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Victim Of Accident Here Declares He Is Condemned To Die

Robert Elliott, University of Arkansas Graduate, Helpless in County Home

Injured when he stepped into the path of a car on Williamston's East Main Street a year and a half ago, Robert Elliott still hovers between life and death in the Martin County Home for the aged and infirm. The 74-year-old inmate has just about abandoned all hope, and in a broken voice last Saturday afternoon declared that he was condemned to die. The status of his condition is hard to determine, but with bed sores gradually spreading on his body it would seem that the end for him is not far away.

Paralysis, gradually creeping upon him after his leg was broken in the accident, has rendered him helpless. His right hand is literally glued to his chest and the left, resembling that of a dead man's, lies motionless beside him. His sight is gradually fading, and the greying beard offers a perfect picture of an automobile victim.

In his broken voice he said he was being well cared for, but even then it must be an ordeal for the old fellow to maintain a silent watch for death far removed from relatives and friends.

Pathetic as it may be, the case is steeped in mystery, and about the only certain thing is that the facts will never be known. He has declared to officers that he will never tell anything that would make his whereabouts known to relatives. Some months ago, officers questioned the old man, and while they learned a little about his life they were unable to establish contact with relatives or trace his early life. He claims to be a graduate of the University of Arkansas, but officers wrote the university and learned that there was no record of the old man as a student there. Fingerprints were taken and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation but there was no record in the files there. Officers, virtually withdrawing from the case, state that all they know about the man is that he, as far as they can determine, came into existence on East Main Street about a year and a half ago and that apparently he is going out of existence on the west end of the same street or in the county home.

The old man entered Williamston pushing a small cart carrying equipment for grinding scissors and knives. He intentionally or accidentally stepped into the path of a car driven by S. W. Manning, Jr., on East Main Street early one night. Removed to a local hospital, he was treated and recovered from a broken leg.

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Enforcement Unit Head Files Report For The Past Year

Nearly 200 Stills Captured And 79,150 Gallons of Beer Destroyed

The Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board enforcement bureau, headed by Joe H. Roebuck, closed a whopping big year last June 30th, according to the officer's report covering the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1940, and ending June 30, this year.

The report, submitted to the board without comment, shows an extensive work was handled during the one-year period. To read the report one is convinced that the illicit liquor traffic has suffered reverses in the county, that it is hardly possible that the traffic is maintaining anything approximating a normal schedule at the present time. With possibly one or two exceptions, the work handled during the period was the most extensive ever handled in the county, and with two special federal agents maintaining their headquarters here, it is reasonable to believe that the illicit liquor business is facing a period of grave uncertainty in this county and area.

No noticeable trend in the illicit liquor business is to be detected in the report, but it is understood that large-scale manufacturing has been just about abandoned in the county, those who still cling to the illegal field of operations in an effort to recoup their finances apparently figuring that a cheap outfit confiscated by the law is not such a stunning plant.

According to the officer's report, 199 stills were wrecked in the county during the year. More than 79,150 gallons of beer and 228 gallons of liquor were found and destroyed. Fifty-two persons were arrested for alleged violation of the liquor laws in one form or another, and fifty of them were convicted in the courts, 24 of them in the federal courts. The defendants were sentenced to the roads for a period of 495 months. Fines, imposed on the others, amounted to \$255, exclusive of the trial and court costs. No automobiles and no tax-paid liquors were seized. The officer, the only one on the board's payroll, drove 13,826 miles during the period.

Merchants Lay Plans For Boosting Market

Local Tobacconists And Merchants Hold Meeting Last Night

Reports from the Roanoke River fill paying project are about as uncertain as the reports emanating from the Russo-German battle front. They are and they ain't going to pave the route right away. Rumor says they ain't, and district highway officials or engineers say, according to reports received here at noon, that they had heard nothing about that. Ben Martin, contractor, could not be contacted immediately, and just when the work will be started was not to be learned today.

One report, unofficial, said that the work would not be started before September. The highway commission is expecting work to get underway shortly.

Russia Reports Big Naval Victory In Baltic Sea Monday

Conflicting Reports Heard on Activities Along Land Battle Fronts

Germany may be pushing toward vail Russian objectives, but it is fairly certain that the march is being made at a great loss of life and equipment. And there is some doubt about all the German claims, the reports clearly indicating that Hitler is not making the progress he had expected to make in his Russian campaign.

Germany was handed a telling blow in the Baltic last week-end when Russia's navy supported by its air army sank or damaged thirty Nazi ships, including two destroyers and a number of troop and supply ships. The German convoy was literally "wiped out" without loss to the Russian forces.

