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Draft Law Violator Facing Prosecution In Federal Courts

Seventeen Other Registrants Reported Delinquent in Martin County

Charged with violating the current Selective Service law, William Jasper Page, Robersonville colored man, is now facing prosecution in the Federal courts, according to a report coming from the county draft board this week. It was stated that Page intentionally or unintentionally had failed to follow instructions directing him to report to draft board doctors for a physical examination. Repeated warnings were said to have been issued in his case, and no action was taken to remove him. The Federal Bureau of Investigation took the case, and now the registrant is in the hands of the deputy marshal for possible prosecution in Judge Meekins' court over in Washington next month.

The case is the second one to arise in this county during the current war and booked for trial in the federal courts. John Williams, colored man of Goose Nest Township, was the first to be jailed and carried into the court by the federal authorities. The Williams case was handled a little over a year ago.

Seventeen other registrants were reported delinquent this week by the Martin County Draft Board. It was pointed out that several had reported, but that they would still be listed delinquent until further instructions were complied with. All of the registrants are colored, and most of them are delinquent because they failed to send in their questionnaires or did not report for physical examinations. Only two failed to report for induction, it was stated.

The list of delinquents follows: Andrew Walker failed to report for physical examination. Robert Clark failed to report for physical examination. Jesse James Stanback failed to return questionnaire.

James Gardner failed to prepare and return questionnaire. Jodie Henry Jenkins failed to report for physical examination.

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Illicit Liquor Sells For \$15.00 A Gallon

Illicit liquor is selling for around \$15 a gallon when it can be had, according to reliable reports heard here this week. Little of the RFD brand is being manufactured in the county at the present time, and Officer J. H. Roebuck of the ABC enforcement board, declares that the opportunity is limited for a large-scale production in this county.

Shortages in the legal stores has prompted illicit manufacturers to increase their production, but apparently they are making little progress in these parts. One operator is said to have paid a fabulous price for sugar, possibly as much as \$25 per 100-pound bag, just to lose it after being mixed for beer. These figures are not official, but it is believed that the black market is inviting the illicit manufacturers, and will likely attract a federal investigation.

Last week, Officer Roebuck and his assistant Roy Peel, wrecked several plants in the county, and poured out a quantity of beer. Two plants, one a 40-gallon capacity copper kettle complete and the other with two tin tubs soldered together for a still, were wrecked in Bear Grass Township. Two and one-half gallons of raw liquor and 230 gallons of molasses beer were poured out at the plants.

In the Dardens area of Jamesville Township, the officers captured a 30-gallon capacity copper still and poured out 400 gallons of sugar beer.

Miss Lessie Edwards Dies Suddenly Here

Miss Lessie Edwards, eighteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Edwards, of the Farm Life Community, died suddenly at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Gurganus, here yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. She had been in feeble health for some time, but was active up until Wednesday. She suffered a heart attack.

She attended the Farm Life school and was a member of the Christian Church at Maple Grove. Quiet and unassuming, she was held in high regard by all who knew her.

Besides her parents she is survived by three brothers, Chas., Dewey and Wilbur Edwards. Funeral services are being conducted in the Maple Grove Church this afternoon by her pastor, Rev. Luther Ambrose. Interment will follow in the family plot in the Hardison Mill Cemetery.

Game Season Opens October First But Shells Are Scarce

The season for taking squirrel and deer opens Friday, October 1st, but already hunters are complaining about the shortage of gun shells, indicating that the conservation laws will get a strong support during the period. Early surveys show that there is an abundance of game in the county this year. The squirrels and deer are more numerous and the number of birds is believed the greatest in recent years.

As far as it could be learned here there are few if any gun shells to be had for regular hunting. There has been much said about allotting shells for combatting pests, but according to the best information to be had here the quotas have not been announced. One report states that 20 per cent of the 1941 consumption will be made available, but it is admitted that those rations will not go far. Quite a few Martin farmers signed up for shells some time ago under a special system. The demand soon became so heavy that the plan was abandoned. A few shells were distributed under the plan, but where a farmer signed for two boxes, he got none and hardly over a box in any case. It was unofficially learned that one big jobber had sixty cases of shells for distribution in several states. These reports would indicate that there'll be few shells for sale in these parts this year.

