

## Judge W. H. Coburn Has Only Two Cases In Recorder's Court

### Defendant Draws Two Months On State Roads For Being Drunk and Disorderly

It was another quiet day for Judge W. H. Coburn, and Solicitor Don E. Johnson in the county recorder's court last Monday. Even Clerk L. B. Wynne almost went to sleep when his duties were reduced to a near minimum. The number of spectators reporting for the session was limited, and very little interest was shown in the proceedings. Calling four cases, Judge Coburn handled two and continued two for the defendants. The session was adjourned well within an hour.

Only one more session of the county court will be held before the superior tribunal convenes for a week, and it is possible that an accumulation of cases will result for the session scheduled for June 23rd.

Proceedings: Charged with being drunk and disorderly and with an assault, Will Vick was sentenced to the roads for a term of two months. Vick pleaded not guilty, the court differing with his plea after hearing the evidence.

Ed Speller, apparently in a hurry to have his trial completed for fear that other interesting evidence might be uncovered, pleaded guilty in the case charging him with carrying a concealed weapon. He was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs of the case.

The case in which Fenner Respass, taxi driver, was charged with aiding and abetting in larceny, was continued for the defendant.

Nelson Mason, charged with larceny, had his case continued also.

## Funeral Business Sold By Courtney

The Courtney Funeral firm this week sold its business, equipment and good will to the S. R. Biggs Funeral Home, the new owners to accept all contracts formed with the Roanoke Mutual Burial Association.

Operating an undertaking business here for a long number of years and more recently one in Plymouth, Mr. Courtney recently disposed of the business in Plymouth and then decided to withdraw from the field altogether and center his sole efforts on an expanding furniture business.

Announcing the mutual sale this week, Mr. Courtney stated that he believed the new arrangement would make possible a greater service to the people of this section. He expressed his appreciation for the patronage and good will accorded him and cordially solicited a continuation of same for the new owners.

## Open WPA Weaving Room Next Tuesday

The Works Progress Administration in cooperation with the county will launch a weaving project in the Leggett building over the Williams-ton Cafe here next Tuesday. Four looms are being set up and the project will employ about twelve persons, most of whom were associated with the operation of the school lunch rooms last term.

Sheets, pillow cases, spreads and rugs will be woven in the room for distribution to the army camps and other government projects.

## Cool Weather Follows Opening Of The Pool

Cool weather followed the opening of the municipal swimming pool here Wednesday, but despite weather conditions, 75 tots plunged into the fresh water during the first day.

The pool is open daily from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 6 p. m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. and on Sundays from 2 to 7 p. m.

While cool weather accompanied the opening of the pool, rain followed special workmen coming here on Wednesday to surface a mile and one-half of streets.

## County Teacher President Woman's Missionary Group

Miss Viola Price, of Scotland Neck, who is a member of the Hamilton school faculty and the Hamilton Woman's Missionary Society, was honored recently when she was made president of the Martin County-Plymouth division of the W. M. U. for the coming year. Miss Price served as Young People's leader for the past year and has been an active worker in the field since coming to the county three years ago.

## Prowlers Are Reported In Hamilton Few Days Ago

Hamilton police and county officers are baffled in trying to solve a series of prowling cases in the up-county town. While the officers may have their suspicions, no developments have been reported.

Several months ago, prowlers were loose in Hamilton. They disappeared but returned early this week when they went to several homes.

## Representative Bonner Will Address Farm Meeting Here

More than 600 Martin County Farm Bureau members and special guests are expected to attend the organization's annual meeting and hear Congressman Herbert Bonner in a special address at the high school here next Thursday evening.

Plans for the event are now complete, the program calling for a free barbecue supper at 6 o'clock in the gymnasium. Congressman Bonner's address at 7 and a baseball game at 8 o'clock. Bureau Secretary John I. Eagles will issue tickets to all members the early part of next week. Tentative plans for the meeting were formulated by the bureau officers and directors at a special meeting held here last week.

