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Will Divide Three AAA Districts In County Next Week

Community Committee Elections in Robersonville, Jamesville, Oak City

Plans were announced by the office of the county agent here today for dividing three of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration community districts in Jamesville, Robersonville and Goose Nest Townships. No other changes in the farm program districts are anticipated at this time, but to effect the divisions in the three sections it will be necessary to hold new elections, including one for the county, Mr. T. B. Slade, chief clerk, said.

The community elections will be held in the school houses in Jamesville, Robersonville and Oak City next Monday night at 8 o'clock when two community committees will be elected for each of the townships. Three committeemen and two alternates are to be named for each committee and delegates and alternates will be named to the county convention to be held in the agricultural building here next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. All farmers in the three districts are urged to attend the meetings and participate in the elections.

Directed by the Department of Agriculture, the office of the county agent is dividing into two each AAA district having more than 200 farms. The action is being taken, it was pointed out, to lessen travelling and to provide a better check on program compliance and activities. "It is a big order for the committeemen in the large districts to leave their own duties and handle the work imposed by the program," a spokesman said, explaining further that travel is going to be limited and that the program will have to be administered and handled largely by elected committeemen within limited and designed areas.

The divisions will be effected along geographical lines or public road boundaries, the exact plans for districting to be announced at the elections next Monday.

While the community elections are being confined to the three townships all others in the county will participate in the county convention to be held next Tuesday. The delegates, serving the six districts not included in the division plan, are being notified to attend the convention to re-elect the present county committee or support other possible can-

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Dr. W. R. Burrell Is Called By Baptists

Dr. William R. Burrell, greatly beloved pastor of the local Baptist Church during the first World War period and for about a year thereafter, was recalled after an absence of more than 20 years by the membership in a special meeting last Wednesday evening to serve the church as its regular pastor. News of the action taken by the membership is being well received by the community as a whole.

The meeting discussed plans for calling an educational director for special work among the youth of the church. An appointment is expected shortly.

Coming to the church here in March, 1915, Dr. Burrell ably served the institution until after the United States entered the war in 1917. He volunteered his services and was soon transferred for duty as a chaplain with the English forces. He traveled to many distant lands during that hectic period, ministering to untold numbers of young men in the armed services. Returning to his pastorate here, he served about a year before resigning to accept a call to the Louisburg church. After a stay there, he went to the church at Monroe and later headed Chowan College before going to Asheville. He retired some time ago, but the urgent call issued by his old church members this week was gladly answered, the act enhancing the friendship which the doctor declares had mellowed down through the years for Williamston, and reforming the ties of an able service in the religious field of this section.

Many New Positions Awaiting Applicants

The Williamston office of the U. S. Employment Service has openings listed for electricians, construction workers (colored), carpenter helpers, welders, machinists, stenographers, crane operators, shipfitters, mechanics, plumbers, waitresses, farm workers and other occupations.

Every person who is looking for work, or a better job than he now has, are reminded by State and National officials that they should register or renew their applications now. Many new jobs are developing. Many people with little or no skills are being hired and the demand is increasing. There is never any cost or obligation in any way to register for work and keep up active application with the nearest office of the United States Employment Service.

Holy Week Services Scheduled In Local Schools and Theatre

Holy Week services are to be held each day next week from Monday through Friday at the Watts Theatre, 10:30 a. m.; at the high school, 8:40 a. m., and at the grammar school at 9:00 a. m. These services are to be conducted by the members of the Williamston Ministerial Association. The general subject to be used is: "The Living Church," and the schedule of speakers is as follows:

Monday: The Living Church: Its Creative Fellowship, Dr. W. R. Burrell, speaker.

Tuesday: The Living Church: Its Courage To Face the World, Rev. John Goff.

Wednesday: The Living Church: Its Spiritual Resources, Rev. John W. Hardy, speaker.

Thursday: The Living Church: Its Message for the World's Hurt, Rev. B. T. Hurley, speaker.

Friday: The Living Church: Its Vision of Ultimate Victory, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, speaker.

In addition to the above schedule of services, the Ministerial Association has procured the motion picture "The King of Kings," which will be presented Friday. The hour and place will be announced later. There will be no admission fee, but a free-will offering may be taken at the door.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services as scheduled above, at the Watts Theatre at 10:30 to 11 a. m.

