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Judge Robt. Coburn Has Court Without Single Liquor Case

Few Cases of Any Kind on the Recorder's Docket Last Monday

Literally laying the law down some weeks ago to all liquor law violators who happened to face the bench, Judge Robert L. Coburn held his first session of the county recorder's court last Monday without being troubled with the trial of an alleged liquor-law violator. After learning about the sugar rationing system, the recorder warned the liquor law violators that he would do all in his power to keep sugar out of their hands, to preserve it for the legal trade. It was an indirect approach to a touchy rationing subject, but the judge reasoned that by "bearing down" on the retailer the demand for the spirits would be decreased with a resulting decrease in the demand for sugar for manufacture.

Substantial fines, ranging in some cases up to \$75, and road sentences of six months may not have relieved the bad situation altogether but it is fairly certain they carried weight and made the dealers in the illicit business sit up and take notice.

While there was not a single liquor law violation on the docket last Monday, there were few cases of other types, the shortage in defense subject indicating that the usual summer slump in the court's business had made its appearance this year a bit earlier than usual. The court was in session less than an hour, and there were only a few spectators present to hear the proceedings. There were four cases on the docket, the court continuing one of the four and passing judgment in only one other one.

The case charging Elmer Gray with non-support was not prosed.

Charged with non-support, Robert T. Sparrow entered no plea, the court adjudging him guilty after hearing the evidence. The defendant was directed to pay \$40 a month for the benefit of his three children for one year. The court specified that the payments were to be made semi-monthly on the first and fifteenth and that the first payment should be made not later than May 11th. Bond in the sum of \$200 was required.

In the case charging A. J. Hardison with the larceny of an automobile, the court found probably cause of guilt and bound the defendant over to the superior court for trial under a \$200 bond. Unable to raise that amount, Hardison was returned to jail for trial next month.

Two Dozen Marriage Licenses Issued In County Last Month

Issuance Largest On Record In This County For the Month of April

Forgetting all about war and uncertainty, Dan Cupid forged ahead to establish a new record in this county last month. Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger stating that 24 couples were married during the period. The largest issuance reported for any previous April was 20. Licenses were evenly distributed, twelve going to white and twelve going to colored couples, as follows:

- White**
- Joseph Daniel Jones and Estelle Williams, both of Williamston.
 - Edward Franklin Black and Louise Briley, both of Williamston.
 - Ben Delmers Harrison and Sarah Lucy Byers, both of Adrian, Mich.
 - Benjamin Barber, of Williamston, and Charlie Elizabeth Mendenhall, of R.F.D. No. 2, Washington.
 - Maurice Moble and Hilda Myrt Bennett, both of Oak City.
 - Wilbur Melton Gurganus and Bessie Beacham, both of Jamesville.
 - Leroy Bradley and Gladys Virginia Brown, both of Hobgood.
 - Benjamin Franklin Grimes, of U. S. S. 29, and Ruth S. Hurley, of Williamston.
 - Wiley Thomas Bullock, of R.F.D. 1, Robersonville, and Eula Mae Gurganus, of R.F.D. 2, Williamston.
 - Oatie Roosevelt Wolfe and Eloise Brown, both of Plymouth.
 - James A. Roebuck and Doris J. Everett, both of Robersonville.
 - Arthur Sherrod Hyman, of Oak City, and Anita Veitte Andrews, of Robersonville.

- Colored**
- Richard G. Speller and Willie Mae Cooper, both of Windsor.
 - Noah Bryant and Mary Wiggins, both of Palmyra.
 - Tiller James and Mittie James, both of Jamesville.
 - Wheeler Latham, of Williamston, and Queen Anne Armstrong, of Robersonville.
 - Eddie Sanders Clemmons and Della Ruth Gander, both of R.F.D. 3, Washington.
 - Jonah Knight, of Rocky Mount, and Lula Clemmons, of Williamston.
 - Kelford Council and Martha Elizabeth Mooring, both of R.F.D. 1, Bethel.