Prominent farm leaders in the State will also appear on the program, and all Farm Bureau mem-

bers are invited and urged to attend.

No subject was assigned Congressman Bonner for his address, but it is thought that he will review farm legislation recently enacted, and outline agriculture's part in the nation's all-out defense program. It will be interesting to note that Mr. Bonner during his short stay in Congress has been to the forefront in supporting farm legislation and working for a greater aid to Britain and a stronger defense of this nation.

Boasting one of the strongest organizations in this State, Martin County Farm Bureau members are looking forward to the meeting and the congressman's address. The supper and entertainment program will be free to all members and special guests.

## POTATO SPROUTS

Martin County farmers are showing a real interest in the defense food-feed program. Several hundred have already pledged their efforts in a program to supply home needs from the family garden. The latest evidence is the unusually large call for sweet potato sprouts. A few days ago, Slade-Rhodes and Company, Hamilton, had received orders for nearly half a million of the plants. Equipped to water the plants, the company had a large supply while other farmers lost theirs, during the dry spell.

## Public Library Is Adding New Books

Forty-five new titles are being added to the collection of books in the local public library, the librarian announcing that most of the new books are for the juniors.

Effective this week, the library is open each week day between 9:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. and from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

The new titles: Cicily Drake, The Shining Tree, Polly Kent Rides West, Greased Lightning, Two and Two Are Four, Where the Winds Never Blew and the Cocks Never Crow, Benny the Bunny Liked Buns, Boy Scout Year Book of Wild Animal Stories, The Kid from Tomkinsville, The Little Black Hen, Happy Times in Czechoslovakia, The American Mother Goose, Too Fast for John Blueberry Corners, Thee, Hannah, The Tumble Bug and Other Tales, Debby, Mystery of the Seven Murals, Up the River to Danger, Hill Doctor, Teri Taro from Bora Bora, With Daniel Boone on the Carolina Trail, Flight 17, Star Spangled Summer, Little Whirlwind, He Heard America Sing (Stephen Foster's biography), The Critter Book, Peppi the Duck, Rowena the Skating Cow, the Secret of the Lodge, Under the Capstone, Crossing Canada, Midnight, A Book for Jennifer, Nicodemus Laughs, Forty Faces, All Through the Night, How the Hurricane Helped, Peter by the Sea, Skittles, Nicodemus and the Newborn Baby, Babar and Father Christmas, At the Zoo, Buttons and Bo, The Buttons Go Walking.

## James F. Terry, 57, Claimed By Death

James Franklin Terry, 57, died at Brown Community Hospital Thursday afternoon at six o'clock after about seven months' illness. He had been a patient in the hospital for a week. Funeral services were conducted from Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church near Bear Grass Friday afternoon at four o'clock by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Abrams, assisted by Rev. D. W. Alexander, Free Will Baptist minister of near Bethel. Burial followed in the church yard.

Mr. Terry was a farmer and spent his entire life in Martin County. He was a member of Rose of Sharon Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Caddie Whitaker Terry; one daughter, Mrs. R. N. Farmer, of Williamston Route 2; one son, Jesse Gray Terry, of the home; five grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Sam Whitehurst, of Greenville, Route 5; Mrs. W. O. Wynn, of near Robersonville; Mrs. D. B. Whichard, of near Williamston, and Mrs. Warner Cowan, of near Robersonville; two brothers, L. D. Terry, of near Robersonville, and M. C. Terry, of St. Pauls.

## HEALTH MEETING

Members of the Martin County Board of Health are scheduled to meet in special session in the office of the department here next Monday night at eight o'clock at the call of the chairman. The new 1941-42 budget will be discussed subject to final approval by the State Health Department and the Martin County commissioners. The budget was briefly reviewed by the commissioners last Monday.

## Work Of Selective Service Reviewed By Metts In State

### More Than 24,108 Trainees From North Carolina Now In Army Service

Expressing pride in the smooth working machinery of the State Selective Service System, General J. Van B. Metts, State Director, today issued a statement showing the results accomplished through April 30, in this State.

