

Governor Proclaims Fourth Registration Day For The Draft

All Men 45 to 64 Years of Age Inclusive To Register on Monday, April 27

In a special act, Governor J. M. Broughton recently proclaimed Monday, April 27th, as Fourth Registration Day. The proclamation:

Whereas, the President has called upon the Governors of all the States of the Union to do and perform all acts and services necessary to accomplish the effective and complete registration of all those who are required to register on this Fourth Registration Day:

Now, therefore, I, J. Melville Broughton, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon me in the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended by the Act of December 20, 1941, and in compliance with the directive contained in the proclamation of the President of the United States dated March 19, 1942, and by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor of the State of North Carolina, do proclaim the following:

"1. That Monday, April 27, 1942, is hereby designated as Fourth Registration Day.

"2. That the several local Selective Service boards in North Carolina are hereby charged with the responsibility of conducting this registration in their respective areas, and they are hereby directed to provide all necessary facilities for the registration of those men required to register on said date. In deciding upon places to conduct the registration, local boards are cautioned to remember that men up to the age of 65 will be required to register and some of them may be sick and infirm, and therefore registration places should be carefully located throughout the area and sufficient registrars provided so that registrants will not face transportation difficulties or long delays at the registration places.

"3. That all male citizens of the United States residing in North Carolina and all male aliens residing in the State (other than persons excepted by Section 5(a) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, and by Section 208 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941) who were born on or after April 28, 1877, and on or before February 16, 1897, and who have not heretofore been registered under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, are hereby required to present themselves for and submit to registration on April 27, 1942, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

"4. That persons subject to this registration shall be required to register at the place duly designated by the local board having jurisdiction over the area of their permanent residence. If a person required to register is on Registration Day so far away from the place of his residence that he cannot without great inconvenience return to his home to register, he is hereby authorized to register at the most convenient place of registration. Special provision will be made for the registration of those who, on account of sickness or other cause beyond their control are unable to present themselves at the regularly designated place of registration on Registration Day.

"5. That persons who are required to register on April 27, 1942, but who, on account of circumstances beyond their control, are unable to register on said date, may register after April 27, 1942, but such registration must be accomplished as soon as possible after the cause of such inability ceases to exist.

"6. That this Fourth Registration shall be conducted in accordance (Continued on page six)

Two Persons Hurt In Truck Accident

Two colored men, aged WPA workers on the U. S. Highway 17 national defense project, were injured, one of them seriously, in an accident last Friday afternoon when they were struck by a U. S. Marine truck driven by Lawrence Scarce. Joe Ford, 57-year-old Bertie worker, knocked unconscious and badly cut on the head, was reported much improved following treatment in a Washington hospital. Tom Thorp, 60-year-old worker also of Bertie County, was believed critically hurt, late reports stating that he had partly regained consciousness but that he continued unusually weak.

The men were throwing broken concrete off the highway near a short detour south of Corey's Cross Roads on Highway 17 when the truck traveling as a unit in a convoy started to pass the workers. The truck struck some soft sand in the road and went out of control, striking the two men a glancing blow before they could jump to safety.

DRAFTEES IN MANY STATES



Martin County may not be represented in every state, but it is a fairly well established fact that Martin youths are serving over a widely-scattered area in this country and possibly on other far-flung fronts. Leaving for the armed service some few weeks ago, members of the above group are now stationed in at least seven states or all the way from Illinois to Alabama. The group, front row, left to right: Dalburgh Riddick, Nathaniel Coltrain, Julius Edward Gurganus, Cecil Manning, Albert Leon Cooke, Kader Gardner, Clinton Brown and Seth Augustus Davis; back row, Harry S. Roberson, Joe Mack Bullock, John Henry Cooper, H. H. Cowen, Jr., John Robert Coltrain, Jr., Thurman Harrison Matthews, William Warren Taylor and Harry Martin.

Board Groups Number Registrants In County

SUGAR SCHOOL

County rationing board officials, advisers, school principals and a few others are attending a school of instruction in Windsor today preparatory to rationing sugar to commercial dealers and users next Tuesday and Wednesday and to individual consumers on May 4, 5, 6 and 7. The special school scheduled for this county tomorrow evening has been cancelled. District schools in the county possibly will be held next week to train volunteers for handling individual rationing.

Mrs. P. C. Blount, Miss Marjorie Fleming, secretaries, with members of the rationing board, school principals and advisers are attending the meeting in Windsor today.

