

Draft Board Is Up With Classification Work In the County

Will Not Send Out More Draft Questionnaires Any Time Soon

The Martin County Draft Board is well up with its work, and according to unofficial reports no more meetings of the members have been scheduled for the near future. The draft office will continue its work according to schedule, and it is understood that many selectees will be leaving the county during the next several weeks. No more third registration questionnaires will be mailed right away, it was learned this week, but occupational questionnaires will be delivered to all the third registration group possibly within the next ten days. Occupational questionnaires will also be mailed to the fourth registration group within a reasonable time.

Handling the first 300 questionnaires, the board has classified up to the last man. Classifications in all groups have been announced with the exception of the following in 3-A:

- 10,076—Lewis Ward Clark, w. RFD Williamston
- 10,077—John Cecil Newbern, w. RFD 3, Williamston
- 10,080—Homer Bryant Bowen, w. Robersonville
- 10,081—William Henry Modlin, w. RFD 1, Jamesville
- 10,084—James Oliver Keel, w. RFD 3, Williamston
- 10,089—Joseph Walter Bailey, w. Everetts
- 10,092—John Alfred Griffin, c. Everetts
- 10,094—Otho Lawrence Willard, w. Williamston
- 10,095—John Henry Mooring, c. Hobgood
- 10,096—Irvin Drah Coltrain, w. RFD 1, Williamston
- 10,097—James Elbert Beach, w. RFD 3, Williamston
- 10,104—Asa Warner Corey, w. RFD 3, Williamston
- 10,106—William Joseph Livingston, c. Williamston
- 10,106—Robert Council Everett, w. Parmele
- 10,108—Elbert Nathaniel Manning, w. Williamston
- 10,109—Harry Charles Jones, w. RFD 1, Jamesville
- 10,111—William Henry Oliver, w. Dardens
- 10,115—Edwin Maynard Trahey, w. Williamston
- 10,116—James Settler Bonds, c. Williamston
- 10,117—Levy Tyson, c. Oak City
- 10,119—Robert Linwood Edmonds, w. RFD 3, Williamston
- 10,120—Javin Dillion Ligeget, w. RFD 1, Robersonville
- 10,121—Robert Lee Carver, w. Will-10,180—John Wobbleton, w. RFD 3, Williamston
- 10,162—Albert Edward Lewis, w. RFD 3, Williamston
- 10,163—George Elliott Thomas, w. RFD 2, Robersonville
- 10,164—Simon J. Ward, w. RFD 1, Williamston
- 10,165—Eddie Sanders Clemmons,

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Well-Known Citizen Passes At Everetts Last Monday Night

Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon At Late Home For Lemuel C. James

Lemuel C. James, well-known county citizen and retired farmer, died at his home in Everetts at 10 o'clock last evening following a long period of declining health. A victim of heart trouble and diabetes, Mr. James had been able to be up until just a few days ago when he suffered another severe attack, the end coming gradually.

A native of Pitt County, Mr. James was 74 years old on last February 14. When a young man he was married to Miss Nettie Wynne, of Pitt County. A few years later he moved to this county and located in the Everetts community where he successfully farmed until forced into virtual retirement by failing health. Following the death of his first wife, he was married to Mrs. Ida Keel James who survives him. Mr. James was an active member of the Christian Church in Everetts for a number of years, serving as deacon for some time.

He is survived by five daughters, Mrs. J. A. Mobley and Mrs. H. R. Ross, both of New York City; Mrs. J. D. Barnhill, of Durham; Mrs. Frank Glenn, of Columbia, S. C.; and Mrs. Thessie Barnhill, of Williamston. He also leaves four step-sons, George, Alton, Ollie and Charlie Keel, all of the Everetts community, and four brothers, Messrs. Fate and Dave James, both of Robersonville, and Joe and John James, both of Pitt County, and two sisters, Mrs. Dave Whitfield, of Robersonville, and Mrs. John Taylor, of Pitt County.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Everetts Christian Church by Rev. J. M. Perry, the pastor. Interment will follow in the Everetts cemetery.