Contrary to German reports declaring that the fall of Kiev, Moscow and Leningrad was expected momentarily, the Russians declare they have successfully resisted for the third day a renewed attack on their main lines. Yesterday's Russian communique asserted that its air force had achieved superiority in the air and had inflicted heavy blows on Nazi mechanized forces and German airdromes behind the fighting lines.

The communique said that, following the stalling Sunday of ferocious German mechanized drives toward Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev and the recapture of two important towns from the Germans, another lull had fallen upon the entire front during Sunday night.

"In the course of the past night no ..."

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John Hurst Passes In Hospital Monday

John Hurst, retired county farmer and carpenter, died in a Washington hospital last evening at 6 o'clock following an illness of only a few weeks' duration. Doing defense work in Norfolk, Mr. Hurst suffered a small injury on his hand. The wound became infected and that with a complication of ailments resulted in his death. He returned home about three weeks ago and entered the hospital last Tuesday.

The son of the late William Lawrence and Mary Horton Hurst, he was born in the Spring Green community of this county about 56 years ago. He married Miss Nona Edmondson who died about ten or twelve years ago. Following the death of his wife he had followed the carpenter's trade.

This Week In Defense

President Roosevelt informed Congress he had ordered a Navy force to Iceland to "forestall any pincers movement ... by Germany against the Western Hemisphere." He said German occupation of that country would threaten the North American continent, shipping in the North Atlantic, and the flow of munitions to Britain. The President said the Navy had been ordered to take "all necessary steps" to insure safety of communications "in the approaches between Iceland and the United States, as well as on the seas between the U. S. and all other strategic outposts."

The President later told his press conference that whether Iceland lies outside the Western Hemisphere is an academic question. He said there are points outside the commonly accepted Hemisphere limits which are of importance to U. S. defense, and that in occupying Iceland he acted to forestall a hostile move which strategists considered logical or likely.

Selective Service

Selective Service Headquarters announced that 21-year-olds who registered July 1 will be given draft numbers so they will be called in proportion to previous registrants rather than ahead of or after older men. Order numbers will be determined by national lottery on July 17.

Alien Education

The President allocated \$14,000,000 of WPA funds for a program to educate 1,000,000 aliens in the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. More than 11,000 teachers on WPA rolls will conduct classes for aliens who wish to become citizens.

Registered Civilian Organizations

WPA announced that more than 200,000 national, state and local civilian organizations with 50,000,000 members will be catalogued within the next 60 days to determine the parts the organizations and individuals can play in home defense so the Office of Civilian Defense can find qualified persons for new programs. All except purely social clubs will be indexed.

Civilian Supply

OPM conservation officials announced that "our purchases, our habits, our daily lives, perhaps even our styles, will be controlled by the requirements of national defense."

Buy Coal Now

The Federal Bituminous Coal Consumers' Counsel appealed to the nation to buy coal now so it can be moved from the mines before growing defense production burdens the country's transportation system. There is an ample supply of the coal, the Counsel said, but by September 15th shortages in some places may develop unless coal is stored for the winter before then.

Prices

Price Administrator Henderson announced that price ceilings on rubber tubes and other rubber products will be deferred for several months to allow industry time to work out price problems voluntarily. He announced, however, that ceiling prices will be placed within a few days on cottonseed oil and certain grades of West coast lumber used by the Government. Mr. Henderson also stated that recent action to check rises in hide prices does not mean the OPACS expects to freeze livestock or meat prices.

Army

The President asked Congress for an additional \$4,700,000,000 for the Army, most of it for purchase of heavy guns, \$400,000,000 for clothing and other equipment, \$200,000,000 for the Air Force and \$350,000,000 for the Signal Corps, and \$1,000,000 for horses.

Air

OPM announced that during June 1,476 military planes were delivered to the Army, Navy and Great Britain—142 more than the previous month and a new record. The War Department announced contracts of nearly \$200,000,000 for new airplane manufacturing facilities and ordered all Air Corps Reserve Officers except those in key civilian positions to active duty by August 1. The Army

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More Registrants Are Classified In County

Hardly One Out Of Six Registrants Is Subject To Service

Eighty-two men deferred account of age by Board in Its Recent Meeting

After weeding out the married, the "aged", the maimed and others exempted by law, the Martin County Draft Board in a recent meeting for the classification of registrants, found few eligible ones for possible service in the country's armed forces. It is to be expected that a goodly number of the 109 men placed in the No. 1-A classification will be weeded out or by physical examination, leaving comparatively few Young Sams eligible for work with Uncle Sam.

