

Recognize Work Of County Draft Board At Meeting Friday

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appeal board, was recognized and he spoke briefly.

R. H. Goodmon, chairman of the draft board and a veteran of the last war with two wounds and a decoration for bravery, was called on to make a few remarks. Pointing out that no one wanted the draft board official's task, Mr. Goodmon explained that someone had to accept, and that it was a willingness to serve their country that many draft board members were serving. He had heard hundreds of hard-luck stories, that while his board tried to be considerate, the law had to be served. He also pointed out that the least discrimination would break down the selective service system.

Much of the criticism directed against the draft board, Mr. Goodmon explained, is based on misinformation. "Our action is not based on malice," he explained, adding that the numbers were drawn in Washington and that when a number came up the owner had to report or show good reason for not doing so. "It is good that the Legion saw fit to entertain the board at this time, for if the war lasts very much longer, we won't be living another 25 years," he concluded, referring to the members of War I board.

Board Member J. H. Ayers expressed his appreciation for the honor arranged for the board.

Dr. Biggs called on Rev. W. B. Harrington and Mr. N. C. Everett to say a few words. The minister explained that all his dealings with the draft board had been very pleasant, and that from his observations its work is being handled fairly and squarely. One of his two sons now in the service was home on Pearl Harbor day, "and when he was called late that evening to report back for duty, I bade him God speed and counseled him to be faithful to his country." Mr. Everett, who also has two sons in the service, spoke briefly.

In a brief talk, concluding the meeting, Dr. Biggs said he was a member of the old draft board, that he had of quit because it almost ran him crazy. I soon learned that I'd rather be in the army than on the draft board, he declared, and he did enter the service. "If any board deserves honor and praise now, it is you, board," the toastmaster said, addressing the draft officials, "and I assure you that this Legion post is back of your efforts and that the general public supports you and appreciates your work."

"Old" Age Rules Out Ten Draftees In The County At One Time

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it ruling will have on the status of over age registrants could not be determined with any degree of accuracy, but it is apparent that the call to military service will be advanced for teen-age youths and married men without children. It is fairly certain that a number of teen-age youths will be called in this county some time during the latter part of January, but it is believed that the call can be answered with single men from the old registration and teen-age youths without dipping into the list of married men without children. And it is quite possible that the teen-age youths can absorb the February call if it isn't too large without calling on the married men.

Portion of French Fleet Definitely In Hands of the Axis

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ago. All battleships there were damaged or sunk. The Maryland, captained by a Williamston native, was damaged, but it was one of the first to rejoin the fleet. The raid cost the lives of 2,343 men killed, and left 960 missing and 1,272 wounded. The loss at Pearl Harbor was a stunning blow, but it did not result in our defeat. Just now many are wondering where Admiral Kimmel and General Short are spending their time.

Following close behind the official announcement of American losses at Pearl Harbor comes an admission from the Japanese telling about their heavy losses. The Japs admit

Roosevelt Welcomes President of Ecuador



On their way to the White House after leaving Bolling Field in Washington are (l. to r.) Senor Capitán Colon Eloy Alfaro, ambassador from Ecuador; President Carlos Arroyo del Rio of Ecuador; and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The chief executive of Ecuador had just arrived for a ten-day visit. This is a phonophoto. (Central Press)

Distribution To Be Made From Seven Schools In County

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coupons at the seven designated schools, the consumer will be asked to sign his name, give his address, the number of his ration book and number of coupons.

To save time and avoid confusion all consumers who registered for kerosene at the schools a short time ago are urged to call for their coupons next Friday afternoon or Saturday morning at the designated places, according to their addresses. Those who do not call for the coupons at that time will find it necessary to go before the rationing board in Williamston and get their allotments.

Quite a few persons in the county using fuel oil for heating their homes and water could not get the proper application forms. The supply has been replenished and the forms may be had by making a request direct to the board or by mail. The applications will then be approved immediately and made ready for the consumers. This type of rationing coupon is to be called for at the rationing board office.

Cotton Quotas Vote To Determine Loans

When North Carolina cotton producers vote on Saturday, December 12, on the question of marketing quotas on the 1943 crop, they will, in effect, be casting a ballot for or against the 90 per cent of parity loan, according to Tom M. Cornwell, Cleveland County farmer and a member of the State AAA Committee, with headquarters at State College.

Under provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, there can be no federal cotton loans in any year when less than two-thirds of the eligible producers voting fail to approve quotas in a national referendum. Granting of loans without quotas, Cornwell explained, would be disastrous for the entire farm program. If loans are available, some control must be maintained by farmers over the amount they produce in order to bring supplies in line with demand.

"There is no question about it, the present price of cotton is due largely to loans and quotas, and not to the war situation," he said. "Although domestic consumption of cotton has risen to new high levels, most of our foreign markets have been closed due to the war. The loss of exports has more than offset the rise in domestic consumption."

