

## Reclassification Of County Registrants By the Draft Board

### Twenty of Thirty-eight Cases Handled Are Placed in 1-A Classification

Holding their second meeting of the week, members of the Martin County Draft Board last Friday evening reclassified 38 county registrants. Twenty of the group were placed in the 1-A classification, the board pointing out that it is the registrant's right to carry his case to the appeal boards. It is possible that there are additional facts to be considered, but in determining the classifications the board members can rely only on those facts placed before them.

Claiming that their status had changed since they registered either in the October, 1940, or the July, 1941, registration, the registrants whose cases were reviewed last Friday evening asked in most of the cases for new classifications. A few classifications were effected as a result of marital status or for other causes, but most of the classifications were left unchanged.

Twenty men, 16 white and four colored, were placed in the 1-A group; one white man was placed in the 2-A group; twelve men, seven white and five colored, were grouped in the 3-A classification; four white men were placed in the 2-B class, and one white man was rated in the 4-D classification.

Reclassifications by race and address were released as follows:

- White**
- 1-A—Alston Wesley Gurganus, of Jamesville.
- 1-A—William Archie Mobley, Jr., Williamston RFD 3
- 1-A—Ralph Clayton Mobley, Williamston RFD 2 (subject physical examination)
- 1-A—Thomas Wellon Council, of Oak City
- 1-A—Philip Cecil Blount, Jamesville
- 1-A—John William Bellflower, of Palmyra RFD 1 (subject physical examination)
- 1-A—James Roy Manning, Oak City (subject physical examination)
- 1-A—Joseph Lynwood Holliday, Jamesville RFD 1
- 1-A—James Leighton Croom, Robersonville RFD 2
- 1-A—Charlie Columbus Bland, Jr., Robersonville RFD 1
- 1-A—Nathaniel Coltraine, Williamston RFD 1 (subject physical examination)
- 1-A—William Henry Gurganus, Williamston RFD 3 (subject physical examination)
- 1-A—Claude Woodrow Hux, Oak City (subject physical examination)
- 1-A—Robert Frank Gurganus, of Williamston (subject to physical examination)
- 1-A—Sutton Alfred Burroughs, of Williamston RFD 3 (subject to physical examination)
- 1-A—Fred Muir Taylor, Williamston RFD 2 (subject to physical examination)
- 2-A—James Slade Rhodes, Jr., Williamston
- 3-A—Robert Abram Barnhill, Everett
- 3-A—Rufus Darling Cherry, Williamston RFD 3
- 3-A—Samuel Henry Clark, Williamston RFD 3
- 3-A—Jas. David Roberson, Williamston RFD 1
- 3-A—William Oscar Council, Oak City
- 3-A—James Lilley, Williamston RFD 1
- 3-A—Hugh Berkley Griffin, Williamston RFD 1
- 2-B—Raymond Robert Davis, of Jamesville RFD 1
- 2-B—Leland Gold Hardison, Williamston

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## Rumored Leary May Not Oppose Bonner

That Herbert R. Leary, announced candidate for Herbert Bonner's seat in the National House of Representatives from this district, was recognized as a possibility last week, according to a story appearing in the Daily Advance, an Elizabeth City paper. The action would leave the field to Mr. Bonner and Marvin Blount.

The first inkling that Mr. Leary would withdraw from the race came in a statement issued to a representative of the Elizabeth City paper by P. G. Sawyer, member of the State House of Representatives, and prominent Pasquotank County citizen. Mr. Sawyer, according to the paper, said: "I have had several conversations with Herbert Leary and while I am not authorized to speak for him, I am so thoroughly convinced that he will in good time withdraw from the race that I am here and now pledging my support to Herbert Bonner." Sawyer told the Daily Advance.

## On the Alert in New England



We cannot disclose the exact whereabouts of this anti-aircraft gun, but it is "somewhere in New England"—and it is one of the many guarding the vital defense industry area against any attack by enemy planes.