General Mosquito Attack Has Health Officials On Defense

Not since Yankee gun boats chased them out of the lowgrounds more than three-quarters of a century ago have the mosquitoes staged such a forceful and all-out attack against the populace in this section as they have during recent days. And oddly enough, the attack comes in the early part of a program financed by the town in cooperation with the health department for the control of the pest. Old-timers, taking time out to swat another skeeter or scratch where one had already attacked, declared they had never seen a time when there were more mosquitoes. The pests ventured into stores, bored through screens and even followed their victims into the churches.

Health authorities declared that the recent high water chased the attackers out of the swamps and that a favorable wind distributed them.

And what a perfect distribution it was. The health department, still maintaining that the control program within the town is certain to bring relief sooner or later, had 25 or more calls in a single day last week-end, each complaining about mosquitoes. It is next to impossible to carry the control program to the river swamps, and the health department asks the people's indulgence in the present attack. "Once the wind takes the present crop away, we feel certain that the mosquito menace will have been reduced if not eliminated," a health department spokesman was quoted as saying.

After snatching a few high spots from the naval battle in the Pacific, local people would during the past few days immediately turn back to the mosquito as a topic for conversation.

SUGAR

Persons needing extra sugar for preserving fruits and other foods do not have to appear before the rationing board to get the extra allotments. They may apply by mail or call at the office any week day between 8:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. and file their applications with the board clerk, Mrs. Irene Blount. Persons are asked, however, not to call at the office on Mondays for their preserving sugar as the board is in session on those days to consider applications for tire purchase certificates.

Under the latest ruling, a person may call for one pound of sugar for each four quart jars of fruit or other foods canned last year plus an extra pound for each member of the family.

Farmers Are Facing Big Transportation Problem, Dean Says

Farm Leader Says People May Go Hungry While Crops Rot On Farms

People may go hungry and crops may rot on the farm, if the rural transportation situation is not recognized for what it is—"deadly serious," says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service. He strongly urges farmers to start pooling their loads of produce to towns and supplies from town, and to do it now.

The State College farm leader recently attended a regional meeting held in Atlanta, Ga., to consider the farm transportation problem. The meeting was called by the Office of Defense Transportation.

Dean Schaub says that the following points were emphasized: (1) The shortage of tires, gasoline, and repair parts will become more serious; (2) The total mileage of all farm cars and trucks can, and should be reduced one-half by proper cooperation and coordination; (3) Farmers must organize to cooperate and pool their hauling on an exchange basis.

The Extension director quoted a high government official as saying: "One of the most serious shortages looming in this country is that of transportation. By the fall of 1942

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Funeral Today For Captain Geo. Wise

Funeral services are being conducted in Norfolk this afternoon for Captain George Jerome Wise who died at his home, 2135 Ballentine Boulevard, Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. He had been in feeble health for several years.

A native of Maryland, he had made his home in Norfolk for nearly a quarter of a century during most of which time he was employed by the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina boat line.

The captain, who had many friends in Williamston and other towns of Eastern Carolina, pioneered the early operations of the Carolina line. About twenty years ago he brought the company's first boat to the Williamston docks, unloading a few bags of feed. Week after week and year after year, he maintained a regular and dependable freight schedule and possibly he handled a greater freight tonnage to and from this point than any other one man. Suffering a stroke several years ago, he was forced into virtual retirement, but not until a few months ago would he consent to the removal of his personal effects from the boat.

The captain, his friendly and jovial character enduring him to everyone, is survived by Mrs. Wise, the former Miss Margaret Scott; a son, B. C. Wise; a brother, Robert J. Wise. He was a member of the McKendree Methodist Church. Following the last rites this afternoon the body will be removed to the Eastern Shore for interment at Onancock, Va.

Issue Twenty-Four Marriage Licenses In County In May

Cupid Not Waiting for June As May Issuance Sets New Record For Month

Twenty-four marriage licenses were issued in this county last month the issuance setting a new high record for the month of May and indicating that Cupid is not waiting for June to tie his knots. After trailing the issuance figures for the first three months of the current year, the number of marriage licenses jumped from 16 in March to 24 in April, the May issuance equalling the April count.