Enemy Experiences Reverses On Many Far-Flung Fronts

Laval Working for Complete Collaboration With Hitler's Germany

The sting of actual war was carried home to the Japanese people last week-end when American bombers, operating from undisclosed points and in untold numbers, rained death and destruction down on Japan proper. While the action hardly marks a turning point in the war, it was one of several major reverses experienced by the enemy on far-flung fronts during recent days.

Facts surrounding the raids and the resulting damage are still steeped in mystery as Allied capitals continue to maintain silence. However, the Japs, puzzled and still dazed over the unexpected attacks, admit that considerable damage was done to Tokyo and three other great Japanese cities by the bombers. The Japs claimed that the bombers, identified as North American B-25's, were released from airplane carriers and landed on Chinese soil. The claim, some suggested, was advanced by the Japs in an effort to gain information about the raid.

While the allied bombers were carrying the war back home to the Japs, the Allies were scoring successes on other fronts. In Burma the fighting Chinese struck a heavy blow, recapturing the town of Yen-angyang and releasing several thousand British troops trapped in that area by the Japs. It is apparent, however, that the Japs still hold the upperhand in the Burma fighting and that they are steadily pushing on toward India. Valuable oil fields in the path of the Jap invaders were left in ruin.

On the Eastern front, the Russians are gaining momentum in their counter-offense, and today the strong German fortress of Smolensk is under attack. In the north, the Russians were pounding the German and Finnish lines around Leningrad.

Dispatches from the Russian front said these attacks in the north, apparently a supreme effort to relieve the second city of the Soviet Union before the spring thaw becomes general, were loosed along the Volkhov River south of Leningrad and against the Finnish lines on the Svir River and on the Karelian Isthmus.

The Germans said unofficially that they were hurling every ounce of their strength into the struggle in an effort to hold on at any cost until the ice of the Volkhov melts and it becomes again a strong and fluid barrier to protect the German flank and rear.

On the Svir front, northeast of (Continued on page six)

To Classify Rest Of The First and Second Registrants Tonight

Seventy-nine Men Placed in 1-A Classification by Board Last Friday

While there is yet a surplus of manpower available for future draft calls, the Martin County Draft Board is making preparations to fill larger quotas by proceeding with its classification work. In addition to classifying registrants whose numbers ranged from 2,800 to 3,051, the draft board members, Messrs. R. H. Goodman, chairman; J. H. Ayers and Dr. Jesse Ward, reclassified nineteen other men, boosting the total receiving definite classifications last Friday night to 268. The remainder of those men registering in the first and second registrations will be classified at a special meeting of the draft board tonight.

Of the 268 men up for reclassification or for first classification, 79 were placed in Class 1-A. They were placed there subject to physical examination. Half a dozen others were placed in Class 2-A, the rating allowing them temporary deferment ranging from just a few days to not more than six months. Only one registrant in the group was placed in 4-F, the remaining 182 falling in the 3-A classification.

The last Friday night classifications follow according to order number, name, race and grouping: 205—John Thomas Rhodes, c, 1-A 780—Phillip Thompson, c, 1-A 783—John Walton Corey, w, 3-A 1267—Mayo Wynne, w, 1-A 1672—Conner Cowin, w, 1-A 1768—Dennis Mizelle, w, 2-A 1907—Clarence Columbus Brown, w, 3-A 1968—Willie D. Hanon Catanch, c, 3-A 1986—William Watson Walters, w, 1-A 2251—Jack Floyd Butler, w, 2-A 2271—James Jesse Leggett, w, 3-A 2313—Jesse Haywood Crisp, w, 2-A 2369—Ruben Benjamin Spruill, c, 3-A 2398—Claud Woodrow Hugh, w, 2-A 2407—James Junior Corey, c, 3-A 2431—Columbus Ward, c, 3-A 2415—William Broadie, c, 3-A 2581—Columbus Dennis Collins, c, 1-A

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Plans For Sweeping Economy Discussed

Plans for a sweeping war economy are being formulated by the national administration and drastic changes in our way of living are to be expected, according to advance reports coming from the White House this week. The details of the plan have not been disclosed, but President Roosevelt is expected to bare them in a special message to Congress and to the people of the nation in a special radio address possibly next Monday.

While no details have been announced, it is guessed by some observers that the plan will call for "the freezing of all commodity prices, licensing of retailers and wholesalers, virtual elimination of installment buying, a voluntary bond purchase plan, and controls over wages and profits." It is not considered likely that the proposed economy plan will up the tax bill beyond the \$7,600,000,000 measure now pending in the House ways and means committee.

The voluntary bond purchase plan is being proposed in the place of a proposal to make the purchases of bonds and savings stamps mandatory.