## Telling Blow Dealt The Liquor Traffic

### APPROVE ISSUE

Hearing no complaints from the taxpayers, the Martin County commissioners in special session here yesterday morning made final plans for refunding \$44,000 in Cross Roads Township road bonds. The sale will be handled by the Local Government Commission in Raleigh when the commission thinks it's best to place the bonds on the market.

It is believed that considerable savings in interest charged can be effected through the resale of the outstanding bonds.

No other business was before the meeting.

## Infantile Paralysis Cases Top The 9000 Mark In the Nation

### Greater Need Than Ever for The Support For Campaign This Year

For a second time in a succession of three heavy epidemic years the number of reported infantile paralysis cases in the United States has topped the 9,000 mark.

The figures for the fifty-two weeks of 1941, compiled by the United States Public Health Service, were released this week through the office of Keith Morgan, National chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which committee conducts the annual "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign.

They disclose a total of 9,056 cases for the fifty-two weeks of 1941 and reveal that Nevada was the only one of the forty-eight States which was left untouched by the recent Infantile Paralysis epidemics.

Despite the fact that severe epidemics swept more than a dozen states including those in the southland with their heavy concentration of soldiers in training, the disease was kept from spreading to the army camps. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis worked with local health authorities night and day to combat the epidemics and, due to this work a most serious situation was prevented, Mr. Morgan said.

The reported cases in 1939 were 7,298 and, in 1940 the count was 9,768. These, with the figures for the past year, show that during the three years more than 26,000 American homes were invaded by the mysterious and body-maiming virus of that disease.

And the 1941 record is the more significant because it represents the first time in the history of the disease in this country in which heavy Infantile Paralysis epidemics have continued without a break for three consecutive years. Always before there has been a definite lessening of the attacks every two or three years.

The figures released by Mr. Morgan show New York as leading all states in the total number of cases—its count for the fifty-two weeks being 1174. North Carolina ranked eighteenth with 158 cases.

Commenting on the persistent and heavy epidemics, Mr. Morgan pointed out the tremendous increase in the demands upon the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the need for the most generous support this year for the annual "Fight Infantile Paralysis" drive which will be climaxed on January 30th in the celebration of President Roosevelt's sixtieth, or "Diamond Jubilee" birthday.

## The Fifth Week Of The War

The President, in a message to Congress, said he had directed Federal agencies to arrange a new schedule of war production calling for 60,000 planes in 1942, including 45,000 combat craft, and 125,000 in 1943, including 100,000 combat units; 45,000 tanks in 1942 and 75,000 in 1943; 20,000 anti-aircraft guns in 1942 and 35,000 in 1943; 8,000,000 deadweight tons of merchant ships in 1942 and 10,000,000 in 1943.

The President told Congress he would order the U. S. armed forces to a world-wide front to find the enemy and "hit him and hit him again whenever and wherever we can reach him." He said U. S. forces would take up positions if necessary in the British Isles, the Far East and on all oceans and bases within and without the New World necessary to protect the Western Hemisphere.

The President proposed total expenditures in the fiscal year 1943 of \$77,000,000,000. Of this \$56,000,000,000 would be for the war. He said total war expenditures are now at the rate of approximately \$2,000,000,000 a month and may surpass \$5,000,000,000 a month during fiscal 1943. The President said he could not predict ultimate costs "because I cannot predict the changing fortunes of war," but he proposed an increase in tax collections to \$27,000,000,000. He asked careful Congressional consideration of income taxes collected at the source, payroll taxes, excise taxes and taxes on State and local government bonds.

Mr. Roosevelt said expenditures for farm aid, work relief and youth aid would be reduced by the end of the 1942 fiscal year \$600,000,000 from last year and will be reduced another \$860,000,000 next fiscal year when the total cost will be \$1,400,000,000 or about half of the sum for the present year.

