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Democrats Will Hold Big Rally Wednesday

Hon. Cam Morrison To Make Address in County Courthouse

Several Community Rallies Are Being Held To Boost Size of County Vote

Activities in the current political campaign in this county will reach a climax in the courthouse next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock when the Honorable Cameron Morrison addresses a democratic rally.

One of the first North Carolina Democrats to volunteer his services in the current campaign, Mr. Morrison will make an interesting, informative and entertaining speech.

The able statesman who challenged the attacks directed against President Roosevelt and the administration when members of his party faltered, failed or sought favor of the opposition, is expected to touch on current problems vital to the welfare of this nation.

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Three Cases Heard By Justice Hassell

Justice J. L. Hassell has had comparatively few cases in his court here during the past few days, and two or three carried before him were sent to the higher courts for trial.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, George Barber was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$8.50 costs and a \$5 doctor's bill.

Charged with false pretense, Mabel Lynch Taylor was bound over to the superior court in bond of \$100. The defendant is alleged to have given a \$25 check signed by Eric Peed to the Williamston Cafe.

Ben Edwards, charged with larceny of baggage from the local bus station, was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$200.

Local Camp Commander Promoted To Captain

Vincent Vehar, commanding officer for the local prisoner of war camp, this week was promoted to the rank of captain.

A native of Mountain View, Wyo., Captain Vehar entered the service April 26, 1942. He received his basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas, and completed his work at officer candidate school at Fort Custer, Mich., later going to Camp McCain as a member of the 281st Military Police Escort Guard Company.

Contributions To United War Fund In Martin County

Bear Grass Adds More to the Fund To Exceed Quota By Sizable Margin



Sgt. Thomas E. Brown, son of Mrs. Dare Brown, RFD 1, Jamesville, was wounded in action on the German front September 18. A bullet entered the young man's right chest and punctured the lung.

Undergoing a serious operation in Germany for the removal of the bullet, Sgt. Brown was transferred ten days later to a hospital in England where he is understood to be recovering from the wound.

State Fire Marshal Addresses Meeting Of Lions and Guests

Stresses Greater Need For Fire Prevention And Protection

Speaking before a regular meeting of the local Lions Club last evening, Sheriff Brockwell, State Fire Marshal, stressed the increased need for fire protection and earnestly appealed for a greater effort to prevent the destruction of life and property by fire.

The Lions had the members of the local fire department and representatives from the Bethel and Plymouth departments, the speaker addressing his remarks to the group jointly.

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Local Church Host To Training Union

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Presumably wounded in action somewhere in the Pacific Theater of Operations, Cpl. Geo. Norman White, son of Mrs. W. A. White, RFD 1, Oak City, is now in a hospital there. A veteran of Guadalcanal, the young man has participated in at least four and possibly five invasions.

Few Men Are Left In Reserve Pool In Martin County

Nine of Ten White Men Leaving This Week Farmers; All Are Single

Ten Martin County white men, most of them in the teen-ages, left Wednesday, October 25, for final induction into the armed services at Fort Bragg. The call, it is understood, left comparatively few men in Selective Service's draft reserve pool in this county.

According to unofficial estimates there are about 20 or 25 young white men now in the pool, and about 25 or 30 colored men subject to call.

For the very first time in many months, if not the very first time, no white men were called from this county to report for pre-induction examinations this month.

Of the ten white men leaving the county for final induction this week, nine of them were single as far as draft classifications are concerned. Six of the group are just eighteen years of age and the ages of the others ranged up to 22 years.

One of the group, Earl Taylor Mendenhall, was scheduled to report last month, but he was granted a stay of induction when two of his sisters were run down and killed on Highway 17 near their home.

The names and addresses of the young men leaving this week follow: Luke Harrell, Jr., RFD 1, Palmyra, Julian Robert Rawls, Oak City.

