

Take Preventive Step Against Poliomyelitis

Municipal Pool Is Closed For Season; Bans For Children

No Travel Ban Imposed, But Public Is Asked To Keep Children at Home

Following the spread of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) to this section of the State during the past few days, county health authorities last week-end took what are believed to be the most sensible steps to prevent the spread of the disease in this area. While no strict bans have been imposed, the health authorities advised the closing of the municipal swimming pool, Sunday Schools, theaters and public gatherings to children under sixteen years of age. It should be noted that the Sunday schools and theaters will not be closed, but children under sixteen are not to be admitted for an indefinite period. The health department announced this week that all agencies and operators of amusement houses and other public places where children frequently gather had pledged their cooperation in support of the preliminary precautionary measures.

Just how long the partial ban will hold, health authorities could not say, but they assured the public that all restrictions would be lifted as soon as possible or as soon as such action was considered safe. The usual movement of children in public is not banned, but the health office is directing an earnest plea to all parents to keep their children at home, and do no more traveling than is absolutely necessary. All public gatherings of children, including Boy Scouts, are being banned by voluntary action, but it is possible that bans will be enforced by law if the preliminary regulations are ignored.

No action has been taken to change the opening date for the county schools, but unless there is an abrupt end of the disease spread in the State, it is quite likely that the schools will not open in the county on August 31, that the opening date will be changed to about the middle of September, possibly the 18th. The school authorities and members of the health office are scheduled to meet on Thursday of this week to study the problem.

County Young Man Wounded In France

Pfc. Paul C. VanLandingham was painfully but believed not badly wounded in action somewhere in France between the latter part of June and the middle of July, according to a letter just received by his mother, Mrs. C. S. VanLandingham, near here.

The nature of his wounds was not disclosed, the youth assuring his mother by pointing out that he would walk, talk and use his arms. He is in a hospital in England and stated that he was getting along fine, explaining that he wasn't hurt very much. He added that he was getting the best of treatment and that he would be all right in a few weeks. VanLandingham stated that he was writing with a pen taken from a captured Jerry.

Foster (his brother) wrote he was here, and I have the Red Cross trying to help me locate him. I hope I get to see him; it's been two years this month since I saw him." He said in his letter bearing date of July 17th.

The young man entered service January 7, 1941, receiving his training at Fort Jackson, S. C., Camp Forrest, Tenn., Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Atterbury, Indiana, before leaving for overseas duty last February. His brother, John Forster, has been overseas since about the middle of June.

It is a bit singular that two of the Martin County men reported killed in France and at least two of the five reported wounded should have landed in England about the same time—February of this year.

Assault Costs Colored Woman One Of Her Eyes

Slapping his wife in the face, Gady's Peel, county colored man, broke her glasses and caused her to lose sight in one eye. A piece of the glass was driven into the eyeball, one report said. The assault, the details of which are to be aired in the county court next Monday, took place last week.

Bond was fixed in the sum of \$200.00.

County's Board Of Commissioners In Short Meet Monday

Very Little Business Discussed; Hear Report from ABC Board Chairman

Meeting in regular session here yesterday, the county commissioners had very little business on their calendar for consideration. Irving L. Smith, Robertsonville man, was re-appointed a member of the County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a three-year term, the appointment having been made subject to approval of the board of education and health. A second ABC Board member appointment is expected shortly to fill the position made vacant when Lawrence Hyman was called into service.

Tax relief orders were issued to E. C. Jones, Williamston, in the sum of \$2 since he had been called into the service, and one for \$120 listed in error to J. W. Gurkin, Griffin's Township.

Appearing before the board, V. J. Spivey, chairman of the County ABC Board, reported on the board's operations during the past nine years and explained the delay in turning over profits to the county and the several store towns. No profits have been paid to the county in several quarters and the towns have not received their share of the pie profits during the past two quarters, the chairman explaining that the board was trying to build up its inventories by advancing cash for liquor. It was also pointed out that large wine stocks were included in the inventories, that while sales had been small in recent months, the wine business was expected to increase during the fall and winter months. It is understood that the ABC system in the county now has an inventory of approximately \$40,000, a fairly large portion of which is in wine stocks.