## Production Progress

The Office for Emergency Management reported increased pooling of aircraft production facilities within the industry and with the auto industry, and concentration on superior types of planes. The OEM said in almost every month of 1942 additional plants will begin production of planes with parts supplied by industrial pools.

The War Department reported at least one plant of each of the 13 types required for the munitions program was completed in 1941, making a total of 28 now in operation. The announcement said 28 more will begin production soon.

OPM Director Knudsen announced the auto industry must double its scheduled war output to handle \$5,000,000,000 additional war contracts. OPM formed a 10-member industry-labor committee to study conversion of the industry to war products.

## Employment

Labor Secretary Perkins reported 15,000,000 workers will be engaged in war production by the end of 1942—three times as many as were so employed in the fourth quarter of 1941. There will be only a relatively small increase in total employment, however, Miss Perkins said, because many persons now working in civilian-goods industry will be shifted to war work. WPA announced 3,800,000 persons were unemployed in December, 100,000 less than the previous month.

## Conservation of Materials

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## Shortage Of Tires Motivates Thieves

Motivated by a tire shortage that promises to become more acute as tire passes, thieves are striking here and there in the county, taking tires and wheels too in some cases.

Following a report telling of the theft of two tires and wheels in the Robersonville area a short time ago, two tires and wheels were stolen from a trailer belonging to and parked behind the J. B. Cherry Furniture Company store on Main Street here last Friday night. No trace of the thieves has been established.

A tire stolen from the Williamston Parts and Metal Company a few days ago, was replaced yesterday when the owner applied to the county tire rationing board for a certificate of purchase. The company is offering for sale four slightly used tires for \$300, agreeing to give free with the purchase a '37 model car.

## TAX LISTING

After getting off to a slow start during the first few days of this month, tax listing is now progressing rapidly in most of the ten townships in the county, according to information gained from County Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen today. Even now lines are forming in some of the tax-listing centers, but it is quite certain that the big rush will come during the last day or two of the listing period.

The tax authorities again point out that no extension will be granted for listing properties, that late listings will be made subject to penalties, and non-listing will be turned over to the courts for action there.

## Quota For Car Tires Exhausted In County

### Eight Applications Are Approved Here By Rationing Board

### Authorities in Session During Greater Part of Monday Studying Requests

Considering their first applications for automobile and truck-tires under the recently instituted rationing system, the Martin County Tire Rationing Board was in session during a greater part of yesterday studying the requests. The seriousness of the situation was brought home to the board in a very certain way when the applications exhausted the automobile tire quota and left other applications to await later consideration.

The first tire was allotted J. S. Whitman, Robersonville timberman, for his truck.

R. A. Critecher and Brother's application for a truck tire was approved, the applicants pointing out that the vehicle was used in hauling lumber to the Navy yards.

H. B. Thompson, mill operator, filed two applications, one for a truck tire to be used in hauling lumber, and the other for two tires to be used on a pick-up truck used in hauling ten or more men to and from one of his saw mills.

The Williamston Parts and Metal Company, W. K. Parker, owner-manager, filed an application for a tire to replace one stolen from his truck a short time ago. The truck is used for hauling scrap iron and metals.

J. R. Winslow's application for a trailer tire was approved, the applicant stating that the size of the tire was obsolete and while it may be purchased only through the rationing board the particular type is not included in the rationing system.

C. B. Roebuck, pointing out that he has spent almost two hours on the road patching a tire late one cold night recently, filed application for four tires and tubes. The request was granted, the board placing him in the police classification. The officer stated that he had bought four tires, but had not put them on before the freezing order was given.

Explaining to the board that his tires had been run 40,000 miles, J. H. Roebuck, deputy and ABC officer, was granted permission to buy four new tires and tubes.

Pointing out to the board that he handled a government contract for delivering parcel post, J. R. Simpson applied for permission to purchase a car tire. The quota had been exhausted before his application was received and action was delayed.