Earl Taylor Mendenhall, RFD 2, Williamston. Carey Garland Bunting, Oak City. Robert Worsley James, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Malotha Bowen Price, RFD 3, Williamston. Alton Thomas Johnson, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Spencer Eldred Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston. Otis Clifton Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonville.

GOING UP Tobacco prices are on the upward swing on the local market.

After hovering around a figure between \$42.50 and \$43.00 most of the season, the average daily prices are now pushing right up to \$45 per hundred. Individual sales are zooming upward to reach the highest peaks in many years.

This week on the local market, individual sales were made right at 60 cents and averages for entire barns have been well up in the fifties.

The block is showing some signs of relaxing the tight hold it has held for weeks, and scheduled selling is expected within the near future.

To date, the market has sold 8,212,982 pounds for \$3,510,390.26, a resulting average of \$42.73.

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Other Districts Working To Raise and Pass Quotas This Week-end

With five townships already over the top and encouraging reports coming in from most of the other districts, the annual United War Fund Drive in this county is almost certain to reach and exceed the \$9,537.02 quota County Chairman N. C. Green announced late yesterday afternoon.

At that time, a total of \$7,643.87 had been reported by nine of the ten townships. However, only four reports were considered complete, but a fifth one showed that Williamston had exceeded its goal and would possibly add several hundred more dollars to the amount by the time the canvass is completed and listed. No report has come from Chairman Joshua L. Coltrain who explained that it would be necessary to delay the drive in Williams Township until early November.

Reports are recognized as complete from Bear Grass, Goose Nest, Cross Roads, and Poplar Point. Williamston is yet to hear from several of the canvassers in the rural communities and nearly all of the town's residential sections and one or two other individual reports, including the courthouse and the high school.

The first report from Jamesville is not very encouraging, but the leaders there state they are still working and hope to reach the quota. The drive in Robersonville was off to a late start, and when the last report was received late Tuesday only \$519.30 had been turned in to the chairman, Rev. E. C. Wilkie, who explained that his many duties had made it necessary to delay the task.

Mr. Wilkie is confident the goal will be reached. No late reports have been received from the two districts in Hamilton Township. Griffins received \$300 raised late yesterday with several of the canvassers and the school yet to be heard from.

Accepting a \$900 quota, the colored citizens in the five lower townships of the county, state that they are making progress, that Professor John James at Dardens had raised \$88.80 or \$28.80 in excess of the quota for that area.

According to the latest available reports, the county has yet to raise \$1,893.15 before its original quota is met.

Contributions to the fund will be acknowledged as rapidly as possible, but it will require several weeks to handle the entire list.

The following figures show the quotas and amounts raised, by townships, including the Hamilton and Williamston townships.

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Mrs. Ace T. Taylor Passes In Hospital

Mrs. Margaret Gurganus Taylor died in a Greenville hospital yesterday morning at 10:15 o'clock. Taken ill on Wednesday of last week, she was removed to the hospital on Thursday of this week and her condition was thought to be favorable just a short time before the end.

The daughter of Mrs. Margaret Harrison Gurganus and the late Samuel Gurganus, she was born near Robersonville on April 22, 1922. She attended the Robersonville schools, graduating as valedictorian of her class. She later entered and attended the East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, for two years. In December, 1940, she was married to Ace Tom Taylor, and they made their home near Robersonville. Besides her mother and husband she leaves three children, Samuel Stewart, 3; Betty Jean, 18 months, and Janie Margaret, three months, and two sisters, Mrs. Cliff Turner and Mrs. Roland Bunting, both of near Robersonville.

Funeral services will be held at the home of her mother Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Elder B. S. Cowin. Interment will follow in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Minor Accident Reported In County Last Wednesday

No one was hurt and very little damage resulted when two cars crashed on a dirt road just off Highway 64, near Robersonville, last Wednesday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

One of the cars was driven by Elmer Clevy Ward and the other by Nancy Nelson who agreed to pay the costs of repairing the damage estimated at \$25 by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident.