

## Order Draft Boards To Reclassify Many Married Registrants

### Deferment Cannot Be Claimed Where Families Are Self-Supporting

Under a ruling issued by the Selective Service System numbers of married men will be made subject to service in the armed forces within the near future in some counties. The new order calling for the classification of married men whose wives are self-supporting or who may easily support themselves, is prefaced by the following sentence: "Local boards should complete the original classification and utilize all 1-A men of the first and second registrations before subjecting to call those registrants whose classifications in 3-A are to be reviewed under the new ruling."

Apparently the new order is conditional, but is necessary to meet certain conditions in those counties where the 1-A classifications have been or are about to be exhausted. In this county, hardly 2,000 of the approximately 3,500 registrants in the first two registrations have been exhausted in calling for draftees. All of the registrants in the first two registrations have not yet received their questionnaires, indicating that it will not be necessary immediately to reclassify married men coming under the group signaled out in the recent Selective Service order.

The ruling issued a few days ago reads as follows:

"It is felt that the time has come when married men whose wives are self-supporting will have to be called to military service. We do not feel however, that conditions existing today warrant a 1-A classification of registrants who have children dependent upon them or whose wives are pregnant. Local and appeal boards, therefore, should refrain from a 1-A classification in such cases until further announcement from this headquarters.

"The criterion to be used in determining dependency in cases where the wife works should be whether the wife will suffer a material reduction in the normal standard of living. It appears that such a criterion is too elastic and that the test which should be used is whether the wife is self-supporting. If the wife does not work and has not worked for the past several years, and there is not sufficient income from sources other than earnings of her husband for her support, then a true case of dependency would seem to exist, and a classification in Class III-A would be proper. If the wife has been working but has given up such employment within the past year, it is felt that the local board might properly investigate the prospects of the wife again beginning to work, and if the local board is of the opinion that the wife can, within a reasonable time, become self-supporting, the registrant should be advised of the re-

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## Indian Question Is Still Hanging Fire As Japs Go Forward

### Discouraging Reports Heard From Burma; Japs Within 75 Miles of Burma

Efforts to swing India into line against the on-rushing Japs are about to bog down completely and at a most crucial time for the Allies. The Japs, overrunning the British at Promé, are now within 70 miles of India's border and are not so many miles from important oil fields. Sir Stafford Cripps, special British envoy to Delhi, and General Wavell held a conference in India this morning and they are to meet with leaders of the All-Indian Congress this afternoon. Arguing dominion status for India after the war, Britain, in a last and desperate effort, has empowered Cripps to bargain anyway he possibly can to swing India into line. It has been intimated in some quarters that President Roosevelt may be called upon to help save the situation.

British proposals for handling the situation in India have been rejected by all conflicting groups in the vast country. Even the forty-three million untouchables have rejected the offer, and the situation at noon today was regarded as serious.

Much activity is being reported from day to day on the Russian and Philippine fronts. Russia continues its counter-offensives, one Moscow report stating that 25,000 Germans had been killed during the past 13 days. In Bataan, the American and Filipino forces have halted an eleven-day drive by a strong counter-attack. The main defense lines were cut, but the gaps have been closed and the defenders are today busy with mopping up operations. The usual official communique did not come through on schedule from Bataan today, but war department officials said that the delay was not to be taken as meaning that the situation on the peninsula had changed.

Japan may be mopping up in Burma at this time, but a tabulation of

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## Red Cross Graduating First Aid Instructors Tonight



Struggling for two weeks with a compact but very meaningful text instruction from Professor Sam Howell, able first aid teacher sent to Cross, members of the above group are hoping they'll be graduated by the first aid instructors' school closing this evening in the courthouse. Pictured above are Professor Howell (with the threatening finger), Lois York, patient; and members of the class.

## County's Tire Allotment For April Smaller Than In March

Running well over 100 short in filling the March demand, the Martin County Tire Rationing Board is heading into more difficult sledding this month, according to C. C. Martin, chairman of the board. Quotas for new tires, just announced, are slightly smaller than they were in March, but the rationing system is fairly liberal in releasing re-tread jobs.

The April quota is offered in comparison with the March allotment, as follows:

	April	March
New car tires	14	16
Car re-treads	39	00
Car tubes	24	13
New truck tires	32	39
Truck re-treads	29	17

## Judge R. L. Coburn Calls Eight Cases In County's Court

### Alleged Liquor Law Violator Is Fined \$75 at Session Last Monday

Attracting an unusually large colored audience, the Martin County Recorder's court last Monday, meeting for the first time in three weeks, was in session longer than usual handling the eight cases called by Judge Robert L. Coburn. Nearly two hours was spent on one case, the private prosecution going into lengthy detail with the questioning and disturbing the peace and quiet of the court at times. The trial, centering around a whipping administered a school boy, heard sharp word exchanges between attorneys figuring in the case.

Judge Coburn's announced stand against the liquor traffic has been altered little, and it is quite noticeable that the liquor cases are not as numerous as they once were or before the jurist explained that alleged liquor law violators could expect substantial fines or long road terms.

In the case charging him with being drunk on the public highway, George Peel pleaded guilty, the court requiring payment of the cost and continuing the case under prayer for judgment for twelve months.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Gus Teel, Jr., pleaded guilty of possessing just a small amount of illicit liquor. He was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the road term upon payment of the cost of the case and a \$25 fine.

After spending nearly two hours trying the case charging W. V. Ormond, Biggs School principal, with whipping Joe Walter Williams, 15-year-old school boy, the court found the school man not guilty. Heard to have threatened the school man after the trial, the boy's father, Chas. Williams, was warned to refrain from any such drastic action. The

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## INVESTMENT

The Martin County Infantile Paralysis Fund is investing its surplus cash in two \$100 bonds, Dr. E. T. Walker, chairman of the fund, explaining that the money could be made available upon short notice to meet any emergency. There is no immediate need for the surplus cash, but should there be an epidemic of paralysis or other emergency needs to be met, the bonds could be converted into cash, it was explained. "There's no use for the money to lie idle in the bank," the custodian of the fund was quoted as saying.

## Overdose Quinine Is Fatal To Infant

Truck tubes 30 44

Troubled with a large number of applications carried over from previous meetings, the members of the tire rationing board in this county had hoped the new tire allotments would be increased. There are comparatively few re-tread tires in this county for sale, and it is quite possible that the tire shortage will be even more acute at the end of this month than it was last. Warm weather is at hand and the demand for tires is quite likely to increase. In addition to that the government contracts have been awarded a public carrier in the county for the transportation of workers to defense areas and it is understood the carrier's tire needs will have to be met from the regular quota.

Asa J., fourteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manning, died in a Greenville hospital shortly after 10 o'clock last night from an excessive dose of quinine.

Playing with his two older sisters at their home on Williams Street between 6:30 and 7 o'clock last evening, the little child in some way got hold of a bottle of the sugar-coated quinine tablets and ate a number of them. It is not certain but it is believed that the children took the bottle from the mantle and while playing with it the lid came off and he helped himself. Returning to the room, Mrs. Manning saw the bottle on the floor and picked it up and put it away. Many of the tablets were still there and thinking the children had scattered a few around the floor she was not immediately alarmed. The family had the evening meal, the child showing no ill effects from the fatal dose. After the meal he played with the children, but about 8 o'clock he started jerking his head and a doctor was summoned. He was given an emetic, but his condition became worse rapidly and he was removed to the hospital.

Besides his parents, the infant is survived by two sisters, Joyce and Blanche.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home of the child's grandmother, Mrs. Blanche Manning, on Simmons Avenue this afternoon at 5:15 o'clock. Rev. John L. Goff, assisted by Rev. Z. T. Proffitt, will officiate and interment will follow in the local cemetery.

## COMMISSIONERS

Meeting in regular session next Monday, the Martin County commissioners will possibly review the 1942 property valuations and consider a proposal to advance the sale of real estate for delinquent taxes.