Mary S. Gray, visiting school teacher in the county, filed application for a tire, but action on the request was delayed when no classification could be determined. The request will be laid before the State Defense Council for a ruling.

No classification could be established in his case, and an application by R. A. Critecher for an automobile tire was withheld.

It was pointed out that in those cases where requests are not approved, the applicant may appeal to the State Council by procuring appeal blanks from Hugh G. Horton, chairman of the county council, Williamston.

In announcing the list of tire inspectors, the name of Frank Stokes, Hamilton, was omitted in error. Chairman C. C. Martin pointed out that successful applicants are under no obligation to buy from any of the appointed inspectors, that they may get any inspector to inspect their tires and then buy from whom they please.

The board, composed of Messrs. C. C. Martin, of Jamesville, chairman; J. A. Everett, Palmyra, and Herbert Roebuck, Cross Roads, was in session until five o'clock today.

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## Farm Bureau Will Hold Convention

Holding a ranking position in the North Carolina Farm Bureau, Martin County is expected to send a sizable delegation to the organization's State convention opening in Raleigh tomorrow morning. Farm Agent Tom Brandon has a part on the program, and Mr. Charles Daniel, president of the county unit, is almost certain to gain recognition for his work in this county in connection with the Farm Bureau. Every Farm Bureau member is invited to attend the convention, and it is understood that quite a few will be present for one or more of the sessions.

The program lists a large number of prominent speakers, including Hon. Josephus Daniels tomorrow evening at the annual banquet, and Ed O'Neal, national president, on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Few programs, political or otherwise, have carried a greater significance than the one arranged for the bureau convention.

## FLUE IRON

Foreseeing a serious situation in the tobacco country if no flue iron could be had for curing tobacco, Representative Herbert Bonner last week went direct to the Office of Production Management with a special plea for the needed iron. In a direct communication to this paper, Mr. Bonner announced that he had been assured that sufficient material would be made available to supply adequate tobacco barn flues for the 1942 crop.

It is well understood, however, that the farmer who needs a new set of flues will find it necessary to place an order with his dealer NOW so that proper allocations can be made in time for delivery of the material when needed.

## Struggle Underway For Control Of The Philippine Islands

Massing extensive sea, air and land forces during the past several days, the Japanese are now believed engaging General Douglas MacArthur and his small army in an all-out struggle for the last strongholds in the Philippine Islands. Few reports have come from that area during the past few days, and while the trend of the fight is not known, it is generally believed that the Japs are paying a dear price for any gains they may be making. It is admitted by some, however, that MacArthur and his men will not be able to hold out for any great length of time without reinforcements.

Allied plans have not been disclosed, but it is fairly well established that there is a definite movement underway to engage the Japs at Singapore or at some other point in that area. The news from the Far East war arena has a bad ring, but there is some talk of the Allies gaining supremacy of the air. Reports intimate that reinforcements are moving toward Australia for use in the Far East, that possibly a stubborn opposition will be thrown in the face of the Japs within the next few days. During the meantime, however, the Japs continue their drive toward Singapore, late reports stating that they are within 150 miles of the important base. Landings have been effected in the Netherlands East Indies and important oil producing centers have fallen in Jap hands but not until the plants were destroyed.

The situation in the Far East however critical it may be, is not detracting greatly from the fight directly against Hitler. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said yesterday that the allied nations must concentrate their efforts against Germany, that after the Nazis crumble the situation in the Pacific could be cleared up easily. There is more talk about dissection in Germany, but the reports are confusing and little credence can be given them. It is true that Hitler is suffering with a terrible headache in his Russian campaign which continues to roll backwards in high gear. The situation in Russia offers about the only bright spot in the war, late reports stating that German efforts to establish winter lines had failed and that the Russians were driving on toward Smolensk-Beaten and battered in Russia. Hitler is now believed to be making plans for a drive in the Mediterranean area within the next ten days or three weeks. Rumors declare that Hitler is gathering large numbers of troops and supplies in Italy for a drive possibly toward Malta which is about 50 miles from the point of troop concentrations.

