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## Uneventful Session Held By The County Board Here Monday

### Commissioners Have Agreed To Provide Equipment For Canning Project

The Martin County Board of Commissioners were in a long but uneventful session here yesterday when few matters of major importance were placed before the authorities for consideration. Leisurely discussing current problems, the commissioners did not adjourn until almost six o'clock. Several tax relief orders were granted. A petition for road improvements was received, and the commissioners virtually agreed to provide equipment for a county wide canning project for the school lunch rooms. No action was taken on the proposal to advertise and sell delinquent 1942 taxes before next fall, but it is possible for the commissioners to reconsider the proposal and order the sale in any month between June and November.

Submitting his monthly report, Tax Collector M. Luther Peel stated that \$152,988.18 of the 1942 levy had been collected, leaving a balance of \$53,084.95. Mr. Peel also stated that \$2,612.99 had been collected from the 1940 land sales, leaving a balance due of \$4,476.97. The insolvent list, fixed at \$5,898.94 when the books were turned over to the special collector, has been reduced by \$2,469.55.

Tax relief orders were issued in the following cases:

W. Berkley Rogers, Bear Grass, \$8.88 taxes on \$658 worth of property assessed by error.

J. R. Griffin, Jamesville Township, \$2 taxes double listed.

Thomas Moore, Jamesville Township, \$2 taxes lifted on account of physical disability.

H. W. Gardner, Williamston Township, \$2 taxes double listed.

Tom D. Taylor, Robersonville Township, \$2 taxes listed in error.

James Slade, Robersonville Township, \$2.65 taxes double listed.

Octavius Barber, Jamesville Township, \$2 taxes double listed.

A petition, carrying the names of seven persons and calling for the State Highway and Public Works Commission to take over that road leading from the D. W. Etheridge home west to the Edgcombe County line and known as the Chance Road, was submitted as a follow-up to a similar request filed a month ago.

After quitting the farming business some time ago, the county is now going in for gardening. Equipment has been provided and a sizable garden is to be cultivated in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration for the county school lunch rooms. The WPA was before the meeting asking that a cannery be provided, the representatives of the organization explaining that other plans to preserve the vegetables had been rejected. Commissioner Joshua

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## Forest Fires Raging Over Large Area In Old J. And W. Lands

### Church and Several Logging Camps Said To Have Been Burned Already

Fire believed to have been of incendiary origin is sweeping over hundreds and possibly thousands of acres in the old Jamesville and Washington timber lands in Griffins and Jamesville Townships, unofficial reports stating that part of the lands in Washington County were also burning. Starting late last Friday night, the fire burned rapidly, and landowners in the path of the fire resorted to back-firing and apparently aggravated it. The fire burned across roads, and while some progress had been made to check it late yesterday, the wave of destruction burned on into new areas.

One report stated that a church building had been burned over in Washington County, and the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company lost several logging camps in this county. The membership of Christian Hope Church, fearing the fire would sweep down upon their building, was said to have back-fired in an effort to save the structure. The action was taken Sunday morning, and later the building caught fire and burned.

According to information reaching here, the fire started about midnight Friday near the six-mile pine or a few miles east of old Dymond City. It burned in a southeasterly direction from that point, by passing some valuable timber.

Forest Fire Warden Marvin Leggett summoned possibly fifty men and strenuous efforts were made to check the fire. The North Carolina Pulp Company assigned a large number of men to the task and special fire-fighting equipment including a large tractor and plows, was moved into the area ahead of the fire. Some progress had been made by late afternoon, but the fighters were of the opinion that only a heavy rain would check the fire.

## New Grade Will Be Added To High Schools In This County

Meeting in special session here yesterday, the Martin County Board of Education virtually completed plans for adding a new grade to the county school system, the board chairman, J. D. Woolard, Sr., explaining that other arrangements and details would have to be handled by the various school principals and teachers.

Briefly stated the board is adding a new grade to the elementary school system, but out of necessity it will have to be incorporated in or handled by the six high schools where teachers are available. Under the present plans, students in the current senior class will be graduated according to schedule next month. Current tenth graders will be graduated in 1943, but the current ninth grade will not be graduated in 1944 according to the old schedule, the school heads stating that they will

be required to take additional work. Eighth graders will follow a similar schedule which requires them to take four more years of training in the local schools.