As for a dire shortage of shells there is none just now in this section. Real sportsmen who bought to meet their current needs last season have none this year, but it is believed that a normal supply or a number sufficient to meet the average demand is hoarded by hunters throughout the section.

Hunting licenses are now on sale throughout the county, but it isn't likely that many will be sold in the face of a shell shortage.

Tobacco Price Passes Ceiling Figure Today

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Regardless of their September 30th expiration date, kerosene coupons for cooking and lighting may be used in their entirety at any time after that date, according to an official announcement made by the county rationing board this week. Holders of kerosene coupons are, therefore, asked not to apply for more coupons until their old ones are exhausted.

Those who coupons are all gone may apply to the rationing board for a new allotment.

Tide Of Fighting In Salerno Area Turns In Favor Of Allies

Sweeping Gains Are Reported By Russians Over A Wide Front Today

After several days of the bloodiest fighting of the war in the Mediterranean campaign, the American Fifth Army, supported by the British, have the Germans on the run and the tide of battle has definitely turned in favor of the Allies near Salerno. Today, the battle cry is on to Naples and Rome, reports indicating that the Americans and British have formed a line from Salerno east to Bari and are now making ready for one of the greatest combined drives of the war. The bloody fighting which has already cost the Allies heavy losses, is not over by any means but the outlook for them is far brighter than it is for the Germans.

After suffering terrific poundings at the hands of the Germans for several days, the Americans, reinforced by fresh troops and increased air protection and more fire from big naval guns, broke through the German lines and started chasing the enemy from the hills. Tremendous losses were inflicted upon the enemy yesterday and many Germans were captured. Apparently Montgomery's Eighth Army have taken their position and are ready to continue the push northward.

Big news has come out of Russia during the past two days, indicating that Hitler is either getting the stuffing whipped out of him there or he is withdrawing his men for a bloody stand against the Americans and British. Hitler's final and costly bid for the Caucasus oil fields has been trumped. The Russian army men, sailors and marines breaking through strong German lines to capture one of the three great Black Sea ports.

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LABOR BOARD

Tentatively scheduled for this week, the meeting of the Martin County Labor Mobilization Board will be held some time next week, Chairman H. G. Horton said yesterday. The delay was considered timely when additional complaints were received, the chairman explaining that possibly all of them could be heard at one time. Twenty cases are pending now, it was learned.

Papers are being issued and the alleged violators of the emergency labor law will be summoned to appear before the board at a time to be specified.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Fifteen Cases In the County Court

Two Young White Men Given Long Road Terms For Brutal Assaults

Judge J. Calvin Smith resorted to stern but apparently just measures in dealing with alleged violators who would drive motor vehicles while under the influence of liquor and those who would with little or no provocation attack and beat up their fellowman. The jurist called fifteen cases during the session lasting until almost 1 o'clock. He sentenced two young men to the roads for more than a year, and revoked drivers' licenses for eighteen months and two years in some cases.

In the case charging Thurman [name] with non-support [name] to the court that the action was not required by public interest and that it was prompted by malice on the part of the prosecuting witness, Maggie James. The court ordered the prosecuting witness to pay the costs of the action. It was one of the few cases of that type handled by the court in recent years.

In the case charging Lamont B. Cherry with speeding, the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 with the costs added. J. Gray was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs for speeding. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

Pleading not guilty, William Edward Purvis was adjudged guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving and was fined \$20 and taxed with the cost.

Harold Bailey, charged with larceny and receiving was sentenced to the roads for six months. The term was suspended for one year upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the costs.

