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Many Martin Farmers Are Ruled "Essential"

1,609 Farmers Meet Production Figures Required Last Year

They Will Have To Submit Plan for 1944 Soon to Maintain Ratings

More than sixteen hundred Martin County farmers—1,609 to be exact—met their production quotas established by the Selective Service System and maintained their "C" classifications, it was announced this week by county draft authorities. About 111 farmers had previously been declared non-essential to the war program.

While the 1,609 farmers maintained their "C" classification by meeting production requirements in 1943, they will be required shortly to submit plans for their 1944 production.

The names of the essential farmers were released in their entirety this week, most of the names of those farmers in Bear Grass and Griffins Townships having appeared a few weeks ago. The first of the names of essential farmers appears below, by townships, the other to follow as rapidly as possible.

Jamesville Township
Seth N. Boston, c; Paul M. Barber, w; Chester M. Gardner, w; Delwood Eugene Jackson, w; William James, c; U. S. Hassell, w; Charlie H. Daniel, c; L. Sherwood Davis, w; Irvin Ralph Davenport, w; Mike Boston, c; Delbert M. Whitaker, w; Simon J. Perry, w; David Lewis Calloway, w; Benjamin O. Ange, w; Marion Taylor Holliday, w; E. Wooten, Jr., c; L. Harold Ange, w; Albert J. Martin, w; Edwin E. Lilley, w; Henry Down Wooten, c; Joseph Henry Gray, c; Edward Daniel Mizell, w; William A. Beacham, w; Leonard F. Holliday, w; Robert Elwood Brown, w; G. C. Price, w; Artis Boston, c; Roy Smith, c; LeRoy Owens, w; Jas. Jackson, w; H. C. Gardner, w; Aaron Keneflow Wooten, c; Bert Lee Roberson, w; Henry Dawson Lilley, w; William J. Cordon, c; Eddie W. Modlin, w; Ebron Pierce, c; Walter Lee Holliday, w; S. J. Barber, w; Henry David Ange, w; William Anthony James, c; Sam Lewis Daniel, c; Elbert W. Barber, w; R. C. Barber, w; Geo. Benjamin Barber, w; George C. Hopewell, w; Geo. Watson Roberson, w; James E. Gardner, w; Early Whitehurst, c; George E. Martin, w; Herbert C. Lassiter, w; Herbert A. Sexton, w; Howard E. Hardison, w; J. R. Gray, w; Charlie W. Norris, w; Grady Clarence Modlin, w; Sam A. Moore, c; Archie W. Barber, w; W. H. Tetterton, w; J. Robert Mobley, w; C. N. Martin, w; King Hyman, c; Archie E. Hardison, w; H. L. Gardner, w; M. G. Waters, w; Perlie A. Hardison, w; W. M. Gardner, w; Jas. Henry Dickerson, w; Sam Moore, c; Ben C. Peel, w; James Frazer, c; William Bert Duggins, w; Carl Griffin, w; C. A. Hough, w; Woodrow Wells, w; V. Linwood Pierce, w; H. J. Mizelle, w; J. H. Barber, w; Raymond Jackson Bailey, w; Henry C. Williams, w; James R. Williams, w; L. D. Clark, w; J. Earl Hardison, w; J. Linwood Knowles, w; H. Aubrey Hardison, w; Lester S. Jones, w; George F. Hopkins, w; D. Bennie Stubbs, w; James W. Jones, w; Edgar O. Hopewell, w; Edward W. Modlin, w; A. L. Modlin, w; Claven James, c; James Perkins, c; Ervin James, c; Charles C. Martin, w; J. Church Mobley, w; Cleveland Gardner, c; Henry C. Pease, w; John James, c; Emanuel Ruffin, w; W. W. James, c; Arthur E. Ange, w; James Tony Cooper, w; Theodore Boston, c; Dan Fagan, w; Kenneth Fred Woodard, w; Arnold E. Modlin, w; C. W. Pierce, w; Almer R. Hardison, w; M. Garfield Mobley, w; J. D. James, c; Church E. Modlin, w; H. H. Holliday, w; Wm. Noah Perry, w; W. Stanley Whitaker, c; Elmer N. Modlin, w; Harry C. Jones, w; R. H. Oliver, w; H. E. Daniel, w; R. C. Bowen, c; T. E. Martin, w; W. Carroll Modlin, w; M. N. Griffin, w; A. D. Griffin, w; William Keys, c; W. David Scott, w; J. Wendell Modlin, w; W. J. Keys, c; Llewellyn Barber, w; E. D. Rogers, w; Edward Boston,