Send Occupational Questionnaires to Late Registrants

Answered Forms Must Be Returned to Draft Board Within Ten Days

Having the appearance of a complicated income tax blank but really very simple, occupational questionnaires are being mailed to those men who registered last February 16. The first 100 questionnaires are being placed in the mails today, and they are to be returned to the Martin County Draft Board within the next ten days.

The questionnaires while handled by the draft board are not to be confused with the selective service questionnaires, but they must be answered and returned to the county draft board within a specified time. Approximately 300 of those persons who registered last February will receive during the course of the next few days the occupational questionnaires, a representative of the draft board stating that others will be mailed as rapidly as possible until they are in the hands of the 1,292 registrants. It could not be learned when more of the selective service or draft questionnaires will be mailed.

Briefly stated, the occupational questionnaires are being distributed in an effort to determine what the late registrants can do best in promoting the war effort. It is not quite clear what disposition will be made of the cases, but it is possible that some of the registrants will be drafted for non-combat service.

While the questionnaires are not near as complicated as they appear to be, the draft board explains that the registrants may call upon any of the following persons for aid in preparing and filling in the answers: Jardens, C. B. Fagan, Jamesville, Chas. Davenport and G. M. Anderson, Farm Life, Rev. W. B. Harrington,

Bear Grass, T. O. Hickman, A. B. Ayers, Miss Ruby Malone, Willie Brown and Mrs. J. Rossel Rogers, Williamston, Mrs. Ollie Marie Whedbee, Mrs. Reginald Simpson, Mrs. J. W. Andrews, Miss Mary Elizabeth Keel, Miss Lorene Weaver, Miss Mildred Hedrick, Miss Irene Tetterton, Mrs. C. D. Cavenagh, Mrs. Ella Wynne Sharpe, Miss Edith Stallings, Miss Trulah Ward Page, R. W. Bondurant, D. V. Clayton, W. H. Carstarphen, Mrs. D. G. Modlin, Miss Mary Carstarphen.

Robersonville, J. Calvin Smith, Poplar Point, LeRoy Taylor and Mayo Hardison, Gooey Nest, J. H. Ayers. These people will also assist the registrants in preparing their selective service questionnaires.

Army Rejects Large Number Of Draftees From This Section

Detailed Report Has Not Been Received by Draft Board In This County

The movement of large numbers of draftees through the local bus terminal recently was partially thrown in reverse during the week-end when the young men, declared physically or otherwise unfit for military service by Army doctors, started returning to their homes. No detailed report on the movement of the draftees to the Army induction center or their return home could be had, but unofficially it was learned that possibly close to 100 youths returned to their homes in this and nearby counties. Some observers advanced the belief that almost fifty per cent of those young men reporting for service recently were found unfit for service and were returned home.

Of the 23 men said to have reported for service from this county it is understood that nine of them were rejected. A complete list of names could not be had immediately. Rejection causes could not be learned except only in a few cases and they were revealed by personal acquaintances. One of the group was ruptured, another was a victim of tuberculosis in its early stages, of course, and various other causes for rejection were mentioned.

It was reasoned by some that the government is tightening up on its physical requirements, but according to one report it is taking every man that can be reasonably taken. One youth was rejected because of high blood pressure, but another with an injured back was accepted even though he will have to undergo treatment for at least three months.

Some of the boys returning over the week-end while not anxious to get into the armed forces were a bit disappointed with the state of their physical fitness. Others boasted their ailments. To the general public the news of wholesale rejections was a bit shocking for it revealed an apparent weakness at the very foundation of the nation's manpower.

New classifications for the rejects have not been determined. It is possible that some of them will be subject to recall later on if and when conditions demand their services.

Defense Organizational Work Nears Completion In County

"Once advised of the urgent necessity for it and the duties to be handled in connection with defense, Martin County people are responding nobly to the calls to service." Civilian Defense Coordinator W. Iverson Skinner said today. Much progress has been made in building up civilian defense, and within a few weeks the people of this county can expect an able and efficient organization for handling in so far as it is humanly possible to do so any emergency that might present itself.

It is an admitted fact that observers are expecting retaliation bombings following the attacks on Japan last week-end. More interest is being shown in precautionary measures. During the past few days numbers of air-raid warning tests have been made in this county at the direction of designated authorities.

In announcing that defense steps were being taken, Coordinator Skinner explained that much work had been done in Williamston, but that the organization was not yet perfected. The air raid warning system is

functioning well, and airplane spotters, while doing an able work, need help and need relief badly. It is now planned to furnish free telephone service to the spotters and possibly offer some remuneration for their endless watches.

