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Bond Drive Off To A Fair Start In County

Hundred Volunteers Start All-Out Bond Campaign In County

Chairman Again Stresses Need For Every Living Soul To Support Drive

Opening yesterday, the third War Loan Drive to raise fifteen billion dollars in the nation by September 30, was off to a slow but fair start in this county, according to incomplete reports received by D. V. Clayton, chairman of the campaign here.

While comparatively few cash sales have been reported, it is indeed evident that the one hundred volunteer canvassers are finding a sympathetic and willing public, and most of them are very encouraging in their predictions. They still maintain that the \$918,000 quota assigned this county will be subscribed.

During the first day of the campaign, cash bond sales were reported at this point in the sum of \$60,000. While that figure includes one or two fairly sizable purchases, it represents many buyers of small denomination bonds. Not a single report has been received from the other ten districts, but word coming from Oak City following a meeting of the Ruritan Club there last evening stated that farmers were talking bonds in \$10,000 denominations, that an out-and-out canvass would be made of that area in support of the drive. Messrs. D. V. Clayton and R. L. Coburn attended the meeting and outlined the bond drive, Mr. Coburn stressing the great and imperative need for supporting the war program in a short address.

Tonight, the people of Bear Grass are staging a bond-buying rally in the school building, and since Bear

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Motorist Fined For Running Over Hose During Recent Fire

Justice J. L. Hassell Hears Eight Other Cases in His Court Here

Joe Wilson, local colored man, was fined \$2.50 and taxed with the costs in the sum of \$7.50 by Justice J. L. Hassell here this week for allegedly running over a fire hose during a recent fire on Riddick Street. Wilson maintained he did not see the hose line. The charge was brought against the man by officers who, according to one report, saw him run over the hose at least twice and possibly three times during the one fire.

An official warning has been issued to all motorists, urging them to observe the regulations making it unlawful for them to drive behind a fire truck or park within one block of a fire. Oftentimes, it was pointed out, the fire fighting apparatus is carried right near a fire and then is backtracked to the hydrant, the practice saving much time when many feet of hose are necessary to effect a connection. During a recent fire, a motorist drove his car into the fire zone and lost a fender in the rush. One report stated that he asked the truck driver what he was going to do about it. The officer, working at the scene, explained the regulations and advised the man that he was subject to prosecution for driving within a block of the fire. No charge was brought against him, and as far as it could be learned no claim for the fender has been filed either with the department or the town authorities.

Firemen, frequently handicapped in trying to do the best they can by traffic congestions and by children riding in the streets during a fire, have made no formal protest, but they do point out that the general public can help remedy the situation by cooperating in every possible way.

Other cases handled by Justice J. L. Hassell in his court this week follow:

Dock Kennedy, Tank Bennett, John Hoggard and Lewis Gardner, charged with disorderly conduct, were each taxed with costs in the sum of \$8.50.

Thurman Perry was required to pay \$6.75 cost in the case charging him with an affray.

Costs in the sum of \$7.70 were taxed against William Frye in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

Willie Williams was required to pay \$7.50 costs in the case charging him with an affray.

Alex Smith was assessed \$7.50 costs for disorderly conduct.

LABOR BOARD

The Martin County Labor Mobilization Board will possibly hold the first meeting next following its organization week before last, according to H. G. Horton, chairman. At least ten cases will be reviewed at that time, it was learned.

No subpoenas, directing the alleged vagrants or idlers to report for a hearing before the board, have been turned over to the sheriff's office for service, but several will be issued this week-end or early next week, according to present plans.

Farmers of County Making Ready for Another Crop Year

Nine Tobacco Transplanters Rationed by Machinery Board Recently

Hardly before the 1943 harvesting season got underway, Martin County farmers started making preparations for another crop year. Nine tobacco transplanters were rationed along with other farm machinery and equipment by the County Machinery Rationing Board a few days ago. Very little of the machinery sought by the farmers will be used in harvesting the current season crops. Three tractors have been applied for and one or two hay presses are included in the list of rationed articles in the rural areas, the list of rationed articles carrying certificates for the purchase of half a dozen farm water systems.

The several types of arm equipment were issued as follows: Joe Wynne, Williamston, corn sheller and husker.

Ellis Malone, RFD 2, Williamston, water pump.