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Government Report Shows Local Market Leads Entire State

Nearly Five Million Pounds Sold Today; Glut Gradually Being Relieved

After dropping slightly below fixed price ceilings a short time following the opening, tobacco prices have regained that loss and are now holding to figures well over the pegged level on the local market today. Yesterday, the market sold approximately 230,000 pounds for an average price right at 42 cents a pound, and the price trend is possibly even stronger today. Farmers are better satisfied with their sales, although it can be pointed out that patrons of the local market have offered little complaint at any time during the season except for one or two days when the buying companies almost threw up their hands in the face of one of the worst gluts in history. The reduced selling period apparently has relieved the pressure to some extent, and on many markets the harvesting of cotton and peanuts will further lighten the marketing task.

Despite the abnormal marketing period, the Williamston market has since the opening on August 24 established an all-time sales record. Right at five million pounds have been sold, including the offerings on the floors today. And as for price, the Williamston market led the entire belt, according to the first official government report released for the season. The average was reported about two cents above the general one for the belt.

The market has about geared itself to the new selling hours, and in most cases farmers can place their tobacco on sale one day for sale the next, and it is possible that in a few more days farmers will be able to deliver and sell their tobacco the same day. The marketing rush is gradually being relieved as farmers in this section.

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Bandage Room Asks For More Workers

An urgent appeal was issued today for more volunteers to carry on the work in the local Red Cross surgical dressing and bandage rooms. While the ladies, especially those in the Jamesville, Farm Life and Bear Grass areas, have handled the work up until the present, it has been pointed out that men are eligible for the all-important task. The appeal is issued to everyone, men, women and children, old or young, and it is earnestly hoped that everyone will do his part.

After a several weeks' summer holiday, the bandage room was reopened about ten days ago. Hardly more than 1,000 bandages have been prepared since the room was opened.

In a letter to the Martin County Chapter, Red Cross headquarters in Alexandria, Va., stated that the shipment of finished surgical dressings from the Eastern Area was among the lowest in percentage of any in the nation. Leaders who are really doing more than their fair share, are anxious to help build up the percentage, and make certain that no American service man will need and not be able to get a dressing or bandage. The room is open each afternoon from 2 to 4:30 o'clock and from 8 to 10 o'clock each evening.

More Than One-Third Of Bond Quota Raised In County During The First Eight Days of Big Drive

Few Criminal Cases Docketed For Trial In Superior Court

Judge Walter Bone To Open Two Weeks' Mixed Term Here Next Monday

Comparatively few criminal cases, and most of them are of little importance, have been docketed for trial during the two weeks' term of Martin County Superior Court convening here next Monday morning. No murder cases appear on the docket, but the will to destroy human life is expressed in several cases charging assaults with intent to kill.

Judge Walter Bone, of Nashville, is to preside over the term. His visit here is the first officially scheduled in five years.

In addition to the twelve criminal cases docketed for trial, a dozen divorce applications are expected to receive consideration during the first week, and it is likely that a short session will be held.

Criminal cases scheduled for trial next Monday include the following: Elbert Whitehurst is charged with being drunk and disorderly and damaging public property. The case has been in the courts for the past terms and final action is expected next week.

The case charging Bennie Earl Spencer with an assault with intent to kill was also continued from a previous term.

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Young White Men Brutally Assault Two Colored Men

Carried Before Judge Smith, Both Defendants Draw Road Terms

Posing as gangsters and rough western men, Leo Warren and Theron Cox of Gold Point, badly assaulted and cut two colored men, Orlander Purvis and Tom Perkins last Friday night near here.

In default of \$300 bond, both Warren and Cox were held in the county jail until their cases were heard before Judge Calvin Smith Monday morning. Warren was sentenced to the roads for fifteen months and Cox for a period of fourteen months.