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To Hold Meeting In Bear Grass Church

Beginning Sunday night, January 16th and continuing through Friday night, January 21st, there will be a series of special meetings in the Bear Grass Presbyterian Church. The Rev. J. S. Walkup, pastor of the East Burlington Presbyterian Church, Burlington, will be the speaker. Mr. Walkup is a graduate of the Presbyterian College in Clinton, S. C., and later of the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Since his graduation from the Seminary in 1942, he has served as pastor of the East Burlington Church.

The meeting will be held each night at 7:30 and will close Friday night with a communion service. All who will be cordially invited to come and worship.

Allied Armies Make New Gains In Their Drive Toward Rome

Air Attacks Are Resumed Last Night Following Big Fight Over Germany Tuesday

Stalemated by terrible weather conditions and a fierce enemy resistance for some time, Allied armies in Italy are reporting new gains in their march toward Rome. Yesterday, American and French patrols scored when they advanced into the German lines, gaining valuable information and capturing a number of prisoners. It is now reliably estimated that 8,000 Germans have been taken prisoner in the Italian campaign. In addition to the capture of several new peaks, the Allies successfully threw back German counterattacks to offer a more encouraging picture of the campaign in Italy.

The Russians are still going strong, late reports indicating that the Germans, outmaneuvered in White Russia, are just before making a 130-mile retreat across the marshes in that sector of the Eastern Front. During the meantime, General Vatutin's army is advancing ever deeper into old Poland. The Russians have gone so far that the boundary line issue has been all but lost in the news during the past few days.

Air attacks were resumed last night over western Germany following the greatest air battle in history last Tuesday when American airmen attacked three vital airplane production centers in Nazi land. There were indications that the Americans were back over the continent this morning, but their strength and targets were not immediately announced.

In that record air battle last Tuesday, the Americans lost sixty big bombers and five fighters. It was officially announced that at least 152 enemy planes were downed, and that the manufacturing centers were wrecked.

Successful raids were made this week on targets in the Rome area, and traffic, vital to the German war machine in Bulgaria, was badly disrupted by air attacks earlier in the week.

There's been very little invasion talk these past few days, but the Allies continue to pour men and supplies into England.

In the Pacific theater, Allied airmen continue to pound objectives in the Marshall Islands, and talk of American reverses has been declared unfounded by General MacArthur.

News on the home front came thick and fast this week when President Roosevelt submitted his annual state-of-the-union and budget messages to Congress. Preliminary reports state that both messages are getting a cold shoulder from Congress, but it was intimated that the 100 billion dollar budget request would revive the general sales tax issue. However, it was fairly evident that the Congress would not consider increasing the 2-1/2 billion dollar program for the 10 1-2 billion dollar plan asked for by the administration.

In his message to Congress earlier in the week the President recommended:

A realistic tax law—which will tax all unreasonable profits and reduce the ultimate costs of the war to our sons and daughters.

A continuation of the law for the renegation of war contracts—which will prevent exorbitant profits and assure fair prices to the government.

A cost of food law—which will place a floor under and a ceiling over prices.

Early re-enactment of the stabilization statute of October, 1942.

And a national strike law—which with exceptions, make available for war production or other essential jobs every able-bodied adult.

Local Parents and Teachers To Meet Next Wednesday

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will hold its January meeting Wednesday afternoon, January 19, at 3:30, in the grammar school auditorium. The program will be featured by a patriotic playlet by Miss Benson's second grade children.

Next Wednesday's meeting will be the first held since November, the December meeting being canceled on account of the snow and the closing of the schools.

Association members and patrons of the schools are urged to be present for the special program and the business session to follow.