Out of a total of 454,335 registrants (of whom 325,358 are white and 128,977 are Negro), classification has been completed for 130,141. Of this number, 24,108 have been found available for general or limited military service; 1,963 have been deferred on account of being necessary men in their civilian occupations; 94,290 have been deferred because they have dependents; and 9,780 have been deferred for other reasons.

Of interest is the fact that 26 registrants have been found to be conscientious objectors and therefore deferred; 38 men have been deferred because they are aliens; 424 have been deferred because they are ministers or divinity students. Out of 29,226 physically examined, 5,069 have been rejected.

Out of a total of 10,570 men delivered to the induction station, 1,786 were rejected for various reasons.

A total of 9,629 men have volunteered. Of this number 5,356 were white and 4,273 Negro. Men desiring to volunteer are not automatically accepted, but are required to be classified and will not be accepted unless they are finally placed in Class I-A. Of the total of 9,629 who applied for voluntary induction, 8,795 have actually been classified and only 6,196 have been placed in I-A. The State has a pool of 6,193 men who have been physically examined and placed in Class I-A and are awaiting induction, and another pool of 11,040 who have been tentatively recorded as I-A men but who have not been finally so classified because they have not yet been physically examined.

## Eighteen New Bus Drivers In County

At least eighteen new drivers will operate school busses in this county next term, the office of the superintendent of schools stating yesterday that many drivers were either finishing or quitting school and that possibly there would be still other changes before the schools open next September.

W. H. McDonald, representing the State School Commission, has just completed a survey of the bus routes in the county. While there were a number of changes made in the routes, most of them were effected in accordance with the location of the drivers. The new arrangement adds about 20 miles to the combined daily bus mileage in the county, and calls for variations in the schedules.

## County Minister Reports To Army In Texas June 11

Rev. Grover Lee Hardison, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Halsey Hardison, leaves this county next Wednesday for service as Chaplain with the armed forces at Camp Bowie, Texas. He will hold the rank of first lieutenant in the 14th Medical Regiment. The young minister left the county in 1924 and after completing his education served the First Christian Church in Petersburg, Va., as pastor. He resigned the pastorate to enter the service.

## Legion Members Asked To Aid In Home Defenses

No details have been announced, but it is reliably understood that plans for bolstering home defense are being formulated by designated leaders in cooperation with members of the American Legion. Mack Wynn, active Legionnaire in this county, was called into a meeting in Rich Square this week for a discussion of plans proposed. It is believed in the interest of home defense.

## Marriage Licenses Issued In May Are Near Record Mark

### Six White and Eleven Colored Couples Marry in County During Period

After striking a low point of six in the month of May, 1940, following the passage of the marriage health law, the number of marriage licenses issued in this county last month approached the all-time record of 19 established for the same month in 1937. Similar gains in the number of marriages are reported over most of the nation, reports stating that love and calls to the Army are both going strong. The issuance of licenses to colored couples matched the previous record established in 1934.

Licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county last month to six white and 11 colored couples, as follows:

**White**  
James Benjamin Holliday and Ethel Beatrice Girvin, both of Jamesville.

Archie Leroy Perry, of Williams-ton, and Ethel Louise Wynne, of thews, both of Williams-ton.

Russell Tyler Mapes, of Norfolk, and Florence Elizabeth Paxton, of New Castle, Va.

Grady Thomas and Moneria Hardison, both of Williams-ton.

Colon Dewey Cavenaugh and Hul-dah Irene Roberson, both of Williams-ton.

George Hoyt Coltrain, of Route 1, Jamesville, and Essie Marie Perry, of Williams-ton.

**Colored**  
Charles Purvis and Olivia Whit-ley, both of Williams-ton.

Joseph Roberson and Sarah Mat-hews, both of Williams-ton.

Amos Williams and Tena Tillery, both of Palmyra.