Commenting on the enlarged system, Superintendent of Schools J. C. Manning stated that no new teachers would hardly be necessary before the 1944-45 term or until the foundation had been laid for the new grade. After eliminating the graduation program in the spring of 1944, the authorities will operate the schools on a strictly 12-year basis. During the meantime, there is a drive being advanced to have old graduates return and take post-graduate work. In the Oak City district, 16 of the 27 seniors have already planned to return for additional study. The enlarged system in the small counties will cost very little as the present faculties will be able to handle the extra work.

### QUESTIONNAIRES

Late registrants in this county will have pot shot questions fired at them within the next week or ten days, according to information coming from the county draft board today. It is not likely that any of the questionnaires will be mailed this week, but the records are being prepared and mailing is expected some time next week.

It is not very likely that any of the late registrants in this county will be made subject to draft call before June.

## Number Marriages Continues To Drop In Martin County

### Fifteen White Couples Marry In Past Three Months; 27 Marry A Year Ago

The number of marriages in Martin County continues to drop, the decrease being traceable to the white population while the colored are barely holding their own at the marriage altar. During the first three months of this year fifteen white couples were married in the county as compared with 27 in the first three months of 1941. The same number of colored marriages was reported for the corresponding months of the first quarter this year and last, the issuance being three times greater than that for the whites in one of the three months.

Last month there were sixteen licenses issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county, but while there were sixteen marriages, the court severed the bonds of matrimony in nine divorce cases. Briefly stated, Dan Cupid made little progress in the county last month.

Licenses were issued to the following couples in the county last month:

**White**  
Morgan R. Taylor, of Jacksonville, and Thorne Mae Taylor, of Williamston.

Eli Staton Stalls, of Everetts, and Jennie Bett Stalls, of R.F.D. 1, Robersonville.

Edward G. Taylor and Mrs. Lizzie Griffin, both of R.F.D. 1, Williamston.

Lester L. Whitaker and Fannie Mae Harris, both of R.F.D. 1, Tarboro.

Leamon Foch Keel and Amanda Wynn, both of Williamston.

William Hugh Sessoms, of Tarboro, and Grace Wilson Manning, of Williamston.

**Colored**  
William Smallwood and Eveline Williams, both of Quitsna.

John Thomas Cooper, of Windsor, and Ella Mae Smith, of Williamston.

Robert Lee Hooker, of Palmyra, and Cottie Mae Davis, of Oak City.

Coleman Columbus Cross, of Robersonville, and Beulah Catherine Lee, of Williamston.

David Mayo, of Hamilton, and John Anna Gray, of Oak City.

Jim Scott, of Bethel, and Dollie

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## Man Is Seriously Wounded Saturday

Ben Wilson, 40-year-old colored man, was critically stabbed by Willie A. Moore, colored, at the Wilson home on the Plymouth branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company here last Saturday evening shortly after seven o'clock. It is believed that Moore drove the weapon, a sharp butcher knife, through one of Wilson's lungs. Given first aid treatment in a local doctor's office, Wilson was removed to a Washington hospital where, according to late reports reaching here, his condition is considered critical.

Details of the attack which was said to have followed an argument, could not be learned. One report indicated that the two men had been drinking wine. Moore left immediately and has not been apprehended.

## War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed For Week

### Razor Blade Shortage Brand-ed As Nothing More Than An Unfounded Rumor

Remember the tale of Hans, the little Dutch boy who stuck his finger in a leaky dike and thereby prevented a flood which would have swept over his home community? Isn't there something within you that thrills to the quiet bravery of a lad who could stand for hours, numb with cold, because he knew he held the lives and homes of his friends and relatives literally in his hands?

It was a modern story of "Dutch" courage which unfolded itself at the plant of the Doehler Die Casting Company in Batavia, N. Y., recently. Workers were straining every muscle, every nerve, as they joined in Uncle Sam's production drive.