C. W. Gurkin, Williamston, water system.

J. C. Johnson, Oak City, water

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Native Of County Dies Near Plymouth

Clayton Modlin, retired farmer and a native of the Jamesville section, died at his home in Washington County near Plymouth, this morning at 12:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He was confined to his bed for three weeks, but had been in feeble health for nearly five years. A heart attack was given as the immediate cause of his death.

The son of the late Harmon and Mary Harris Modlin, he was born near Jamesville on October 19, 1881, and lived there until about three years ago when the family moved to Washington County. He married Miss Bettie Modlin on January 12, 1912, and she with eight children survives. Their names are, Andrew, Harmon, Clayton E., Horace and Miss Marjorie Modlin, all of the home; George Modlin, of Robersonville; Dalma Modlin, of RFD 3, Williamston; and Clarence Modlin, of the United States Navy. He also leaves one brother, Bill Henry Modlin, of near Jamesville, and a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Simpson, also of Jamesville.

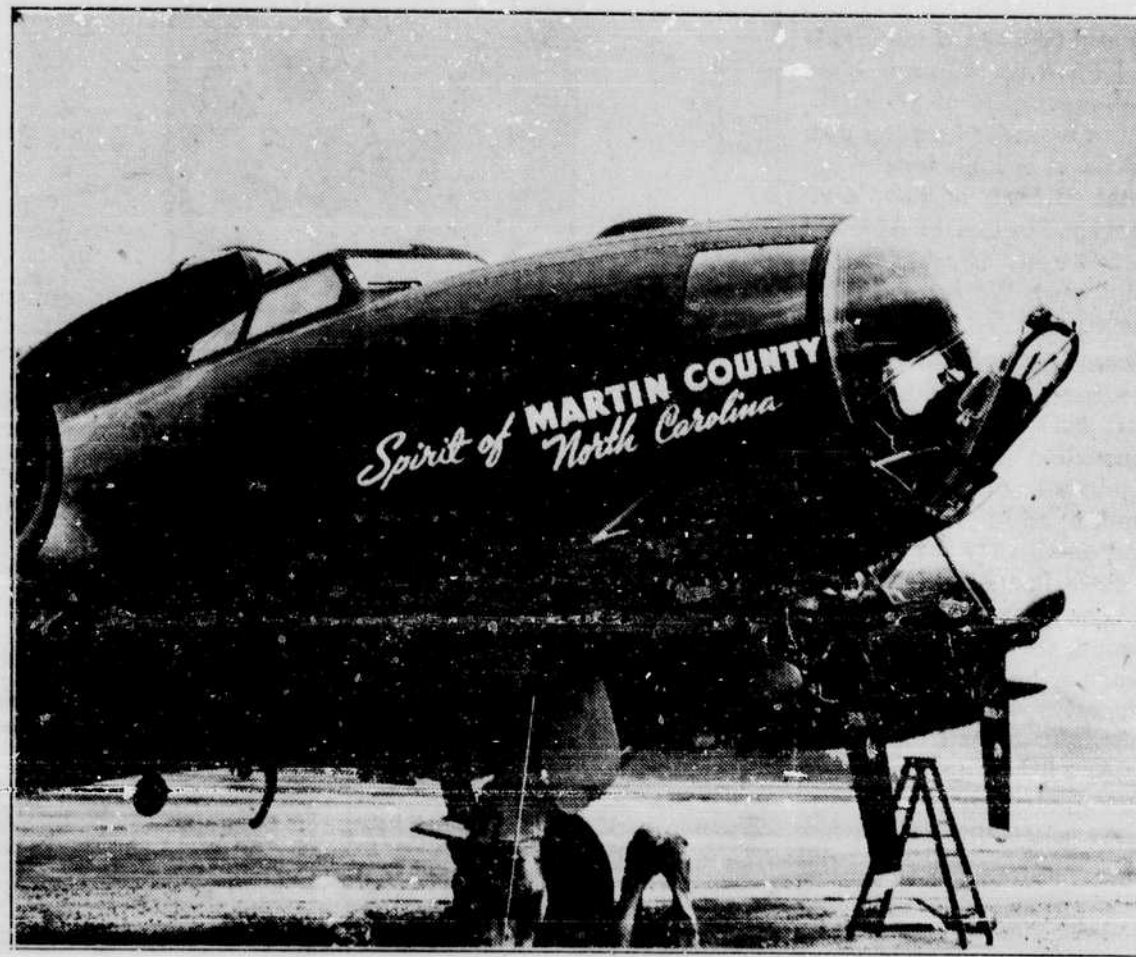
Mr. Modlin had been a faithful member of the Cedar Branch Baptist Church for many years, and his pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, assisted by Rev. Lee A. Phillips, will conduct the last rites Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of his brother, Bill Henry Modlin, near Jamesville. Burial will follow in the Modlin Cemetery in Jamesville Township.

