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Recorder's Court In First Afternoon Session In Months

Even Dozen Cases Are Called Last Monday by Judge R. L. Coburn

Holding its first afternoon session in recent months, the Martin County Recorder's Court cleared an even dozen cases from its docket last Monday. Presided over by Judge Robert L. Coburn and with Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuting the docket, the court attracted a fair-sized group of spectators during the morning session. There were no sensational cases heard during the day, but the docket was probably more interesting than usual.

Proceedings:
The case charging William Henry Walston with carrying a concealed weapon, was not pressed. A nol pro was also taken in the case charging C. B. Rogers with aiding and abetting in carrying a concealed weapon. Adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence, Columbus Ward had the case charging him with drunken driving continued under prayer for judgment.

The case charging Harry Lanier with bastardy was continued until first Monday in October.

Clifton McDonald Barr, charged with drunken driving, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of sixty days. The road term was suspended upon payment of a \$50 fine and the court costs. His license was revoked for one year. The defendant appealed and bond in the sum of \$75 was required.

Sandy Lee was found not guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Charged with aiding and abetting in the larceny of gasoline from the Martin County Transfer Company, Chester Terry was sentenced to the roads for a term of twelve months. He appealed to the higher courts and bond was required in the sum of \$200. Paul Edward Terry and Henry L. Manning, of Robersonville, charged with the actual theft, were sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The court suspended the road terms on condition that the defendants pay the costs and appear before the court on the first Monday in July, 1944, and show they had been of good behavior during the two years. The two defendants alleged that they were stealing the gas for the other Terry.

Charged with violating the liquor laws or manufacturing illicit rum, Jodie Peaks and Elmer Swain were

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Tires Are Allotted By Ration Board From July Quota

New Allotment Smaller Than Board Was Led To Believe It Would Be

Holding their first meeting on Thursday instead of Monday, the Martin County Rationing Board yesterday allotted tires and tubes from the July allotment. The new quota instead of being larger than the one for June as the board was led to expect by unofficial announcement, is actually smaller for new truck tires and recaps for cars and trucks. The auto tire quota was increased by one and new truck tires were reduced in number from 40 to 37. The allotment for recapped tires for cars was reduced from 44 to 29 and car tubes from 24 to 19. The number of recapped tires was reduced from 58 to 43 and truck tire tubes from 48 to 41.

Although the board will be literally "wrapped up" with the gas rationing business next Thursday, it duce din number from 40 to 37. The applications for sugar will not be considered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week in the rationing board office.

Tires were allotted yesterday as follows:

New Auto Tires
D. C. Boone, Robersonville, minister, two tires.

Recapped Auto Tires
J. V. Andrews, Robersonville, two tires for farm use.
John A. Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires for farm use.
C. H. Ange, RFD 1, Jamesville, tire and tube for farm use.

New Truck Tires and Tubes
John A. Manning, Williamston, tire and tube for hauling lumber.
Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, one tube, for meat deliveries.

Joe H. Hollis, RFD 3, Williamston, three tires and tubes for logging.
R. J. Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston, three tires and three tubes for logging.

E. G. Anderson, Robersonville, one tire and tube for hauling fertilizer.

Recapped Truck Tires
H. A. Jenkins, Robersonville, one tire for farm use.
J. Walter Gurganus, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires for farm use.
Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, five tires for meat deliveries.

The board left a number of applications for later consideration.

Committee To Map Drive For USOFunds Here This Evening

Meeting in the American Legion Hut here tonight at 8:30 o'clock a special committee will map plans for raising \$1,100 in support of the United Service Organizations, Chairman John W. Hardy announced this week. The quota is nearly three times as large as the one assigned the county a little over a year ago, but when the amount is compared with the need it is small, after all. Briefly stated, the raising of the quota means that the people of this county will have agreed to contribute \$2 for the entertainment and comfort of each of the approximately 500 Martin young men now in the armed service. It is no easy task to raise the amount, but it should not be difficult when one considers that more than that amount is spent in a single day for intoxicating beverages or more than the amount asked for entertaining the young men from this county for a year.

The people will be called upon for

generous contributions, and it should be remembered that the committee members and the solicitors are working without pecuniary reward or hope of any such reward.