With Axis aggressors running amuck throughout the world, these men knew that the safety of their homes and their homeland hinged upon the success of this production campaign. Suddenly, the Tonawanda Creek swept over its banks. Like a Nazi Panzer division, it lashed at the homes and factories in its path. But did the workers scurry to safety? They did not! Instead, plant officials and workmen toiled side by side to save equipment and materials. Together they continued to operate machines until the water came up to their knees and forced them to halt production. Then they saved thousands of dollars worth of metal and packing materials. . . . and only 16 hours elapsed before the plant was in operation again.

**America Answers FDR**  
Just what is this production drive? Well, it is a movement launched by the War Production Board to attain President Roosevelt's goal of 45,000 tanks, 60,000 planes, 20,000 anti-aircraft guns, and 8,000,000 tons of shipping this year.

How does it work? The WPB has asked management and labor in the plants of 2,000 prime contractors to speed the output of war goods. The drive is spreading to the factories of subcontractors, and there is every indication that production will be boosted by the more efficient use of machines, by finding new uses for old machines, and by bettering morale and effort through a pattern permitting recognition of individual and plant attainments.

**Use of Tin Restricted**  
The WPB's determination to channel American industrial effort into war production was reflected last week in its order requiring every individual purchaser of a tube of tooth paste or shaving cream to turn in an old tube for every new one he buys. The order imposed drastic regulations on the use and production of collapsible tin tubes and completely eliminated their use for foods, cosmetics and most toilet preparations.

Too, the WPB has banned the manufacture of electric toasters, dry shavers, waffle irons, vacuum cleaners and various other household appliances. Production of lawn mowers is to be halted, the use of slide fasteners made of copper, steel and zinc on numerous garments has been forbidden, and curtailment has been ordered in the use of iron, steel and zinc for making various kitchen and household articles.

Nobody's going to get the WPB's goat. No sir! It has just taken control of all supplies of goatskin suitable for military purposes. . . . And the Board has even invaded Santa's workshop by placing a ban, effective July 1, on production of toys and games made of metal, plastic and other materials needed for war.

**Free Economy On Trial**  
"This is our last chance to show that a free economy can survive and be strong," declares Mr. Nelson in a foreword to a supplement to the Official Plan Book for the Production

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## Soldiers Enjoy Stay Here Last December

The following letter was received this week from William D. Workman, Jr., captain, Norfolk AAA Region:

Frequently during these past months I've wondered whether or not anyone ever expressed in writing the appreciation we all felt for the splendid welcome and entertainment the people of Williamston heaped on us when we passed through your town shortly after war was declared. Captain Lennon, who was in charge of the battery at the time, has since been transferred to Camp Davis, so I haven't known definitely whether he wrote anyone or not.

In any event, please accept this belated expression of gratitude and, perhaps through the medium of your paper, let the community know that we still think of Williamston often. In particular are we indebted to the Rev. John W. Hardy, of the USO; Mayor J. L. Hassell, and Mr. D. N. Hix, principal of the high school. The hospitality shown all at the dance by the Misses Mewborn, Everett, Strickland, Lindsay, Hardison, Carstarphen, et al, made the evening most enjoyable.

Thus far, we still are stationed in Norfolk, although what the fortunes of war will bring, time alone will tell. From time to time, there still can be overheard the wish that this war could be fought in Williamston, but I fear that such a pleasure is to be denied us.

Thanks again for the rousing reception Williamston gave us.

## More Martin County Men Called To Army

### Call For Colored Draftees From the County Is Pending

#### Few More Young Men In This County Are Volunteering Their Services

Uncle Sam is gradually but surely building up his fighting strength, the Martin County Draft Board this week adding its bit by issuing calls to a fairly large number of white selectees to report for duty. A call for colored selectees is pending, the group to follow the white selectees to camp. The date of induction and number called were not disclosed by the draft board in accordance with instructions issued by the War Department.

The current call for draftees is much smaller than was generally expected. Other counties with smaller populations are said to have furnished more men than are being called from this county in the current period. However, it was pointed out that fairly large numbers of local young men have volunteered their services and entered the Army or Navy ahead of schedule. Among the late volunteers is Warren Gray Allen, young white man of Williamston R.F.D. No. 3. He entered the Navy just a few days ago, the county draft board was advised last Saturday. Bryant Claude Cherry, of Williamston R.F.D. 1, has volunteered his services and he will accompany the other selectees when they answer the April call to service.