TRANSFERRED

It is believed that quite a few Martin County young men have drawn overseas assignments during the fairly recent past. A few less than a dozen young service men had dropped short notes to the publisher asking him to change the address of The Enterprise and each new address carried an APO (American Post Office) number, indicating they were being transferred to foreign posts.

Included in the group was Bruce Whitley for twenty years an employee of The Enterprise.

County Citizens Finance Plane Purchase



Investing \$452,000.00 in United States War Bonds during the Second War Loan drive a few months ago, Martin County citizens made possible the purchase of the above Flying Fortress, "Spirit of Martin County, North Carolina." The name of the ship's crew could not be learned and it is not known whether the Fortress has been placed in combat service. The ship along with others will, no doubt, help hasten the war's end, and it should be a source of patriotic pride to every person who helped finance its purchase. Martin County citizens are now being asked to invest just double the amount raised in the second drive during the Third War Bond campaign getting underway on the 9th of this month.

First County Fathers Examined Subject To October Draft Call

Bookmobile Making Scheduled Tour In County Next Week

New Schedule Includes Stops At All the Schools In County

Special attention is called to the change in the county bookmobile schedule. This change is made to include the schools in the county. This next trip will begin the third year of rural library service for the BHM region. During the past year circulation figures have doubled. Over 28,000 volumes have been borrowed in Martin County alone since the service began in September, 1941. Even greater use is anticipated as our book collection continues to grow.

Among the new books this time is John P. Marquand's most recent novel, So Little Time—a story of Jeffrey Wilson, aviator in World War I, and his family during the intervening years until World War II.

Another timely story is that of Martha Albrand, Without Orders. Here is the exciting account of an American officer who awoke one morning to find himself in an Italian mental hospital and being addressed as "da Ponte."

Mystery lovers will enjoy Airing in a Closed Carriage, by Joseph Shearing. It is a novel of intrigue founded on an actual trial for murder which happened in England in the late 19th century.

John Floherty's new book, Inside The F. B. I., answers many questions about that important branch of our Federal government service.

Does Your Child Obey? by Regina W. Wieman "is directed to all parents who wish intelligently to discipline their children in obedience."

The new schedule follows: Monday, Sept. 13—9:30, Edwards Service Station; 10:00, Hamilton School; 11:00, Hamilton Bank, 12:45, Oak City School; 1:45, Barrett's Drug Store, Oak City; 2:45, Smith's Store on Palmyra Road.

Tuesday, Sept. 14—9:30, Hassell School; 10:00, Edmondson's Service Station; 10:30, Hassell Post Office;

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Accepts Position In The Oak City School

Miss Blanche Crisp, a recent graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, has accepted a position as home economics teacher in the Oak City school, it was announced this week. Miss Crisp, who is now employed in Richmond, is to enter upon her new duties on September 20. Miss Crisp, whose home is near Oak City, did her practice teaching in the Williamston schools last term.

PEANUTS

Peanut digging was started in several parts of the county this week, the operations being described as the earliest of any in recent years. Farmer Sylvester Taylor of Bear Grass and Paul Peel of near Williamston and a few farmers in Goose Nest Township were among the first to start harvesting the current crop. It is believed by some that the digging operations are a bit mature. At any rate, the task will hardly get started on a large scale before the latter part of next or the week following. The quality of the crop is said to be good, but the quantity, affected by dry weather, will hardly measure up to expectations, some saying there'll hardly be more than half a crop.

Number Of Farmers Rated Non-essential

Reviewing fifty-three cases a short time ago, the Martin County War Board rated nineteen of the farmers essential and thirty-four non-essential to the war program. The percentage of non-essentials is the largest reported by the board since it was created. It is to be remembered, however, that the fifty-three cases placed before the War Board were on the border-line, that possibly three hundred had been rated essential by the Draft Board.