Chairman Hardy, promoted from the position of treasurer of the USO in this county, is calling the following committee together: Jamesville Township, Mrs. Chas. Davenport and Mrs. Walter Brown; Williams Township, Chas. L. Daniel; Griffins Township, Mrs. J. Eason Lilley; Bear Grass Township, J. D. Wynne and R. L. Perry; Williamston Township, Dr. W. R. Burrell and heads of the civic organizations; Cross Roads Township, Mrs. V. G. Taylor, Mrs. J. B. Barnhill and Paul Bailey; Poplar Point Township, L. H. Taylor; Hamilton Township, D. G. Matthews, Asa Johnson and L. R. Everett; Robersonville Township, H. S. Everett, W. H. Gray and Paul D. Roberson, and Goose Nest Township, H. M. Ainsley and Joe H. Ayers.

Register For Gas In County Next Week

Will Register Here From 2 To 9 P. M. On July 9, 10 and 11

Instructions Not Quite Clear For Handling the New Card Sign-up

Martin County vehicle operators and other gasoline consumers will register on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week for ration cards, but definite instructions for handling the new sign-up are still not quite clear in the minds of the registrars. All details will likely be worked out in time for the registration which will be held in the seven centers in this county, as follows:

Jamesville, V. B. Hairr, chief registrar, at the gymnasium.
Farm Life, Manning and Gurkins store, W. B. Harrington and Raymond Gurkin, registrars.
Bear Grass: School house, T. O. Hickman and Garland Whitley, chief registrars.
Williamston: High school gymnasium, D. N. Hix and J. C. Manning, chief registrars.
Robersonville: Grammar school building, Marvin M. Leggett and Jesse James, chief registrars.
Hassell: School house, George Haislip, chief registrar.
Oak City: High school, H. M. Ainsley, chief registrar.

The hours for all the registration places could not be had today, but at Williamston and Bear Grass it was planned to keep the registration centers open from 2 o'clock until 9 o'clock on each of the three days. It is quite likely that the other registrations will open around 9 a. m. and close late in the afternoon.

Only two types of cards, the basic "A" for pleasure cars and the "D" card for motorcycles, will be issued at the registration places, but it is planned to have application forms available for other types of cards with the possibility that there'll be sufficient volunteers on hand to help prepare or fill in the applications for other types of rationing cards. Applications for cards other than "A" and "D" will be then submitted to the county rationing board for approval or rejection.

With the exception of operators of ambulances, hearses, vehicles held for sale or resale, taxis, fleets of passenger cars owned and operated by one person or firm and vehicles owned or leased by a federal, state, local or foreign government and those operators of trucks or machines essential to the maintenance of the domestic economy, virtually all other vehicle operators will be eligible for the basic "A" card with the possibility that they can get a supplemental "B" card later.

No attempt has been made to determine the definite classifications, but those persons directly connected with the war effort and possibly doctors will get liberal ration

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Stores Will Close Here Next Monday

Falling on Saturday, July 4th will not be observed as a holiday, but a general business holiday will be in effect here next Monday. Virtually all business houses will suspend activities, but industrial plants will continue operations. The county commissioners will meet as usual next Monday, but most of the other offices will close and no session of the county court will be held.

No rural deliveries will be made tomorrow and to effect delivery, The Enterprise goes out today ahead of schedule. The shop force will observe next Monday as a holiday, and no edition will be issued early in the week.

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The President reported American plants in May produced 4,000 airplanes, more than 1,500 tanks, about 2,000 artillery and anti-tank guns (exclusive of anti-aircraft guns), more than 50,000 machine guns and 50,000 submachine guns. "We are well on our way towards achieving the rate of production which will bring us to our goals," the President said. This is no time, however, for the American people to get overconfident, he said, because there are plenty of serious production problems ahead, particularly those caused by raw materials shortages.

War Production Chairman Nelson called on Americans to observe independence day this year by working for their freedoms, because "we at home dare not have a July fourth holiday in war production." Mr. Nelson said the U. S. War Production program will call for \$220 billion worth of war goods, of which \$140 billion must be bought at the average rate of \$6 billion a month during this year and next, compared with the current rate of \$3.8 billion a month. The FBI arrested eight specially trained Nazi saboteurs landed by German submarines at Long Island, N. Y., and at Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. A number of "contact men" for the saboteurs were also arrested.

Rationing

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THE 29TH WEEK OF THE WAR

President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Churchill, in a joint statement on the results of their Washington conferences, said the discussions covered "all the major problems of the war... we have conducted our conference with the full knowledge of the power and resourcefulness of our enemies... while exact plans for obvious reasons, cannot be disclosed, it can be said that the coming operations... will divert German strength from the attack on Russia."

