

## Three Hundred And Eighty-Two Farm Registrants Are Placed In C Classifications by Draft Board

### Over Five Hundred Cases Reviewed By County Draft Board

#### One Hundred and Forty-Two Cases Turned over to War Board for Final Check

Continuing the task of handling farm registrant classifications, the Martin County Draft Board in a recent meeting reviewed five hundred and twenty-four cases. Of the number, 382 were found to have sufficient production units to support claims to "C" classifications. The remaining 142 cases were turned over to the County War Board for a final check. It is fairly certain that 75 or 80 per cent of those registrants whose cases are now before the War Board will be able to qualify for the coveted classification. Most of the number had almost enough production units to qualify, it was found.

According to unofficial estimates, about 92 per cent of the farm registrants in this county are qualifying for the "C" classifications. Included in the remaining eight per cent are married men with children who are not, as yet, subject to call, meaning that the Army can expect few recruits from the farms in the future.

It is understood that the War Board has already started reviewing the 142 cases submitted last week by the draft authorities. In the last group of 198 cases, the War Board ruled that 163 of the registrants were essential to the farm program.

According to the findings of the Draft Board the following farm registrants are qualified for "C" classifications:

Mark Andrews, Jr., John Davis Barnes, Valley Andrews, Robert Andrews, E. G. Anderson, Henry B. Allen, J. B. Biggs, John Best, Jr., Sidney Beacham, Earl Beach, Earl Bryant, Roosevelt Brown, Pete Brown, Coy Briley, Toba Bowen, Raymond Bowen, Malachi Bonds, Jesse V. J. Peel, Charlie Bussey, Lewis Albert Bullock, Arthur Bullock, Albert Bullock, Sr., Albert Bullock, Jr., A. Z. Clark, Samuel E. Clark, Archie T. Coltrain, R. C. Coltrain, Arthur Cotton, Charlie Butler, Burton Gray, William Goddard, Henry Godard, W. M. Godard, Noah Gardner, Hubert Charlie Gardner, Harvey E. Gardner, Fred Gardner, Warren Farmer, John Thomas Farmer, Lester L. Everett, Charlie Edmondson, F. Z. Davis, Sug Davis, Cleo Daniel, Charlie P. Cullipher, Marvin S. Cowan, Joe Cowen, Tom Earl Hale, Jesse Lee Hale, Willie Hadley, William Leroy Hadley, C. L. Hadley, William A. Gurganus, R. C. Gurganus, Irving Gurganus, Mark Griffin, Luther Earl Griffin, Jasper C. Griffin, James Marion Griffin, D. Andrew Griffin, Thade Monroe Hopkins, Nathaniel Hopkins,

Merlin Hollis, Ralph Holliday, Dennis Holliday, Ernest Harrison, John T. Harris, Jasper Harris, Gar-

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### Appoint E. S. Peel County Prosecutor

Albert S. Peel was appointed by the county commissioners to fill the position of county solicitor made vacant by the resignation of Attorney Paul D. Roberson who was called to the Army a few days ago. In making the appointment, the commissioners gave Attorney Roberson a leave of absence, meaning that should he return before December of next year the job would be open to him. A similar leave of absence was granted Attorney Don E. Johnson, but the term expired and the war continues.

There was no contest for the job, and Peel's nomination offered by Commissioner Joshua L. Coltrain drew a quick second, the appointment following in short order. The oath of office was immediately administered and the new prosecutor started his work within a matter of only a few minutes.

The appointment was necessarily delayed until a quorum could be had, and Judge J. C. Smith patiently waited along with the court litigants and spectators upstairs.

### Stove Dealers Invited To Meet Here Tomorrow

All dealers in coal and wood stoves in the county and surrounding territory are invited to meet in the county courthouse tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock when new regulations for rationing stoves will be reviewed by representatives from the State office.

The meeting will also discuss new rationing regulations for fuel oils, it was announced.

Several counties in this section of the State are to be represented at the meeting.