There has been a fairly sizable increase in the assessed property valuations, but definite figures are not yet available, and it is possible that the review will be delayed. With tax collections running considerably ahead of those of a year ago, the commissioners will be asked, it is understood, by the collector to change the time of sale from November possibly to June.

## Company A Of The 30th Engineers To Meet Here Today

### Plans for Entertaining Visiting Soldiers Announced By USO Official

"While no extensive plans have been formally advanced, local people are making every effort to make the stay of the members of Company A detachment, 30th Engineers, pleasant and enjoyable," Rev. John W. Hardy, chairman of the USO entertainment committee, said this morning.

The first members of the Company moved in early this week and established temporary headquarters in the fairgrounds. Late this afternoon the company will be brought up to full strength when the several detachments converge here for a banquet in the high school gymnasium this evening and for inspection and division tomorrow morning. The approximately 120 men moving in the early part of the week are here for a scheduled stay of about six weeks. The other members of the company, about thirty in Wilson and about twenty-five in Windsor, will return to their posts late Sunday, it was unofficially learned.

The ladies of the town are preparing a steak supper for the combined company in the gym this evening, and the party will be confined more or less to the engineers, it is understood.

The first centralized entertainment program is scheduled for tomorrow evening when a dance will be held in the Legion Hut on Watts Street from 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock. Miss Katherine Hardison is chairman and she will be assisted by members of the various civic clubs and organizations and others.

A main recreation center for the engineers will be opened in the Legion Hut next Monday with Mrs. E. P. Cunningham and Miss Katherine Hardison as official hostesses, it was learned from the chairman, the Rev.

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## THE 16TH WEEK OF THE WAR

President Roosevelt announced the creation of a Pacific war council which will sit in Washington, representing Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Canada, China, Britain and the United States. The first meeting was held this week at the White House. Mr. Roosevelt said, "It is imperative that all of the United Nations now actively engaged in the Pacific conflict consider together matters of policy relating to our joint war effort." He said the council "will be in intimate contact with a similar body in London."

## Production and Conversion

The President authorized the War and Navy Departments and the Maritime Commission to guarantee to make direct loans to small businesses seeking to engage in war production. Any Federal Reserve Bank may serve as agent for the departments concerned. Loans, discounts, advances and commitments may be arranged with private banks. The War Production Board reported organization of a Bureau of Finance with 35 representatives located in WPB Field Offices to help contractors and subcontractors in solving financial problems arising in connection with war orders.

The Federal Reserve Board said steel production was at 98 per cent of capacity in third week of March. War Production Chairman Nelson said more than 100 war plants have already organized management-labor production drives.

The President approved a plan by Attorney General Biddle to defer Federal anti-trust action which would "interfere" with the output of guns, tanks, planes and ships.

## Rationing

The OPA said county clerks throughout the country now have 180 million sugar rationing books which will be transferred to schools for registration of commercial sugar users April 28 and 29, and of individual consumers May 4 through May 7th. The Office released for rationing beginning April 13th more than 100,000 new typewriters now in the hands of distributors, wholesalers and dealers.

April quotas for tires provide 102,000 new tires and 470,000 re-capped tires for essential passenger cars and motorcycles, 275,000 new tires and 250,000 re-capped for trucks, and a limited number of re-capped tires for war workers, taxicabs, farmers, salesmen and government agencies.

The OPA released for rationing several classes of higher priced cars and those ordered by state and local agencies during 1941. The Office of Defense Transportation will ration ambulances, hearses and station wagons.

## Civilian Defense

The President signed a bill providing Federal insurance for homes, factories and farms damaged by enemy action. Civilian Defense Di-

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## Local Debaters To Go To Chapel Hill For Final Contests

### Win Decisions Over Creswell And Columbia In Preliminary Contests Yesterday

For the first time in many years debating teams representing the Williamston High School in the University-sponsored debating contests were victorious in classes with their opponents, both affirmative and negative teams winning decisions in the annual debates held yesterday in Creswell and Columbia.

