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Board Reclassifies Few Registrants in Meeting This Week

Deferments Granted Workers On Farms Until the Late Fall

With the manpower reserve dwindling rapidly, the Martin County Draft Board in a meeting lasting until well after midnight recognized a few deferment claims Wednesday but maintained the 1-A rating for quite a few of the applicants.

Deferment claims for farm labor were recognized in nearly every instance if not in every one, but in very few cases were the deferments to continue after next December 1st. It is understood that farm occupational deferments will not be considered after the early part of December, meaning that those single men who plan to cultivate a crop next year will make the preparations at their own risk. It is possible, however, that a registrant who has not been called by next March will be allowed to continue his work. The status of farmers and nearly all others, too, is not definite and the possibilities mentioned here are not to be understood as coming from official sources.

The reclassifications follow: Claude Lafayette Green, Jr., w. Robersonville and Wake Forest, 1-A, Clinton Hale, w. RFD 1, Palmyra, deferred until Dec. 1, 1942.

John Leman Keel, w. RFD 3, Williamston, deferred until Dec. 1st.

James Warren Jones, w. RFD 2, Williamston, deferred until Dec. 1st.

John Arnold Stalls, Jr., w. RFD 1, Oak City, deferred until Dec. 1st.

Carey Robert Leary, c. RFD 1, Jamesville, deferred until Dec. 1st.

Robert Darwin Slade, c. Williamston and Norfolk, 1-A.

Ewan Little, c. Williamston and Baltimore, 1-A.

Joe Henry Gainer, c. RFD 3, Williamston, 1-A.

Bud Sporter Modica, c. Robersonville, 1-A.

Willie Vance Williams, c. Williamston, 1-A.

Thurman Lee Little, c. RFD 1, Robersonville, 1-A.

Roy Long Harrell, w. Williamston and Norfolk, 3-A.

Neal Coburn, c. RFD 1, Robersonville, deferred until Dec. 1st.

Lewis Sherwood Davis, w. RFD 1, Jamesville, deferred until Dec. 1st.

Richard Austin Broadnax, c. Williamston and Seaboard, 1-A.

Willie Bess, c. Parmele, deferred until December 1st.

Edgar Jarvis Gurganus, w. Williamston, deferred until Feb. 1, 1943.

Robert Herman Roberson, w. Robersonville, 4-F.

Luther Melvin Cratt, w. RFD 2, Williamston, deferred until Dec. 1st.

Kendrew Lee Lewis, w. Williamston and Norfolk, 3-A.

Rual Jester Williams, c. RFD 1, Hobgood, deferred until Dec. 1st.

Junior Williams, c. RFD 2, Williamston, deferred until Dec. 1st.

Russell Cotton, c. RFD 1, Hobgood, deferred until Dec. 1st.

William Linwood Harrell, w. RFD 1, deferred until Dec. 1st.

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Few Cases Heard In The County's Court In Session Monday

Little Activity Is Recognized As the Quietness Before The Storm

Holding one of the shortest sessions in recent weeks, the Martin County Recorder's Court called only six cases last Monday, court observers expressing the belief that the little activity was the quietness before an expected storm. A very small crowd was present for the proceedings, and the court completed its work in less than two hours.

Two cases growing out of a street disturbance and displaying no true temperance of the people were settled amicably when one was not prosed and a suspended judgment was entered in the other one.

Proceedings in the court: Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with assaulting a female, J. T. Briley was adjudged guilty. He was sentenced to the roads for a term of sixty days, the court suspending the term on the condition that the defendant pay the cost and \$25 fine. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$100.

Charged with drunken driving, Carroll R. Bull, a traveler, failed to answer when called and his \$100 cash bond was forfeited.

The case charging Charlie Williams with larceny and receiving was not prosed.

Allie Wilkins and Hansy Hart were charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. Both pleaded not guilty. The Hart defendant was adjudged not guilty and the other defendant was declared guilty of a simple assault. Judgment of the court was suspended upon the payment of the court costs.