Jurymen were drawn for the two weeks of Martin County Superior Court convening on the third Monday in September, as follows:

First Week
Jamesville: James C. Williams and Arthur L. Modlin.
Williams: David G. Griffin, Joe L. Coltrain, A. W. Hardison, Henry F. Williams and W. J. Gardner.
Griffin's: Elbert Roberson, Jesse David Hardison and Arthur C. Roberson.
Bear Grass: Ralph B. Holliday, H. Gomer Harrison, J. Collins Griffin and K. O. Rogers.
Williamston: W. R. Glover, Willie H. Modlin, Wendell Peck, William Bonds, J. W. Gurganus, W. C. Bailey and J. Daniel Lilley.
Cross Roads: Jesse Keel.
Robertsonville: V. L. Roberson and I. G. Keel.
Poplar Point: J. S. Beach.
Gosh Nest: B. A. Long and H. J. Haislip, Jr.

Second Week
Griffin's: R. Dewey Perry and Roy C. Coltrain.
Bear Grass: S. H. Mobley, W. A. Perry and Calvin Aycars.
Williamston: J. D. Thrower, Fenner Bonds, J. Oscar Daniel, David Keel, Bill Gay, C. H. Godwin, Jr., J. Haywood Rogers and Dan W.

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Name Principal For Farm Life School

George Lassiter, of South Mills, has been named principal of the Farm Life School in this county. It was announced this week by the office of the superintendent. Mr. Lassiter is an old school man, having taught in several schools in the State, including those of Dare County for the past two years.

Mrs. Lassiter will teach in the school's grammar grades, and they will operate in the morning and afternoon.

An application has been received for the position of principal at Bear Grass and an interview is scheduled for tomorrow.

Other than the Farm Life elections, no faculty positions have been filled in the county schools during the past few days, but several applications are being considered. It is now believed that most positions will be filled within the next few days, but there is some doubt if all of them can be filled unless local talent in some school areas volunteer for service.

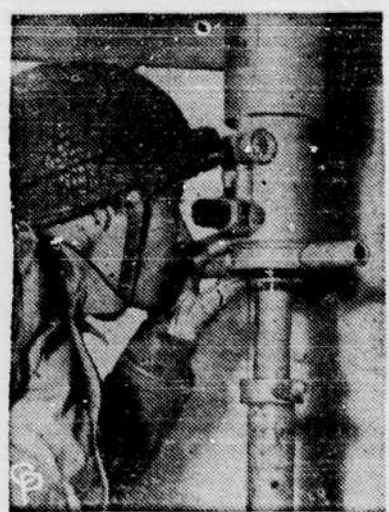
Assistant To Home Agent Begins Work

Just recently appointed, Miss Margaret Ricks is entering upon her new duties as assistant home agent in this county shortly.

A graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, with the class of 1944, Miss Ricks has been doing special work in Halifax County this summer. As a member of a 4-H club in Johnson County, Miss Ricks led the field, winning several state and national awards. She will help direct the 4-H club work in the county.

Miss Ricks is from Selma.

Artillery 'Eye'



A PERISCOPE of the type used in artillery observation posts to observe gun fire is examined by Sgt. N. E. Irving of Newark, N. J., after American troops had captured a German pillbox on the invasion coast of France. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo (International)

MARTIN COUNTY In WORLD WAR I

(Reviewed from old Enterprise files twenty-seven years ago)

July 6, 1917.

Monday, the Exemption Board for Martin County met at the Court House and did the preliminary work for the drafting of the 150 men who will be carried out from the county under the draft bill. 1,500 men are registered and it will require excellent and impartial judgment to select 150 from this number.

Friday afternoon, when the numbers of those drawn in the selective draft commenced to be received over the wires, the people of Williams-ton became intensely interested in the matter. All that morning there had been signs of feverish anxiety among both races, and the announcement of the numbers added greatly to the effect.

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Two More Martin County Young Men Are Killed on the Battlefield

Jamesville Youth Is Killed In Action In France On June 19th

Levie H. Davis, Jr., Was First Reported Missing There On June 21st

Pfc. Levie Horace Davis, first reported missing in France on June 21, was killed in action on June 19 on the battlefields of that country, according to a later message received by the young man's mother, Mrs. Mattie Davis, of near Jamesville, a few days ago. No details of his untimely death were offered in the brief message received from the War Department or in a formal letter received from the same source a short time later. Members of the family are at a loss to explain the time element in the messages. In a first telegram received in late July, it was stated that the young man was missing on June 21. The last message stated that he had been killed on June 19.