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Board Classifies Men In Third Registration

GAS RATIONING

Definite plans have not yet been completed, but it is understood that car owners will register at the various schools in this county next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 12, 13 and 14th, for gasoline rationing cards. Rationing or purchase by card will go into effect either on the 15th or 16th.

Designed to curtail if not eliminate altogether pleasure or unnecessary riding, the rationing plan is not expected to affect business or necessary travel very much. Possibly two or three gallons of gas will be made available each week for non-essential users. There will be enough gas for employed persons to get to and from their work.

Registration For Gas Rationing To Be Held May 12th

Gallonage To Be Allowed Under System Will Be Revealed May 15th

Gasoline ration cards and application forms are being printed and will be distributed to school registration sites throughout North Carolina before May 12, when registration begins, according to Theodore S. Johnson, State Rationing Administrator. It is expected that approximately 10,000,000 automobile owners in North Carolina and 16 other eastern states will apply for ration cards.

Five different ration cards have been prepared, and owners of motor vehicles and inboard motorboats will receive at registration time the type of card for which they qualify. The cards are designated "A", "B-1", "B-2", "B-3" and "X" cards. They are intended to last users until July 1st.

No application form will have to be filled in to obtain the "A", or basic allotment, card. Across the bottom are seven squares, each good for one "unit" of gasoline. The gallonage value of each "unit" will be announced before May 15. The holder of an "A" card may use up his units as fast as he likes, but he will not be eligible for another after this is gone.

The "B" cards resemble the "A" cards except for the number of unit squares. The "B-1" card has 11 units; the "B-2" card has 15 units; and the "B-3" card has 19 units. The value of these units may differ from that of the "A" unit.

In applying for a "B" card, a consumer must present the registration card of the vehicle for which gasoline is needed and must file an application form. The information on his application card should show why he needs more gasoline than he can obtain with an "A" card.

The applicant for an "X" card must (Continued on page six)

First Heavy Rain In Months, Falls

The first heavy rain in weeks, if not months, fell in this section last night, the weather station on Roanoke River here reporting 1.09 inches during last night. Reports in the upper part of the county state that considerable rain had fallen there last week followed by a large amount last evening.

Accompanied by hail in some sections, the storm was packed with thunder and lightning. No direct strikes by lightning were recorded but some hail damage was reported in the Oak City and Hamilton sections, especially between the two towns.

During the month of April 1.34 inches of rain fell in this immediate section. Nine-hundredths of one inch of rain fell last week-end, followed by the 1.09 last evening.

JUNK FROM FRANCE

Willie K. Parker, local salvage dealer, is acquiring a remarkable reputation in the collection of scrap to whip the Jap. A 6,000-pound, eight cylinder engine used in controlling observation balloons in the last World War, was delivered to his place of business here this week. The imported engine, virtually worn out, was not delivered direct, to be sure, but it goes to show that the United States did import a little bit of scrap iron while it was exporting a world of scrap to the Japs.

The engine, formerly in use at New Bern after the last war, was brought here from Plymouth, and is being broken up for indirect delivery back to the old countries.

Men In Third Group Will Help Fill The County's June Quota

Williamston Man With No. 13 Is First Called Other Men Are Reclassified

Receiving instructions ordering drastic changes in the selective service system as they relate to dependency and age, the Martin County Draft Board went into action last night to fill the county's June draft quota. Several men who registered last February are to be included in the next group to leave this county, but it is not expected that more than two or three selectees will be chosen from the third registration list.

Up until this week, the draft board with a fairly large surplus of manpower in the first and second registrations in the 1-A classification, was under the impression that no third registration men would be called until the manpower in the first two groups had been exhausted. The recent instructions order the infiltration of the older men into the list for immediate call. Proportions have not been definitely determined, but it now appears that every time twelve men are called from the first two registration groups, one will be called from the third registration list. On that basis at least two and possibly three men in the third registration list will be called possibly the early part of June.

