

Two Big Bond Rallies Will Be Held In County Next Wednesday



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One Hundred Tires Allotted In County By Rationing Board

Few of the Inferior Grades Are Also Released Last Friday Evening

The Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night issued 79 Grade 1 tires and 21 tires for trucks. A few of the inferior type and a few tubes were released in addition to the Grade 1 tires.

- Grade 1 tires were issued to the following:
- J. C. Keel, Robersonville, one.
- A. R. Johnson, Sr., Robersonville, one.
- J. C. Keel, Robersonville, two.
- W. A. Ross, Robersonville, two.
- Palmer Taylor, Robersonville, one.
- Roy Beach, Hamilton, two.
- J. C. Mobley, Jamesville, one.
- George Thomas, Robersonville, one.
- A. C. Harrison, Williamston, one.
- Elsworth Beacham, Jamesville, one.
- Kelly Hardison, Oak City, one.
- T. O. Nicholson, Williamston, one.
- C. D. Jenkins, Robersonville, one.
- Joe G. Mobley, Jamesville, one.
- Paul Barber, Jamesville, one.
- Robert L. Ward, Williamston, one.
- Annie Ayers, Williamston, one.
- Mildred Wobbleton, Williamston, one.
- Lester Bryant, Williamston, one.
- W. C. and R. A. Ange, Jamesville, one.
- Dennis Bunting, Oak City, two.
- R. L. Mobley, Williamston, one.
- R. W. Cherry, Williamston, one.
- Zachariah Bell, Williamston, one.
- W. B. Harris, Williamston, one.

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Melvin D. Bennett Hurt In New Guinea

Pfc. Melvin D. Bennett, young son of Mrs. Fannie Bennett and the late Frank C. Bennett, was hurt while serving on a detail somewhere in New Guinea last month, according to information received here this week. While it could not be learned how he was injured, the report stated that he received severe bruises on his left leg and hip.

The message stated he was doing well, but was unable to walk without crutches. When the message was written on May 26, he expressed the belief that he would be all right in a few days.

Young Bennett stated that the food in the hospital was the best he had had since leaving the States. While he was not complaining, he did say that the food came out of cans and that he didn't have any pretty nurses to serve his meals.

He was sleeping at the time in a six-man tent back in camp and had cots to sleep on.

County Authorities To Hold Special Budget Meet Monday

There never was a day when they did not have a great deal to worry and ponder over, but the Martin County Commissioners will have a really big problem to solve next Monday when they meet in special session to consider new fiscal year budgets and consider a tax rate for the period.

The welfare department budget has been tentatively approved, but the great State of North Carolina, despite all its millions, advises that it is too poor to meet its share of the cost and it is now certain that the number of old-age participants will be limited. Whether the action will make it possible to reduce the welfare department rate could not be ascertained. The board of education budget as proposed by the school folks provides for a five-cent reduc-

tion, the saving coming from a decrease in the debt service and from an increase in assessed property valuations.

At a recent regular meeting, the commissioners studied the proposed health department budget, but took no final action at that time, meaning that it will get more attention at the special session next Monday.

Figures for the general county budget are being prepared at this time, and no trend in the figures could be determined today. It is believed, however, that a reduction in the over-all rate can and will be effected for the new fiscal year.

Despite the fact that they are the most powerful body in the county's governmental system, the commissioners will have to give up their room to the grand jury and search for a spot of their own next Monday.

OUT OF HOSPITAL



Dallas Marion Taylor, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Minion A. Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, is able to be out of the hospital after recovering from injuries received in an accidental explosion somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, according to a message received here the first of this month. He was believed to have been burned.

Two-Hour Limit Is Fixed For Swimming Pool Patrons

Beginning today, no child will be allowed to stay in the local swimming pool longer than two hours, according to an announcement from Miss Ruth Manning, manager.

A few patrons have been spending a greater part of each day in the pool, and while they are welcome, it is not considered healthy to spend more than two hours a day in the water.