There will also be a Union Easter Sunrise service on the lot adjacent to the cemetery. This service will begin at 6:45 a. m. More complete announcement of this service will be made later.

REPORTED LOST

Dennis R. Coltrain, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Dawse Coltrain, of Williamston, has been reported lost in a sea tragedy off the North Carolina coast. Second assistant engineer on the freighter, Norvana, the young man has not been heard from since his ship sailed from a southern port about eight weeks ago. A life boat off the ship was found drifting empty off Cape Hatteras, but none of the crew has been reported safe.

Seventy-Six Local Pupils Take Parts In Music Contests

District Event Is Being Held At East Carolina College In Greenville Today

Traveling in fifteen cars, seventy-six Williamston high school students, accompanied by several parents and teachers, left here early this morning to participate in the District Music Contest being held in Greenville today under the sponsorship of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. Miss Kathryn Mewborn, music director, has entered youthful musicians from the local schools in seven events as follows:

Mixed chorus of 42 voices singing, "Cherubim Song," by Bortnianisky.

Girls Glee Club of 24 voices, "Lift Thine Eyes," from the Elijah, by Mendelssohn.

Girls trio, Alberta Swain, Frances Jarman and Marian Hurley, singing "In These Delightful Pleasant Groves," Purcell

Boys Quartet, David Hardison, Billy Peele, Irving Gurganus and Chas. Mizelle, singing, "Soldiers of the Captain," Spohr.

Mixed Quartet, Mary Trulah Peel, Lenora Melson, Hewett Andrews, and Bennie Weaver, singing "Hope Carol", Smith.

Soprano solo, Mary O'Neal Pope, "Ho! Mr. Piper," by Curran.

Piano solo by Mary Warren, a pupil of Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., 1. "Two Part Invention," No. 13, Bach; 1. "Intermezzo, opus 116, No. 6, Brahms; 3. "Scotch Poem," MacDowell.

Sixteen Eastern counties will be represented in the Greenville competitions.

Students comprising the music groups follow:

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SOLDIERS

Headed by Lieutenant R. G. Waitt, of Alabama, approximately 130 men of Company A, 30th Engineers, are to establish temporary quarters in the fair ground here next Monday, according to definite plans made with Mayor John L. Hassell and the Jim Statons, owners of the property.

Coming here to complete a topographical study of this section, the armymen are planning to occupy the main building on the grounds and will hardly pitch tents. They will be in this area several weeks, it is understood.

Superior Court In Final Meeting On Tuesday Afternoon

Many Cases Removed From Docket Either By Trial Or Compromise

Holding forth only on five of the scheduled ten-day term, the Martin County Superior Court convening for the trial of both criminal and civil type cases disposed of much work, many actions having been cleared from the docket either by compromise or by trial.

While there were no cases of a sensational nature, fair-sized crowds were present for most of the sessions. The court recessed on Wednesday afternoon of last week, resumed its work Monday morning and adjourned for the term Tuesday afternoon. Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, presided.

A special term of the court will be held next month for the trial of civil cases only.

Proceedings in the court not previously reported:

The Standard Fertilizer Company was awarded a judgment in the sum of $190 with interest from September 15, 1941, in its case against Almond M. Lee and others.

In the suit brought by J. W. Leggett against Vernon Gurganus, the court ruled that the plaintiff was not entitled to possession of 85 bales of peanut hay.

The Harrison Wholesale Company was given a judgment in the sum of

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FAVORABLE

A very favorable vote in the soil district referendum in this county is now in progress, according to a late report from the office of the county agent this morning.

Late yesterday afternoon nearly 300 votes had been counted in favor of the soil conservation service. Only seven votes had been cast in opposition to the program at that time.

It is now predicted that the program will carry by between 350 and 400 votes before the final tabulation is effected.

The soil district will be set up within the next few months.

UNCLE SAM BATTLING TO UPHOLD *America's Freedom*

THE 15TH WEEK OF THE WAR

President Roosevelt proclaimed April 6th as Army Day and asked the Nation to observe it by resolving firmly "to spare no effort which may contribute to the speedy creation of the arms and supplies indispensable to our citizens'-army." He said, "We are engaged in our greatest war, a war that will leave none of our lives wholly untouched. We shall win this war as we have won every war we have fought."