With the consent of the private prosecution, the case charging David Holliday with assaulting a female was not prosed.

The case charging Thurman Edmondson with an assault with a deadly weapon was also not prosed.

More County Men Are Classified By Board

Classifications Are Brought Up to Date For All Registrants

Working until after midnight on Thursday morning, the Martin County Draft Board added to its potential manpower reserve by completing the classification of the third registration and dipping into the fifth registration for about 128 twenty-year-old youths. The fourth registration, including those men 45 to 60 years of age, inclusive, are not subject to military service under the present laws.

A fairly large number of 1-A men were added to the power reserve, and it is still believed that the draft board in this county will not have to call up married men in filling quotas before Christmas. It is quite apparent, however, that single men with dependents are in direct line to be called, but just how many and when any of them will be called cannot be determined. There are many factors that will either delay or hasten their calls. If all the 1-A men, or even a goodly portion of the 1-A men, pass their examinations, it is quite possible that not even single men with dependents will be called before Christmas. If a large portion of the next few groups of selectees fail to pass their tests and the size of the calls is increased, then the youngsters will do well to get their business affairs straightened out and make ready for a call.

The draft board is not guaranteeing that single men with dependents or married men will not be called immediately. It is fairly apparent that there is a reserve of 1-A men, but just now it is impossible to tell how many will ask deferment or how many will be rejected for physical or other reasons. It is quite likely that many will make deferment claims. Very few of the questionnaires examined at the last meeting were accompanied by affidavits proving dependency even though dependency was set out in the questionnaire. The board in those cases placed the registrants in the 1-A classification, and it is quite likely they will properly prepare their deferment claims and present them to the board.

The board handled nearly 800 classifications at its last meeting, but for the present only those registrants placed in 1-A are being listed for publication. If a registrant whose order number is above 10,736 does not see his name in the published list it is fairly certain that he has been grouped in a lower classification, possibly in 3-A or 3-B or even in 4-F or 4-D.

The following list of names are those of third group registrants whose order numbers are above 10,736 and who were placed in the 1-A classification:

Marcellus Franklin Hopkins, c. Jamesville

Clyde Donald Anderson, w. Williamston

Moses McKinley Hill, c. Jamesville

Delbert Martin, Whitaker, w. RFD 1, Jamesville

John Carter Jones, w. 1329 Poindexter St., South Norfolk

Theado Staton, c. Oak City

Joseph Lawrence Corey, w. RFD 1, Williamston

Mayo Simmons, RFD 1, Bethel

James Anthony Bagley, c. Williamston

Alvin Darphy Windley, c. Jamesville

Willie B. Jackson, c. Robersonville, care Roy Peel, Williamston

Clarence Earl Taylor, w. RFD 3, Williamston

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Alfred Wilson, RFD 3, Williamston

Burley Gilbert Nelson, w. RFD 2, Robersonville

Jesse Glynn Moore, c. Robersonville

William Edgar Cross, w. Oak City

Willie Baven, c. Williamston

Charles Daughtry Carstarphen, w. Williamston

Dan Beauregard Parker, w. Robersonville

Thelbert C. Whitley, w. RFD 2, Robersonville

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Checking Purchases Of Car Use Stamps

A few of those automobile owners who dared to evade the law and not purchase the first federal car use stamp and who suggested that others who purchased them were little more than suckers are being called upon to explain why they did not comply with the law.

Coming here yesterday, a deputy collector of internal revenue, rounded up a number of owners who had not purchased the windshield stamps. The alleged violators are being notified to report to the local post office and show cause for failing to comply with the law before prosecution is started.

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RATE INCREASE

Effective on and after next Tuesday, subscription rates to The Enterprise will be increased within the county from \$1.75 to \$2.00 a year, and from \$1.00 to \$1.25 for six months; outside the county from \$2.25 to \$2.50 for one year and from \$1.25 to \$1.50 for six months. The publishers will continue the rate of \$1 a year for all service men regardless of where they go throughout the world.