A last-minute report on the Philippine fight stated that MacArthur's forces had thrown the Japs back on their heels and had scored major successes in artillery duels. The Jap losses were described as extremely heavy while the American losses were unusually small. Late reports stated that the Dutch were pessimistic over the situation in the East Indies.

## Memorial Service Held Here Monday For W. H. Coburn

### Tributes Paid To Memory of Late Lawyer-Judge By Bar Members

In a thirty-minute memorial service, fitting tributes were paid to the memory of the late W. Hubert Coburn, for a number of years a member of the Martin County Bar Association, solicitor and later judge of the recorder's court. The service, one of the few of its kind ever held, was impressive—the tributes—paying a deserving respect for the young lawyer and judge who had endeared himself to not only his immediate associates but also to the general public. Special seats were reserved for the family in the jury box, and activities in the regular session of the county court where the service was held were suspended while Attorney B. A. Critecher, dean of the bar association, presided.

All members of the bar association and several of the county officials in addition to Rev. John W. Hardy, rector of the Episcopal Church, participated in the brief service.

In their impromptu talks, those who paid tributes to the memory of the young man often referred to his courteous, friendly and kind nature. His work as general manager of the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company was recalled by one of the speakers when he said that the workers in the plant had called him a real friend and that they had visited the home where the body lay in state to pay a last tribute to his memory.

"Judge Hubert Coburn found reality in doing for others. He was a friend to man, and he possessed those qualities that made him an able judge. He administered the law as one human being to another human being. His record will show that he was frank, honest and impartial in his work as a lawyer, business man and judge. And because he passed this way, others surely will be better lawyers and better citizens." These and other remarks flanked by special prayers offered by Rev. Mr. Hardy, exemplify the high esteem, the strong bonds of friendship and respect held for Mr. Coburn whose untimely death in a Rocky Mount hospital on Friday, November 28, 1941, brought to an abrupt end a promising and colorful career.

The following resolution, prepared at the direction of the county bar, was unanimously adopted by a standing vote:

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from this life to the life beyond the grave our brother, friend and Judge of this court, Hubert Coburn, and we humbly bow to His will and

Whereas in his passing, Martin County has lost a good citizen, the Martin County Recorder's Court has lost a good judge, the Martin County Bar has lost one of its most honored members, the public has lost a friend and his relatives have lost a most cherished loved one.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Martin County Bar Association and the officials of the Recorder's Court of Martin County in session assembled at the regular session of the Recorder's Court of Martin County on this 12th day of January, 1942,

1. That we do hereby and now express our great sorrow and regret we have sustained in the death of Hubert Coburn.

2. That we extend to his widow, his brothers, one of whom is an honored member of this bar, his sisters and other relatives, our deep, lasting and abiding sympathy in their great loss and pray God's blessings upon them and his support of them in their hours of sadness.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be recorded to the paper of Martin

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## Plan Tuberculosis Clinics In County

A specialist from the State Tuberculosis Hospital in Raleigh, N. C., is in this county beginning Monday, January 26th, Dr. John W. Williams, county health officer announces.

The first of the clinics will be held for whites on January 26th and 27th and on Wednesday, January 28th for colored subjects in the health department offices in the town hall, Williamston, and for the whites on January 29th and for the colored on January 30th in the health department offices at Robersonville.

In connection with the clinic, the health officer said,

"We ask that all who have been told to return for further examination and all contacts of known cases of tuberculosis call the health officer at Williamston so that appointments can be made. Forty patients a day can be examined, but appointment is necessary so that no one will have to wait and crowding will be avoided and in some cases we will have to make tuberculosis skin tests before date of complete examination. The physicians with patients for examination and all persons needing this care are urged to make appointments."