It was also pointed out that quite a few of those placed in the non-essential group were placed there because no farm work plan had been submitted either by them or their landlords.

The names of those men denied "C" classifications follow:

Nathaniel Brown, William Clarence Hopkins, John Henry Wilkins, Sylvester Wynne, William Kader Lilley, Melvin Augustus Clisson, Theodo Staton, Dave Biggs, Joe Nathan Dawson, Henry Nicholas Ange, William Spruill, Jesse Amleak James, Hubert David Brown, Dewey Augustus Lee, Marvin Waldo Copeland, James Frank Hardison, Tilmon Richard Hodges, Harvey Tunly Andrews, Lester Franklin Bailey, Edro Latham, Clinton Reeves, Guy Ausborne Rawls, Jr., Asa Thomas Whitley, William Adkins Cross, William Walter Thomas Little, John David Robertson, William Thomas Ross, Warren Adam Leggett, Edward Latham, William Alfred Knox, Chester Lee Crocker, Manson Council, David Brown, Louis Edward Belcher.

Some in the group are over 37 years of age and are not subject to draft call just now, but the others are in line for service calls according to their numbers.

Still Possible For Registrants To Get Essential Positions

Fathers May Get Deferments Under New Meaning of Occupations

Quite a few Martin County fathers were given preliminary physical examination by draft board doctors here this week, and unless some congressional action is taken and taken quickly, white married men with children will be answering the draft call some time during the early part of October. During the meantime, a comparatively small number of young white men coming mostly from the teen-age group will leave for an induction center the latter part of this month.

Comparatively few fathers were found in the non-essential group, and it is understood that quite a few fathers will be called from the registration by their regular order numbers.

No names could be released by the draft board, but as many as 59 men, including about fifty fathers, six eighteen-year-olds and three young men whose deferments had expired, were said to have received their first physicals or blood tests here this week in anticipation of orders instructing them to report for possible military service next month.

It is possible for the father registrants to register for essential jobs between now and next Wednesday and stay their induction. A new interpretation of the list of critical jobs has been received, meaning that deferments are possible in many occupations.

Driving for a lumber manufacturer, railroading, or most any undertaking promoting the safety, health and welfare of the general public. While there is no blanket deferment for any group other than farmers, married men with children may enter essential work and get deferred for periods of varying length. It is not believed that many fathers in this county will transfer. N. S. Riddick, one of the fathers reporting this week for his preliminary physical, was quoted as saying, "I have said all along that when they called me I would answer, and I don't think I'll bother to change from my job in the furniture store. I'll just go along."

Revival Meeting In The Sweet Home Church

The Rev. Mr. Guard, pastor, will start a series of revival services in the Sweet Home Christian Church Sunday, September 12. All members are urged to attend and the public is invited.

Americans Turn Back Nazis In Naples Area

\$16,000.00

Checks, amounting to \$16,000, were mailed to liquor manufacturers in foreign states by the Martin County authorities yesterday. Covering purchases made in August, the payments were reported to be far below the average. Orders could not be filled in many instances, and sales have been considerably below normal during the past ten days or two weeks. It is understood that stocks, now at their lowest point since 1935, will be built up within the next few weeks if demand will permit such action.

Judge J. C. Smith Calls Nine Cases In County's Court

Last Monday Session Attended By Small Number of Spectators

The last Monday session of the Martin County Recorder's Court attracted very few spectators, and the proceedings were of little interest generally. Judge J. Calvin Smith called nine cases and worked almost until noon clearing the docket. The court rapped down on non-licensed motor vehicle operators, passing out a road sentence in one case and imposing a fine in another.

Proceedings: Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with non-support, Simon Cowen was adjudged guilty and he was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road sentence was suspended upon condition that the defendant pay the costs and \$75 to his wife. It was further stipulated that the defendant pay his wife the sum of \$20 a month beginning next January.

In a second case charging him with allowing a non-licensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, Cowen was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost. He pleaded guilty in the second case.

Charged with exceeding the 35-mile speed limit, N. B. Thomas was fined \$10 and taxed with the court costs.