New subscriptions and renewals will be taken at the old rate until next Tuesday.

Increased costs, considerably more than the increase being effected in the rate, makes the upward trend absolutely necessary.

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More Tires Issued By Ration Board In County Thursday

Applications for Tires Continue to Pile Up Rapidly In Office of Board

Martin County's tire allotment was exhausted for August by the war price and rationing board in regular session here yesterday. When the work was completed, there were still many applications, some of them regarded as vitally necessary, for consideration. But they were added to the rapidly increasing list of pending applications.

Quite a few motorists have already learned that they had too much gasoline for their tires and they are turning to other means of transportation.

New Car Tires

New car tires and tubes were allotted as follows: Reuben A. Edmondson, Hamilton, tire and tube for mail deliveries.

W. B. Harrington, RFD 1, Williamston, tire and tube for ministerial work.

Cleopatra A. Tyner, Williamston, three car tire tubes for home agent work.

Jasper James, Robersonville, two car tire tubes for farm work.

State of North Carolina Commission of Paresols, Williamston, two car tire tubes for supervisor of paroles.

B. C. Chesson, Robersonville, one car tire tube for farm.

Recapped Car Tires

Recapped truck and trailer tires the following:

Cassia Samuel Graham, Williamston, two tires and two tubes to go to and from work.

Alton White, Oak City, two tires and tubes for farm.

J. B. Mallory, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tire for farm.

G. H. Davenport, Dardens, four tires for farm work.

New Truck Tires

John A. Manning, Williamston, two tires and tubes for general hauling.

John Gurkin, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for general hauling.

W. O. Abbitt, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for hauling grain and produce.

Z. Vance Price, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes for logging operations.

Martin-Elliott Co., Williamston, two new tires and tubes and two recapped tires for wholesale grocery deliveries.

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Recapped truck and trailer tires were allotted as follows:

Arthur Modlin, Jamesville, two tires and tubes for farm trailer.

Mrs. Zeno Beddard, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires for farm trailer.

W. K. Roebuck, Robersonville, two tires for farm trailer.

Daniel Louis Howell, Hobgood, one tire for farm.

LeRoy Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires for farmer-mechanic.

L. S. Ausborn, Robersonville, four tires and two tubes for common car.

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THE 37TH WEEK OF THE WAR

War Production Chairman Nelson announced the War Production Board is rerating every project in the war program to secure the "maximum impact on the enemy now."

Combat planes, particularly bombers, are at the top of this new list, Mr. Nelson said.

Chairman Nelson reported the U. S. is now producing munitions three and a half times the rate in November 1941, the month before Pearl Harbor. July production, he said, was 16 per cent above June production, but 7 per cent short of production forecasts made at the beginning of July. "The big job ahead of us right now is to bring our program into balance and make sure that we use our materials and facilities as wisely as possible," he said. "This means that we must redouble our efforts, particularly on the low spots if we are to make our goals by the year's end."

Craft production increased 11 per cent in July over June output. Mr. Nelson said. Although combat plane production rose 6 per cent it was not up to expectations. He also reported: Overall ordnance production in July increased 26 per cent over June output, and was very close to schedules; production of medium tanks was 35 per cent greater than in the previous month and considerably ahead of schedules; light tanks up 15 per cent also were ahead of schedules; anti-aircraft guns exceeded schedules by "a wide margin"; merchant ships were up 6 per cent and "nearly on schedule for the month"; deliveries of major naval combat vessels were ahead of those in June and "considerably ahead of forecasts."