The AAA official said there is at present almost two years' supply of cotton on hand, and because of this cotton—except in the case of long staple varieties—can be classed as a surplus crop. In previous years, he declared, when there have been no price supporting loans, supplies of present proportions have resulted in falling prices.

they have lost 49 warships sunk or damaged, 65 transports and sargo ships sunk and 556 planes destroyed.

On the home front, the outlook is not as encouraging as many had hoped for. America is producing hardly half the amount of equipment and supplies needed for the successful prosecution of the war.

CASH BASIS

The pay-as-you-go plan, established in the Martin County Recorder's Court by the late Judge W. H. Coburn and maintained by his successor during the past year, is being continued by Judge J. C. Smith, the new judge who held his first term of court here yesterday morning.

Imposing fines and costs ranging well over \$100 at the session yesterday, Judge Smith explained to the defendants that they were in the custody of the sheriff until fines and costs were paid.

Judge Robt. Coburn, presiding over the court for about one year, reported less than \$50 due the county by defendants when he held his last session back in November.

Colored P.-T. A. In Regular Meet Here

One of the best meetings of the local Negro high school parents and teachers was held last Thursday evening. More interest was manifested and better results obtained than had been previously seen in this organization.

The energetic president of the association with the principal of the school, worked out an impelling program which engaged two fine choirs. These two choirs—River Hill Disciple and Shiloh—rendered several of their special selections to an audience, not so large, but appreciative. They were robed, and put up a spectacular appearance in keeping with their very fine numbers of recitations, choruses, and solos. Then one of the male parents, connected with the River Hill church group, delivered an interesting talk from the subject, "The Parents' Part." Especially was the group impressed by the rendition by a visitor from Tennessee.

The membership roll call brought a happy financial response which left the treasury well replenished.

Another highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the State P.T.A. Congress loving cup by the principal at the instance of Supervisor Mary S. Gray. This cup was won by the representation of great increase of any county-wide group by our supervisor. This was the first presentation.

This was the third in a series of meetings, all of which have been interesting. At the meeting of last month, the excellent choir of Cornerstone Baptist church rendered pleasing numbers for the association. The membership is proud of all these, and takes this method of thanking all for their interest.

Deferment Based On Essential Farming Is Granted A Few Men

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ton, 1-A. Benjamin Jasper Whitfield, w, RFD 1, Hobgood, 1-A. Russell Nile Turner, w, RFD 1, Palmyra, 3-C. Arthur Warren, w, RFD 1, Oak

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists traveled the main highways of the county without accident last week, but up in the Hassell section a car and truck figured in a head-on crash, injuring two persons and boosting the figures in the record's property loss column by \$200. Considering the fact that travel is off possibly 50 per cent or more, the accident rate in this county is greater than it was a year ago. The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

49th Week Comparison			
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge			
1942	1	2	0 \$ 200
1941	3	1	0 75
Comparison To Date			
1942	61	38	4 \$ 7,808
1941	96	55	8 22,020

County Board Of Commissioners In Regular Meeting

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tions. It is understood that many of the old list-takers will continue at their posts, but as far as it could be learned very few of them have applied for the jobs.

Filing his monthly report, Tax Collector M. L. Peel stated that \$107,387.95 of the \$213,383.92 tax levy for 1942 had been collected. The report also shows that \$199,612.16 of the 1941 levy of \$207,015.27 had been collected, leaving \$7,403.11 uncollected but represented in land sales and insolvent accounts. The 1940 land sales, representing an amount of \$7,320.32, have been reduced by \$4,542.88, and the \$5,939.50 insolvent list for the same year has been reduced by \$3,648.64.

A relief order was issued to J. O. Bunting on \$295 worth of property listed in error in Robersonville Township.

The board ordered that land sales for taxes listed to C. G. Rogerson, Bear Grass Township, for 1931 and 1938 be discounted one-half of cost and interest.

John Brown, Goose Nest Township, was relieved of all back taxes above \$200 and covering all taxes including 1942, and that he be allowed \$50 now and balance due on or before July 1, 1943, on account of an error made in valuing certain properties.

Messrs. R. L. Perry, C. D. Carstarphen and J. Sam Getsinger were named on a committee to invest county sinking funds.

An appeal was received from interested citizens, urging that the Boston Bridge Road in Jamesville Township be given attention.