### PASTOR



Ordnained at a special service in the Presbyterian church here last Sunday evening, Rev. Gower Crosswell will serve the local church and Poplar Point Mission. The newly-ordained minister succeeds Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, who is now a chaplain in the armed services.

### Invasion Plans Are Held Secret As Air Fighting Continues

#### Italians Claim Allies Fail In Attempt To Invade Small Mediterranean Island

While increased activity is already underway on the Russian front in the vicinity of Leningrad and a possible march toward Moscow is brewing along with plans for an invasion of the continent, the main news from the war fronts comes from the air over Italian targets in the Mediterranean area and over the giant Russian armaments plant at Gorki, 250 miles east of Moscow.

Increased opposition is being experienced by the Allied airmen as they continue their task of pulverizing Pantelleria for a possible invasion. One report stated that 800 Axis planes tried to stem the assaults but were beaten back.

British, American and South African fliers, using eight types of planes bombed Pantelleria, stepping stone to Sicily, Saturday night and all day Sunday. The Americans shot down eight enemy fighters and probably bagged a ninth from some 50 which attempted to intercept them.

(The London radio said Pantelleria now has been bombed 118 times in three weeks. It was shelled five times last week by British warships.

The Italian communique said Pantelleria was subjected to repeated attacks during which pursuit planes and anti-aircraft guns downed seven enemy planes.)

The newest victories ran to 483 the number of Axis planes destroyed abroad or in the air in the 20 days of the big pre-invasion Allied air and sea offensive while Allied losses have been only 56.

According to unconfirmed claims, five hundred British commandos

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### Only One Case In Ration Board Court

Explaining that he did not realize he was driving in excess of the established limit, W. W. Taylor was dismissed with a warning by the rationing board sitting as a board of inquiry here last evening.

The case was the only one scheduled at the meeting, but according to one report quite a few others are in the making. It is understood that an even dozen motorists were cited for speeding in the county over the week-end. Most of them, however, were from the war industrial areas and their cases will be referred to ration boards in their respective counties after being aired in the recorder's court in this county.

### RECORD INCOME

The Martin County Recorder's Court broke all financial records for May this year when it collected in fines and costs a total of \$1,097.95. Collections were approximately 100 per cent of the total fines and costs imposed by Judge J. C. Smith, the outstanding balance being well secured. The money has been turned over to the county treasurer.

### Grants Continuance Of Assault Case In The County's Court

#### D. E. Bunting Pleads Guilty Of Assaulting J. F. Crisp Of Ration Panel

Prayer for judgment was continued for two weeks by Judge J. C. Smith after D. E. Bunting, Oak City man charged with assaulting Jesse F. Crisp, ration board panel member, pleaded guilty to the charge in the county court yesterday morning. The continuance, granted after the state had offered its evidence, was based on a last minute change in the defendant's lawyers and on condition that the defense would accept the evidence offered by the state without contradiction. It is understood that the witnesses for the State will not find it necessary to return to court when the trial of the last half of the case is held in June 21.

Declaring that he was anxious that justice be made available to everyone, Judge Smith recognized the unexpected change in the defense lineup. Attorney E. S. Peel, employed by the defendant, withdrew from the case following his appointment to the solicitorship, and Attorney R. L. Coburn, taking his place, explained that he had not had time to review the case.

Evidence, offered under oath, and admitted by the defense supports preliminary reports heard about the unprovoked assault upon the ration board member in Oak City on April 23. Mr. Crisp, called to the stand by the state, reiterated his account of the attack, telling how he went to Hardy's service station that morning for a shoe shine, how without warning he was caught in the collar while sitting down and was mauled by the heavy-set assailant. When asked if he knew why the attack was made upon him, Mr. Crisp said he did not know until afterwards, that Bunting said, "You know why I did it, you g-d-s-o-f-a-b. You reported me to the rationing board." Mr. Crisp explained to the court that he had not reported Mr. Bunting to the rationing board, and this evidence was supported by that offered by Mr. C. C. Martin, chairman of the County War Price and Rationing Board.