The War Front

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Australia reported allied fighter pilots using new battle tactics shot down at least 13 Japanese planes, and probably 15 or more, out of an enemy fleet of 47 which attacked Darwin. No allied planes were lost. The Navy reported the Marines' hold on at least three of the Solomon Islands is now well established. When 700 Japanese counter-attacked on one of the islands 670 were killed and the other 30 taken prisoners, Pa-

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Oak City School Ready For Term

The Oak City high school will begin its 1942-43 session on Thursday, September 3rd. There will be no formal exercises on the opening day.

Teachers on the faculty this year are: High school, Miss Lucy Pat Meads, English and librarian; Miss Helen Whitehead, home economics and general science; Mrs. Evelyn Jones, French and history; Mrs. Gale Lucas, English, history and director of the glee club; John L. Hassell, agriculture and science; science and math, (to be supplied); H. M. Ainsley, principal and math; commercial subjects (to be supplied).

Elementary grades: Mrs. N. W. Johnson, Miss Ruby Lucas, Miss Rebecca Pittman, Miss Carthine Hoell, Miss Hattie Bee Evans, Miss Alice Blanchard and Miss Mildred Manning.

Three new teachers will be added to the high school and three new teachers in the grades. When the list is complete the Oak City school will have six new teachers on the faculty for the year 1942-43. Mrs. Lillian Kennedy, of Claxton, Ga., is the new matron for the teacherage. While it is expected that the enrollment may not reach the opening of last year, however, a good attendance is promised.

Unusual Accident Claims Boy's Life

Jeremiah Leggett, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Leggett, was fatally injured in an unusual accident near his home in Cross Roads Township Wednesday afternoon. The little fellow, well liked by his playmates in his home community, died in a Washington hospital yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Cross Roads church this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry. Burial will follow in the Wynne cemetery, near the church.

According to reports reaching here the lad was riding his bicycle and holding to the rear of a truck on the highway. Apparently traveling at a fairly rapid speed, the lad turned the truck loose, lost control of his bicycle and fell, injuring himself internally. He was carried to the Ward clinic in Robersonville for treatment, the doctors there advising his removal to the hospital.

Besides his parents, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters, Willie Faye, Julia Mae, Mattie L. and John W. Leggett, Jr., all of the home.

Increased Tempo In Fighting On Allied War Front Reported

No official figures were released, but it is understood that the draft board is falling one-third short and possibly more in filling the assigned quota for September. It is also understood that at least three of the number listed below have already joined either the Navy or the Army.

Joseph Etheridge Smithwick and Nathan Thomas Edmondson have joined the Navy and Dennis O. Holliday is reported to have enlisted in the Army.

In the group scheduled to leave soon are one or more men who have already been rejected, but being placed in 1-B they are being recalled possibly for limited military service.

In the group is a veteran of the last war.

The names of the men scheduled to report "soon" are:

Joseph Carnegie Ross, Oak City

Ben Ollie Coburn, Robersonville

James Harold Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston

Augusta Edson Moore, RFD 1, Williamston

Joseph David Thrower, Jr., Williamston

Asa Robert Harris, RFD 2, Williamston

Gilbert Earl Coburn, Robersonville

Larry Clifton James, Robersonville

Richard Ryland Marshall, Norfolk

James Lloyd Price, RFD 1, Jamesville

Tommy Lawrence Whitley, RFD 2, Williamston

Oscar Hightower Peele, Jr., Oak City and Portsmouth

Benjamin Franklin Reason, Dardens

James Elmer Stalls, RFD 1, Robersonville

James Earl Cassell, RFD 1, Williamston

Mayo Peele, RFD 3, Williamston

Horace Leslie Rodgers, RFD 3, Williamston

James Daniel Nicholson, RFD 3, Williamston

Leamon Lloyd Ward, RFD 2, Robersonville

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Tobacco Prices Reported Stronger Here As Market Nears End Of Its Fourth Selling Day

Civilian Defense Group Makes Ready For Blackout Tonight

Some time tonight, possibly for a thirty-minute period between the hours of 8 and one o'clock, the Williamston Air Raid Warning District will be blacked out. The civilian defense group, headed by Chairman H. G. Horton and Commander John L. Goff, wardens, watchers, auxiliary firemen and members of the fire department, met in the control center at the fire station and discussed a course of action similar to one that will be followed in the event of a real alarm.