- City, 1-A.
Lester Latham Whitaker, w, RFD 1, Robersonville, 1-A.
Johnnie Vincent Andrews, w, RFD 2, Robersonville, 2-C.
Chas. Henry Daniel, c, Jamesville, 1-A.
Joe Lee Dunn, c, RFD 2, Robersonville, 3-C.
Matthew Crowell, c, RFD 3, Williamston, 2-C.
Emmett Lawrence Brown, w, RFD 1, Palmyra, 2-B.
Elijah Keys, c, RFD 1, Jamesville, 1-A.
Herbert Goddorough Cherry, c, RFD 1, Robersonville, 1-A.
Lesley McCoy Griffin, w, RFD 3, Williamston, 1-A.
Monie Peel Mobley, w, Everetts and Richmond, 1-A.
Franklin Bruce Whitley, w, Williamston, 1-A.
Rual Jester Williams, c, RFD 1, Hobgood, 1-A.
Ezell Gaynor, c, RFD 1, Robersonville, 1-A.

RAINFALL

November was a medium dry month in this section, Hugh Spruill reporting only 1.76 inches of rain during the period on Roanoke River here. It was first thought that the "bottom" fell out last Tuesday night when rain driven by high winds came down in sheets, but less than one-half an inch of rain was recorded.

War Material Boxes Production Held Up By Shortage of Logs

Production of war materials by the plant of the Plymouth Box & Panel Company is being seriously affected by a shortage of logs, it was learned this week from Eugene F. Still, president and general manager of the company. The plant is presently engaged in making shipping cases and boxes for ammunition, truck and jeep parts, clothing and hundreds of other articles needed by the Army and Navy in war zones throughout the world, and the shortage of logs is holding up shipments of the vital materials.

The acute shortage of labor is responsible for the dwindling supply of logs being delivered to the mills. Mr. Sti said that when the plant closed down last Friday there was not a log on the yard.

Mr. Still pointed out that normally the company depended on farmers and loggers of the section to supply approximately 25 per cent of their log requirements. However due to the shortage of labor, this amount has not been forthcoming. The company itself is having to furnish most of the logs required, and, since it is faced with the same labor shortage as farmers and independent loggers, a serious problem is presented.

Mr. Still is addressing an appeal to farmers and loggers of the section to supply the firm with as much timber as possible, explaining that, while prices for logs are high, the main object is to help "the boys over there do a quick job." Gum, pine, cypress, maple and sycamore logs are needed, and top prices will be paid for either large or small quantities. The company will arrange for transportation where the suppliers do not have their own trucks. Mr. Sti said that if an individual farmer could supply only one truck load, the company needed and wanted it.

Local Girl Is Among Who's Who Students

Miss Virgil Ward, daughter of Mrs. Lucy Ward, who will receive her A. B. degree from East Carolina Teachers College in June, is among those students who will be listed in the 1942-43 issue of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. This book will be released in January or February.

This publication is published through the cooperation of over 600 American universities and colleges. It is the only means of national recognition for graduates which is devoid of politics, fees and dues. Several students from accredited colleges are selected each year, by an unprejudiced committee, for their biographies to appear in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. These books are placed in the hands of hundreds of companies and others who annually recruit outstanding students for employment.

The purpose of Who's Who is to serve as an incentive for students to get the most out of their college careers; as a means of compensation to students for what they have already done; as a recommendation to the business world; and as a standard of measurement for students.

Miss Ward, who graduated from Williamston High School in the class of 1939, is House President of her dormitory, treasurer of the Senior class, a member of the Student government, was a marshal from the Poe Literary Society, and representative

from her class on the college newspaper.

WANTS

FOR SALE — FRESH EGGS AND frying-size chickens. Available at all times. V. G. Taylor's farm, Williamston RFD 3.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: IN Williamston apartments. See or call G. H. Harrison or N. C. Green. d4-3t

AMERICA NEEDS NURSES — Rocky Mount Sanatorium, Inc., Training School of Nursing. Fully accredited. High school graduates of an accredited school. Age 18 and over. No tuition. Next class, February 10, 1943. For information write the Directress of Nurses, Rocky Mount Sanatorium, Inc. Rocky Mount, N. C. d4-8t

WANTED: ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR. Would like late model. Call or see Mrs. John Wier, care Bill Woolard apartment.

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LOST — BIG BLACK DOG—WHITE spot on end of tail. Speckled around neck. J.P.H. on his collar. J. P. Hodges, Williamston, Route 2. d8-3t

LOST — FEMALE FOX HOUND — Practically white, dark brown ears, dark spot on back. Finder please return to Luther G. Leggett, Williamston RFD 3, or "Toodlie" Holden, Williamston, and receive reward.

AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT — 5-pound bag of shelled peanuts, \$1, and 10-pound bag shelled peanuts, \$2, packed in miniature bags and ready for shipment. Clark's Pharmacy, Williamston. d8-4t

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REGISTRATION

Tomorrow, Wednesday, December 9, is the last day to register for whiskey rationing coupon books at Martin County ABC Stores. No sales will be made without coupons.

Martin County ABC Board