OBSERVANCE

A special union service will be held in the local Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, marking the observance of Dr. W. R. Burrell's fiftieth anniversary in the ministry. Other churches will cooperate by suspending their schedules program at that time, it was announced. "This is a fitting tribute to a long and useful ministry by a man who has endeared himself to our community," a member of the local ministerial association said this morning. The general public is invited to attend the service.

TAX LISTING

Tax listing is progressing fairly rapidly in most of the townships of this county at the present time, some of the listers stating yesterday that they were from a fourth to one-half through with the abstract work. Early reports coming from Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen indicate that some increase in values is to be expected in most if not all the townships this year. While there have been no sizable gains in any of the districts so far, individual listings are reflecting slight increases in most cases, Mr. Carstarphen said. Some of the list-takers are fairly rushed now, but a last-minute push to get their names on the books before February 1 by some property owners can now be safely predicted.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Ten Cases In The County's Court

Large Crowd Present Despite Unfavorable Weather and Travel Conditions

Holding the second session of the new year, Judge J. Calvin Smith called ten cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court Monday. Despite the unfavorable weather and bad travel conditions an unusually large crowd was present for the proceedings. The tribunal was in session until 12:15 o'clock.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Ernest Tilghman with non-support.

The case charging Robert Edwards with hit-and-run driving was not prosessed. Pleading guilty in the case charging him with speeding, Asa N. Bullock was fined \$10 and required to pay the court costs.

In the case charging Simon Sheppard and Ben Biggs with an assault, Sheppard failed to appear for trial and his arrest was ordered by the court. It was the second time that the defendant had failed to answer. Biggs' plea of not guilty was upheld by the court even though it was admitted that he struck the prosecuting witness.

A little theft ring, operating in the county during the latter part of last year, was aired in the open court during the Monday session. In two cases, Ernest Tilghman and Cecil Williams pleaded guilty. They were sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the court suspending all but two months of the terms on condition that they pay one-half the costs and a \$25 fine each. It was also stipulated in the judgment that the two defendants are to pay \$40 to Augustus Williams to compensate him for the loss of peanuts, and \$20 to Farmer L. G. Taylor for soy beans stolen from him. Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with stealing peanuts from Jack Taylor and Elijah Spruill, Robersonville Township farmer, Joe Mobley was found not guilty by the court. Cecil Williams was directed to surrender his liquor book.

Roy E. Harter, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging G. H. Manning with passing a worthless check was continued until January 24.

Charged with assaulting Mabel Brown with a pop bottle, Bessie Mobley was adjudged guilty of a simple assault. The court suspended judgment upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs.

Arthur Dail, charged with drunk driving, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

State Dentists Are Working In County

Two State school dentists are working in the county school at the present time. Starting last week, Dr. M. R. Evans will continue the special work in the high schools for eight weeks. He has been in this county for designated periods during the past several years.

Dr. Jones, also from the State Health Department, is now working in the colored schools of the county and he will continue for five more weeks in the special assignment.

The two dentists will visit all the schools in the county, spending as much time as possible in each one.

Youth Badly Cut In Unusual Accident Tuesday Morning

Abe Corey, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corey, was badly cut just over one of his eyes last Tuesday in an unusual accident, at Bill Gay's hog killing in the Farm Life Community. Marvin Coltrin picked up an axe and was making ready to cut some wood when the boy walked into it. He suffered a seventh-inch wound.

After receiving treatment in the local hospital, the youth was able to return to his home yesterday.

Perfect Organization For Fourth War Bond Campaign Starting In The County Tuesday, January 18

Draft Authorities Plan Pre-induction Tests For Draftees

New Plan Will Abolish Present "Screening" Examinations After Feb. 1st

A plan to eliminate uncertainties among draft eligibles concerning whether they are physically acceptable for service and to provide a minimum of three weeks' notice of induction was announced by National Selective Service Headquarters a few days ago.

This will be done by: Abolishing the present system of "screening" examinations by local boards.

Giving pre-induction (final) examinations at least 21 days before the induction date.

Doing away with all post-induction furloughs, now three weeks in the Army and one week in the Navy.

The new system does not apply to registrants ordered to report for induction before February 1, but local boards will begin at once to order a substantial number of men now in class 1-A to report for the pre-induction examinations, in addition to taking enough men in the old manner to meet their January quotas.