The young white men being notified this week to report for service are being called subject to a final physical examination at the induction center. It is possible that some of them will be rejected on account of physical ailments.

Names and addresses of the men being called for service are as follows:

William Leonard Jones, of Jamesville and Cottdale, Ala.

John Leon Rogers, RFD 2, Williamston.

Elmer Gray Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Grover Alton Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston.

William Dawson Raynor, Oak City.

Willie Mayo Ange, Jamesville.

Jesse Scott, RFD 1, Oak City.

Henry Churchville Harrington, RFD 1, Palmyra.

Hubert Harrison Joyner, RFD 1, Palmyra.

Herbert Roger White, RFD 3, Williamston.

Oscar Everett Roberson, Robersonville.

Hubert Milton Ange, RFD 1, Jamesville, and Greenville.

Robert Theodore Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston.

Howard Everett Roberson, Robersonville.

Jim Scott, Hamilton.

Hugh John Hollingsworth, formerly of Williamston but now of Fort Mills, South Carolina.

Louis Henderson Mizelle, RFD 1, Jamesville.

John Thomas Daniel, Oak City.

Delwood Eugene Jackson, RFD 1, Jamesville.

John Edwin Manning, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Ashley Garner House, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Mack Daniel Coltrane, RFD 1, Williamston.

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## Sunrise Service Largely Attended

On Easter Sunday there gathered on the lot adjoining the Williams-ton cemetery possibly 300 or more worshippers to celebrate in songs of joy and praise a sunrise service proclaiming a risen Lord.

### VERY BRIEF

With little business scheduled for consideration, the local town commissioners last night held one of their shortest sessions in recent months. W. R. Cherry was given permission to build a small tool house near the river wharf. Commissioner R. T. Griffin advanced the aging problem of toilet facilities for the general public, and some mention was made about enlarging the cemetery. Nothing was done in either case, and the meeting was adjourned after the current bills were inspected and approved.

## Chinese Migration Greatest Known In All Human History

### Homes, Farms, Businesses and Vast Territories Deserted in Path of Japs

By Dr. Chas. A. Leonard, Sr.

Never in the history of mankind has there been so great a movement of men, women and children as during these past few years in China, where the Japanese armies have fought the defenseless Chinese and brought about such trying conditions that they have had to leave their homes, farms and places of business.

The Chinese are a peace-loving people, as we are, and did not prepare for war, even as we, too, had not prepared. Chinese troops have had to fight with well-equipped Japanese forces both along the coastal regions and also interior far up the Yangtze River. When retreating, these Chinese have found it advisable to use the "scorched earth" policy, as the allied armies are doing in the Netherlands East Indies, Burma and elsewhere. Everything of value to the enemy is destroyed, thus making it hard for the Japanese to find suitable shelter, food and fuel. Railways, bridges and roads are destroyed. Even the carts, wagons and animals are sometimes taken so these will not fall into the hands of the invaders. This, of course, works a great hardship on the people who are left behind. Then when the Japanese are driven back, they, when retreating, destroy whatever is left. This is done because they hate the Chinese, and so these will be put to a disadvantage. The people are it will be seen, left with almost nothing.

But worse than all this, wherever the Japanese soldiers go they often seize and outrage the women, and then frequently kill them. They kill off many young men who may not have fled, and all men of military age are slain, if thought to have worked against the Japanese; or they are forced to take up arms against their own people as soldiers for Japan. The Japanese took no prisoners in Manchuria, but killed all who fell into their hands. Then, too, where the Japanese get control they take from the people everything of value. When they entered northern China during World War No. 1 to attack on land Tsingtau, the German port on the coast of Shantung Province, though traveling through a neutral country, the soldiers occupied the best homes of the people, forced the Chinese to furnish them food and serve them, the Japanese Government providing only a little rice. There was much looting. When the Chinese offered opposition to this and the outraging of their women, they were sabered or shot. When we exposed these atrocities through the Associated Press and papers in China, the Japanese military not only sought to arrest us, but certain prominent people in America, duped, decorated, and otherwise favored by the Japanese government, called upon the American public not to believe such reports, claiming that the Japanese could not

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## Girl Slightly Hurt In Bike-Car Wreck

Thelma Gurganus, eight-year-old Jamesville girl, was skinned about the forehead and painfully but not badly bruised in a bicycle-automobile accident at a Jamesville street intersection last Friday evening about 7:40 o'clock. According to reports reaching here, the young girl rode her bicycle out of a side street into the highway and had almost crossed the busy thoroughfare when an automobile driven by Hansel Virgil Davenport, of Plymouth, struck the wheel and knocked the girl to the ground.

