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Victim Of Assault Passes In Hospital Early This Morning

Funeral Service Tomorrow For Walter Wallace Bailey in Bear Grass

Walter Wallace Bailey, 18-year-old Bear Grass white boy, died in the local hospital this morning about 4 o'clock, the victim of an assault in Robersonville last Wednesday night.

Complete details of the attack have not yet been revealed and no formal arrest had been made in the case up until about noon today.

The son of Mr. Walter Bailey and the late Mrs. Mollie Whitehurst Bailey, the attack victim was born in Bear Grass on September 30, 1925.

More Martin County Men Called By Army

No Fathers Included In Group Answering Current Draft Call

Almost Half of the Colored Draftees Are in the Teen-Age Group

Colored fathers, subject to the draft in this county, had a narrow call when inductees were "rounded-up" for the current Army call.

Lorenza Council, Jr., RFD 1, Bethel and Newport News. Booker T. Bradley, Hamilton and Norfolk.

Draft Board Receives Claims for Deferment

PEANUTS

With favorable weather prevailing, Martin County farmers are rapidly handling their peanut harvesting work, a report from the market today stating that the offerings are possibly exceeding five or six thousand bags daily.

Employ Prisoners In Industry Here

Completing the harvesting of the peanut crop in this county, Italian prisoners of war, possibly fifty or sixty, are now employed in the local plant of the Standard Fertilizer Co.

After working in the plant the first day last Tuesday, the prisoners were provided with special masks to protect them from the fertilizer dust.

It is understood that several farmers have applied for a few prisoners to help with the peanut threshing job, but so far no action has been taken on the applications.

Fire Destroys Tenant House On Keel Farm

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a tenant house on the L. L. Keel farm near Oak City last night.

Fifteen Registrants Are Classified I-A By Board Last Night

Industry Supports Most of the Claims For Deferment Reviewed by Board

Handling claims for deferment and effecting reclassifications for other registrants, the Martin County Draft Board in session here last night placed fifteen of forty-four men in the I-A classification and granted deferments ranging from a few weeks to six months in other cases.

Surrendering their "C" or farm classification, at least two registrants were placed in the I-A group, and are now subject to induction possibly in November or December.

Herman Hildon Reason, w, RFD 1, Jamesville, 2-A, deferred pending preparation of acceptance plan by industrial employer.

Homer Mizell Holliday, w, RFD 2, Jamesville, 2-A, deferred pending preparation of acceptance plan by industrial employer.

Charles Edward Rogers, w, Williamston, 2-A, deferred pending preparation of acceptance plan by industrial employer.

Carol Roy Cooper, w, Williamston, 2-A, deferred pending preparation of acceptance plan by industrial employer.

William Clarence Bailey, w, Williamston, 2-A, deferred pending preparation of acceptance plan by industrial employer.

Malcolm T. Simpson, w, Williamston and Greenville, 2-A, deferred until Feb. 21st.

Hubert A. Satterfield, w, Williamston, 1-A.

James Epps Bullock, w, Williamston, 1-A.

Joseph George Godard, w, Williamston and Cherry Point, 2-A, deferred 6 months.

Jodie Gaynor, c, Williamston, 2-A, deferred 6 months.

William Degraffread, c, Jamesville and Norlina, 1-A.

James Thomas Uzzle, w, Jamesville and Greenville, 1-A.

Acie Tom Edwards, w, Williamston and Greensboro, 2-A, deferred 6 months.

John Theodore Gurganus, w, Williamston, 1-A.

Raymond Floyd Wallace, w, Jamesville, 1-A.

Jesse Allen Bell, c, Williamston, 2-A, deferred until December 1, 1943.

Sam Cummings Patrick, w, Williamston and Elizabeth City, 2-A, deferred until March 15, 1944.

Milton Saunders Raynor, w, RFD 3, Williamston and Oak City, 1-A.

Pete Ellic Cherry, w, Williamston, 2-A.

Walter Woodrow Tysol, w, Oak City, 2-A, deferred 6 months.

William Henry Bland, w, Hassell, 1-A.

William Clay Brown, c, Williamston, 1-A.

Frank Eshrick Weston, w, Williamston, 2-A, deferred 6 months.

Lance Johnson, w, RFD 1, Robersonville, 2-A, deferred 6 months.

Officers Wreck Two Distilleries In This County During Week

Enforcement Bureau Head Still Maintains Illicit Trade Is Under Control

While there is an apparent effort being made to revive it, J. H. Roebuck, ABC enforcement head, maintains that the illegal liquor manufacturing business is well under control, that the trade amounts to hardly more than a drop in the bucket.