The board classified 610 registrants at its meeting last week, starting with the order number, "1,190", and continuing through 1,800. Following is a number review of the classifications: Class 1-A, 109; Class 1-B, 1; Class 1-C, 2; Class 2-A, 3; Class 3-A, 351; Class 4-A, 1; Class 4-C, 1; Class 4-F, 59. In addition to those classifications, eighty-two registrants were deferred as a result of a recently passed law deferring all registrants 28 years of age or older.

Class 1-A—White—Subject to Physical Examination

Williamston, White: Delbert Wynn Stalls, Charles Lee Daniels, Jr., James McKimmon Saunders, Jr., Frank Edwards, Jr., Rufus Daling Cherry, Thaddeus Fernando Harrison, Jr., Paul Graham Swinson, Daniel Arlington Simpson, Henry Herbert Cowen, Jr., Oscar Shannon Anderson, Jr., Grady Thomas, Howard Berkley Cone.

Williamston, R.F.D. 1: James Liley, Augusta Edson Moore, Julius Lee Revels, Robert Hodges Peel, Archie Benjamin Griffin, Joshua Floyd Ward.

Williamston, R.F.D. 2: Elmer Taylor Malone, Carlton Edward Hardy. Williamston R.F.D. 3: Willie Buck Williams, Thomas Fredrick Grimes, Herbert Roger White, Robert Theodore Taylor, Eli Clayton Rogers.

Robersonville: Oscar Everett Roberson, Williard Earl James, James Albert Roebuck, Elbert Harvey Whiehard, David Jasper Langley, James Eber Gray, Joe Henry Melton, Jr., Johnnie Lenwood Dixon.

Robersonville R. F. D. 1: Wiley Thomas Bullock, Leon Wilson Wynne, George Wiley Keel. Robersonville R.F.D. 2: Louis Cotton Brown, Vernon Ward Bryant, Frankie Coburn.

Jamestown: Woodrow Bullock Sugg, Wilbur Melton Gurganus, Lloyd Monroe Hassell, Eugene Thomas Bedwell, Earl Woodley Griffin.

Jamesville R.F.D. 1: William Thornton Currie, John Robert Coltrain, Jr., Noah Felton Daniel. Oak City: Hassell House Worsley, John Thomas Daniels, Jr., Willard Josh Hux, John Richard Medford. Bethel R.F.D. 1: Thomas Edward Purvis, Thomas Leo Etheridge. Oak City R.F.D. 1: Jessie Scott. Robersonville R.F.D. 2: Dave Dickerson.

Rocky Mount: Onward Loyd Gardner and Hubert Harrison Joyner. Norfolk: Thomas Holliday, Jr., and Maurice Lambert Peel. Swansboro: James Cecil Liley. Burlington: John Smith. Palmyra R.F.D. 1: William Cecil Hale.

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Rains Damage Crops In Several Counties

Heavy rains falling during recent days are said to have caused an extensive damage to crops in several eastern North Carolina counties. No accurate damage estimates have been released, but many acres of tobacco have "flooded" in a score or more counties, and the reports point to a further reduction in the current crop pouidage.

While weather conditions in certain Martin County communities are approaching the "wet side", the crops have not been greatly affected by the rains. Some farmers even declare that dry dirt can still be found in their fields, and others declare that only recently were the roots of their crops wet.

July 1 Registrants Likely To Get Call In The Near Future

Order Numbers To Be Drawn At Second National Lottery On Thursday

If no quota is assigned this county before the latter part of this week it is quite likely that several of those young men registering on July 1 under the Selective Service Act will get a call to duty possibly in August. That some of the new registrants will be called to report in September is considered certain. To get any of the new registrants into the army in August, the draft machinery has got to turn without a hitch. Order numbers will be determined in the national lottery to be held in Washington on Thursday of this week. After the order numbers are determined, and it will be a tedious but certain job to do that, the registrants are to be mailed questionnaires. After the questionnaires are returned the registrants will have to be examined, and then be allowed about ten days.

It is possible that the first call after the national lottery is held, will take quite a few of the new registrants who will be subject to duty at the ratio of about 19 to 1. This ratio of new men to old, is determined in a roundabout but certain way. There were 3,272 men registered in the county last October. The last man to report for duty on June 30th held order number 548. The 548 is deducted from 3272, leaving 2,724. There were 144 men to register in this county on July 1. The 2,724 divided by 144 gives 19, or almost 19, meaning that in the future one new registrant is subject to call every time 18 old registrants are subject to call.

For example, Charles Tilgham Roberson, of 500 Williams Street, Williamston, drew the serial number "5-1". If the young fellow's number is drawn first in the national lottery in Washington on Thursday he will have order number "S-567". The next man whose serial number is drawn will get the order number "S-586," and so on, the last man getting an order number in the 3270's.

