

Judge Robt. Coburn Calls Twelve Cases In The County Court

Defendant Charged with Slander Sentenced to Roads For Six Months

In one of the shortest sessions he has held so far, Judge Robert L. Coburn called twelve cases in the county recorder's court last Monday. Clearing the docket in record-time, Judge Coburn adjourned the tribunal before the noon hour. Attorney Paul D. Roberson, newly appointed solicitor, prosecuted the docket. Roberson took over the duties of solicitor when Attorney Don E. Johnson resigned to accept a special defense job down in Alabama, the appointment having been made by the county commissioners for the remainder of the current term.

Although the docket carried no startling cases, quite a few spectators were present for the proceedings. An unusual case was the one charging Charlie Johnson with slander. Johnson was said to have talked at random while in an intoxicated condition, and at the "show-down" in court he pleaded guilty, the court sentencing him to the roads for a term of six months.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, William Asa Taylor was sentenced to the roads for a term of thirty days. The case was tried at a previous session of the court and had been continued under prayer for judgment.

Charged with non-support, Oliver Whaley was directed to pay \$10 each month during the next twelve for the benefit of his wife and children. He was also directed to pay the cost of the action and reappear at the end of the twelve months for further judgment. Bond in the sum of \$150 was required by the court.

Tried at a previous session of the court and adjudged guilty, Richard Bennett, charged with violating the liquor laws, withdrew his appeal from the former judgment and was fined \$25 and taxed with the case costs.

In the case charging Stanley Ayers and Robert Roberson with an assault with a deadly weapon, Ayers was found not guilty. Ayers was adjudged guilty and the court suspended judgment upon payment of the court costs.

Mark Parker, charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, failed to answer when called and papers were issued for his arrest.

Facing the court on two counts charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Willie J. Dickens had his case continued until next Monday.

Charged with non-support, Bruce Wiley pleaded guilty at the bar of justice, and was directed to pay \$8.50 a month during the next twelve months for the benefit of his children. Bond was required in the sum of \$125.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, A. T. Rose was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his license to operate a car revoked for a period of one year.

Phillip Browning Passes In County

Phillip Browning, well-known merchant and popular resident of the Dardens section of this county, died at his home there at 3 o'clock this morning following a long period of declining health. He had been confined to his bed for about one month, but had not been very active in his business during the past year.

The son of W. W. Browning, of Plymouth, and the late Mrs. Cottie Sallinger Browning, he was born in Washington County on October 26, 1901. He spent most of his life there. In February, 1923, he was married to Miss Quennie Mizelle of this county, and three years ago located in the Dardens section where he operated a store. During his stay in this county he made many friends and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of the Christian Hope Church in Washington County for a number of years.

Besides his father and wife, he leaves five children, Marvin, Margaret, Loretta, Louise and Phyllis, all of the home, and two brothers, Messrs. B. S. and M. D. Browning, of Plymouth, and four sisters, Mrs. D. W. Ange and Mrs. George Waters, of Plymouth; Mrs. Pete Reason, of Dardens, and Mrs. K. M. Lewis, of Baltimore.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. N. A. Taylor, of Durham, and Rev. Robert Lee, of Pinetown. Interment will follow in the Sallinger Cemetery on the Long Acre Road in Washington County.

At Least Two Boys Are Ready For The Japs

Writing to their father, Sam Moore, this week, Tom and Clifton Moore stated they were well and safe and that they did not even want to leave Hawaii. "They caught us asleep on December 7th, but just let 'em come back now," the boys said, intimating that they were ready for them.

Property Listing Off To Slow Start For 1942 In The County

Starting their annual round-up this week of real and personal properties and all other taxable items, the Martin County tax list-takers report little progress has been made to date. Very few property owners have listed their holdings, but subjects of the poll tax only and especially those who were called before the courts for not listing in previous years are losing no time in getting their names on the tax books, according to information coming from County Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen.

Ample arrangements have been made for handling the work during the month of January, and it has been reliably learned that no extension will be granted. Supervisor Carstarphen points out that delayed listings add to the expense of getting property on the books, and it is cer-

tain that this unnecessary expense will be eliminated. Late listings, while possible, will be handled by adding a penalty to the late lister's tax bill.