At first, these men may be inducted twenty-one days after passing their physical, but this interval gradually will be lengthened as a pool of physically acceptable men is built up. If a registrant passes his physical and still has not been inducted 90 days later, he must be given a new pre-induction physical before being called.

Although the local "screening" is to be abandoned, any registrant who believes he has an obvious disqualifying defect may request and be given an examination by a local board physician and be rejected without having to undergo the complete pre-induction physical which will be given by the armed forces.

The pre-induction tests, to be given at the induction stations by Army and Navy doctors, were established to comply with the wishes of Congress.

The examining doctors will classify acceptable men in three groups, "Army General Service," "Army Limited Service," and "Navy" (including Marines and Coast Guard).

Local boards hereafter will receive Army and Navy quotas instead of one general call for men as heretofore. The boards will fill their Army quotas from men classified for the Army by the examining doctors, and Navy quotas in the same way.

Generally, only registrants in Class 1-A will be ordered to report for pre-induction examinations.

However, any registrant may request his local board to send him for such an examination, and if the local board determines that he is due to be called up shortly, even though he may not be in 1-A, it is authorized to order the examination.

If a registrant wishes immediate induction, he may sign a request before taking a pre-induction physical, and if he passes the physical, he will be inducted at once instead of waiting twenty-one or more days.

Bobbie Ray Tilghman Dies In Pamlico County

Bobbie Ray, thirteen months old son of Ernest and Mrs. Magaline Moore Tilghman, died early Wednesday morning at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Nolan Moore, in Pamlico County, where he had gone with his mother to visit earlier in the week. Pneumonia following a short attack of influenza resulted in the baby's death.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at Spring Green by Rev. Gower Crosswell, Presbyterian minister. Interment was in the church cemetery there.

The family had been living in Williamston for some time.

MEETING

County and Community AAA committeemen are scheduled to meet next Tuesday when the new 1944 farm plan under the War Food Program will be reviewed and discussed, it was announced today by T. B. Slade at the farm agent's office.

It is planned now to submit the new work sheets to the farmers in the several townships or districts the latter part of next week.

Since the 1944 farm plan is closely related to draft deferments for farmers, it is important that immediate action be taken to get the tentative contracts signed and returned to the agent's office.

CAPTAIN



Oscar Anderson, Jr., Williamston boy and commanding officer of an ordnance company at a bomber station somewhere in England, was recently promoted to the rank of captain.

Larry M. Roebuck Dies Wednesday in Tarboro Hospital

Funeral Services To Be Held Saturday at Hamilton Baptist Church

Larry Moore Roebuck, well-known youth of the Hamilton community, died in a Tarboro hospital at 1:25 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon of complications following an attack of influenza. The young man was taken ill while a patron in the local theater on Thursday evening of last week, after attending school in Oak City that day. He immediately went home and went to bed, his condition gradually growing worse. He was removed to the hospital Tuesday morning of this week. Meningitis developed, causing his death.

The son of Mr. L. D. and Mrs. Hannah Wynne Roebuck, he was born in this county on October 12, 1925, and spent his entire life on the farm attending school at Hamilton and Oak City and assisting his father around the home and on the farm.

He was a great follower of baseball and was an able amateur in the game. Since two of his brothers entered the service he was recognized as a mainstay at the home and on the farm, readily accepting the tasks there and contributing, by utmost as a soldier on the home front.

He had many friends among both old and young and especially in the school where he was held in high esteem by his elders and teachers. One of his brothers, L. D., Jr., made the supreme sacrifice for his country on August 9, when his ship, the United States Cruiser "Quincy" went down in the Solomon Island area.

Besides his parents, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters, L. McCoy Roebuck, of Pitt County; Dallas Roebuck, of Norfolk; Pfc. Craven B. Roebuck, stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas; Mrs. Mack

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Non-essential Farm Registrants Appeal

Quite a few Martin County farm registrants, declared non-essential to the war program by the officials, are literally "up in arms" and are taking immediate action in an effort to reestablish their preferred ratings, according to reports heard on the streets here this week.

It is quite possible that some errors were made, but when the officials reviewed the records and found that production requirements or standards had not been met, there was little else for the authorities to do except revoke the preferred classifications, according to one report.