The instructions this week are believed to mark the turning point in the draft as far as dependency is concerned. Men married prior to last December 8 in this county are still being grouped in 3-A. Men with dependents are also grouped in 3-A, but a new classification has been created to include those men with dependents and who hold jobs vital to the war effort or civilian defense. The first men were placed in that grouping last night, but the total was unusually small. The list includes a few farmers and one or two others who are in responsible positions.

In addition to its regular classification work with the third registration, the board reclassified a few men in the first and second registration groups, as follows:

- 2,103—Daniel C. Sharpe, w. Williamston, 1-A
- 2,894—William Close Burnett, c. Oak City RFD 1, 2-A
- 3,139—Tom Henry Ward, w. Robersonville RFD 1, 3-A
- 2,672—Lewis Hubert Page, w. Williamston RFD 3, 3-A
- 2,602—John Ben Hardison, w. Williamston RFD 1, 1-A
- 3,040—Eddie Price, w. Williamston, 3-A
- 3,147—Garland Burrell Whitley, w. Williamston RFD 3, pending
- 3,122—Joy Billy Harrington, Palmyra RFD 1, 3-A

The following men in the third registration group were classified for the first time, the 1-A classifications being effected subject to physical examination and appeals:

- 10,001—Noah Dawson Gurganus, w. Williamston RFD 3, 3-A
- 10,002—Hilery Howard Holliday, w. Jamesville RFD 1, 3-B
- 10,003—John Clinton Merritt, w. Jamesville RFD 1, 3-A
- 10,004—William Robert Glover, w. Williamston, 3-B
- 10,005—George Keel, w. Williamston RFD 3, 3-A
- 10,006—Vernon Jerome Spivey, w. Williamston, 3-A
- 10,007—William Noah Perry, w. Jamesville RFD 1, 3-A
- 10,008—James Briley, c. Parmele, 3-A
- 10,009—James Haulsey Hardison, w. Williamston RFD 1, 3-B
- 10,010—Caesar Purvis, Jr., c. Williamston, 3-A
- 10,011—Ernest Edward Little, c. Robersonville, 3-A

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Young County Man Air Corps Graduate

Sheppard Field, Texas—Pvt. Eli Rogers, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rogers, of RFD 3, Williamston, N. C., has been graduated from the world's largest Air Corps Technical School at Sheppard Field, Texas, where he has been attending classes for the past several months. Attached to the 312th Technical School Squadron while in the school here, he was graduated April 25th. Prior to enlistment he attended Williamston high school.

Having undergone intensive training designed to give him a complete working knowledge of the battle birds, he is now qualified as one of the eight specialists necessary to keep one plane in the air. Graduates of this technical course are eligible to be shipped to any tactical unit maintained by the Air Corps.

Young Rogers was recently transferred from Texas to a New Jersey field for further training.

UNCLE SAM
BATTLING TO UPHOLD
America's Freedom

THE 21ST WEEK OF THE WAR

Price Administrator Henderson issued a general price regulation placing rigid government controls over retail and wholesale prices for the duration of the war.

Beginning May 11, manufacturer and wholesale prices may not exceed highest March 1942 levels for each individual seller. Beginning May 18, retail prices may not exceed highest levels charged by each seller during March. Beginning July 1, no one may charge more for services sold at retail in connection with a commodity than he charged during March. All retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and sellers of services must preserve for pricing purposes existing sales records made during March. Every retail store as of May 18 must display publicly the ceiling prices for "cost-of-living" commodities.

Agricultural commodities are excluded from the order. Various other items which do not conform with the price control act's definition of a "commodity" are exempt also.

President Roosevelt said the cost of living has advanced about 15 per cent since the Autumn of 1939, and "we must now act to keep it from soaring another 80 per cent or 90 per cent during the next year or two—to hold it to somewhere near the present level." The President said, "The only effective course of action is a simultaneous attack on all of the factors which increase the cost of living—prices, profits, wages, taxes and debts."