Court Docket Carries Few Criminal Charges

Number Is Smallest Scheduled For Trial During Recent Years

Small Number of Civil Cases Will Be Heard During Short Term

Convening here next Monday, the Martin County Superior Court will handle one of the smallest dockets in recent years. Only four criminal cases have been placed on the docket to date, and it isn't likely that many civil cases will be heard during the short term. No criminal cases are scheduled for trial during the short term.

It is understood that only a few divorce actions will appear on it. Judge C. Everett Thompson of Elizabeth City is to preside over the term which ordinarily is supposed to last one week but which will likely see all the business transacted in a couple of days if not in one day.

The docket carries one or two unusual cases, but they are not expected to attract very much attention.

Cases scheduled for trial include the following: The case charging Claude Spruill with bastardy was continued from the March term.

Henry Daniel and Arzelia Keel are charged with bigamy. It is understood that the Keel woman was separated from her husband, Lonnie Langley, some years ago, and that she was married to the defendant, Henry Daniel, in 1938. Langley entered the service and was later discharged. He wanted to get his mustering-out pay and it seems that he had been divorced. In the scramble, a

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OUT OF BLANKS

The unusually heavy demand for canning sugar in this county has completely exhausted the supply of applicant blanks, and the issuance of extra rations of sugar will, out of necessity, be delayed until a new supply is made available. An order for blanks has been placed, but the State office advises that the supply there has been exhausted, but a shipment will be made just as soon as the forms are received from Washington.

Approximately 900 applications have been handled in this county since May 1, and approximately 11,000 pounds of sugar have been released for purposes, the large issuance indicating that Martin County housewives are on the preserving path again this year.

Commencement For Bible School Here

Commencement for the Union Vacation Bible School will be held tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the local Baptist Church when departmental programs will be given to show the conclusion of the activities. Certificates will be awarded for attendance and achievement.

Officials announce that there has been an enrollment of 146 for the two weeks, and an average attendance of 125. The school was divided into four groups, namely: beginners, primaries, juniors and intermediates. Offertory will be given for work among crippled children in the county.

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

Next Session of the Court Will Be Held Monday, June 26th

The Martin County Recorder's Court went into its second slump of the early summer last Monday when Judge J. C. Smith called only half a dozen cases, one of them a civil action. A very small crowd was present to hear the proceedings, and the court finished its work and adjourned at 11:15 that morning, or a little over an hour after the session was formally opened.

No session of the court will be held next Monday since the superior tribunal will convene at that time for the trial of about four criminal cases and a few civil actions, including two or three divorce cases.

Proceedings: Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Clyde Knight pleaded guilty of a simple assault on a female. The plea was accepted, and the defendant was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging John Bryant with drunken and reckless driving, was continued until June 26.

D. O. Bowen, pleading not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was adjudged guilty of a simple assault, and the court suspended judgment upon the payment of the costs.

Fletcher Bullock was sentenced to the roads for six months for alleged violation of the liquor laws. It was learned that the defendant had been tried and convicted in the court on June 7 of last year and sentenced to the roads for six months. At that time, the sentence was suspended for one year and on the condition that he violate no law during the period of suspension. The old judgment was invoked and he was directed to serve the original sentence. It will, however, run concurrently with the second.

Charged with forcible trespass, Linwood Speight, a deaf mute, made no plea when his case was called. Adjudged guilty he was sentenced to the roads for thirty days upon the payment of the costs. It is understood that Speight had just gone through one suspension period.

A civil action was started by Mrs. Talitha E. Barnhill against W. J. Miller, trading as Western Auto Associate Store, to gain possession of a store building in Williamston. Wheeler Martin, representing the defendant, made a motion for a jury trial, and the court ordered that six men be summoned for jury service when the case is called for trial on June 26.

Seventeen Out Of Fifty Men Chosen

Seventeen out of approximately fifty Martin County colored men reporting for pre-induction examinations at a service center on June 7th were accepted, according to an official "audit" just received here. Three men, instructed to report for the physical tests, failed to report. Their names are Willie B. Jackson, Lonnie Davis and Harvey B. Short.

The names of the ten men accepted by the Army: Julius Octavious Lloyd, Jr., Willie David Boston, Jr., Melton Morris Evans, Joseph Highsmith, Luke Biggs, Randolph Brown, Robert Earl Stanley Bonner, Sam Junior Short, John Henry Mooring and Walter Barfield.