"Transportation of the fighting forces, together with the transportation of munitions of war and supplies, still constitutes the major problem of the United Nations," the statement said. "While submarine warfare on the part of the Axis continues to take heavy toll of cargo ships... production of new tonnage is greatly increasing month by month (and) it is hoped that as a result of steps planned at this conference the respective navies will further reduce the toll of merchant shipping."

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Red Cross Chapter Is Asked For 36,000 Surgical Bandages

A direct appeal was received from Eastern Headquarters this week asking the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross to make 36,000 surgical dressings for the United States Army. The challenge is being considered today and if a united support can be had not from a few but from hundreds of women the task will be undertaken. A representative is to attend a special training school in Kinston next week to learn how to make the seven types of bandages, and work will get underway on or about August 1.

It is no small undertaking, a district representative of the Red Cross stating Wednesday evening that 200 working hours each week between August 1st and January 1st would be required to handle the task. The Army will supply most of the materials.

While earnest prayers go up to the Almighty in the hope that the bandages will never be needed, the Army apparently considers it better to be prepared than to experience an emergency unprepared.

The challenge has been stated. Will the women of this chapter sacrifice pleasures and personal needs to meet it?

Fifth Draft Registration Is Slightly Under Expectations

Martin County's fifth draft registration, marking the completion of its manpower directory, fell slightly short of expectations. A complete report on the registration shows that 581 young men, 274 white and 307 colored, signed up for possible military service at the eight registration centers last Tuesday. Draft authorities withheld comment, but apparently there are some low figures in the registration. In proportion to the total, the registration in Williamston is apparently on the low side. It is possible that a number of young men were out of the county working in defense plants or traveling last Tuesday and registered in other areas. Their cards are expected to reach the board in this county not later than the 20th of this month. Seven young men whose homes are in other areas registered

in this county as follows: one each from Beaufort, Halifax and Baltimore and four from Pitt County.

Those registrants under 20 years of age are not subject to military service under the present draft laws, and those men 20 years old and who registered this week are not subject to call right away, it is understood.

The following figures show the registration by centers and race with the total:

	White	Col.	Tot.
Jamesville	29	32	61
Farm Life	14	10	24
Bear Grass	32	9	41
Williamston	86	96	182
Everetts	20	8	28
Robersonville	46	85	131
Hamilton	16	25	41
Oak City	31	42	73
	274	307	581

More County Men Get Calls From The Army

Another July Call To Be Answered by White Men Later

First July Contingent About Largest To Leave County At One Time

More Martin County men are being called to report at designated induction centers within the next few days for possible service with Uncle Sam's forces. The call is one of the largest received at any one time, and will be followed by another later in the month when an even larger number of white men will be ordered to report for possible military service.

In addition to a designated number, two men have been transferred from other counties and are to accompany the contingent from this county to the induction center.

The names of the colored men being notified to report "soon" follow: Jim Schooner, of Williamston, transferred from Halifax County. James Albert Brown, of Williamston, transferred from Vance County.

Calvin Sharp, RFD 1, Oak City. Johnnie Peel, RFD 2, Williamston. Arthur Webb, Williamston and Newport News. Collie Lynch, RFD 3, Williamston.

Tommy Cooper, Robersonville and Norfolk. George Moore, Robersonville. Willie B. Teel, RFD 1, Robersonville. Hillard Knight, Oak City.

Jasper Andrews, Robersonville. John Matthews Williams, RFD 3, Williamston. George Washington Hayes, Williamston. Edgar Goss, Williamston and Norfolk.

John D. McCloud, RFD 2, Robersonville. Lee Goss, RFD 3, Williamston. John Arthur Rice, RFD 3, Williamston. Henry Woolard, RFD 1, Williamston.

William Albert Duggins, RFD 1, Jamesville. Silas Askew, RFD 3, Williamston. Harvey Lee Manning, RFD 2, Robersonville. Herbert Godard, RFD 1, Williamston. Lorenza Salsbury, Robersonville. Clarence Lee Purrington, Williamston.

Ernest Jones, RFD 1, Hobgood. Moses Spruill, RFD 1, Oak City. Augustine Bellamy, Williamston. Geo. Frank Green, Jamesville. Walter Jones, Robersonville. Arthur Mac Woolard, RFD 1, Williamston. Llewellyn Keys, RFD 1, Jamesville. Isaac Herman Nelson, RFD 2, Robersonville. Calvin Best, Jr., Robersonville. Lewis Edward Belcher, RFD 1, Williamston. Johnnie Harris, RFD Hassell. James Walston, Williamston. Clinton Smith, Williamston.