Raiding in Robersonville Township last Tuesday afternoon, Officers Roebuck, Wm. Gray, W. S. Hunt and Roy Peel wrecked a hot 100-gallon capacity tin kettle and nine fermenters. They poured out 400 gallons of molasses beer and seven gallons of white lightning.

That afternoon they were in the Flat Swamp section of Robersonville Township where they wrecked a 50-gallon capacity gas drum still and nine fermenters. They poured out about 200 gallons of molasses beer.

The illicit business is on the run in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township apparently, the officer stating that they found tracks to still sites, but they could not catch up with the equipment.

Parents-Teachers Of Ninth District Hold Annual Session Here

State Association President Addresses Group in High School Yesterday

Mr. C. W. Phillips, president of the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association and director of public relations of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, addressed a meeting of the Ninth District of the State P.T.A. in the auditorium of the Williamston High School on Thursday morning.

The speaker, who is the first man to be president of the organization in this state, reviewed for the seventy-seven delegates present the history of P. T. A. and its contribution to child welfare since its organization twenty-five years ago.

The local organization was hostess to the delegates from the eleven counties represented.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Mayon Parker, of Ahoskie, director of the ninth district, presided. She introduced Mrs. J. R. Futrell, of Hertford, as leader of a symposium on "Protecting Children."

Officers elected for the following year are as follows: Mrs. Emmett Winslow, of Hertford, director; Mrs. Sallie Jane Leggett here yesterday following a competency hearing held before Judge L. B. Wynne.

Guardians Named For Aged County Resident

Guardians were named for Mrs. Sallie Jane Leggett here yesterday following a competency hearing held before Judge L. B. Wynne.

Plans Completed For Handling United War Fund Drive In the County Starting Next Monday

NO ROUND-UP

For the first time in many, many months not a single person was arrested and placed in the county jail last week-end for public drunkenness. It would appear that prohibition resulting from scarcity is having its effect.

Allied Advance In Italy Slowed Down In Past Few Days

Red Army Aggravates Situation For Germans in Southern Part of Russia

Slowed down by rains and mud and a stiffening enemy resistance, the Allied advance in Italy is offering no optimistic reports today, and it is now generally admitted that hope for an early conquest of Rome is fading.

Allied airmen are increasing their activities in the Mediterranean area and have pounded German transportation lines north of Rome and visited strategic centers in Yugoslavia.

The Russians are driving forward in the Dnieper River loop and are threatening Kriovi Rog, industrial center. The meaning of the drive in that area takes on more importance when it is pointed out that the Red Army of half a million men has thrust southwestward through the bend to flank in a matter of days, the German defense network woven into the Southern Ukraine during more than two years of unchallenged Nazi occupation.

Gen. von Manstein's German forces now face the same position as that of the French Army after the steel and concrete Maginot Line had been breached at its weakest sector.

Further successes there would, it is believed, open perspectives which can only mean disaster for the German Army, completely eclipsing Stalingrad.

Around Kiev, the Russians and Germans are locked in a death battle. Melitopol has fallen to the Russians with the exception of one small corner, and the enemy is being annihilated there.

In the Pacific, the Allied land forces are having a terrible fight with the Japs on New Guinea around Finschhafen. Mountbatten has returned to India after conferences in Chungking and is expected to continue plans for action in Burma.

Machinery Rationed By Board This Week

Several farm machines and special equipment were rationed by the Martin County Farm Machinery Rationing Board in session Wednesday afternoon. Quite a few items have been removed from the ration list, and comparatively few applications are now pending, it is understood.

Purchase permits for various items were issued to the following: Joe Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston, corn picker.

Hugh Bennett, RFD 1, Palmyra, water system.

R. E. Turner, Oak City, water system.

Mack D. Leggett, RFD 2, Williamston, water system.

J. Clayton Keel, Robersonville, tractor.

Recovering from Major Operation in Hospital

Undergoing a major operation in a Durham hospital early this week, Mr. C. B. Clark, local druggist, was reported to be getting along very well today.

Rule Three Farmers Are Non-Essential

Three Martin County farmers, all colored, were ruled non-essential to the war agricultural program by the Martin War Board in session last Wednesday night.

In addition to handling the classifications, the War Board passed on several applications for equipment, building permits and electrical connections, as follows:

A request to change from steel to rubber tractor tires was granted J. C. Williams.

Permits for the construction of farm dwellings were granted to: M. L. Robinson, Dunn and Perry, Mrs. W. D. Corey and Clyde H. Modlin.

Permits were granted the following to connect with light and power lines: Mrs. Lewis H. Peel, W. A. Manning and J. R. P. Griffin.

A peanut picker was rationed to William S. White.

Visits Courthouse For First Time In Years

Mr. J. W. Andrews, local resident and A. C. L. Railroad agent at Parmele, was called to the county courthouse here this week as a witness.

Appearing a bit lost in the surroundings, Mr. Andrews was asked how long it had been since he visited the old hall of justice. "Just about twenty years," was the answer.

Register For Rations In County Next Week

WARNING

Those draft registrants who are delinquent in any way in their obligations to the draft board are subjecting themselves to immediate call, R. H. Goodman, chairman of the Martin County Draft Board, warned yesterday.

Effective the first of next month, any registrant, regardless of age, will be placed in the I-A classification if he is delinquent, meaning that if he has not kept the board posted of changes of address or met other draft requirements, will be made subject to call. A registrant may be ruled delinquent if he changes his status without permission or without notifying the draft board, it was also pointed out.

Two Minor Cases In Mayor's Court Here

Had it not been for two cases carried over from the early part of the week, Justice J. L. Hassell would not have opened his court last week-end. For the first time in recent months no cases charging public drunkenness were on the mayor's court docket.

Farmer C. C. Rawls appeared in court to sue for peace after Mayo Simmons had allegedly threatened to do serious bodily harm to the complainant. The case was amicably settled when Mr. Rawls advanced the money to pay the \$6.50 case costs and agreed that no bond would be necessary if the defendant would return and finish harvesting his crop in peace.

Charged with an affray, Charlie Williams and Herbert Lee were each taxed with \$6.50 costs.

District Canvassers Accept Challenge to Raise \$10,481 Quota

Public Urged To Cooperate And Help Bring Drive To Close In One Week

Plans were announced complete early this afternoon by Mr. N. C. Green, chairman, for advancing the United War Fund drive in this district beginning next Monday. Final arrangements were made this morning when Canvass Chairman V. J. Spivey and J. C. Manning met and discussed the canvass in Williamston Township with members of the two women's clubs and other volunteer workers.

A report from District No. 2—Robersonville, Cross Roads, Hamilton, Poplar Point and Goose Nest—states that Canvass Chairman J. M. Perry had already named his canvassers and that the drive for \$3,550 would be launched the early part of next week. Township quotas for District No. 2 have not yet been announced, but County Chairman N. C. Green is convinced by past performances that the people will accept the challenge and go over the top.

All donations in District No. 1—Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston—will be handled under the direction of Chairmen Spivey and Manning. All those in District No. 2 will be handled under the direction of Chairman Perry.

The five townships in District No. 1 have accepted the challenge to raise \$6,931.00 quota, as follows: Jamesville, \$650; Williams, \$150; Griffins, \$400; Bear Grass, \$500; and Williamston, \$4,221. In addition to township quotas, Professor E. J. Hayes and Supervisor Mary Gray expressed the sincere belief that the colored citizens of the five townships in District No. 1 could and would raise \$1,000.

After announcing the quotas at the meeting last Tuesday evening, (Continued on page four)

Registrations Will Be Held In Schools October 25 To 28th

Public Urged To Observe Few Simple Rules and Schedules

Registrations for "A" Gas and Food Ration Books will be held in the schools of this county next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons during designated hours. The public is earnestly urged to observe a few simple rules and the registration hours. It was pointed out by Mrs. Irene Blount, representative of the Martin County War and Price Rationing Board, that the observance of the rules by the public will expedite the registrations and reduce inconveniences to a minimum.

Food Ration Book No. 4 will be made available in all the schools, white and colored. To get the No. 4 book, the application must present his No. 3 Food Ration Book. No person under eighteen years of age may apply. If a person has never received his No. 3 book or if he has lost the book, he is directed to apply to the county rationing board office. No No. 4 book will be issued unless the applicant presents his No. 3 book.

The basic "A" gasoline ration book will be made available in the white schools only. The colored citizen will register for his No. 4 Food Ration Book in his respective school district, and if he has an automobile he will report to his nearest white school and register for his "A" gas book. White citizens owning cars will register at their respective schools for the Food and Gas ration books at the same time and place.

To get a basic "A" gas book, the (Continued on page four)