Both Warren and Cox were intoxicated and when they went to the home of Orlander Purvis they demanded whiskey. When they were refused, they pulled Purvis out of his house and into the yard, beating him badly over the head and shoulders. About this time Perkins arrived on the scene and he too was assaulted and badly bruised. After the attack, Perkins was placed in the back of the car of the two assailants and after they had driven for some distance they ran into a ditch. After receiving three or four eight or nine inch cuts about the body and shoulders, Perkins was able to elude Warren and Cox and ran all the way to Robersonville. Despite the loss of blood he was conscious and notified local officers about the attack and told who had assaulted them.

Warren was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, driving while drunk and resisting arrest. Cox was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and for inflicting serious bodily injury.

The charges highlighted the proceedings before a large crowd in the county court last Monday.

DELAYED TRIP

Farmer N. T. Tice, well known and highly respected citizen of Griffins Township, came to town last Wednesday and spent most of the day selling tobacco and visiting relatives and friends. It was Mr. Tice's first visit to town in sixteen months, and he was reported to have greatly enjoyed the day.

Injured in a fall last year, Mr. Tice was confined to a hospital for a number of weeks and the remainder of the time he spent in bed at his home, never complaining but always searching out the bright side. He had often expressed the hope he could make it to the local market again and even though his trip was delayed his many friends were glad that it was possible.

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Miss Roberts Joins Farm Security Here

Succeeding Mrs. Emelyne E. Griffin as Home Management Supervisor for the Farm Security in this County

Miss Ida O. Roberts entered upon her new duties here yesterday. Highly recommended, Miss Roberts comes here after an able work as home economics teacher in the B. F. Grady High School, Duplin County, and as home management director for the Farm Security in Camden, Currituck, Robeson and Lee Counties. An honor graduate of East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, Miss Roberts was located in Sanford for the past two years where her work merited much praise from those with whom she worked and from the general public.

She is at home with Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Sr., on Church Street.

Resigning after five years of faithful service as home management director in this county, Mrs. Griffin was tendered a surprise party by her friends in the court house Wednesday afternoon. She had done a valuable work in this county, and her resignation was accepted with deep regret. She will be missed by those with whom she worked, but she has an able successor and the general Farm Security program is certain to continue its progressive advance.

Few Men Accepted By Armed Services

With the few single men and teacherless draftees passing the induction tests, it is apparent that the armed services will have to call upon fathers for replacements. It is estimated that approximately forty per cent of the men reporting for induction are rejected, but the percentage of Martin County men rejected in recent weeks is running considerably in excess of that figure.

Out of approximately 24 colored men called from this county last month, only eight were accepted. Elbert Mitchell was called for duty with the Marines, and William Raleigh Bell and S. L. Godard were selected for service with the Navy. The Army got Edward Louis Hines, William Robert Johnson, Douglas Cromwell Respass, Golden Williams and John Stephen Teel.

About half the group rejected, or an unofficial seven, were ruled out for physical reasons, and the remaining nine were said to have been below mental and or literacy standards.

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Superior Court Will Hear Dozen Divorce Cases During Term

Thirteen Other Cases of Minor Nature Also Appear On Term Calendar

With no large number of important criminal cases on its docket, the Martin County Superior Court, opening a two weeks' mixed term here next Monday, is planning to put its divorce mill and blast the holy bonds of matrimony in possibly an even dozen cases. Twelve applications for absolute divorce are on the calendar, and since none of them is contested it is quite likely that all will be granted. In a few of the cases now pending, the plaintiffs and defendant's were married as long ago as twenty-five years, but most of the knots now to be cut were tied in the late thirties.

Eleven of the twelve actions are based on two years of separation, and the twelfth on adultery. The eleven cases, based on two years of separation, are as follows: Mary Paxton Caldwell against Alfred Caldwell, Rufus Edwards against Ruby Edwards, Leon Sykes against Annie Sykes, Robert E. Harrell against Agnes Harrell, William Brown Winbush against Clavon Andrews Winbush, Nina Bell Riddick against John Ester Riddick, Johnnie James against Gladys Bailey James, Booker T. Staton against Annie Mae Staton, R. A. Roebuck against Irene W. Roebuck, and Blonie Howell against Eli Howell, and Joseph Harrell against Francis S. Harrell. Alleging adultery, Nora James is asking a divorce from John Thomas James, Jr.