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SAILOR

As far as available records show, Willie Clinton Parker is the first Martin County colored youth to volunteer for service in the United States Navy. The county draft board was notified here yesterday that the young man reported for service a few days ago, possibly as a mess attendant.

Parker, before entering the service, lived near Oak City.

British Feverishly Rush Equipment To Armies in Egypt

Sevastopol Still Hanging On By Thread In Face Of Fresh German Troops

After suffering serious reverse first at Tobruk and then within the border of Egypt, Britain aided by her allies are feverishly rushing reinforcements in an effort to turn the tide of battle and save the land of the Pharaohs from Hitler's savagery. Up until yesterday, the defenders had reported 50,000 men lost and large quantities of supplies fallen into the hands of the Germans, but the roads were lined with long columns of reinforcements from Alexandria toward a 35-mile long front about 60 miles west of the great Egyptian port.

Marshal Rommel, the daring German general, is gambling everything on an all-out and sweeping victory or a total defeat. The outlook, according to last reports, state that the situation is grave for the defenders, that the British are contemplating wrecking the vital Suez Canal and burning over \$95,000,000 dollars worth of long staple Egyptian cotton at Alexandria. It is a desperate situation as the invaders push toward the Nile delta. Gaining a vote of confidence in the British House of Commons yesterday, Prime Minister Winston Churchill admitted that the fall of Tobruk was not expected, that Matruh was also expected to stand. He also admitted that 230 Allied tanks had been lost in the battle up to that time.

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Prominent Citizen Dies At His Home In Robersonville

Funeral Service This Afternoon at Late Home For Wm. J. Little

Funeral services are being conducted at the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Robersonville for William Joseph Little, prominent and highly respected county citizen, who died here yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock. His pastor, Rev. W. O. Andrews, of the Robersonville Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Phillips, Bethel minister, will conduct the last rites. Interment will follow in the Robersonville Cemetery.

A victim of failing health, Mr. Little had been a patient sufferer for nearly ten years, the last eighteen months of which he had spent in bed. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

The son of the late I. H. and Della Gainer Little, he was born in Pitt County 73 years ago. He spent a greater part of his life and married Miss Azella Mayo, of Bethel in 1896. Moving to this county in 1915 he located in Robersonville and successfully operated one of this section's largest mercantile establishments in partnership with the late J. H. Roberson until failing health forced him into virtual retirement. Since that time and as long as his health would permit he supervised his farming interests, always maintaining a keen interest in public affairs and in the welfare of his fellowman.

A southern gentleman of the old school, Mr. Little was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of the Baptist church for a long number of years, and was devoted to its work and liberal in its support. Mr. Little was an able leader, setting worthy examples for others to follow by his unselfish and upright walk through life.

He is survived by two children, Mrs. F. L. Blount, of Bethel, and Mr. Mayo Little, of Robersonville; a brother, Mr. George R. Little, of Elizabeth City, and a sister, Mrs. N. C. Everett, of Robersonville.

Explaining that he could not tell much on account of the censorship, the young army man did say that he had a nice trip across the ocean even though he did get a little bit sick. "It is the prettiest country I have ever seen," he said, referring to Ireland. "It reminds me a lot of the mountains in western North Carolina. There are lots of flowers and shrubs, and I want to see all of this country I can when I get the time and money." Private Griffin added, explaining that he had not been paid off in four months, but that pay-day was at hand and that he expected a big time.

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County Young Man Tells Of Ireland In Recent Letters

Pvt. Irvin Griffin Can't Get Enough Sleep During Short Nights

Pvt. Irvin C. Griffin, in a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Claude Griffin, says he is getting along all right as a member of the American Expeditionary Force in Ireland, but explains that the nights are so short that he can't get enough sleep. Since the young man was born and reared on a farm, it is readily understood why he can't sleep during the daylight hours. It has been suggested that he contact Mike and Pat and have them fix him up. According to the source where most of the Mike and Pat stories originate, the two men were fervently working night and day for the war effort Saturday night came and they decided to paint the windows black so the early sun Sunday morning would not trouble them. Reporting back for work, Pat and Mike said they were extremely sorry they were fifteen minutes late. "I am not worrying over the fifteen minutes," the foreman boss said. "What I want to know is where were you two Monday and Tuesday."

According to the young county man, the days are really long in Northern Ireland. "It doesn't get dark until about 12 o'clock and begins to turn light about 3:45."

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