Johnnie Williams, colored man who threw a strong protection a

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Funeral Yesterday For Former Citizen

Funeral services were conducted from the Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Mrs. Elizabeth Woodhouse, former citizen of Williamston, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Lindamood, in Cincinnati early last Sunday morning. Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the local Methodist church, officiated. Interment was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Mrs. Woodhouse was born in Jamesville on October 29, 1869, the daughter of the late James B. and Caroline Smith Waters. She moved to Williamston over half century ago and made her home here during most of the intervening years until she went to live with her daughter, the former Miss Irma Woodhouse, in Ohio, about eighteen years ago.

The funeral party reached here early Wednesday morning. Among those from out of town who attended the last rites were, Mrs. H. P. Moore and Mrs. Evelyn Morris and son, Donald, of Norfolk; Mrs. Fannie Gardner, of Washington; Messrs. George Smith and Julian Fagan, of Dardens; Mr. and Mrs. Will Waters, of Aulander, and a grandson, Cadet Mason Lindamood, of Boston.

TAXES

Sending out nearly 7,000 little pink slips notifying property owners that their 1943 taxes are now due and payable, the Martin County tax offices is getting an encouraging response. No complete report on collections could be had immediately, but the property owners were said to be reporting in fairly large numbers to square their current tax accounts.

The response was described as the most encouraging one ever noticed in the county tax office.

Surrender Of Italy Marks Beginning Of The End For Hitler

Italian Declaration of War on Germany Expected Within Twenty-four Hours

Supported by an armada even greater than the one reported for the Sicilian campaign in July and moving while announcement of Italy's

conditional surrender was pending, the American Fifth Army, headed by General Mark Clark, landed in the Naples area and today have overwhelmed the Germans in what was described as the fiercest fighting of the war. Five fierce German counterattacks were turned back by the determined Americans who forged ahead to enlarge their holdings and firmly establish themselves in the important port. That continued action is certain in that area is evidenced by the steady stream of Allied forces pouring into Naples.

The Italian picture while pointing to the end of Hitler, is marked by confusion, but already the psychological aid has been of tremendous value, and the outlook on the material side is growing brighter almost by the hour. Italy, angered when the Germans sunk two of their warships off Genoa and bombed Rome, and expected to declare war on their former allies possibly within twenty-four hours. How much aid the Italians can and will give is problematical, but there are those who believe they will fight harder against the Germans than they did with them. Mysterious reports are coming out of Italy just now, and it is not quite clear who is at the head of the government. One report states that King Emmanuel has abdicated, and another says that Badoglio has resigned. The Germans say Mussolini has been restored to power over a new government in the north, while still another report states that old Musso has been turned over to

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Three And One-Half Million Pounds Of Tobacco Sold Here

Prices Holding Firm Despite Glut on Floors and in Redrying Plants

Sales on the local tobacco market passed the three and one-half million pound mark here today with prices holding firm for most all grades. With some exceptions, farmers say the prices are fairly satisfactory, considering the quality of much of the leaf offered during recent days. Large quantities of tips and inferior grades are on the floors, but reliable estimates place the average around 38 cents for all sales this week.

Just what effect the government policy may have, it is fairly well established that the glut is tending to weaken prices. Unable to handle the large offerings, some companies have been unable to move tobacco bought last Monday from the warehouses, and one trucker, delivering a load to a factory, was three days getting it unloaded. Yet, grading activities are being continued quite rapidly. It is believed, however, that cotton picking will slow up the grading work on the farms during the next few days, and that peanut digging time will also relieve some of the pressure on the markets in this section.

Farmers said on the floors today that tobacco of any quality whatever is selling well. It is apparent that the green grades have few friends, but the buyers are still anxious for all the other types, and a pile is seldom sold without four or five or more buyers pushing their fingers up and shouting openly their increased bids.

While no steps have been taken to further curtail sales, it is fairly apparent that some additional action will be taken to relieve the pressure. It is a well established fact that just about as much and even more tobacco in some cases is being sold each week this season as was sold before the selling period was lessened. Repeated appeals have been made, urging the farmers to slacken their grading work, but despite the glut they are apparently more anxious to sell tobacco right now than at any time in the past.

J. B. Hutson, of the Commodity Credit Corporation, is speaking in Greenville today, and the government's position on price averages and ceilings is awaited.