On cross examination, Mr. Crisp was asked if he had not tried to hire the defendant's farm labor. The witness explained that he had thought a bit hard of Bunting for trying to hire labor away from him, that he had not tried to hire Bunting's labor. Officer Wiley Craft, of the Oak City police force, heard Bunting say, "I've stood it long as I can and I've got to give it to you." The officer hurried to the men and pulled Bunting away from the attack victim. He also stated that he heard Bunting cursing Mr. Crisp the next day. Several other witnesses were called, but their testimony corroborated that offered by those before them.

Judge Smith was of the opinion that the trial could be completed, but

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### Number Of Mules Die In Heat Wave

The heat wave striking this section last week proved costly to farm animals, incomplete reports stating that a dozen or more mules and one cow died from the heat between Thursday and Saturday. No human beings are believed to have succumbed to the oppressive heat, but human endeavor was slowed down considerably.

According to scattered reports, the following farmers lost mules last Friday and Saturday: W. Jackson Holliday, C. C. Fleming, Sylvester and Dawson Lilley, Andrew Clark, Herbert Manning, Henry Peel, V. G. Taylor, Wheeler Stanton, Paul Dolberry and a few others whose names could not be learned immediately. Farmer John A. Manning lost a cow.

One report stated that between 25 and 30 mules died over in Pitt County, that the toll among work animals in other counties was also heavy.

### Accident Victim Gets Up Ready For A Fight

Accidentally run down by a bicycle on the Washington Road Saturday night, Thurman James got up and fell to fighting Nelson Mason, the rider of the bike. Nelson tried to explain that he was blinded by the lights of a car and that he did not see James. The fight was soon ended after a few ineffectual licks had been passed.

The minor accident was the only one reported in the county during the week, according to Patrolman Whit Saunders.

### TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the newspaper section of)

#### RATION REMINDERS

**Blue Stamps**  
(For processed foods): Blue Stamps K, L, M, continue good through July 7.

**Coffee**  
Stamp No. 24 (1 lb.) is good through June 30.

**Red Stamps**  
(For meats, etc.): Red Stamps J, K, L, good through June 30.

**Fuel Oil**  
Period 5 coupons valid in all zones until September 30.

**Shoes**  
No. 17 Stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair through June 15th. Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) will become valid June 16.

**How To Get Farm Supplies**  
In a move to help farmers secure badly needed supplies of rationed commodities, the War Production Board has cut red tape, and now makes it possible for farmers to obtain over 140 scarce items simply by giving their dealer a simple form certifying that the supplies desired are needed for operation of a farm.

The order is in line with WPB's program to extend all possible aid to farmers, and while it does not mean that he stands a far better chance than he has had recently, for manufacturers have been instructed to get into dealers hands as soon as possible all stocks of the commodities named.

Whenever a farmer orders farm supplies on the list from a dealer who has them in stock, the dealer must fill the order if the farmer gives him a signed certificate as follows:

"I certify to the War Production Board that I am a farmer and that the supplies covered by this order are needed now and will be used for the operation of a farm."

However, if a farmer wants to use a certificate to buy more than \$25 worth at one time of any item on the list, he must first get his certificate approved in writing by the County Farm Rationing Committee. WPB

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### Jas. Staton Godard Passes In Hospital

James Staton Godard, young farmer-timberman, died in the local hospital early Sunday afternoon following an illness of only a few days. Taken sick rather suddenly at the home of his aunt, Mrs. R. B. Brown, on Hassell Street, he became worse and was removed to the hospital on Saturday afternoon, hardly regaining consciousness after he was admitted there. Believed to have been a victim of malaria, he is reported to have developed rheumatic fever which resulted in his death.