Nine of the licenses went to white couples as follows:

- Ronald Clark, of Williamston RFD 3, and Mary Lilley Teel, of Stokes.
- Simon E. Perry and Nancy Elizabeth Stokes, both of Williamston.
- James Morris Stalls, of Everetts, and Dollie Elizabeth Godard, of Jamesville.
- Maynard J. Harper, of New River, and Pearl Elizabeth Trimmer, of Norfolk.

George Wilson Hardison, of Williamston RFD, and Virginia Dare Gurganus, of Washington.

James Henry Beacham and Annie Gray Lilley, both of Williamston.

James A. Chauncey and Cassie Florence Wetherington, of Cassville, RFD 5.

Murphy Leon Respass, of Plymouth, RFD 1, and Magdalene Boyd, of Pinetown.

Herbert Rodrick White and Ethel Marie Coltrain, both of Williamston.

Colored

Mayo Simmons and Blanche Taylor, both of Hassell.

Sam Hopkins and Rosa Williams, both of Robersonville.

Boo Saunders, of Palmyra, and Vernell Hyman, of Oak City.

Johnnie Lee Battle and Mary Lou Willford, both of Palmyra.

Joseph Scott and Martha Williams, both of Williamston.

Edward Williams and Lue Willie Alexander, both of Palmyra.

Elia Raynor and Malinda Wynne Bailey, both of Jamesville.

Charlie Mack Perkins, of Robersonville, and Frances Speller, of Parmele.

James L. Bazemore and Dicey Georgia Wesson, both of Windsor.

Berry Roscoe Jenkins and Ernestine Teel, both of Robersonville.

Louis Embor Ruffin, of Williamston, and Margaret Bonds, of Windsor.

Walter Griffin and Mollie Jacobs, both of Williamston.

Roosevelt Stokes and Jodie White, both of Williamston.

Leonard Mobley and Mary Lewis Scott, both of Williamston.

More Local Men Entering Service

Much is said about the calling of draftees from this county into the armed services, but numbers of men from the county are volunteering their services as a matter of course without pomp or ceremony, and without disturbances.

During recent weeks about as many men from this county have volunteered their services as have been called through regular draft channels. Two Williamston men, William Thomas Crawford and Miller W. Harrell, were included in the group of 41 men who volunteered for service in the Navy at Raleigh last Sunday, the event coming six months to the minute after Pearl Harbor. Paul A. Roy, former Williamston resident, also signed up for service Sunday.

John Pope, Jr., and Whit Purvis, Jr., leave tomorrow morning for Athens, Ga., to report for service in the Navy Air Corps.

Nutrition Class Will Meet Here Tomorrow Afternoon

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Nutrition Class will be held tomorrow afternoon from 1:30 until 3:00 in the Woman's Club. All housewives, if they are interested, are invited and urged to attend.

War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

Everyone Has a Part in Helping To Win War Over Hitler and Hirohito

The modern soldier stands at the apex of a pyramid, a human pyramid. He is placed there by the arms and hands and backs and shoulders of the many who stand beneath him, the many who supply him with food and clothing and weapons and ammunition.

Probably everyone has seen some version of the human pyramid, it's part of the routine of circus gymnasts. Soldiers sometimes form pyramids to surmount high walls and it is in this manner—but on a vastly greater scale—that we shall top the wall of victory.

We have been reading a great deal recently of the tremendous air raids with which our British allies smash and smash again at the strength of our enemies. In connection with one of them, the first great raid on Cologne, the British pointed out that while 6,000 men—pilots and bombardiers and navigators and machine gunners—manned the 1,000 bombers sent over Germany, an army of fully 10,000 additional soldiers had made the raid possible. These were men who never left the ground—mechanics and meteorologists and staff officers and all the others who make up the complex organization necessary before a single squadron may take off to fight.