Those persons who for one reason or another do not list in accordance with the law can well expect to be called to answer in the courts just as several hundred were called in recent months to explain to the judge why they failed to list a year ago.

The listings to date are hardly large enough to base an estimate on the trend in values. It is fairly certain that the automobile owner will still carry possibly more than his fair share of the burden, for reports state that values placed on some cars by the little "Blue Book" are higher than they were a year ago, and that reductions are small in other cases.

Plans Complete For Rationing Car Tires

SPEAKER

Dr. Ralph McDonald, widely known State educator and political figure, will address the January meeting of the local parent-teacher association in the high school auditorium here next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Garland Woolard, president of the association, announced today. The public is cordially invited and urged to hear Dr. McDonald.

His address topic has not been made public, but an interesting and informative talk is to be expected from the educator.

Forty-One Couples Marry In County During Past Month

Issuance Last Month Largest For Any December During Past Three Years

Forty-one couples, 25 white and 16 colored, were united in marriage in this county last month. The issuance of marriage licenses in the office of Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger for the month being the largest for any December in three years. Licenses were issued to the following couples:

White
Marshall David Wilson, of Newport News, and Susie Ward Ausbon, of Robersonville R.F.D. 1.
James Lilley, of R.F.D. 1, Williamston, and Kathleen Rogerson, of Williamston.

Thomas L. Speller and Anne Ruth Moore, both of Williamston.
James Thomas Gardner and Doris Elizabeth Barnes, both of Williamston.

Joseph Hardy Stroud and Florence Pennwell, both of Palmyra.
Clyde Barber and Mildred Irene Moore, both of Williamston.

J. A. Stalls, of Oak City, and Mary Lida Revels, of Williamston.
Burtis C. Nelson and Reta Mae Coburn, both of Robersonville.

John B. Roberson and Janie A. Gurganus, both of Williamston.
Irving Clyde Cullipher and Mabel Wynne, both of Williamston.

James Craig Stallings, of Macclesfield, and Reba Roebuck Hathaway, of Oak City.

Claude Elmer Jenkins, Jr., of Williamston, and Emma Lou Manning, of R.F.D. 1, Robersonville.

William Henry Gurganus, of R.F.D. 3, Williamston, and Cottie Mae Price, of Plymouth.

William Dixon Jones and Carrie Dell Cherry, both of Williamston.
Ralph Clayton Mobley and Bettie Louise Griffin, both of Williamston.

Horace Murdock Ayers, of Everettts, and Melba Grace Rogers, of Williamston.
Nathaniel L. Coltrain, of R.F.D. 1, Williamston, and Margaret Estelle Harden, of Williamston.

Charles B. Wynne and Gladys Mae Edwards, both of Williamston.
Lindsay Stroud, of Palmyra, and (Continued on page six)

MARINES

Coming from an undisclosed post and traveling to an unannounced destination, hundreds of U. S. Marines passed through here yesterday. The convoy, made up of nearly every type of truck and vehicle, was several hours clearing this point. Most of the trucks were of the open type and hardly suitable for the sub-freezing temperatures gripping this section. There was also a number of specially-mounted guns and extra large trucks.

The young men, some of whom stopped here for lunch, were well clad, and did not seem to mind the cold even though they rode in the open vehicles.

First Applications Will Be Considered By Board Monday

Inspectors Named in Various Parts of County By Board Members

An organization for rationing automobile and truck tires in this county was perfected last Wednesday when the board, composed of Messrs. C. C. Martin, of Jamesville, chairman; J. A. Everett, of Palmyra, and Herbert L. Roebuck, of Cross Roads, named tire inspectors in various parts of the county and immediately thereafter placed application blanks in the hands of the inspectors.

Names of the tire inspectors are: Oak City: E. V. Smith and James A. Rawls; Hassell: Robert H. Salsbury; Williamston: A. J. Manning, W. E. (Cotton) Davis, Jessup Harrison and John Miller;

Everetts: Will Bullock; Jamesville: G. M. Anderson and Wendell Hamilton;

Robersonville: Jimmie Bullock, J. E. Page, Walter Roberson and Louis Johnson;

Gold Point: Harry Roberson; Bear Grass: LeRoy Harrison.