Goler Ormond, Jr., and Maggie White, both of Williams-ton.

Christopher Brown, of Oak City, and Ella Lawrence, of Hobgood.

James Edward Coffield and Julie Mae Latham, both of Williams-ton.

Clayton Lynch and Rebecca Pow-ell, both of Oak City.

Marshall Burns and Annie Bell Wallace, both of Williams-ton.

Frank Williams and Catherine Gaynor, both of Route 3, Williams-ton.

Lonza Brown and Eunice Mae An-drews, both of Robersonville.

Lewis Givens, of Greenville, and Hattie Mae McCotter, of Stokes.

## Draft Authorities Issue Warnings To State Registrants

### Lenient Policy Will Not Continue For Indefinite Period, Metts Declares

Warning to all Selective Service registrants that they must respond to notices issued to them by local boards or become liable to severe penalties was given today by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service.

The State Director pointed out that Section 11 of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 provides that any registrant who fails to conform to the law or regulations shall be liable to punishment "by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$40,000, or by fine and imprisonment."

"Most of the cases of delinquency so far reported," State Director Metts said, "have been found to be due to ignorance or carelessness on the part of registrants. He pointed out that heretofore it has been the policy of the Selective Service system to be lenient in cases where it is apparent there has been no willful intent to avoid service. "But the investigation of such cases is taking up much valuable time of local boards and of Department of Justice agent, when these agencies should be devoting their time to the more urgent work of national defense," General Metts said, and then added, "Registrants had better not count on an indefinite continuance of this policy of leniency."

In an effort to correct this situation and to avoid the possibility of prosecution for delinquency, registrants were reminded by General Metts that they must complete and return their questionnaires within the time stated on the first page, they must report to examining physicians a time and place stated in the notice and they must report for deliv-ery to the induction station when notified to do so. General Metts warn-ed that failure to respond to any of these legal notices will subject the registrant to possible prosecution in the Federal Court.

## STORE CLOSINGS

Williamston's half holiday each Wednesday during the months of June, July and August, went into effect this week with a bang. All stores and nearly all of the other business houses were closed tight at the agreed-upon closing hour.

The holiday schedule found the store patrons prepared, re-ports stating that few tried to go shopping during the afternoon.

## United Organizations Given Strong Support

### Robersonville Has Its Base Quota In Tuesday Afternoon

### Progress Report Will Be Made In Meeting At Legion Hut On Monday Night

That Martin County citizens are ably answering their first call to supplement the defense of the Nation is evidence in initial reports trickling in from the drive to raise \$700 for the support of the United Service Organizations. While the task is not yet complete, the first reports clearly indicate that it will be completed within the allotted time and that Martin County citizens can be depended upon to act in defense of their country.

The first basic report was received late Tuesday afternoon when the Robersonville committee, headed by Chief William Gray and Attorney Paul D. Roberson, forwarded a check for that district's base quota to Rex John W. Hardy, United Service Organizations' county treasurer. The committee there, according to last reports, is making progress in raising the second part of the quota, the group stating that they planned to complete the canvass within the next day or two.

No other districts have submitted definite reports, but in Williams-ton one person is said to have contributed \$50, another donated \$10, and managers of several business organizations state that their employees are making \$1 contributions without solicitations. The heads of the various civic organizations have not started a concerted canvass of the town and community at this time, but various firm heads and groups have been contacted with pleasing results. With one or two exceptions, cooperation in the movement has been willingly pledged.

Next Monday night, the several township committees are to make a progress report in a meeting to be held in the American Legion post hut here at 8 o'clock. It is believed that nearly all if not all of the \$700 quota will be reported raised at that time. Chairman R. H. Goodman said today that according to reports reaching him the quota will be raised without any trouble whatever.