Names of the seven men accepted by the Navy: C. L. Highsmith, Robert Sidney Daggert, Curtis LeRoy Perkins, Ulysses Daniel, Malachi Bonds, Jesse Thomas Knight and Charlie Bussey.

It is understood that these men were the last to be put in separate Navy and Army pools, that after July 1 all will be placed in one joint pool, subject to call either by the Army or Navy.

Port Of Cherbourg Almost Isolated By Fighting Americans

Super-Fortresses Strike and Damage Industrial Areas On Jap Mainland

Steady progress was reported by the Allies on all fronts early today as the second phase of the bitter invasion struggle neared a climax and after the 20th American Air Force had appeared over Japan's mainland to vie for the headlines and spread terror among the yellow war lords.

Progress on the invasion front is driven by the most part in the center by fighting Americans to isolate the big port of Cherbourg. Late reports state that the Americans were within two miles of the last main escape route for the enemy out of Cherbourg and that it was being heavily pounded.

In the developing drive to cut off and capture the Cherbourg Peninsula, similar steady advances were reported in a midnight communique from Supreme Headquarters for a less clearly-defined thrust through the lowlands between the Vire and Elle rivers southeast of Carentan.

On the extreme right flank of the Allies' beachhead in Normandy, American capture of the coastal village of Quineville and surrounding territory was declared to have provided "a valuable new outlet from the beaches."

On the eastern, or left wing of the beachhead held by British and Canadian forces, violent German armored counterattacks were repulsed with what the Allied Communique called "considerable loss to the enemy."

These were the principal gains in the tenth day of the Allied invasion of France, which saw the offensive all along the 100-mile line gather forces and either gain ground or repel the fiery and repeated enemy.

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Miss Beulah Brown Passes in Hospital

Miss Beulah Brown, 21 of Robersonville Township, died in the local hospital early last Tuesday morning, a few hours after she was admitted, of blood poisoning.

Apparently in her usual health last Saturday morning, the young woman worked in the fields that morning, and was taken ill early that evening. She was carried to a doctor in Bethel late Monday and he advised immediate hospital treatment.

She is survived by three brothers, Roland Brown of the home, Johnnie Brown of Oak City, and Willie Brown of Bethel and four sisters, Sallie Brown of the home and Mrs. Walter Whitley, Mrs. D. W. Wilson and Mary Brown, all of Newport.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on the Pollard farm Wednesday afternoon by Rev. T. H. House, Methodist minister, and interment followed in the Oak City Cemetery.

Veteran Of War One Passes In Hospital

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the home at 4 o'clock for Herman C. Savage, of Oak City, who died in a government hospital at Kecoughtan, Va., last Monday. Interment was in the Conoho Cemetery, near Oak City.

Mr. Savage had been in declining health since last August and had spent some time in the hospital.

The son of Mrs. Annie E. Savage and the late John T. Savage, he was born May 27, 1896. He quit the farm and entered the army for service in World War I on May 27, 1918, and served overseas from July 31, 1918, to June 15, 1919, as a member of Company A, 390th Engineers of the 8th Division, A. S. 1st, Pvt. William C. Savage, was killed in action on September 29, 1918.

He never married and besides his mother he is survived by three brothers, Mack Savage, of Lewiston; Claude Savage of the home, and Paul Savage, U. S. Navy, now at Camp LeJeune, New River, and one sister, Miss Mary Lee Savage, of the home.

Shack Fire Near River Early This Morning

Its origin unknown, fire destroyed a small shack between the highway and the basket factory this morning at 4:30 o'clock. Several box cars at the basket factory loading platform were threatened and several long distance telephone circuits were burned in two. No estimate on the loss could be had immediately, but it was comparatively small.

The shack belonged to Richard Smith and a tenant was supposed to have moved into the hovel this morning. It is believed by some that the shack was burned ahead of the renter.