All the divorce cases are on the calendar for trial next Monday, but just how the mill can handle that much separation work and not interfere with the trial of the regular criminal docket is not quite clear.

Thirteen other cases appear on the civil calendar, most of them carrying little public interest. They are calendared for trial on Monday, September 27. It is fairly apparent from (Continued on page six)

JOIN THE ARMY

After repeatedly trying to explain that gun powder and shot are needed to shoot Germans and Japs, an eastern Carolina hardwaxed man, his patience almost exhausted, started advising his potential customers to join the Army where shells would be provided without cost.

And the unusual thing about it was that one of the customers, after heaping his vengeance on those who would save the powder and shot for the Nazis and Japs, declared he was ready to join the Army.

Bloody Fighting In Italy Prompts Many To Do More at Home

Chairman Clayton Believes Goal Will Be Reached By Hard Work

Martin County's drive to raise \$918,000 in the nation's Third War Loan campaign was announced a little over one-third complete today by Chairman D. V. Clayton. "We have raised to date a total of \$363,000.75," the chairman said, "leaving exactly \$554,999.25 to be raised during the thirteen remaining days of this month," he added. Reminded that two of those thirteen days were Sundays, the chairman hesitated in respect for the day, and then added that the bloody fighting continues on in the battle areas on Sundays.

Asked to comment on the drive to date, the chairman was a bit hesitant, but he finally said that it was his sincere belief that people would not fail the 2,000 boys from this county and the millions from all over the nation. "We'll reach the goal, but it will take some hard work. Every man, woman and child must be given an opportunity and be urged to buy a bond," he said. It was apparent that the drive chairman was a bit disappointed when the campaign did not approach the half-way mark during the first week of the drive. He added and added again the preliminary reports but all he could get was \$363,000.75, or \$74,093.75 in "E" bonds, \$6,000 in "F" bonds and \$282,907.00 in negotiable bonds.

No complete reports have been received from any township, and several townships have not yet started their drives. The chairman is banking heavily on the response in those districts where rallies will be held tonight and next week. A complete (Continued on page six)

Parents-Teachers In Meeting Wednesday

Attracting a large number of parents, the local Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting of the current school year this week with members showing an unusual amount of interest in the proceedings. Under the guidance of Mrs. M. M. Levin, president, the theme of the association, "Safety," was discussed and plans were outlined for participation.

In a brief speech to the parents, Principal David N. Hix reminded the parents that the primary aim of the local association was to bring about a closer understanding between parents and the school and to discuss together the school's problems.

The three projects selected by the association for fulfillment during the school year are as follows: Maids for both school buildings, purchase of song books for auditorium use, the treatment of playground and recreation for the grammar school.

A committee was appointed to solicit five quarts of canned vegetables from each parent for use in the lunchrooms of the school as an aid in relieving the food shortage.

Approximately ninety members were entertained in the home economics department at the conclusion of the business meeting.

David O. Bowen, Jr. Dies At Home Here

David O. Bowen, Jr., 28-year-old farmer, died at his home on East Academy Street, just off Dinah's Hill, yesterday afternoon. He underwent an operation for appendicitis a month ago and soon after his return home was stricken with malaria, his condition gradually growing worse over a period of about three weeks.

The son of Dave Bowen and the late Mrs. Bowen, he was born near Williamston. Six years ago he was married to Miss Allie Vernice Norris and she with three children, Shirley Jeannette, Iris Dean and an infant daughter, survives. He also leaves three brothers, Mack, Charlie and Bill Bowen all of near Williamston, and three sisters, Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. Jay Council, both of near Williamston, and Mrs. Sudie Renfrew, of Elizabeth City.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Bethany Holiness Church near here and interment will follow in the family cemetery.