Quotas have been assigned to the various townships, as follows: Jamesville, \$50; Williams, \$20; Griffins, \$40; Bear Grass, \$40; Williamston, \$300; Cross Roads, \$40; Robersonville, \$120; Poplar Point, \$20; Hamilton, \$40; Goose Nest, \$50. Individuals are cordially urged to see their respective chairmen and take part in the movement without waiting to be solicited. Names of the chairmen are: Jamesville, E. H. Ange and C. C. Fleming; Williams, Charles L. Daniel; Griffins, P. E. Getsinger; Williamston, civic organization presidents or Rev. John W. Hardy, treasurer for the county organization; Cross Roads, Mrs. V. G. Taylor, Mrs. J. B. Barnhill and Paul Bailey; Robersonville, Paul Roberson and W. H. Gray; Poplar Point, Roy Taylor; Bear Grass, R. L. Perry and J. D. Wynn; Hamilton, Don G. Matthews, Asa Johnson and L. R. Everett; Goose Nest, H. M. Ainsley and J. H. Ayers.

Placing its program into effect a few days ago, the town of Kinston cared for almost 100 young soldiers traveling to and from camp in a single day. Similar reports are heard from other centers, and the need is certain to present itself in this county. It has been said by a few that the boys should stay in camp. Just a few days ago, three trainees, one from Pennsylvania,

## 126 MEN—\$126

A 100 per cent support for the United Service Organizations was reported in the county this morning by Treasurer John W. Hardy. One firm with 126 men on its payroll contributed \$126—a dollar for each man. Seeking no publicity, the 126 men have well demonstrated in a quiet way their honest-to-goodness patriotism and willingness to cooperate and participate with their means in the emergency at hand.

A similar spirit when displayed throughout the land will, no doubt, add a brighter lining to the dark outlook for the world.

## Man Is Jailed For Abusing Sick Wife

Charged with abusing his sick wife and threatening the life of the attending physician, Clyde Silverthorne following a spirited tussle with three officers was jailed here last Tuesday night. His case is set for trial in the county court next Monday.

Said to have been drinking, Silverthorne, according to reliable reports, beat his wife over the head. It was also reported that he threw bottles against the ceiling, the glass falling on the bed where a child was about to be born. Called to the home, a doctor was chased away by Silverthorne who, the reports state, threatened his life.

Excitement in the little neighborhood on Pine Street was at a high point when three officers went there to take a hand "Little Bimbo," Silverthorne's son, warning his father, shouted, "the law's coming." The father challenged the law and took a stand in the kitchen. Going into the small room Sheriff C. B. Roebuck took hold of his arm. Silverthorne countering with a full load of snuff which landed squarely in the officer's face. Deputy Roy Peel moved in and Silverthorne engaged him. The jailer floored him and with a death hold around his neck held him down until the sheriff and Officer John Gurganus could move in. The three carried him bodily to the car and on to jail.

At one time in the proceeding, the sheriff started to use his blackjack but "Little Bimbo" started closing in with a piece of scum and after bombarding him with curse words warned him not to pound his daddy. No locks were passed and Silverthorne can boast of an unbroken head just because of the officer's patience.

## "Wanderers" Seek Birth Certificates

The Martin County vital statistics bureau in the office of the register of deeds is busy these days looking up records and furnishing duplicate birth certificates to lads born in the county but who are now scattered in all nooks and corners of the county.

Hardly a day passes but what the bureau is not asked to search the records and furnish a birth certificate. Defense industries and others, too, are quite strict when it comes to determining nationality and the birth certificate offers the best proof. Typical of a day's work in the bureau was the mail received yesterday. Three young men, one in California, and another in Hartford, Connecticut, and still another in Philadelphia, asked for birth certificates.

Recorded only since 1914, the records are not complete, and even the records themselves are not properly prepared by the district registrars in some instances, making it impossible to offer the desired proof. It is a common practice; a review shows, for the registrars to leave out the given name of the newly born babe, and it is said that one registrar actually started naming the newcomers. The later practice was discovered, but little or nothing was ever done about it.

Most of those asking duplicate birth certificates often neglect to give their parents' names or the township in which they were born, making it difficult in some cases for the bureau to furnish the desired information to the "wanderers."