The son of Opehus and Ida Manning Godard, he was born in Williams Township 30 years ago last September. He farmed during his early youth, but had engaged in logging operations in recent years. About eight years ago he was married to Miss Elizabeth Moore and she with a daughter, Peggy, survives. He is also survived by his mother, one brother, Neal Godard, and two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Peaks, of Everett, and Mrs. Woodrow Bland, of Norfolk.

Funeral services are being conducted from the home of his aunt, Mrs. Roland Hudson, in Williams Township, this afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment will follow in the Godard Cemetery, near the old family home in Williams Township.

### Spectator Gets Much Attention In Court

Farmer Roy Edmondson attracted much attention in the county court this week. Going into the old hall of justice as an innocent spectator, he had a pair of shoes that squeaked terribly. The man tried to tip toe across the room, but the shoes seemed to squeak that much louder. Anxious not to break up to the proceedings, Mr. Edmondson took a seat as quickly as he could.

### EXPLAINED

The two explosions rocking a large area in this State and Virginia early on Tuesday morning of last week were explained yesterday when the Navy announced that an ammunition ship collided with a big oil tanker off the coast of North Carolina. Eighty-three men lost their lives on the spot, and others were so badly injured that they were not expected to live. Sixty-five of the 68 men on the ammunition ship were killed, according to the announcement.

Meeting the tanker, the cargo ship was said to have rammed the side of the tanker, causing two explosions.

## County Health Budget For New Year Pending

### Welfare Department Budget Approved In The Sum Of \$42,552.

#### Commissioners in Long Session Monday Studying Various Budget Estimates

With very little business scheduled, the county commissioners remained in session until late Monday afternoon studying budget estimates for the various departments. Routine duties were handled in fairly quick order, the highlight of the meeting coming when the authorities delayed approval of the health department's proposed budget figure for the 1943-44 fiscal year.

Called to order by Chairman R. L. Peery, the board cleared its calendar of routine matters during the early morning. Attorney Paul D. Roberson, county solicitor, was given a leave of absence while he is in the service, and Elbert S. Peel, county attorney, was appointed to complete the unexpired term. Various reports submitted by the department heads were heard. Adjustments in property values listed in error were effected for J. M. Highsmith, the board reducing the value of a house and lot on Academy Street in Robersonville from \$675 to \$600 and on a house and lot on Second Street, the value was reduced from \$600 to \$450. Relief orders were granted Dixie Roberson, Robersonville, \$2 poll tax; Booker Hill, Jamesville, \$2 poll tax, and O. S. Winborne, Williamston, \$5.41 personal property.

The county welfare budget, calling for a total of \$42,552.62 was approved. The total for the new fiscal year has been reduced by more than \$1,000 from last year's figures and includes the sizable contributions advanced by the state and federal governments.

A comparison of the budget figures for the old year and for the new fiscal period follows:

Administration:	1942	1943
Superintendent	\$ 1,920	\$ 1,980
Case Worker	1,440	1,500
Case Worker	1,260	1,320
Case Worker	475	000
Stenographer	896	900
Travel	900	960
Supplies	341	315
Telephone	74	85
County Home	5,556	4,500
Sanatorium	4,941	5,000
Hospitalization	3,830	3,500
Miscellaneous	95	150
Old Age Pensions	7,125	6,901
Dependent Children	3,243	3,402
Aid To Blind	605	719
General Relief	1,570	1,500
Drugs	272	300
Burial Expenses	47	100
	\$43,871	\$42,552

These figures do not include cents. The budget estimate explained that there were 12 inmates in the county home with the cost averaging \$1.26 per day. The average per person cost for the 10 patients in the sanatorium was figured at \$1.35 a day.

No explanation for the delay in handling the board of health budget could be had immediately, but it is understood that the cost of private

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### One Slightly Hurt In Truck Accident

One person was slightly hurt and considerable damage was done at 6:15 o'clock this morning when a large truck and trailer plowed into the rear of a pick-up truck driven by Farmer C. F. Harris on the Washington Road, near the Staton farm.

