the case charging him with an assault on Mary Della Norfleet.

Kelly Winston was placed under a \$50 bond for his appearance in the county court for allegedly attacking Mabel Winston.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license, William Oscar Dempsey was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

John Hoggard, charged with drunkenness, was taxed with the costs, \$5.50.

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