As far as it can be learned here, Davis is the first Martin County man to die on French soil in the current war, and the 28th man from this county to die while in the service of his country since Pearl Harbor. Four other Martin County youths have been reported wounded in the invasion and battle for France, and a second young man has been reported killed there.

The son of Mrs. Mattie Gurkin Davis and the late Levie H. Davis, the young man was born near Jamesville on November 19, 1919. He spent his early life on the farm or until January 28, 1941, when he answered voluntarily his country's call and entered the Army. A member of the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church for about ten years, Pfc. Davis is remembered as a dutiful son and a young man who held the respect of all who knew him.

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County Youths Meet Over In New Guinea

In a recent letter, Pfc. Thomas Lee Hawkins, Williamston colored boy, states he is still in New Guinea and getting along fine, except for homesickness and an everlasting yearning to get back home.

Asking about the folks back home, Hawkins expressed the wish that they were getting along all right. "From what I read in the paper, they seem to be getting along fine. I hope they keep it up."

Hawkins went on to tell about meeting two boys from home. "A few nights ago I went to a picture show and sat in the rain to see it. We were returning to our station on a truck when someone asked, 'Is that you, Hawkins? I didn't say anything because at the time I did not know who it was.' He said 'I did not know him, and about that time he pulled off his cap and there was one of my old friends from home, Nathaniel Howard. Was I glad to see him! I could not say anything for a while.'"

Some one from home. Further on down the road we met a white soldier. He told me he was R. J. Hardison's cousin, so there I was with two boys from home. I had never been happier since entering the service three and one-half years ago. We started talking about home. The white soldier asked me about a lot of places back home. I told him everything was all right when I left last December.

"Later, I learned another boy, Jim Bo, from home is over here, and I hope to see him soon."

"I got a paper after I saw R. J. Hardison's cousin, and I don't think he knew anything about him being missing. I used to work with Mr. R. J. at Clark's Drug Store. He is a nice boy and I hope he gets home all right."

"I was also to hear about Lt. Bill Ballard. I used to work with him at Pender's Store. He was a real friend of mine. I will be glad when this war is over and hope it will be before I lose any more of my good friends back home. I am going to save their pictures so I can remember them."

Hawkins went on to say that he had two brothers in the service, Cpl. William Hawkins, now in England or France, and Pvt. James Hawkins who is now in Africa. "I hope we all get back O. K. to free life and see all the people back home."

RAINFALL

Following a long dry season, the rains came in July to restore hopes and pull the precipitation total up to a passing figure. The total for July—3.72—is far from a record and falls almost five inches below the recorded fall in July of last year, but it came at an opportune time and possibly was more welcomed than the five- and six-inch totals recorded in each of the early months of the year. August is keeping the backbone of the drought broken, 3.11 inches having fallen so far this month.

Through July of last year there were 229.84 inches of rain, and in the corresponding period this year there were 26.46 inches. The big difference came in the time rather than the amount. In May, June and July, 1943 the total was 17.32 inches as compared with 6.12 inches in the corresponding months, this year.

Officials Consider Varied Calendar of Business Last Night

In a two-hour session last evening, the town commissioners studied a varied business calendar, taking definite action in several instances and delaying action in others.

A high spot in the meeting was reached when the commissioners ordered a slight change in the main street parking system. Admitting that the present parking system is not suitable to the narrow street, the commissioners proposed to change the parking angle from 45 to 35 degrees. The new plan will make it easier for one to park a car and it is believed that it will allow two or three more feet for the two-lane traffic. The police will be called upon to check up on parking.

The proposed purchase of a new fire truck was discussed, but no final action was taken, the board members deciding to make a further study of specifications and prices.

It was pointed out that it is next to impossible to purchase a stock chassis and build a fire truck body on a dumper equipment on it. It is possible, according to one manufacturer, to build and deliver within 120 days a standard machine. The prices range from around \$5,700 to \$7,200.

Approximately \$100 was appropriated for tiling a ditch for a new street that will connect the high and graded schools.

The street, already cleared, will open up much property for building after the war, it was pointed out. The owner, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, has agreed to build the street, it was explained to the commissioners.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Jim Station and other interested taxpayers, the commissioners discussed several current problems. They will ask operators of various trucks to equip their machines with mufflers as soon as possible and help eliminate some of the unnecessary noise.