Oak City has perfected its organization, and organizational meeting will be held in Jamesville tonight at 8:00 o'clock, in Robersonville tomorrow night, in Hamilton Thursday night and in Bear Grass Friday night. All the meetings will be held at 8:00 o'clock and interested parties are urged to attend. Other meetings will be held at 8 o'clock and interested parties are urged to attend. Other meetings will be held in Everetts and Hassell next week.

Civilian defense includes the following services: air raid wardens, airplane spotters, fire wardens and auxiliary firemen, first aid, demolition and clearance squads, rescue squads, decontamination squads, nurses' aid, refugee survey work, and war bonds and stamp sales promotion, to mention a few of the most important ones.

Few Political Contests Before County Voters

Total Of Five State, District And County Contests Scheduled

Increased Interest In Coming Primary Reported in The County

The political line-up for the coming May primary has about taken shape in this county, and although the voting day is nearly six weeks removed interest in several of the five contests is creeping in fairly rapidly. That the May 30th primary will attract record-breaking attention is not to be expected, but reliable reports clearly indicate that there is enough money being spent by some of the candidates and that mutual interest on the part of many of the voters in other candidates to make certain that the event will not pass unnoticed.

All of the six counties have not verified their candidacies, if any, for the State Senate, and while it is understood that Messrs. Hugh Horton, of Williamston, and W. B. Rodman, of Washington, are the only two men to file, the final line-up cannot be definitely established until each of the county boards of elections chairmen report to each other.

At the present time interest is centered about four contests within the democratic party and one within the republican party. Richard T. Fountain and Josiah Bailey are running for the United States Senate on the democratic ticket, and Sam J. Morris and Stoner W. Klutz are seeking the republican nomination for the U. S. Senate seat. The contest likely to command the most attention and which at the present time is creating more interest than possibly all the others combined is the three cornered race for a seat in the National House of Representatives from this district. Herbert C. Bonner, Jack Edwards and Marvin K. Blount are seeking the democratic nomination for that post.

In the county there are two contests, both of which will add interest to the May 30th voting. J. Calvin Smith and S. Harcum Grimes are out for judge of the county court, and Clarence W. Griffin and W. Iverson Skinner are in the race for the county's seat in the State House of (Continued on page six)

School Takes Part In State Debates

Williamston High School debating team participated in the debates held at Chapel Hill on April 17th for the Aycock Memorial Cup presented by the intercollegiate debaters of the University of North Carolina.

The Williamston affirmative team, Richard Margolis and Bill Peelle, debated the negative team of Seventy-First. The negative team, J. D. Woolard, Jr., and Emma Belle Ward, debated the affirmative team of Wake Forest. No decisions were given in these debates. As a result of drawings for pairings, contestants from the 35 schools were placed in 11 sections, and from each section one affirmative and one negative team was picked to enter the semi-finals.

E. R. Rankin, of the North Carolina Debating Union, University officials, and student body leaders welcomed the debaters at Memorial Hall on Thursday afternoon.

The 35 debating teams represented at Chapel Hill were winners in the triangular debates held on March 17th in which 150 schools participated. The Williamston team defeated the Columbia and Creswell schools at this time.

SOLDIERS LEAVE

After a several weeks' stay here, approximately 100 men of Company A, 30th Engineers, broke camp at the fair grounds and moved to Greenville yesterday morning. The men, for the most part, enjoyed their stay here and many warm friendships were made.

The Engineers completed a topographic map of this area and they will continue the work from their temporary quarters in Greenville during the next several weeks, according to Lieutenant Earl Ek.

Superior Court In Brief Session Here Yesterday Morning

Two Divorces Granted And Two Other Cases Cleared From Short Docket

Foregoing all sessions in the first of a two weeks term, the Martin County Superior Court convened here yesterday morning and recessed about two hours later after granting two divorces and clearing two other minor civil cases from the docket. Judge Richard D. Dixon, of Edenton, is presiding over the special term created by legislative act for the trial of civil cases only.

Small crowds are in attendance upon the court sessions, and little interest is being shown in the proceedings. It is quite likely that the term will be brought to a close tomorrow. Only one or two cases are scheduled for trial tomorrow.

Divorces, based on two years of separation, were granted in the following cases: Ophelia Clark against Bennie Clark, and Walter Griffin against Mary T. Griffin. A compromise settlement was reported in the case of W. A. Vanderford against L. A. Hodges, the judgment showing that the defendant was taxed with the court costs.