When the five blasts of the siren are sounded the following air raid wardens will, according to definite instructions, see that every light is out in their respective districts: G. A. Harris, Bennie Baldree, Tommie Bland, Richmond Johnson, Percy Brown, Jack Fitzgerald, T. B. Brandon, Victor Roberson, Walter Johnson, N. S. Riddick, Fleming Allen, Sam Williams and H. O. Jarman. These men are clothed with authority to order all lights out, and the cooperation of all the people is asked, particularly are those people on the streets urged to seek the nearest shelter and refrain from striking matches and smoking cigarettes, pipes or cigars.

One long blast of the siren will be recognized as the all-clear signal.

Call More County Men For Service In Army

Draft Board Unable To Fill Its Assigned Quota In September

Hardly had the August contingent moved out before more Martin County white men were notified to report for service in the nation's armed forces. The September call has already been sounded to young men scattered throughout the county, and they'll be leaving soon for the Army induction centers.

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First Fire Alarm In Months Heard Here

The fall fire season, coming a bit earlier than usual, was officially opened last Wednesday night at 10 o'clock when the chilly weather called for fires in the homes for the first time in months. Soot in the chimney in the home of Mrs. Janie Knox on Beech Street caught fire, and smoke leaked throughout the bricks and sparks poured out the top of the chimney. No damage was done, but the fire department, answering the call, maintained a 20-minute watch to see that the woodwork did not catch.

It was the first call received by the volunteer firemen here in more than two months, the last call having been entered in the records as of June 19.

State Highway Safety Examiner McLeod Announced Yesterday That Minors Reporting For Drivers Licenses Or Learning Permits Must Be Accompanied By Their Fathers Who Must Sign For The Sixteen- and Seventeen-Year Olds. In Case The Father Is Dead, The Mother Or The Applicant's Guardian May Sign The Application. Those Youthful Applicants Calling For Licenses Must Have A Car Of Their Own To Take The Practical Driving Test.

Drivers' licenses are issued only on Thursday afternoon in this county between the hours of 1:00 and 4:30 in the court house.

Heavy Sales Anticipated Next Week As More Farmers Start Grading

Direct reports, supported by farmers' statements, clearly indicate that prices on the local tobacco market opened much stronger this morning, but it was pointed out that the inferior grades were hardly as strong as they were on opening day last Tuesday. There is an apparently stronger demand for the better quality grades, and those farmers with good tobacco are averaging in excess of forty dollars a hundred right along, some averages having been reported above 45 cents a pound. The first 4,260 pounds sold this morning averaged right at 35 cents a pound despite increased offerings of the inferior tobacco types. A few complaints are being heard, but farmers, as a whole, are pleased with their sales and declare that prices are fair when the quality is considered.

With approximately 175,000 pounds on the floors today, the selling organizations will complete their task by or slightly before quitting time at 3:30 o'clock, making ready for what many expect will be larger sales next week. Having just completed their harvest, quite a few farmers have not had time to start grading and sorting the crop. They are beginning that work now while others are increasing the activity as rapidly as possible.

To date, the market has sold approximately half million pounds with the average price ranging between 35 and 36 cents a pound.

Many new patrons, including quite a number not so far away, are being seen on the market here this season. While tire and gasoline rationing may be having its effect, the farmers explain that they are getting sales equally as good and at less expense on the Williamston market as they can get on distant markets and at the same time save their tires and gas.

The outlook for the market here this season, based on the activities during this week, is bright, and despite a light crop present indications point to an increase in the sales this year over those of last season. Grade for grade, the local market is more than holding its own, reliable reports declare, and farmers are coming here in ever-increasing numbers.