A request for a stop light, corner of Main and Third streets, received consideration but was ruled out since the equipment is not to be had.

Mayor J. L. Hassell was instructed to make inquiries about the possibility of building an airport for the town after the war. The possibility of building a new street and a corner-locker here was also briefly discussed.

When asked about discontinuing the operation of the municipal swimming pool because expenses outdistance revenue by a fairly large sum, the commissioners expressed the opinion that the investment was too great to abandon the property. The board did order the pool closed during the remainder of the summer on account of infantile paralysis.

Commissioners Green, Lindsley, Godwin and Griffin were present for the meeting.

Colan Perry Loses Life in Action in France On July 11

Father Notified of His Son's Death in Message Received Yesterday Morning

Cpl. Colan Gray Perry, Williams Township young man, was killed in action on the battlefields of France on July 11, his father, Mr. Joseph H. Perry, was notified by the War Department yesterday morning. Similar to other casualty messages, the terse note, expressing the secretary of war's deepest sympathy, offered few details other than the date of the young man's death and the theater of operations. His father, finding it impossible to check the tears caused by shock and grief, said yesterday morning that he had not heard from the young man in weeks, that while he felt something was wrong he had hoped good news would come.

Cpl. Perry is the 29th Martin County young man to make the supreme sacrifice while in the service of his country, and the second to die on French soil in recent weeks. It could not be learned definitely, but he is believed to have entered France on or shortly after D-Day, following a stay of several months in England.

In one of his last letters to his father, the young man said he was getting along fine and instructed his father in a firm but kindly manner not to worry about him. The son went on to explain that there were many hedgerows and trees in the area, intimating that they offered good places to hide from enemy fire. He told of the capture of 13-year-old boys in the German army, and expressed the hope that the war would soon be over and that all the boys could return home.

The son of Joseph H. Perry and the late Mrs. Inabell Roberson Perry, he was born in the Farm Life section of Griffin's Township on October 31, 1920. As a young man he worked on the farm most of the time, spending about one year on a boat plying the Atlantic seaboard waters for a lumber concern, and working during off-seasons at various jobs in Williamston. Prior to his entry into the service the latter part of 1942, he farmed with his father over in Williams Township. After a short stay at Fort Bragg, he trained at Fort Benning, Ga., and at Fort Jackson, spending a short time at a northern embarkation center before going to England last February.

He was married to Miss Sudie Martin last year. Besides his wife and father, he leaves two brothers, James H. Perry of this county and Joseph Jasper Perry who is now in the service and was stationed some-

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County Native Dies In South Carolina

Kemp Peel, a native of this county, died in a Hartsville, South Carolina, hospital last Wednesday afternoon following a short illness.

A son of the late John Edwin and Melissa Kemp Peel, he was born in Griffin's Township, this county, 25 years ago. After spending his early life in this county he moved to South Carolina, locating in the Lylia section of Darlington County, near Hartsville, where he worked as a master mechanic for many years.

Mr. Peel, a member of Macedonia Church in this county, was here visiting relatives and friends about two months ago and apparently was in his usual health at that time.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Elizabeth Keary, of South Carolina; two sons, Charlie E., of Hartsville, and Pvt. Lucas Peel, now in the armed services overseas, and a brother, Jordan G. Peel, of Griffin's Township, this county.

Funeral services were held last Friday morning at 11 o'clock in Wesley Chapel Methodist Church by Rev. Carl Parker and interment was in the church cemetery.

Among those attending the service from this county were, Mr. Jordan Peel, Mrs. C. M. Peel, Mrs. George Peel, Alton, Howell and Maurice Peel and Miss Lola Peel.

Sailors Row With Lone Soldier Over His Girl

One sailor was jailed and three others were about to land in the hoosegow here last Saturday night following a disturbance at a near-by filling station. A hearing is scheduled in the case later this week and details could not be had immediately. One report stated that a lone soldier had his girl or a girl at the station, and the four sailors offered to take her off his hands, and a fight followed. The girl was said to have stopped a hand blow to the face.

BANDAGE ROOM

A shipment of material for making surgical dressings is expected in this county within the next day or two, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, chairman of the Red Cross bandage room here, announced yesterday, explaining that a bill of lading had been received, that possibly the material would reach here in time for opening the room the latter part of this or early next week.

It could not be learned how much material is included in the shipment, but part or all of it was to have been included in the July quota, Mrs. Taylor explained.