The board also ruled that any patrolman in the county could handle the inspection work. Those persons eligible to buy new tires and who need them are directed to visit or call upon their respective inspectors. Application blanks now in the hands of the inspectors will be prepared in accordance with the inspector's findings. The application is then to be placed before the rationing board in the commissioner's room in the court house on any Monday between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon. The application will then be considered, and if it is approved the board will issue a certificate of purchase permitting the applicant to buy a new tire.

A list of those eligible to buy tires has been made public, but the board points out that those car owners who use "obsolete tire sizes" may buy new tires if they are to be found. Many of the old model cars have odd size wheels, and the owners in those cases may replace the tires by filing application with the board. The average car owner will not be able to buy new tires.

The application for authorization to purchase new tires and tubes is four pages long and is to be filled in by the applicant and inspector for the most part.

According to rules and regulations set out in the application, these vehicles listed in the groups below may be equipped with new rubber tires:

No certificate shall be issued unless the applicant for the certificate certifies that the tire or tube for which application is made is to be mounted.

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Memorial Service For W. H. Coburn

The Martin County Bar and court officials have set Monday, January 12th, as the day to hold memorial services for the late W. Hubert Coburn, former Judge of the Recorder's Court.

At the time of the Memorial services, which will be held at 10:30, the Recorder's Court will take a recess and Judge Robert Coburn will vacate the bench and B. A. Critcher, president of the Martin County Bar, will assume the chair and call the bar to order. A resolution will be offered and members of the bar will make talks in honor and appreciation of the life and service of the deceased.

Relatives, friends and the public generally are invited to attend the services at the hour above mentioned.

Draft Board Finds Reclassification of Men Is Mean Task

Board in Session Nearly Four Hours Studying Claims Of Dependency

Holding their first meeting under war time conditions, members of the Martin County Draft Board Wednesday evening read appealing claims of dependency in possibly more than fifty cases. "It is a different story from what it was before the Japs struck," one member of the board was quoted as saying.

With the exception of five or six cases, the board limited its work to the reclassification of those men placed in 1-H on account of their age but who now that war has been declared revert back to their old classifications unless new circumstances call for changes. The board studied each case with minute care, and it was almost midnight before the approximately fifty claims were closed and the ratings established. Final action was delayed in some cases until investigations can be made. Chairman R. H. Goodman stating that delays were preferred rather than cause a hardship on some of the selectees.

James Dalburgh Riddick, of Everettts; Raymond Robert Davis, of R.F.D. 1, Jamesville; William Warren Taylor, Jr., of Robersonville, and Lonnie Edmondson, of Oak City, were placed in Class 1-A although they had served three years in the army previously.

Robert Theodore Taylor, white of Williamston R.F.D. 3, was continued in Class 1-A.

Final classification was temporarily delayed in the following cases of white men:

Jamie Edwin Copeland, of Palmyra; James Exodus Moore, of Robersonville; Amelgo Gus Mandos, of Williamston and Norfolk; Archie Edwin Hardison, of R.F.D. 1, Jamesville, and Richard Earle Hale, of R. F. D. 1, Palmyra. Similar delay was reported in the following colored cases: Charles Henry Daniel, of Jamesville; Charlie Bellamy, of Robersonville; Samuel Watts, of Williamston; William Frank Everett, of Williamston, and William Augustus Cherry, of Robersonville.

Other reclassifications are as follows:

- White**
- 1-A—Wm. Martin Cherry, of Williamston R.F.D. 1
- 3-A—Robert Edwin Peel of Williamston R.F.D. 1
- 3-A—John Jarvis Perkins, of Robersonville R.F.D. 1
- 1-A—Marvin Melvin Hardison of Williamston R.F.D. 1
- 3-A—Jas. Elliott Barnhill of Robersonville
- 1-A—William Lambert, of Williamston
- 1-A—Asa Robert Harris of Williamston R.F.D. 2
- 1-A—Morlin Carson, of Parmele
- 1-A—Paul Wayne Henderson of Williamston
- 3-A—Johnnie Vincent Andrews of Robersonville R.F.D. 2
- 3-A—Kelly Stuart Bunting of Oak City
- 1-A—Jesse Alton Harris of Williamston

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Large Number Of Draftees Report For Examinations

Movements And Destination Are Kept Secret by the Draft Board Clerks

Their movements and destinations kept secret, large numbers of colored selectees left the county this week for physical examinations at army medical centers. It was unofficially learned that a bus load from this county reported to the medical center at New Bern. Reports on the examinations have not been received, and the number of men rejected, if any, has not been learned. The special bus, carrying the men away, returned late Wednesday afternoon.