Investigating the accident, Patrolman Whit Saunders stated that Davenport was not driving very fast, that he brought the car to a stop within five steps after striking the wheel.

## Dominion Status Of India Is Unsettled As War Pushes Nearer

### Savage Battle Enters Fourth Day To Drive Americans From Bataan

Even while the Japs strike at the approaches to India and on Indian ports, the question of Dominion status for that nation still hangs in the balance. Proposals to incorporate the

millions of Hindus and Moslems into the allied war effort have been rejected again, and it would seem that the leaders of the All-India Congress are about as willing to accept Japanese domination as they are to line up with the Allies and fight the aggressors. The picture in India is exceedingly dark just now, and it is aggravated by the movement of German troops in vast numbers toward Turkey. Observers believe that Hitler is waiting for the turn of events in India, that if the millions there refuse to line up with the Allies he will then march into Turkey, continue through the Middle East and on to Suz. Take about the last remaining supply of oil directly available to the Allies in the war zone in Persia and push on to meet the Japs in India. At the same time, Hitler has large concentrations of troops in Norway for a possible invasion attempt of England or for a drive northward toward Russia.

After wrecking Kipling's Mandala, killing an estimated 5,000 people and leaving the city burning, the Japs yesterday moved on toward India, bombing two coastal areas and stalking shipping at Calcutta. Today, the Japs bombed Madras. In the face of the invasion, Mohandas K. Gandhi is advising his people to keep calm, explaining that to keep calm is the best weapon against the invaders. The advice puts to shame Chamberlain appeasement.

Indian leaders are looking to President Roosevelt to help solve the problem, but during the meantime hope continues to fade rapidly for an effective and successful settlement of dominion status. And even if India joins the Allies in the war effort, it is fairly apparent that she will be too late with too little.

Discouraging news comes out of the Philippines today as 10,000 American and Filipino troops continue their defense against 20 to 1 odds. A late war communication states that the defenders have yielded ground for three days in succession, and that defenders suffered heavy losses as well as the attackers. War officials stated today that the Bataan defenders can't hold out much longer, that a withdrawal to Corregidor is to be expected. Such action will mean that some few American and Filipino soldiers will be required to sacrifice their lives in fighting a de-

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## County Draft Order Numbers Officially Released By Board

### Order in Which February 16 Registrants Will Be Called To Army

Official order numbers for those men registering last February 16th were released for this county by the Draft Board over the week-end. Nearly 900 of the order numbers had been published unofficially, a check with the official list revealing a slight variation in the number assignments.

The numbers start at 10,001, draft authorities explaining that the high figures were used to avoid any possible conflict with those numbers assigned following the two previous registrations. Just as the draft started calling men with low order numbers in the first registration, it will start calling men with draft numbers starting at 10,001.

The total number in the third registration in this county has been pegged at 1,291. Should there be other late registrants, their numbers will be filtered into the list accompanied by a letter from the alphabet.

Appearing on page three of this paper is a complete and official list of the third registration order numbers. The numbers are so arranged to make it possible for the registrant to determine his position in the draft very easily. The serial numbers were carried in The Enterprise on Friday, March 13th, by address and in alphabetical order. The registrant will determine his serial number from that list, then turn to the numbers on page three in today's paper and he can pick out his order number. The listings are arranged with the serial in numerical order and not in accordance with the order in which the numbers were drawn. For instance, Noah D. Gurganus, young white man of Williamston, R. F. D. No. 3, had the serial number "441."

That number was the first one in this county to be drawn. The young man then gets No. 10,001. The number can be found by turning to the column headed by Serial No. and finding the serial number, and the corresponding order number will be in the row of figures just to the left.