## Move Against Syria Is Believed Taking Shape Rapidly Now

### Russian Ukraine Food Basket Is Again Cause For Much Concern

Gaining a firm stepping stone by the successful invasion of the island of Crete in the Mediterranean, Germany is said to be pushing toward the Middle East where the British are moving in an attempt to check the Nazi threat to Palestine and the Suez Canal. The invasion of Syria by the British is regarded as imminent, but details on the move into a new war arena are lacking. The British fleet late yesterday was reported moving into battle positions off the coast of French mandated Syria. The Germans are said to have flooded the country with "tourists" and specialists, who are said to be trying to line up the French in resisting any invasion attempt by the British. The reports indicate that the British have blocked any further German infiltration into Syria except through Turkey, the action creating a new problem in that quarter.

Germany is ferrying troops to Syria in air transports, and has acted to get possession of important airbases there.

It is fairly apparent that both sides are feverishly working for positions in the apparently designated new war arena. The Free French are said to be working in close collaboration with the British and other French forces along the Palestine-Syrian border were on friendly terms and exchanging cigarettes.

In connection with the shift in the war arena, United States Secretary of State Hull yesterday warned France against aiding Germany's aggression and oppression, that such action would forfeit American friendship and cooperation.

The rich food basket—the Russian Ukraine—is again in the spotlight. Hitler is determined to get it either by trade or attack. One report states that Germany has nearly two million men massed in Poland and Rumania and ready for a drive against Russia. Possibly the amassed might will have its weight in forcing an agreement with Russia. Gaining the Ukraine, Germany would certainly be in position to wage a long war. This and other existing situations are all confusing, and it is fairly certain that the German push for world domination is moving nearer and nearer to this country.

Japan is blurring out in the Pacific.

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## Street Surfacing Work Is Started

After a delay of several years' duration work on surfacing a mile and one-half of local streets was started this afternoon at 1 o'clock, the superintendent, Mr. Smith of the J. M. Gregory Contracting firm, stating that he planned to complete the project by next Tuesday evening, weather permitting.

After priming the streets with a light tar application, the workmen will apply a heavy coating followed by rock, another application of tar and then more rock. All traffic is urged to stay off the streets until they are finished.

Reports from Superintendent Brown who is sinking a deep well for the town, state that digging operations for the test well were stopped at 518 feet, that an ample supply of water is believed to have been found.

## Additions Are Authorized For The Pope Field Unit

Fort Bragg—Construction of additional buildings and facilities at an estimated cost of \$107,883 at Pope Field, Fort Bragg, has been authorized by the War Department. Units to be built include: 6 barracks, 1 supply room, 1 day room, 3 mess halls and necessary utilities and engineering work.

## Young Martin Man Now In The Coast Guard

William E. Stinnette, young Martin County man, enlisted this week in the Coast Guard service.

There are still many vacancies in the U. S. Coast Guard service for desirable young men between the ages of 18 and 31 years of age. Former service men not over 40 years of age are also eligible to re-enlist. Applications are received at headquarters, Room 238, Post Office Building, Norfolk.

## Chauffeurs Must Renew Licenses Before July 1st

"All chauffeurs, taxi drivers, operators of for-hire cars and trucks must renew their operator's license not later than June 30," Highway Safety Examiner McLeod announced here yesterday. Applications entered now will save the chauffeur time, it was pointed out.

Coming here Monday and Thursday afternoons, the examiner issued operators' permits to 32 new car drivers yesterday. Only one of the licenses was a duplicate, the others going mostly to young drivers.

## REGISTRATION

The registration of young men who became 21 years of age since last October 16 or will have attained that age on or by July 1, 1941, will be handled under the direction of the county draft board, R. H. Goodman, chairman of the board in this county, has been advised. The last registration was handled under the direction of the regular elections board officials.

It is estimated that one million men in the nation will register on July 1 for possible service in the nation's armed forces.