War Secretary Stimson announced the army will train 100,000 men and women for civilian jobs as overhaul and repair mechanics, inspectors at government arsenals, etc. Men must be outside the age requirements for Selective Service. Applications may be made at any Civil Service Commission local office. The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to create a Volunteer Army Auxiliary Corps of women between 21 and 45.

Ground forces Commander McNair reported the Army will expand its present nine Corps areas to eleven to facilitate handling of 32 new streamlined Infantry Divisions of 15,300 men each. Commander McNair said a site "West of the Colorado River" has been selected for large-scale troop training in modern desert warfare.

Selective Service

Selective Service Director Hershey tightening II-A deferments, directed local draft boards to put aside considerations of "mere convenience and comfort" in determining the deferment of persons necessary to the "national health, safety or interest." The local boards began distribution of four page occupational questionnaires to obtain for the U. S. Employment Service and other agencies full information on the vocational background of men who registered February 16th. Later the questionnaires will be sent the earlier draft registrants.

The President set April 27 as the draft registration day for all men 44 to 64 inclusive. Director Hershey said as the war progresses, draft deferments will depend more on whether a man's civil operation is essential to the war effort than on his dependents.

Rationing

The Office of Price Administration announced individual or family consumers will register for sugar rationing May 4, 5, 6 and 7 at public elementary schools. Commercial users will register April 28 and 29 at high schools. All sugar sales in the country will be halted at midnight, April 27, for approximately 10 days. One member of a family can register for the entire household. Each person will receive a war ration book of 28 stamps.

Oil Coordinator Ickes said a card rationing system for gasoline will replace within six weeks the present 20 per cent limitation on deliveries in 17 Eastern States, Washington, Oregon and the District of Columbia. The War Production Board said new typewriters produced during the remainder of 1942 will go to the Army, Navy and other government agencies.

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Peanut Farmers Are Urged To Return Marketing Cards

A last call is being issued to about 100 farmers in this county urging them to return their peanut marketing cards to the office of the county farm agent. "It will be impossible to complete required reports and it is very likely that future parity and soil conservation payments will be withheld in those cases where the farmers do not return the cards carrying the required data," Miss Mildred Everett, office clerk, said this morning. The cards are overdue and must be returned not later than next Tuesday.

In those cases where the farmers have not sold their 1941 peanut crop, thye are directed to report anyway, listing the number of bags or pounds they are saving for seed. It is estimated that twenty peanut farmers in this county have not called for their marketing cards. Unless reports are received from them immediately, investigations will be instituted to determine, if possible, the delay. The office of the agent is fairly certain that no sales were effected in this county without marketing cards.

Several picker operators have not submitted their records, and they are urged to do so immediately. It was pointed out that these data are absolutely necessary in the preparation of reports for the government and in checking production allotments.

Reclassify Number Of Registrants In County

Classification Work Brought Up To Date By Board This Week

Twenty Men Are Moved Into Group Subject To Call Within Short Time

Acting in accordance with fairly recent instructions from the Selective Service office, the Martin County Draft Board this week reclassified more men in this county and brought its reclassification work up to date. Twenty men, formerly grouped in the 4-F class, were moved into group 1-A and are now subject to call within a short time. Most of the changes were effected when new regulations were issued in connection with education requirements. There were several appeals handled at the meeting this week.

Several more registrants were given temporary deferments ranging from 60 days to about six months. In granting these deferments, the board not only considered occupations but also weighed other conditions surrounding each individual case. It is quite likely that few if any of the temporary deferments will be renewed or made permanent, and it is apparent that the labor shortage worrying farmers and

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SUGAR

While plans are being advanced for the rationing of sugar for the law-abiding individual, the illicit liquor manufacturers are apparently still buying the sweetening in fairly large quantities, according to ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck. Raiding in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township this week, the officer confiscated 100 pounds of sugar and poured out about five gallons of liquor found at two incomplete distilleries.

Some time ago, the officer confiscated 1,000 pounds of sugar and poured out a large quantity of beer made from about 1,000 pounds of sugar.

ANNOUNCES

Clarence W. Griffin, local attorney, today announced his candidacy to succeed himself as a member of the State House of Representatives from this county. No formal statement accompanied the announcement.