War Bond Rallies Are To Be Held In County

Special Army Show Scheduled To Make Stops on Wednesday

Encouraging Reports Coming In From Some Sections On War Bond Drive

Although the current war bond drive is gradually gaining momentum in various districts, it is expected to go forward more rapidly after a special Army band and cast offer two out-door performances in the county next Wednesday morning and afternoon. The first of the performances will be given in Williamston, possibly in front of the town hall, that morning between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock. That afternoon the band and cast will appear in a special show at Robersonville. Plans for the special events were just announced yesterday and all details have not been completed.

The cast, made up entirely of service personnel, including Air-Wacs, will come here that morning from Ahoskie. Following the program the members will be entertained at a luncheon and continue immediately to Robersonville where they will appear in a special program.

The nature of the program could not be learned immediately since the cast appears in two different types of shows, one for street bond rallies and the other for indoor presentation. However, each was produced under the direction of Pfc. Merritt F. Stone, a veteran of big-time Broadway productions, and each is said to be entertaining. It is planned to rope off a portion of the main street here, and the program will be offered without cost to the general public. The show ordinarily runs for about an hour.

It is sincerely hoped that all our people who can conveniently quit their tasks for a short time will attend one of the programs. Possibly definite hours will be fixed in time to be announced the early part of next week.

Only meager reports have been received from the bond drive now underway, but several of them are very encouraging. Recognizing the real meaning of the challenge and the implications failure will bring, the citizens of one district are said to have already subscribed to about one-half of their township quota. No definite figures have been released by County Bond Drive Chairman Herman A. Bowen, but sales are going forward fairly rapidly in several areas, it was learned here today.

Meeting with a faithful few of his committee, D. V. Clayton, Williams Township chairman, outlined plans for a concerted drive in the district. Canvassers were assigned to territories and members of the Woman's Clubs will be asked to take the bond appeal into every home in the community. It isn't likely that the canvass will get underway before next Thursday or soon after the big bond rally on the streets here Wednesday morning. N. K. Harrison and Wheeler Martin will canvass the north side of Main Street from Saunders and Cox mill to Biggs' Funeral Home. L. B. Wynne and W. I. Skinner will handle the south side of Main Street from the fertilizer plant to Darden's store. John D. Biggs and John L. Goff have been assigned that territory from Darden's store to J. G. Stator's. J. H. Edwards and Bill Spivey will work from the Eastern Bond and Mortgage Company to the

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Thousands Taking Typhoid Vaccine

According to a report just released by the health department, more than seven thousand persons in this county have received the typhoid vaccine. It is expected that the number will pass ten or eleven thousand before the drive is completed.

Commenting on the immunization campaign, Dr. John Williams, health officer, said, "With the shortage of labor and everything raised in this rural section so vital to the war effort, the number should be twenty-six thousand, so we are not stopping. Every Monday afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock at Jamesville, every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p. m. at Robersonville, every Friday afternoon from 1 to 3 at Oak City, and every Saturday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock in Williamston, we will give the typhoid 'shots' as well as vaccinate the children against smallpox, whooping cough and diphtheria."

It was also pointed out that a special clinic will be held at Edwards' filling station on the Hamilton Highway in Poplar Point Township next Tuesday from 11 to 12 o'clock for the convenience of the people in that community.

LOSES ARM



Wounded in action over in Italy between May 20 and 31, Walter Thomas Mendenhall, young son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Walter Mendenhall of Bear Grass Township, lost his right arm, according to information just received here.

Snake Finds Way Into Rural Home

A snake, believed to be a large rattler, found its way into the home of Mrs. Mamie E. Roberson, a widow who lives alone in Bear Grass Township, early last Sunday night. As far as it could be learned here today, the reptile is still in the home, with an undisputed range in the attic.

Going into the house that evening, Mrs. Roberson heard the snake and called for help. Neighbors answered the call, but they were unable to get the snake out. Mrs. Roberson stated that she remained in the house with that snake adding, "and I am going to keep on staying and carry on for it is no time to run out when we got to fight Hitler."

Thomas L. Speller Gets Promotion In England

Thomas L. Speller was recently promoted to the rank of corporal with the U. S. Army in England, his wife, the former Miss Ruth Moore, of near Williamston, learned a few days ago.

The young man has been in England since the 10th of last January.