Unofficial reports state that possibly six of the number instructed to report here failed to show up at the appointed hour. The schedule was delayed half an hour, and a lone straggler caught the bus just as it was getting ready to leave. Five others wired in various excuses, one stating that his money was short and that he could not report before Friday. Another politely informed the draft board that he was married and could not report. Another explained that he was late in receiving his instructions to report and could not get here in time. A sixth one has not been heard from at all.

Delinquent notices have been mailed to all of the six men, and their cases will be placed in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it is understood.

Those men passing the physical examination will be subject to immediate call to the army. Heretofore, selectees have been sent to the army induction centers where they were rated as civilians until they passed the physical examinations. When the call is received to report, the selectee will be recognized as a member of the armed forces.

Tentative Plans Made By Draft Board For New Registration To Be Held In Nation February 16

To Open Seed And Feed Loan Office In County Next Week

Plans for advancing seed and feed loans to farmers in the county this year have been completed, and W. B. Watts will open an office in the agricultural building next Monday. Applications, Mr. Watts said, will be received each day between the hours of 9 a. m. and noon and between 1 and 5 p. m. for an indefinite period.

Approximately 100 loans were made by the seed-feed loan office in this county last year, Mr. Watts stating that every loan had been retired in its entirety. It is understood that the advances will be slightly increased over those of a year ago, but basic amounts could not be learned. Last year, the office advanced \$12.50 per acre for tobacco, \$4.50 for peanuts, \$6 for cotton, \$4 for grain crops and \$20 an acre for truck.

Farmers, who have no other means of financing their farming operations, may file their applications with the office at their convenience and designate the time they would have the money delivered to them.

Full-Scale Attack On Philippines and Malaya Anticipated

Successes Reported in Sea War When American Sub Sinks Four Jap Ships

While this country is still talking about potential production and while squabbles continue over business-as-usual schedules and despite temporary reverses in sea warfare, Japan is believed to be making ready for a full-scale attack on the Philippines and Malaya. There is much anxiety over the possibility that General Douglas MacArthur and his outnumbered forces will face the full brunt of the attack.

Extensive Jap naval forces were seen earlier this week off Davao, and the movement is believed toward the Philippines. It was said that there were at least 24 warships and twelve troopships in the unit, and it is possible that the force will strike the Philippines or the Indies.

In its first communique for days the Navy said:

A Japanese transport and three cargo-vehsels, about 10,000 tons each, had been sunk by a submarine of the Asiatic fleet.

The warship toll exacted in the memorable fight Marines put up on Wake Island was increased to seven. A report, written December 20th—two days before the Japanese overwhelmed the defenders—added a destroyer and a gunboat to the cruiser, submarine and three destroyers reported earlier.

With the situation in the Philippines obvious growing more ominous by the hour the War Department passed its usual night communique.

The morning report gave every indication that the Japanese were organizing their growing forces for a great effort to wipe out General MacArthur's American-Filipino army.

Enemy reinforcements, MacArthur reported to the War Department, were being brought up to the front lines, still somewhere north and west of Manila Bay, and there were other indications of preparations for a large-scale general attack.

One such indication was an absence of aerial activity save for searching observation planes keeping close watch on the battle-weary defenders. Bomber and fighter planes presumably were being readied for the assault.

Late reports state that help on an extensive scale must be made available immediately if Singapore is to be saved. As the yellow Japs continue their land drives in strategic centers, the Jap navy boasts the mastery of the entire Pacific. Its admirals say they are ready to meet the combined British and American fleets and even suggest that such a meeting would shorten the war.