The affirmative team of Bill Peele and Richard Margolis received a two-to-one decision from the judges in their encounter with Columbia High at Creswell; the decision for the negative team of Emma Belle Ward and J. D. Woolard, Jr., was unanimous in their debate with Creswell at Columbia. The query discussed this year was, "Resolved, That a Union of Western Hemisphere Nations Should Be Established." Three of the debaters, Bill Peele, Richard Margolis, and J. D. Woolard, Jr., are juniors and the fourth member of the team, Emma Belle Ward, is a senior.

Members of the debating teams as well as local students are enthusiastic over the fine victories achieved in the State-wide contest. The youthful debaters and their coach, Miss Doris Leach, are being commended for their splendid work.

Both teams from the local school are now eligible to participate in the finals of the contest to be held in Chapel Hill April 17 under Dr. E. R. Rankin, and will make the trip provided transportation can be secured.

It was about eighteen years ago that the local schools participated in the debates at Chapel Hill. The debaters were accompanied by Mrs. Joyner, their teacher.

## Martin County Farms Figure In War Effort

### EDUCATION BOARD

Holding a regular meeting here next Monday, the Martin County Board of Education is expected to formulate plans for adding a twelfth grade to the school system in this county. Tentative plans were discussed by the board members at a special meeting held recently.

According to one report, some members of the board are not in favor of interrupting the present graduation schedule for the seniors or juniors, but suggest delaying the graduation one year for the rising ninth grade. Graduates this year and next will be offered extra courses of instruction should they care to return voluntarily. A poll of the patrons is being taken and the results will possibly determine future action of the board in providing the extra work.

## Special Red Cross First Aid Classes Closing In County

### Eighty-five Candidates in Line For Diplomas in Three Different Classes

First aid schools, conducted under the supervision of and by the American Red Cross, are holding their graduation exercises in the county this week and next. The exercises are quite informal in that final examinations will hold the program spotlight.

The first of the schools, and incidentally the first of the type ever held in this county, was opened several weeks ago in the Woman's Club by Dr. E. T. Walker, Williamston physician. Classes were conducted for an hour and a half two evenings each week. The doctor held his last class of instruction Wednesday evening and the candidates for the standard first aid course certificates will be subjected to a grueling examination next Wednesday.

Twenty-eight persons are in line for graduation, Dr. Walker stating that the attendance has been almost perfect, that the pupils showed a real interest in the course. The names of those completing the courses of instruction offered voluntarily and without compensation by Dr. Walker, are: Mary Jane Saunders, Susan C. Hardy, Josephine H. Holding, Nettie Ferrell Martin, Ella C. Sharpe, Evelyn E. Daniels, Juanita H. Coltrane, Sarah C. Simpson, Ethelyn E. Simpson, Elizabeth C. Weston, Annie B. Dunn, Minerva F. Levin, Carrie Dell Cunningham, Evelyn T. Goodman, Grace C. Lupton, Mary O. Worrell, Thelma H. Peel, Maude C. Thorpe, Verda M. Walker, Blanche Harrison, Jerry Humble, Clarine Duke, Katherine Bradley, Estelle Crawford, Helen Whitehead, Audrey L. Williams, Mary W. Taylor and Trulah W. Page.

The second and third schools were opened at Jamesville on Monday afternoon of last week and in the county courthouse here that evening. Sam Howell, special representative of the American Red Cross and a trained first aid instructor, is holding his final classes this afternoon and tonight. His classes were arranged by the Red Cross especially to equip instructors who, upon the successful completion of the course, will be subject to call. It was, more or less, agreed that those who took the training and passed the course were to teach the standard course to any group of persons desiring their services. Well realizing that what has happened in London, in Chungking and other places in the war zones, millions of Americans are taking the first aid courses in preparation for any eventuality that might follow. Those taking the instructor's course, not forgetting to point out to the last, "if they pass," have expressed already a willingness to head up a series of classes anywhere in the county. "Possibly there won't be a lot of teaching done, but we'll certainly try to learn the im-

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## More Martin Men Get Prison Terms In Court Tuesday

### Sentences Aggregating Seventeen Years Imposed by Judge I. M. Meekins

Handling a docket crowded with cases charging defendants with violating the liquor laws, the federal court in Washington was late Tuesday afternoon completing its work. Several Martin County men were given terms in prison last Monday by Judge I. M. Meekins, and the work was continued Tuesday morning and afternoon.