More Martin County Men Called By Army

TRUCK GASOLINE

Gasoline rations for trucks will be allotted to applicants at the office of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board beginning Monday, June 26, it was announced today by Mrs. Irene Blount, chief clerk.

Applicants will report in person on or after that day for rations, the chief clerk explaining that no rations could be mailed direct to the truck owners-operators for the third quarter. Those operators who wait several weeks will have their rations altered to correspond with the time left in the third quarter period, it was explained.

Peeping Toms Are Placed Under Bond

Booked as "peeping toms," Luther Edward Nicholson, young white man, and W. T. Spruill, colored, were placed under bond in the sum of \$100 each for their appearance in the county court on Monday, June 26. Said to have admitted prowling around homes on Halifax Street late last Monday night, the two men were given a hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell. It is believed that others had been prowling around the homes in that neighborhood, but officers have been able to round up only the two men so far.

Tried for alleged drunkenness, Robert Green was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$5.50 costs by the trial justice this week.

Spencer Hyman, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs in the same court.

County Young Man Wounded In Action On The Italian Front

Walter Thomas Mendenhall Loses Right Arm When Gangrene Sets In

Wounded on the Italian battlefield sometime between the 20th and 31st of May, Pvt. Walter Thomas Mendenhall, according to a message written by a Red Cross nurse to his parents in Bear Grass Township, has lost his right arm. Gangrene resulted and it was necessary to amputate the limb, it was pointed out in a message dated June 3.

In a letter written apparently in the Anzio Beachhead area by Mrs. A. Smith Read of the Red Cross, Young Mendenhall, addressing his mother and father, said: "You will probably hear from the War Department soon that I have been wounded, so I have asked the Red Cross to write and let you know that I am O. K. They got me in the right arm, so I can't write myself, but I'm getting along fine and you needn't worry about me. Maybe one of these days I'll be coming home. Tell my little sister I'm getting along O. K."

The above letter was written on May 31, and apparently between that time and June 3rd, his arm was amputated. The letter, bearing the latter date, reads, in part, as follows:

"Please do not worry over me for I am in the best of health. They have had to amputate my arm for gangrene set in. Please do not take this hard, for I am O. K. I have a surprise for you—expect to be home shortly, so you can be on the lookout. Am getting the purple heart. Upon arrival in the States, I expect to go to a hospital. You will be able to visit me there until my discharge

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Funeral Monday For Thomas D. Lawrence

Funeral services were conducted at his late home near Enfield last Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Mr. Thomas D. Lawrence who died there Sunday afternoon following a long illness. Rev. C. U. Crawford, assisted by Rev. Ross Cable and Rev. D. C. Crawford, conducted the last rites. Interment was in Whitakers Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Lawrence, 64 years of age, had made his home in Williamston for several months and made many lasting friendships during his stay here.

Besides his wife, the former Miss Ethel Pittman, he leaves three daughters, Mrs. Walter Travis Martin and Mrs. Verner Godwin, Jr., both of Williamston, and Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughn of Halifax; two sons, Thomas Lawrence of the home, and James Lawrence of Hunter Field, Texas.

Seven Married Men Included In Group Leaving Here Today

Six of the Eleven White Men Were Called From Non-Farm Occupations

Eleven young white men left the county today in answer to an Army call for final induction, the group including seven married men who leave behind seven little children. Six of the eleven were in non-farm occupations, and all were under 26 years of age. One or two of the men, however, were nearer their 26th than they were their 25th birthdays.

The remaining fifty-five white men left the county for their pre-induction examinations. Approximately twenty-one passed the tests. On May 25, the Navy called ten men, six of whom were farmers. And now the Army calls for eleven men, five of whom are farmers. In the original group there were 36 farmers, and from this number only eleven or less than one-third were finally called for induction. Ten men or one more than half the original number of non-farmers reporting for pre-induction examinations have now been called for active duty in the services.

The names of the men answering the Army induction call today, their registration and last-given addresses follow:

- Simon Jasper Barber, RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Claude Halford House, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- William Fletcher Martin, Robersonville and Portsmouth.
- James Cecil Lilley, RFD 1, Jamesville.

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