Rationing

The Office of Price Administration said five different gasoline ration cards will be distributed during registration in 17 Eastern States and the District of Columbia May 12-14. One card will be for non-essential users and the other four will designate varying degrees of essential users. Commercial and government users of gasoline will be exempt from the card rationing plan, OPA said, and such vehicles need not be registered if they are plainly marked.

Motor vehicles in essential services may not have new tires if re-capped ones will serve their purpose, the agency said.

War Strategy

The President in a radio address said American warships are in combat in the Arctic, Mediterranean and in the North and South Pacific. American troops are at stations in South America, Greenland, Iceland, the British Isles, the Middle East, and the Far East, the continent of Australia and many islands of the Pacific. American planes manned by Americans are flying in actual combat over all the oceans and all the continents, he said, and flying fortresses will soon be fighting for the liberation of Europe, Australia, New Zealand and much other territory

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Baptist Director For Young People

Miss Laura M. Hilliard, of Cary, who graduates this week from the Training School of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union in Louisville, Ky., and who has been engaged by the Memorial church as director of all educational and training work of the church, will arrive in the city in a few days and will assume her duties about the 18th of this month.

Miss Hilliard is a graduate of Meredith College, and taught school in Leaksville, for some time before entering the training school. She comes most highly recommended and will add much to the religious life of the community.

QUESTIONNAIRES

Varied talents are declared, but as a whole most of those Martin County men returning their occupational questionnaires to date are experts principally in the field of agriculture or are common laborers. So far, 549 questionnaires have been mailed to those men registering last February 16. Approximately 700 others are being made ready and will be placed in the mails the early part of next week. Very few of the registrants are delinquent in preparing and returning the questionnaires, it was learned. Only 390 draft questionnaires have been sent to those men registering last February 16th.

Those men registering just recently on April 27, will be given serial order numbers week after next. It is fairly certain that no order numbers will be assigned, the draft board stating that it had not received instructions ordering the distribution of occupational questionnaires to those men.

Big Registration For Sugar In This County

About 15,000 Apply For Ration Cards In First Two Days

Three Hundred and Fifty-Nine Registrants Denied Books in That Period

The registration for sugar rationing stamps in Martin County was announced virtually complete by Mrs. P. C. Blount, county rationing board secretary, this morning, the announcement being based on incomplete but representative reports filed by most of the district registrars following the close of the registration places late yesterday. Some of the registrars were late getting in their reports and a complete picture of the registration even for the first day could not be had early today, but it was estimated that 6,871 white and 7,734 colored persons, or a total of at least 14,605, were registered during the first two days.

While a complete picture of sugar hoarding cannot be gained from the registration figures, it was fairly general but not at all extensive among the white population. During the first two days of the registration the registrars withheld 345 rationing books from the white registrants and 14 from the colored registrants. No complete report could be had as to the number of stamps that were removed from the books by the registrars during the first two days, but in Williamston 386 stamps were lifted from the books during the first three days.

The figures below for the first two days only, show the total white registration by districts, number of rationing books issued and the number of rationing books withheld on account of excessive supplies of sugar on hand:

White Schools	Registrants	Ration Books Issued	Books Withheld
Jamesville	1005	950	55
*Farm Life	268	254	14
Bear Grass	642	585	57
Williamston	1928	1895	33
Everetts	523	459	64
Robersonville	1058	1005	53
Gold Point	121	101	20
Hassell	233	224	9
Hamilton	487	481	6
Oak City	606	572	34
Incomplete	6871	6526	345

The figures below show the total colored registration for the first two days only, by districts. The number of rationing books issued is not listed because only fourteen were withheld, six in Dardens, four in Gold Point and four in the White Oak Springs district. The registration follows:

Colored Schools	Registrants
Everetts	440
Poplar Point	169
Cross Roads	210
Oak City	411
Whichard-James	288
Dardens	375
Robersonville	632
Gold Point	351
Salsbury	385
Jamesville	238
Williams-Lower	327
Woolards	283
Hamilton	331
Burroughs-Hill	177
*Jones	214
Williamston	1524
White Oak Springs	365
Bear Grass	129
Biggs	2664
Parmele	362
*Smithwick	49
Bowers	210
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Contrary to the belief of some, the registrars volunteered their services without reward or hope of reward.