Mrs. W. H. Moore Dies Last Evening In Local Hospital

Funeral For Highly Respected Citizen Will Be Held At Home Tomorrow

Mrs. W. H. Moore, highly respected Jamesville Township citizen, died in a local hospital last evening at 9 o'clock following a long illness. She had been in the hospital for the treatment of a heart ailment and other complications with which she had suffered for about twelve months. There had been a marked improvement in her condition during the past few days, and yesterday had made plans to go home today. Members of the family left her feeling well and in good spirit shortly before nine o'clock. A few minutes later she suffered another heart attack and died suddenly.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner, she was born in Jamesville Township 57 years ago. She was first married to Dennis Hardison, and following his death married Mr. Moore. Three children, Adrion Hardison, of Griffins Township; Mrs. N. H. Lockhart, of Griffon, and Mr. Dollie Hardison, of Norfolk, survive the first union. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Ben Peel and Mrs. Charles Russell, both of Jamesville, by her last husband. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Jesse Martin, Mrs. E. N. Hardison, of Jamesville, and Mrs. Bertha Hardison, of Dardens.

Mrs. Moore had been a member of the Baptist church at Cedar Branch for a long number of years. She was a conscientious religious worker, and possessed a fine personality and a Christian character. She was devoted to her family and was

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FEW CHECKS

Few soil conservation checks have been received by farmers in this county since the Department of Agriculture accepted the task of distributing the vouchers direct to the owners. Up until about two weeks ago, the distribution of checks was effected by the office of the farm agent in this county.

Less than fifty checks have been received since the change was made a few weeks ago. The government accepted the task in an effort to conserve tires and cars for farmers who had found it necessary to go to the agent's office for their checks under the old system of distribution.

Nations Are Paring For Positions In Spring Campaign

Japs Speed Their Drive into Burma With Anxious Eye On India

Fighting continues on battlefronts covering thousands of miles, but major developments in the war are pending the completion of preparations for large scale action this spring. Just where the pot will boil over even the best posted observers will not say, but it is agreed that "all hell" will likely break loose during the months just ahead.

The nations are paring for positions in anticipation of a possible turning point in the gigantic struggle this spring and summer. Germany, her hands well occupied in Russia just now, is trying desperately to cut supply lines into Russia, and Japan, after blocking the Burma Road, is apparently moving with an anxious eye toward India. Sir Stafford Cripps, it is believed, can "swing" India into line and effect a barrier against the Jap invaders. Whether his government will try to hold India and lose all, or whether his government will recognize India and save all is yet to be determined. Cripps' mission holds the key to the solution of the problem in that part of the world.

Hitler is still fighting but at the same time he is doing much planning possibly for a drive into the Middle East, or a drive toward the Baltic for an indirect attack through Finland or for an invasion attempt against the British Isles.

At the same time, the Allies are planning their strategy, possibly of a powerful offensive nature. The situation just now is best summarized in the words of the old Confederate General who said, victory belongs to those who get there "first-est with the mostest."

On the battle front itself, most activity has been reported at Corregidor, the mighty fortress that is still holding out in the Philippines. Malta, the 100-mile square fortress in the Mediterranean, is still holding out, the defenders coming out of another raid or about the 1,500th one day before yesterday. The attackers lost a large number of planes there in their latest attempt to knock out the stumbling block to the movement of Axis supplies to General Rommell, the German general in Libya.

In Burma, the Japs continue their push, but determined Chinese forces are offering a valiant opposition.

While there have been no major developments on the Eastern front in recent days, the successes of the Russians add up to a goodly sum of German dead. More than 16,000 Germans have been killed on the Lenin-

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Twelve Martin Men Are Facing Court

Charged with violating the liquor laws, twelve Martin County persons, two or three of them being young boys, are facing trial before Judge Isaac M. Meekins in the federal court at Washington next week. All but two of the defendants are now at liberty under bond. The court opens its spring term next Monday morning.

John James, senior and junior, and Michael Boston are charged with possessing illegal liquor for the purpose of sale.

Buddy Knox, Horace Lee Dixon and Will Knox are charged with possession and transportating illegal liquors.

R. E. Brinkley and Aldridge Nobles stand charged with transporting.

Willis Pierce is booked for alleged manufacturing.

William Owens, appearing in court for the third time within the past year, is charged with transporting.

Joe Taper and George Washington Brooks, now in the Wilson County jail awaiting trial, are charged with possessing illegal liquor for the purpose of sale. Taper is a repeater along with Owens and Pierce.

N. S. Godard, charged with possession for the purpose of sale, is the thirteenth defendant from this county scheduled to face the court next week.