Now this striking fact is as true of any other combat force as it is of the Royal Air Force, behind every fighting man stand others who serve his need.

Everyone Has a Part Nor is that the end. The end, the bottom, the broad base, is made up of everybody at home. A bomber flies because ore has been dug from the earth and refined into aluminum, because skilled men have taken this aluminum and fabricated it into wing and fuselage, because other

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Hamilton Officer Is Assaulted While Making An Arrest

James Mayo, His Assailant, Has Not Been Arrested

John Ayers, Hamilton officer, was painfully but believed not seriously injured late Saturday night when he was assaulted by James Mayo, colored, while carrying a prisoner to jail. Struck over the head with a stick and caused to fall on a bench, the officer was unconscious for several hours. His condition is slightly improved, but he continues confined to his home.

James Wiggins, colored farmer, bought and consumed a pint of wine late Saturday night. After he had disturbed the peace, citizens called the officer to arrest and jail the man. Mr. Ayers had already gone home for the night, but he returned to his post of duty and was walking along the street with Wiggins when Mayo was said to have slipped up on him, grabbed his stick and swung at him. The officer said he recognized the man and reached for his pistol, but before he could get the weapon, he was struck and knocked down. He remembered nothing more about the attack.

Wiggins, aided by his 13-year-old son, staggered on home, and Mayo ran. Stanley Ayers, the officer's nephew, chased Mayo around the block and lost his trail. Officers started a search some few hours later, but no arrest has been made in the case.

Wiggins, sobering up later, returned and offered to plead guilty of being drunk. He said that he knew he was drunk, but that he could not remember anything else. The chief of police will hold a hearing for Wiggins just as soon as he is able to be up. During the meantime the search continues for his assailant.

SPOTTED RAINS

Spotted rains have been reported during the past four days, but the dry weather continues as a serious threat for most sections of Martin County. Three fair-sized rains have fallen here since Friday noon, and Bear Grass was said to have had a "good" rain last night, but the county, as a whole, has not had enough fall to check the dust.

The rains have fallen in streaks, wetting one side of a farm and leaving the other side almost dry. Friday evening, the station on the river here recorded .40 of an inch. Saturday evening another .30 of an inch fell and last night and early today a little over a third of an inch was reported.

Tobacco is "buttoning out" and blades of corn are being twisted by the dry weather in some sections.

Warned to Work or Go to Jail Few Persons Are Found Idle

Following Judge Robert L. Coburn's order issued in the county recorders' court last week and directing vagrants to either go to work or go to jail, officers are said to have completed a spotted survey of the local employment situation without finding many idle hands. Cases of idleness were noted, but the sons of rest declared that they had been laid off just for a day or two, that they would be occupied the next day. Little progress was made by the officers in rounding up the confirmed loafers, idlers and the never-do-wells. The drive isn't over, however, and Judge Coburn reminded the officers to continue their surveys.

"In these perilous times, it isn't at all fitting for able-bodied men and boys to remain idle. They should be engaged in some productive work."

The judge was quoted as saying. No punishment has been promised by the judge, but alleged violators who are carried into the court and who can't explain and explain well the cause of their idleness can expect to find liberal punishment awaiting them.

When men are seen standing idle every now and then, they are not to be necessarily classed in the unemployed group. A farmer may engage one's labor for tomorrow to help harvest a barn of tobacco. If it rains during the meantime, the farmer may delay his harvesting schedule, and as a result the man who had been engaged remains idle—and consequently receives no pay. There are habitual loafers and it is the plan of the court to separate the sheeps from the goats and put some of the goats to work either on the farms or on the roads.

Gasoline Consumers Going Before Board For Rationing Cards

Large Number of "X" Cards Surrendered To Board In Past Few Days

Hardly before the rationing period is half spent, gasoline consumers are running out of the precious fluid and appealing to the rationing board in fairly large numbers for supplementary allotments. Thirty-nine supplementary cards have been allotted since Monday of last week.