Running about fifteen miles an hour, Harris was driving toward Williamston when the large truck plowed into his light truck. Geo. Anthony and Joe Henry Anderson were riding in the small truck. Realizing what was about to happen, Anderson bailed out of the truck and escaped injury. Unable to get out, Anthony was slightly hurt.

Weldon Radcliff, colored man of Newport News, was driving the large fish truck, and he and Mr. Harris were not hurt. Radcliff was charged with reckless driving. Damage to the pick-up truck was estimated at \$300 by Patrolman Saunders. It is believed repairs to the big truck will cost around \$200.

### Infant Dies On Its Way To Doctor's Office Here

Experiencing ill health during most of its life of five months, Luther Staton Rogers, son of Mr. Ben and Lula Mae Gardner Rogers, died while he was being brought to a doctor's office here last Saturday morning.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in the Community Church on the Hamilton Road by Elder Wm. E. Grimes, and interment was in the cemetery here.

### TAX SALES

The sale of delinquent tax accounts by the county in front of the courthouse door Monday attracted few spectators and only two or three individual bidders. Three pieces of property were bought in subject to action by the owners within a specified time, the remaining parcels going to the county for possible foreclosure.

The sale was one of the smallest held in front of the courthouse by the county in many years. Tax Collector M. Luther Peel stating that there were only 245 delinquent accounts, representing unpaid taxes in the sum of \$3,719.98. There were approximately 8,000 accounts to start with representing a total tax levy of well over \$200,000.

### Board Perfects Its Reorganization In Meeting Last Night

#### Department Heads Unchanged; Shifts Made in Public Personnel

Holding its first meeting of the current term, the new board of town commissioners, composed solidly of old members, perfected its organization last night for the coming two years. The reorganization left the line-up exactly the same as far as the departmental heads are concerned and effected two shifts in the police department personnel.

Four board members, Messrs. L. P. Lindsley, Roy T. Griffin, G. H. Harrison and N. C. Green, were sworn in by Mayor J. L. Hassell. The fifth member, Mr. V. D. Godwin, was not present.

Commissioner L. P. Lindsley was elected mayor pro-tem, succeeding himself in that position. Incidentally, he has never practiced the duties of the office because the first string mayor has yet to be absent. G. H. Harrison was re-elected clerk and N. C. Green continues as town treasurer. R. L. Coburn was appointed town attorney and Mrs. L. U. James was named municipal accountant. R. E. Manning was reappointed superintendent of the water and street departments.

Much discussion was centered on the police department, the board making a few changes, but leaving final action pending in one case. W. B. Daniel was reappointed chief of police. Night Officer John Roebuck was shifted to the day force, and Chas. R. Moore was shifted from the day force to night duty. While the chief's salary was left at \$35 per week, the board increased Officer Roebuck's from \$30 to \$35; Night Officer John Gurganus' from \$30 to \$32.50, and Officer Moore's from \$25 to \$30 a week. It is considered likely that the board will abolish the all-time telephone desk job and look to the regular police force members to handle the air raid warning calls, or later employ a full-time man for the task, plus some police duty.

Several applications for jobs on the police force were considered, including those submitted by Peyton H. Squires, of Jacksonville; Jesse B. Shearin, of Halifax; Emmett Hines

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### Anti-Typhoid Drive Includes Thousands

With 7506 people having taken the typhoid immunizations, regular clinic appointments will continue at Williamston on Saturday mornings, Robersonville on Wednesday mornings, Oak City on Friday mornings, and Jamesville on Monday mornings, according to an announcement by Dr. John W. Williams.

The only two remaining special appointments scheduled are at Edwards Filling Station on the Hamilton Road from 2 to 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and at No. 90 Filling Station on the Jamesville Road from 2 to 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Anywhere that a hundred or more people can meet special schedules will be arranged for the typhoid immunizations, says Dr. Williams.