No official comment could be had, but it was reliably learned that only one or two of those losing their classifications had even offered to cut a stock of pulp wood or earnestly handle any task that would justify their keeping the preferred classifications. In some instances, according to unofficial reports, some of the registrants holding the "C" classification had hired "floating" labor to do their work while they gallivanted up and down the highways, burning "tractor" gas and having a big time in general.

It could not be learned how the appeals can be perfected, but it is certain that those who have lost their classifications may appeal to the district board before they are ordered to report for induction.

Quotas For Various Districts Are Fixed By Group Meeting

Chairman H. A. Bowen Issues Appeal for Support of War Measure

An organization for advancing a \$729,000.00 War Bond drive in this county was perfected here last evening when representatives from nearly every one of the ten townships met in the Branch Banking and Trust Company building and discussed plans for handling the task. While the meeting recognized the task as a large one, those present expressed a keen determination to support the drive to the utmost. "We can and we must meet the challenge," a spokesman for the group was quoted as saying.

Herman A. Bowen, Williamston banker, will head the drive as chairman and he is being ably assisted by Mr. S. L. Roberson, of Robersonville, as co-chairman. The county organization also includes the following district chairmen: Charlie Davenport, Jamesville; Joshua L. Coltrin, Williams; Geo. C. Griffin, Griffins; T. O. Hickman, Bear Grass; D. V. Clayton, Williamston; Paul Bailey, Cross Roads; D. R. Everett, Robersonville; W. Mayo Hardison, Poplar Point; H. S. Johnson, Jr., and Ernest Edmondson, Hamilton; John L. Hassell and H. M. Ainsley, Goose Nest.

The various township chairmen are perfecting their organizations and making ready to launch the drive in full force on the opening day next Tuesday, January 18. Mr. Charlie Davenport, announcing his district organization already perfected, last night stated that they were going to comb his district, that he was indeed hopeful Jamesville would be among the first townships in the county to reach and pass its goal. Mr. Davenport will be assisted by Messrs. C. C. Fleming, O. W. Hamilton, R. L. Stallings, H. L. Davis, Linwood Knowles, David Holliday, J. A. Gardner, Leo R. Gardner, Clarence Barber, George Cooper and Vaden Hairr.

Chairmen of the other districts are expected to announce their organizations over the week-end.

At the meeting held last night, the district chairmen accepted their quotas which are compared with those assigned in the third war bond drive last September, as follows:

	Old	New
Jamesville	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000
Williams	13,000	10,000
Griffins	50,000	40,000
Bear Grass	25,000	25,000
Williamston	375,000	309,000
Cross Roads	30,000	25,000
Robersonville	275,000	220,000
Poplar Point	10,000	16,500
Hamilton	90,000	45,000
Goose Nest	25,000	25,000

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The new quota is nearly \$200,000 less than the last September figure, but the United States Treasury officials are urging the people of Martin County to invest at least forty per cent or about \$300,000 in E bonds.

Addressing an earnest appeal to every individual in Martin County, Chairman Bowen said last night, "If we realize the seriousness of the situation, and then need to invest every nickel possible in the war program right now, there'll be no trouble in raising the quota and more."

"We are going to try and do our best. We'll shake the bushes in Cross Roads," Chairman Paul Bailey said. "We are really going digging to meet our quota," Mayo Hardison, Poplar Point chairman, said.

"We'll work to get our quota all right," Jamesville's chairman, Chas. Davenport, declared.

"We are planning to hold rallies and make a house-to-house canvass," D. R. Everett said in announcing tentative plans for advancing the drive

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Funeral Today For Mrs. Chas. A. Pate

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Holly Springs Methodist church for Mrs. Chas. A. Pate, well-known Williams Township citizen, who died here early last Saturday morning following an illness of several weeks' duration. Rev. B. T. Hurley, her pastor, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister, is conducting the last rites. Interment will follow in the Andrews family cemetery in Williams Township.

Funeral services were delayed pending the arrival of her two sons from the service. Chas., Jr., arrived early yesterday morning from his station at Alameda, California, and Wm. Maurice arrived late yesterday from Los Angeles where he is stationed with the Army.