Auditing the "X" cards last week, the county board reduced the number to about 100 in the county after revoking most of the 64 called in during the period, including the one on which a lap dog was aired out. This "X" card owners who failed to report to the board and prove their claims are receiving a last and solemn warning.

Supplementary cards were issued to the following:

Ed Laughinghouse, Robersonville, one A less two units.

Jimmie Lee, RFD 2, Williamston, one A less three units.

William Everett, Oak City, one B-3.

Stephen Griffin, RFD 2, Williamston, one A minus four units.

Robert Lassiter, RFD 1, Robersonville, one A minus four units.

Edgar Russell Johnson, Robersonville, one B-3 and one A minus three units.

Sunnie Council, RFD 1, Bethel, one A.

J. Reginald Simpson, Williamston, one B-3 and one A minus three units.

H. H. Matthews, RFD 2, Robersonville, one B-2.

J. J. Edmondson, Williamston, one B-1 minus two units.

Leo Hooker, Robersonville RFD 2, one B-1.

H. G. Norman, Robersonville, one B-2 and one B-1.

F. F. Pollard, Robersonville, one B-3 and one B-1.

Willis Williams, RFD 3, Williamston, one B-1 minus two units.

Henry Little, Oak City, one B-3 and one B-2.

Spencer L. Mendenhall, Williamston, one B-2 and one A.

William Robert Taylor, Robersonville, one A.

Daniel Moore, RFD 1, Williamston, one B-2 and one B-1.

Rusch and Gaimor, Walter W. Connelly, agent, Baltimore, four B-3 and one A minus two units.

Sterling Williams, RFD 1, Williamston, one A.

J. Paul Simpson, Williamston, two B-3.

Foy Rogerson, Robersonville, one B-3 and one A minus four units.

Rowena Riddick, RFD 2, Williamston, one A.

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Schedule Hearing In Larceny Case

Herman Whitley and Gus Cowen, white men, are scheduled to appear before Justice J. L. Hassell here tomorrow morning for a preliminary hearing in the case charging them with the larceny of three steers from Mr. R. S. Critcher on the night of last April 29. Whitley, said to have admitted participating in the crime, but innocently, waived preliminary hearing and continues in jail. Cowen, employed in Virginia, has not been apprehended, but he returned a few days ago, rounded up several witnesses unbeknowning to officers and advised the sheriff by letter that he would be back for the hearing tomorrow.

Officers would not release any evidence they might have in the case, but it is understood the steers were sold in Virginia.

Hassell Church Meeting To Open Thursday Night

Postponed from last night, a series of revival services will open in the Hassell Christian Church on Thursday evening of this week at 8:45 o'clock. Rev. J. M. Perry announced this morning.

Big Battle Of The Mid-Pacific Is Said To Be About Ended

Definite Report On Outcome Of Major Engagement Now Eagerly Awaited

The major naval engagement between the Allied and Japanese fleets in the mid-Pacific off Midway Island is believed to have been ended, and definite reports, carrying complete details, are now being eagerly awaited. It is an established fact that the Japs suffered one of the worst lickings in all their history as a major sea power, but the count of ship losses has not been definitely determined. One report coming from an American airman who had been shot down and who watched the fighting from his rubber lifeboat, stated that three Jap plane carriers were fired by United States planes. Unconfirmed reports claim that one carrier was sunk, two others badly damaged and possibly sunk, two capital battleships damaged or sunk along with two cruisers and several other types of ships including transports. American losses, tentatively fixed, include the sinking of a destroyer and damage to a plane carrier.

Unconfirmed reports state that more than eighteen Jap ships were either sunk or damaged in the mid-Pacific engagement, that the Jap losses there will run the total to around 32 ships since including the Coral Sea battle a few weeks ago.

The crippled Jap fleet headed for home and was lost, the Allied fleet commander stating that no effort was made to follow it into home waters where attack by land-based planes would be possible.

While the Midway battle was raging a secondary fight was believed to have been taking place near home in the Aleutian Islands area. No reports have been received from that quarter. Some submarine activity has been reported around Pearl Harbor, but it was apparently of little consequence.