Jap fliers are not doing so well over Burma, a report today stating that 53 Jap planes had been shot down.

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Filling Station Is Damaged By Fire

Fire, believed to have originated when the stove pipe fell, did damage estimated at \$500 to the Central Service Station here Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock. The fire was discovered by Mr. C. A. Askew who went into the station about 6:55 to check his watch with the Western Union clock under the station driveway.

Mr. Askew said he saw a flame "as high as my head," and he went to find someone to turn in the alarm. He came back to the station a few minutes later and saw no flames, but smoke was coming from the inside. The big plate glass in the front of the station was broken, the stairway burned and the interior of the room badly smoked.

Firemen, using a small truck tank hose, put the fire out.

Four Registration Centers To Be Set Up In This County

Volunteers Will Be Asked To Aid In Handling Third Registration

Tentative plans for handling the new draft registration on Monday, February 16th, were advanced by the members of the Martin County Draft Board in a meeting held here last Wednesday evening.

Details for handling the third draft registration will be worked out from time to time or as rapidly as definite instructions are received from the Selective Service Act authorities. During the meantime, the draft board officials last Wednesday evening agreed to establish only four centers for handling the registration, Chairman R. H. Goodman stating that the work could be handled more advantageously in four places than in each of the twelve voting precincts. Travel to and from the four centers that day should be of sufficient volume to provide transportation for those without cars, members of the board reasoned.

Registrations will be effected at Jamesville, Williamston, Robersonville and Oak City. All persons between 20 and 44 years of age, inclusive, excepting those who have already registered for possible military service, are to register at their nearest center.

The draft board is calling for volunteers who can handle typewriters. It is quite likely that some of the school teachers and pupils in several schools will be asked to aid in handling the work. In Williamston, it is believed that a sufficient number of stenographers, secretaries and others will be available to handle the work without delay. Those who will volunteer their services are asked to notify R. H. Goodman in Williamston, Dr. Jesse Ward in Robersonville, or Mr. J. H. Ayers in Oak City. A special school of instruction will be held possibly in the county courthouse on the evening of February 12, and the volunteers will be expected to attend. It is estimated that the services of around 100 volunteers will be necessary to handle the registration and handle it without delay.

Radical Change In War Predicted By 'Doc' Howard Cone

Young Man Only Eligible One Out of Fifteen To Leave For Army Yesterday

Fourteen young Martin County white men were bitterly "disappointed" yesterday morning when they reported to the draft board here and learned they were not eligible to enter the armed forces—at least, not yet. Fifteen men were instructed to report for the trip to the induction center at Fort Bragg, but only one, Howard Cone, was eligible to make the trip.

Late Wednesday evening, the county draft board was instructed to send no men to the induction center whose serological tests were more than ninety days old. All of the men had had their physical examinations longer than that except young Cone, and for a while it looked as if he was going to make the trip alone in a special bus. The order instructing the draft board not to send men whose blood tests were more than 90 days old came too late to advise the fourteen young men not to report and they came in yesterday morning all packed and ready to go. A few had spilled tears in telling friends good-bye the evening before. All in all it was a disappointed group of young men but none was heard to argue for permission to accompany Cone to the camp.

Just when the young men will receive a second call to report could not be learned. It may be a day or two or it may be weeks before they get instructions from the draft officials.

Similar orders, instructing the draft boards in counties to the east of this one not to send men whose tests were more than 90 days old, apparently were received because less than a dozen young men moved through here en route to the fort yesterday morning. Ordinarily from fifty to one hundred move through here in answering a single draft call.

Advised that he had been selected to represent Martin County as the lone scout, young "Doc" Cone said, "Give me about ninety days' training and you'll see a radical change in this war." The young man (Continued on page six)

GAS REBATES

Martin County farmers, entitled to tax rebates on gasoline used in tractors and for the operation of other farm machinery, must file their claims not later than next Thursday, January 15th, according to Mr. G. H. Harrison of the Harrison Oil Company here. Claims to tax refunds on all gasoline used by farmers during the months of October, November and December will be considered by the State Department of Revenue.

The offices of the Harrison Oil Company have willingly offered to assist farmers in preparing their claims.

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