Mail Schedules Are Changed This Week

With the removal of the passenger train operating between Kinston and Rocky Mount, changes followed in the local mail schedules this week, the post office announces.

The following schedules for outgoing mail are now in effect, meaning that mail must be in the office by the designated time if distribution is to be made without delay. The first mail leaves in the mornings at 8:15 o'clock, followed by another at 11:30 a. m. and another at 3:30 p. m., another at 6 p. m. and still another at 7:00 p. m. Incoming mail is received at 8 a. m., 1 p. m., 4:30 p. m. and 8 p. m., the post office stating that under normal conditions the mail should be in the lock boxes by the time designated. Deliveries to the rural communities are scheduled to get underway at 8 a. m.

Given precedence over everything, including mail and passenger trains, troop movements often force delays in mail and passenger service, causing deliveries to be as much as twelve to twenty-four hours late.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

At the regular meeting of the Williamston Ministerial Association last Monday it was ordered that all the evening meetings of the churches be changed from 8:00 o'clock to 8:30 o'clock, and that the Wednesday evening Prayer meetings be changed to Thursday evening, 8:30. The reason for the change of hours of the evening services is obvious, and the reason for changing Prayer meeting from Wednesday evening to Thursday evening is because of the Wednesday afternoon holiday observed by the merchants, at which time many of the people go out of town and could not get back in time for Prayer meeting.

Timely Program Is Feature in School Closing Wednesday

"American Freedom" Theme Stressed As 40 Young People Graduate

Featured by a colorful and appropriate program, the school year for the youth of the Williamston community was brought to a formal close last Wednesday evening in the high school auditorium as diplomas were awarded to forty graduates. Marked by patriotic songs, including the pledge to the flag, and three splendid addresses, the theme of the student program, "American Freedom", struck a responsive note in the minds of the large assembly of parents and school patrons. Many who were present for the program remarked that it was the finest graduating exercise they had ever had the pleasure of attending.

Madelyn Taylor expressed greetings for the class and outlined the program for the evening. Catherine Turner spoke on "Freedom We Guard"; Joseph Gurganus spoke on "America At War"; and Evelyn Griffin, class valedictorian, spoke on "Today's Challenge to Youth." A fitting climax to the speeches was reached when Elbert S. Peel, representing the Martin County Victory Bond Committee, briefly reviewed the course of man's fight for freedom, discussed the events of the present war, and called upon every man, woman, and child to join in the war effort by purchasing bonds and stamps.

Special awards were presented as follows: W. C. Manning Cup, Class Valedictorian, Evelyn Griffin; Sara Manning Home Economics Cup, Mary Truliah Peeler; Goodmon Athletic Trophy, Jack Sullivan; Woman's Club Cup, Kathryn Mewborn for the glee club; Junior Woman's Club Cup, 7th grade, Louise Griffin.

Young Men To Enter Nation's Air Force

Three young local men, John E. Pope, Jr., Ray H. Goodmon, Jr., and Whit Purvis, Jr., left yesterday for Atlanta to enter the Navy Air Corps. Volunteering their services, the young men previously passed their entrance examinations, but it could not be learned definitely when they would enter actual service or where there would be stationed.

The fathers of young Goodmon and Purvis saw action in the last World's War. Z. Hardy Rose, Jr., who recently volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps is already on the payroll and is spending a few days here pending the receipt of instructions to report for duty.

It is now estimated that this county has approximately 50 men in one branch or another in the air service, operating in various parts of the world. It was recently learned that Raleigh Harrington, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Harrington, was recently in South America flying ranking diplomats and associating with royalty.