In the case of Standard Fertilizer Company against J. M. Reed the court granted the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$223.39 with interest from May 1, 1931.

This morning the court granted three divorces, compromised a case and started working on the Whitaker versus Roberson case.

Based on two years of separation, divorces were granted in the following cases: W. Henry Harris against Marina Harris; Amaza Cherry Anderson against Charles H. Anderson; and Nancy Taylor Goss against Leander Goss. Four of the five divorce cases handled by the court to date were brought by colored parties.

In the case of W. L. Chesson against the Town of Robersonville, a compromise was effected, the plaintiff receiving \$125. Claiming the defendant was negligent in leaving an open ditch or canal across a town street without warning, the plaintiff asked \$240 damages.

Jurymen reporting for service on Monday were, J. M. Mizelle, J. E. Waters, Perlie Roberson, W. F. Coltrain, James Smithwick, of Griffins Township; Vester Coltrain, Leslie Roberson, Wheeler M. Manning, P. V. Jones, J. S. Ayers, Sr., W. E. Everett, J. C. Martin, William H. Johnson, L. G. Leggett, W. E. Purvis, H. B. Bennett, and K. S. Bunting. Several of the jurors asked to be excused, and Judge Dixon granted their requests. An attorney explained that one of the jurors wanted to be excused that he might continue remodeling work on a liquor store.

More Requests For Tires Carried Over By Rationing Board

Four New Car Tires and Tubes Are Allotted by Board This Week

After completely exhausting their quota for the third week, members of the Martin County Rationing Board this week carried over more requests for automobile and truck tires and tubes. Seven new applications were placed in the files for possible consideration at a later meeting.

At the present time there are pending more than 35 applications for approximately 110 tires and almost as many tubes for trucks, automobiles, trailers and tractors.

While no criticism has been directed against the board members and none is due them, public sentiment is rising against the allotment of tires and tubes for the distribution of non-essential goods such as beer, wines and liquors. It is apparent that the moral issue is not considered in the rules and regulations governing the issuance of certificates of purchase, and claims are considered, as a result, only on established classifications.

Tires were allotted this week to the following: Dr. John W. Williams for Lucy Williams, four automobile tires and four automobile tube tubes.

New truck tires and tubes were allotted the following: Carl Brown, Jamesville, three tires and three tubes for hauling lumber.

G. M. Anderson, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes for hauling lumber.

Martin County Transfer Company, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes, common carrier.

Harry B. Thompson, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

W. O. Abbott, Williamston, one tire and one tube for transporting grain and farm produce.

Certificates were issued to the following for the purchase of recapped tires for trucks: Martin County Transfer Company, Robersonville, two tires.

Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, six tires for transporting meats to retailers.

Applications were filed by the following since the last meeting of the board: Daylite Bakery, Williamston, one truck tire and tube for hauling bread.

J. H. James, Robersonville, one truck tire and tube for hauling farm produce and mules.

Willie Boston, Jamesville RFD 1, two truck tires and four tubes for hauling wood.

Arthur Brown, Palmyra, three truck tires and tubes for hauling farm produce.

Requests for recapped tires were received from the following: L. A. Croom, Gold Point, four tires for maintaining refrigerator service.

M. E. Rogers, Williamston RFD 3, applied for a tractor tire tube, and W. R. Marshall, Robersonville, applied for a trailer tire and tube.

Library Directors In Special Meeting

The directors of the Williamston Public Library met in the Mayor's office Monday afternoon to define its policy in the face of war demands for it strikes even the library. The chairman outlined the situation which calls for the termination of the assistance rendered the library by WPA. There seemed to be two directions which might be taken. First, that the local board and other public minded citizens join in the movement initiated by the Regional Board of the Beaufort, Hyde and Martin Library Association to try and have this county declared in the defense area. The board agreed to do this but felt that it could not depend on it alone as a matter of support.

Secondly, the board appeal to the civic organizations of the town for as much support as they could give and then seek a supplement from other sources.

With the increasing demand for books and vacation time in our school at hand, and our children cut off from the use of the school libraries it was felt that a supreme effort must be made to keep this fine community project available. Too, our local library is badly needed as a depository for the books not circulated through the bookmobile service. These books are circulated through our local library and the library at Robersonville. With the large number of new titles purchased by the county and made available to our people in town and the county through this service, we are hoping that the citizenry of the community will take it on their own hearts to do something in the way of assuring this much needed community enterprise. For four years this library under the very able leadership of Mrs. J. C. Cook as librarian has rendered a growing service. With a thousand books of its own and an enlarging access to new titles through the county bookmobile service our community interest should sustain this service.