Man Faces Court On Liquor Charge

Charged with possessing between six and seven gallons of illicit liquor for the retail trade, N. S. Godard, local man, was booked by a United States commissioner in Plymouth on Wednesday afternoon for trial in the federal court at Washington next Monday. The defendant was released under bond.

When officers raided the defendant's boat, parked near the river wharf and convenient to the annual fishing trade, he threw over a container partly filled with liquor. A member of the Coast Guard, accompanying Federal Agent Patton, retrieved the liquor and the man's boat was confiscated and carried to Elizabeth City that afternoon.

More Martin County Order Numbers . . .

Registrants With Dependents Are Not Subject To Call Immediately

The approximately 235 men whose names appear below may read their order numbers complacently, at least for the time being if they have dependents. They and others in the first and second registrations will not be drafted at once if they have dependents, according to Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director. But Hershey added, "The day is coming when we'll all have to do something." It was rumored a few days ago that the type of job or position a registrant held would determine deferment ahead of dependency claims.

The order numbers, appearing today from 10,652 to 10,887, have been corrected to offset a late registration. A variation of one is known to exist in quite a few of the order numbers already published, and it is possible that there are other variations, but the numbers are fairly accurate. Official numbers have not yet been released and are not available in the draft board office.

One order number, it will be noticed, is skipped in the group below. A young man, not certain of his age, registered last month. Later he found out he was not of draft age, but he presented the credentials after the serial numbers had been placed on the cards. When his name was dropped the order number was assigned to a blank.

10,652—Marvin Teal, c, Robersonville
10,653—Elliott Green Wynne, w, Williamston
10,654—Simon Amos Perry, w, Williamston RFD 2
10,655—Clarence Dowell Taylor, w, Robersonville
10,656—Isaac Thomas Willis, c, Jamesville RFD 1
10,657—Rascoe Clemmons, c, Williamston
10,658—Andrew Jackson Holliday, w, Jamesville
10,659—Arthur Elton Crisp, w, Hassell
10,660—Walter Jack Johnson, c, Williamston
10,661—James Wendell Modlin, w, Jamesville RFD 1
10,662—Author Victor Slade, c, Williamston RFD 3
10,663—Alexander Wallace, c, Robersonville
10,664—Sam Dickens, c, Robersonville RFD 2
10,665—Alfred Herman Clark, c, Williamston RFD 2
10,666—Luther Melvin Cratt, w, Williamston RFD 2
10,667—James Christian Manning, w, Williamston
10,668—William Leamon Roberson, w, Robersonville RFD 2
10,669—John Thomas Bateman, c, Jamesville
10,670—Ernest Albert Ward, c, Hamilton
10,671—Clavon Brown, c, Williamston
10,672—James Edward Jenkins, w, Parmele
10,673—Aaron Winsley Boyd, w, Hamilton
10,674—David Elwood David, w, Williamston
10,675—Joe Ben Wynne, w, Williamston RFD 2
10,676—William Edgar Price, w, Oak City RFD 1
10,677—James Andrew Brown, c, Williamston RFD 3
10,678—Willie Vance Williams, c, Williamston
10,679—Hubert Floyd Whitaker, w, Williamston RFD 3
10,680—William Adkins Cross, c, Robersonville RFD 2
10,681—Robert Ernest Whitley, w, Williamston RFD 3
10,682—Paul B. Bland, w, Palmyra RFD 1
10,683—Nathan Thomas Perry, w, Williamston RFD 1
10,684—Fred Bruce Birmingham, w, Williamston
10,685—William Gavin Cowan, w, Williamston RFD 2
10,686—James Gardner, c, Williamston RFD 1
10,687—James Warren Jones w, Williamston RFD 2
10,688—George Rodgers, c, Williamston
10,689—Harry Roberson, w, Williamston RFD 3
10,690—John David Ward, w, Williamston RFD 2
10,691—Clinton Ruth Whitaker, w, Williamston
10,692—Percy Dorsey Evans, c, Williamston RFD 3
10,693—James Gus Bullock, w, Robersonville RFD 1
10,694—LeRoy Gilbert Taylor, w, Williamston RFD 3
10,695—Fate Whitfield, w, Oak City
10,696—Aulander Purvis, c, Williamston RFD 3
10,697—James Thompson, c, Williamston RFD 3
10,698—William Jasper Ayers, w,

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