SINGERS

Made up of youthful and well-trained singers, the Oxford Orphanage Singing class will make its annual appearance in the Williamston High School auditorium next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The youngsters, directed by Miss DeRotha Hughes, are under the management of S. F. Paul.

No admission fee will be charged, but a free-will offering will be asked. The public is cordially invited and urged to hear the little folks in their songs, dances and recitations. While here the little folks will be entertained in private homes.

Allies Score Great Victory Over Japs In Pacific Ocean

At Least 17 Jap Ships, Including Aircraft Unit, Sent To Ocean Bottom

Moving southward in what was believed to have been the first invasion attempt of Australia, a mighty Japanese fleet encountered serious opposition at the hands of the Allies in the Coral Sea between the Hebrides and Queensland, Australia. Started five days ago, the running sea battle is still in progress with no definite report yet to be had on the outcome.

Preliminary reports coming from the battle area declare that the Allies have scored a major victory over the yellow hordes from Tokyo. An unofficial count places the Japs' ship losses at seventeen with numbers of others damaged, some extensively, and still others possibly sunk. The Jap losses include two aircraft carriers, two destroyers, four cruisers and auxiliary vessels. Apparently, the main attack was handled by the Allied Air Force. No report on American ship losses has been released by the United States government, but it was said that three Allied planes had been lost in the greatest naval engagement in recent months and one of the greatest of the war. The Japs claimed that five Allied ships, including two American plane carriers, had been sunk.

Since Pearl Harbor, 247 Jap ships have been sunk or damaged in the Pacific, including 49 warships definitely sunk. An additional 44 have been damaged and 14 others possibly sunk, making a grand total of 107 enemy warcraft that has been put out of commission for varying periods or for all time.

In addition to the losses in the Coral Sea or in the vicinity of the Solomon Islands, the Japs have had at least three ships sunk in the Far East by roving American submarines.

Following the fall of Corregidor, the Japs were believed to have started their drive toward Australia. Dispatches from the battle zone emphasized that while Allied pilots for weeks have been hammering Japanese bases along the invasion arc north of Australia, they have not prevented the enemy from bringing up replacements and it was reported that both warships and troop transports were being massed in the Rabaul area.

There was no doubt that those raids had slowed down the Japanese and put back for weeks an offensive in the Australian zone. However, the fall of Corregidor releases many planes and men for service elsewhere, it was said, and the Japanese now probably have decided they must strike soon or face progressively heavy attacks by the growing Allied air corps.

Just what effect the battle will have on the Jap program is yet to be seen—but Australia's Prime Minister Curtin stated today that an invasion attempt was to be expected.

A late report for New Delhi this morning stated that the Japs had (Continued on page six)

Petit Jurymen Are Selected For Next Court Term in June

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle Will Preside Over Session Beginning June 15

Eighteen Martin County citizens were drawn for petit jury service in the superior court by the commissioners in their regular monthly session last first Monday. Considerable attention was given to the task because a portion of the potential jury strength is now serving in the army or is scattered all over the county engaged in defense or war work. Quite a few names were removed from the box for the duration when it was definitely determined that the owners could not be conveniently reached.

Nine men had been recruited for grand jury service last March and it was not necessary to summon new recruits for the June term.

The regular term will open for the trial of both criminal and civil cases during one week beginning the 15th of June with Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill on the bench. Comparatively few cases have been placed on the criminal docket up until this time.

Names of the citizens drawn for jury service follow: Jamesville Township: Willie H. Modlin. Griffins Township: Elbert Roberson, John R. Coltrain, S. E. Manning, George C. Griffin, William S. Hardison.

Bear Grass Township: Clyde Revels, Dennis L. Peel, Lester Bailey and Redden Leggett. Williamston Township: W. Ira Harrison, Marvin Peed and John Daniel Biggs.

Robersonville Township: M. E. Roberson and A. D. Cherry. Hamilton Township: G. W. Ayers. Goose Nest Township: B. A. Long and C. T. Fleming.