Since last June 30, the draft board has reached the order number, "1,082" in filling July quotas, meaning that about 28 new registrants will be called between the numbers 548 and 1,082 or before the ratio of 19 to 1 actually becomes effective. If the rate of acceptance for the new registrants is no greater than that for the old, then few new registrants will actually get into the army during the next few months.

"Food For Defense" Program Finds FSA Families Prepared

Farmers in County Already in Step with Program, Tom Swain Declares

Farm Security borrower families in Martin County are already in step with the new U. S. Department of Agriculture "Food for Defense" program, said Thomas J. Swain, County FSA Supervisor, today in calling attention to the stepped-up production program for dairy products, meat, eggs and poultry.

"The government is asking farmers to produce more of these products, both for the democracies abroad and for home consumption," Mr. Swain said. "This program is just as important as anything we are doing in defense, and fortunately, due to a stable agricultural program we are in a position to carry on."

Further, said Mr. Swain, the "Food and Defense" program follows just what FSA has been doing for the past six years; more production of foodstuffs on the farm for family subsistence with surplus augmenting cash income.

"Thus, he states, Martin County FSA families are in a position to increase production along the lines mentioned and to improve their own health and living, and at the same time share in the larger American commercial market for farm products.

"Even though a farmer does not produce foodstuff for market it is more necessary now than ever to produce his own food and feed. Every pound produced at home and not bought releases that much for defense," Mr. Swain pointed out.

The plan is to convert surplus feed into food that people can use, and that means more livestock, poultry and eggs, and more gardens. Much of this food will be sent abroad and, to conserve space and prevent spoilage, will be preserved. This means more dried milk and eggs, packed meat and canned vegetables.

By raising more poultry and livestock, producing more milk, fat, vegetables and eggs, farmers can help themselves and the democracies, too, he said.

He said FSA families are urged to add a milk cow or two, a few more sows, and more chickens to their enterprise. Gardens should be expanded if possible, and produce

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NO STAMPS YET

Surplus cotton marketing stamps, promised to the farmers of this county several days ago, have not yet been received by the office of the county agent, it was learned this morning. The office announced, however, that the stamps were expected at any time, and that preparations had been completed for placing them in the hands of the cooperating farmers immediately after the stickers are received.

George Wynne Dies At His Home Here Yesterday Morning

Funeral This Afternoon For Retired Farmer and Former Ball Player

George Washington Wynne, retired farmer and former baseball player, died at his home on North Haughton Street at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning following a long period of declining health. He had been in ill health for a number of years, suffering with arthritis which with a complication of other ailments caused his death. While he had been able to be up and about during most of his illness, he had been confined to his home for several months, and just before the end he was sitting on the edge of the bed.

The son of the late Romulus and Willie Nicholson Wynne, he was born in Williamston 46 years ago the 2nd of last February. He spent his early life on the farm and when just a youth he signed as a pitcher on the Henderson baseball club in the old Piedmont League. After three seasons with that club, he entered the army and served in the armed forces for two years at Camp Jackson, South Carolina. Returning home he engaged in farming which occupation he followed until ill health forced his retirement. Since his return from the war, he found time to pitch ball and figure in the old rivalry that existed between his team, Briar Patch, and Bear Grass.

About twenty years ago he was married to Miss Katie Mae Harrison who survives with five children, Mrs. J. T. Edmondson, George H. Wynne, Lela Faye Wynne, Della Katherine Wynne and Dolly Jane Wynne; all of Williamston. He also leaves one brother, Herbert Wynne, of Williamston.

He was a member of the Methodist Church for several years. Widely known as "George D.", he had many friends throughout this section.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home this afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. B. T. Hurley, of the Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Ambulance Drive Is Off To A Slow Start

Martin County so far has made little progress in meeting its \$200 quota as its part in financing the purchase of an airplane ambulance for embattled Britain. However, the preliminary plans for advancing the drive have just about been completed and Albert S. Peel, chairman of the campaign in this county, feels certain that the people will willingly respond to the call tendered in the name of suffering humanity.

"This is a very worthy cause and one that should appeal to every man, woman and child in Martin County," the chairman declared this morning in renewing his appeal to the people for their support.

Mr. D. V. Clayton, of Williamston, is county treasurer for the fund, and contributions will be received by him or by the chairman and appointed canvassers. Contributions will also be received and acknowledged by The Enterprise.

County Farmer Critically Ill In Tarboro Hospital

J. Reuben Keel, prominent county farmer, was removed to a Tarboro hospital last Friday where his condition was described as critical in late reports reaching here. Suffering with some heart trouble, he was said to have become seriously ill following an attack of malaria.

Mr. Keel, well known Bear Grass citizen, had been undergoing treatment during the past several weeks, but his condition was not considered serious until the latter part of last week when he was removed to the hospital.