The lull on the Russian battlefronts has been broken by fierce German drives at several points around Leningrad, Kalinin, Kharkov and in the Crimean Peninsula. Apparently the Germans are feeling out the line in preparation for another drive. The Russians successfully counter-attacked in each place.

In China, the Japs are continuing their march into the eastern sector of that vast country, but they are chalking up new gains at heavy cost to their men. British and American airmen have arrived in China to take a hand in the battle, it was announced this afternoon. The battered Chinese have been crying for help for many months, warning just today that a Jap attack on Russia through Manchuria could be checked only by the delivery of planes to bolster the Chinese defense.

The RAF was back again over the industrial Ruhr last night, dealing out destruction to the German war industry. Countering a warning issued by England for the evacuation of all Frenchmen from the invasion coast area, Germany is now holding the defenseless hundreds of thousands there as hostages.

No late reports have come from the fighting in Libya, but it is still

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Sank An Axis Sub



"Sub sunk"—that was the report made by Navy Pilot Ensign Edward G. Binning after successful moonlight attack on Axis submarine in Caribbean waters off the Island of Martinique. The sub is believed to have been one responsible for torpedo attack which damaged U. S. destroyer Blackley.

No New Car Tires Allotted By Board In County Monday

Certificates for Purchase of Eight New Truck Tires Are Granted

All the argument about gasoline rationing may be meaningless sooner or later for the real meat in the cocoanut is about gone judging from reports coming from the regular meeting of the county rationing board this week. Not a single new car tire was allotted by the board Monday, meaning that when the present tires are gone automobile traffic, for the most part, will come to a halt even if gas tanks are bubbling over.

A few recapped car tires were allotted, but according to reports, the recaps aren't much good.

New truck tires and tubes were allotted, as follows:

C. M. Hurst, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes for ice, coal and fuel delivery.

Farmers Supply Company, Williamston, two tires and two tubes for transportation of farm machinery.

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Mosquito Wave Is Considered Serious

Although the malaria mosquito has not appeared in great numbers during the recent and prolonged pest attack, it is quite possible that an increase in malaria will follow in due time. There are ample supplies of quinine for the present, but future deliveries are not guaranteed. "The prolonged visit of the mosquitoes and in such great numbers possibly will be followed by some sickness," physicians say. The situation is not regarded as serious, but where persons have reason to believe they have been attacked by the malaria mosquito they will do well to consult their doctor and start taking quinine.

The usual run of stories has followed the mosquito. The pests are scattered over a wider area, especially along the Roanoke, it is nothing to the story that any one section has a monopoly on the pests. Reports state that they are appearing in greater numbers all over this part of the county than at any other time in the recollection of old residents.

The most daring attack by the pests was reported on the Conine Creek bridge a night or two ago. Two broke into the guard's house under the bridge. "Shall we carry him outside and eat him or eat him in here?" one of the mosquitoes asked. "Better eat him here, for if we carry him outside a large mosquito might take him away from us," the other said.

Staton Gardner Died Last Night Near Jamesville

Funeral This Afternoon At The Home of His Son, L. C. Gardner

Staton Gardner, highly respected citizen and farmer of Jamesville Township, died at his home there last night at 9:30 o'clock following an illness of about one year. His condition was aggravated by a stroke about two months ago and he had been confined to his bed since that time.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luke Gardner, he was born in the Jamesville community 77 years ago the first of last March. Despite his advanced years, he was unusually active on the farm until forced to retire by declining health. He was an active member of the Baptist Church for a number of years, holding membership at Cedar Branch. Mr. Gardner was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Following the death of his wife, the former Miss Neva Bundy, in July, 1939, he had made his home with a son, L. C. Gardner.

Besides the son with whom he made his home, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Addie Williams, of Jamesville, and Mrs. Mattie Rogers, of Elizabeth City, and a son, L. R. Gardner, of the Jamesville community. He also leaves several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, assisted by Dr. W. R. Burrell, pastor of the Williamston Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the family plot in the Gardner Cemetery, near Jamesville.