### ROUND-UP

While there was a slight increase on the crime front comparatively few arrests were made by officers here last week-end. Five persons were detained and jailed for alleged violations involving public drunkenness and larceny and receiving. Three drunks were jailed and two were booked for alleged thefts.

Two of the five were white, the ages of the group ranging from 19 to 51 years of age.

## Presbyterians Hold Ordination Service Here Sunday Night

### Dr. Peter Marshall Preaches Strong Sermon as Gower Crosswell Is Ordained

Recently called to the pastorate of the local Presbyterian church, Gower Crosswell, of Atlanta, was ordained at a special service held here last Sunday evening, the Rev. D. Peter Marshall, formerly at Atlanta and now pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington City, delivering the ordination sermon before a large congregation made up of members of the town's several churches. The service was also attended by special representatives of the Albemarle Presbytery, including Rev. Hugh Powell, Rev. C. C. Crawford, Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, Mr. R. E. Cogswell and Mr. J. L. Gossard.

Dr. Marshall preached the commencement sermon that morning at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina Greensboro, and as he was the pastor of Mr. Crosswell at Atlanta just before he (Mr. Crosswell) entered the Seminary, Richmond, he gladly accepted the invitation to participate in the ordination service. Rev. Crosswell was just recently graduated at the Seminary.

Dr. Marshall's sermon, "God's Trumpeters", follows: "I remember reading in a book entitled 'Rough Justice' how a little boy heard the story of Christ and the Cross for the first time. The little boy watched the preacher mount the pulpit steps and give out a piece of news—a piece of terrible news. The little boy felt that the minister had mentioned it because there were so many people all there at once, and perhaps they might do. There was something they might do. It was a rending tale of some kind and brave Man ferociously hurt a long time ago, nailed to a cross and hoisted up above the heads of a jeering crowd when he had done nothing worthy of death. And, although the pain of the nails was terrible, still there was a greater pain even yet, because there was something not done which He wanted them all to do. The little boy wept, the tears rolled down his cheeks. But he noticed that nobody else seemed moved. No body else was crying. The people seemed to be strangely tranquil. Even when they came out of the church they walked away as if nothing had happened.

People still walk away from church as if nothing has happened! In the twinkling of an eye attention can be switched from the message from the pulpit to almost anything. Hear the average congregation stream from the sanctuary and listen to the conversation for a demonstration of the fact that nothing has happened. No fires have been kindled in their hearts. Their eyes betray the sad fact that they have seen no beckoning fingers. No vision of the fluttering banners of Christ bemuses them. No breath-catching truth has burst in upon the jaded heart. No whispers of God have some rustling among the echoes. They carry away no hilted refrains. They see no visions. They are no

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### James "Pat" Baker Passes In Hospital

James "Pat" Baker, for several years a patient in a Raleigh hospital, died there yesterday morning at 6 o'clock. He had been in declining health for five or six years, spending much of that time in the hospital.

The son of Mr. Will T. Baker and Mrs. Sudie Waters Baker, he was born in Williamston thirty-six years ago. He married Miss Vergie White, of Bertie County, and she survives with two children, Frances White and Jerry Patrick Baker. He also leaves his parents and three sisters, Mrs. Aris Green, Mrs. W. G. Miller and Mrs. Ben Andrews, all of Williamston.

Suffering a slight stroke of paralysis some over five years ago, the young man is believed to have suffered a second one Sunday, causing his death a short time later.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home of his parents on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. B. T. Hurley. Interment will follow in the family plot in the local cemetery.

### Tenant Farmer Takes Toll From Bean Planter

In addition to his regular remuneration, Oscar Bunn added to his income by taking soy beans from the planter's hopper at the end of the row on Farmer Annie Roebuck's farm in Cross Roads Township last Saturday. His actions became suspicious when the man went to the barn real often for more seed. Upon investigation, it was learned that he had exacted a toll of one bag of beans, that he had also made several successful trips to the chicken house.

He was arrested along with Bookler T. Mizelle and charged with the thefts.