R. E. Brinkley and Albright Nobles, charged with transporting illicit liquor, were placed on probation for eighteen months, the court ordering their car, a 38 model, confiscated and sold.

John James and his son, John, Jr., charged with possession and sale, were each sentenced to Atlanta for eighteen months.

Michael Boston, charged with possession and sale, was sentenced to prison for a term of eighteen months.

After failing to answer when called for trial Monday, N. S. Godard, charged with possession and sale, appeared in court Tuesday afternoon. "Things looked bad Monday and I got scared and left," Godard was said to have told the judge. He was sentenced to Atlanta for eighteen months. His house boat, valued in excess of \$2,000, was ordered confiscated and sold.

Willis Pierce, charged with possession of material for the purpose of manufacture and with manufacturing, was sentenced to Atlanta for eighteen months. Pierce had just returned from the prison last August where he served time for alleged violation of the liquor laws. It is the opinion of some of the officers that Pierce rather than tell on others and make enemies of them accepted the blame and took the "rap," so to speak. The man was employed in cutting pulp wood in the area where the liquor still was found and captured and he just happened to be around when the officers made the raid. "I made my mistake when I went to the still," Pierce was quoted as saying.

Fifteen defendants from this county faced Judge Meekins during the

## Preliminary Plans Do Not Measure Up To War Needs

### Half of Peanut Acreage Needed Is Pledged; Few Farmers Have Bought Bonds

That Martin County farmers are figuring in the war effort is certain, but that they are not figuring in that effort in an all-out way is equally certain, according to an official survey recently made by farm leaders. Possibly there are good reasons for the sluggish response to the call for increased production and the request to purchase bonds and more bonds for the prosecution of the war, but the facts clearly indicate that the seriousness of the situation facing this nation has not been brought home to a majority of the people.

Asked to plant 11,000 acres of peanuts for oil purposes, Martin County farmers agreed to plant 5,279.1 acres. Asked to plant approximately 3,000 acres of soy beans for oil, Martin County farmers tentatively agreed to plant 6,523.7 acres. Out of 1,364 farmers contacted, 413 stated they had delivered or sold scrap iron. Out of the same number 263 stated they had bought war bonds or savings stamps. To offset the poor record surrounding the purchase of bonds and stamps, 836 farmers stated they planned to buy bonds, but 372 others declared they had no intention of purchasing bonds or stamps.

These are the cold facts, and while they are traceable to the farmers, it can be said with almost absolute certainty that the farmer's record supporting the war effort is better than that for other groups.

Asked to meet with and discuss the war effort program, many farmers did not even have time to report, not to mention participation. For instance out of 144 farmers in Williamston Township, only 44 were contacted and in some of those cases the committeemen had to run them down for a statement of their plans in cooperation with the war program. Out of the approximately 1,619 farmers in the county the committeemen contacted 1,420 in the recent survey.

The table below reflects the cooperation pledged to the war effort by Martin County farmers. The first column of figures, expressed in acreages, represented peanut production

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## ROUND-UP

Special Deputy Carlyle Langley, assisted by Deputy Bill Halship, has started rounding up venereal disease victims delinquent in their attendance upon the various clinics held weekly in the county. The work was started yesterday in cooperation with the federal government.

No official report could be had, but it was reliably learned that approximately 69 victims of the disease were delinquent in their treatments at one of the four clinics, that there are about 38 draftees who have escaped army service because they were unfit physically and who are to be rounded up for treatment.

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