

County Authorities Hold Short Session Yesterday Morning

Draw Orders and Grant Tax Relief To Few Parties In Uneventful Meeting

Meeting in regular session here yesterday morning, the Martin County Commissioners devoted most of their time to business of routine nature, granting tax relief to a few, drawing a jury for the December court and handling a few other matters. The session, ending about the noon hour, was an uneventful one. All the commissioners except C. J. Carstarphen were present.

Elbert S. Peel, county attorney and solicitor, resigned for a temporary period so as to avoid any possible conflict with his duties as a Presidential elector from this Congressional district. It is expected that he will be a candidate for reappointment. It was not explained, but it is generally known that there is a possibility the Republicans and the disgruntled 'crats would challenge the right of any elector holding office, appointive or otherwise, to attend the Electoral College and cast his vote for Roosevelt. Of course, no issue would possibly be made unless the count is close, and while Martin County Democrats are not a bit pessimistic over the outcome of the vote today, they are simply taking no chances.

Relief orders were granted for the year 1944 to:

Edison Moore, \$2, Williams Township, who is now in service. H. J. Haislip, \$2.75, Goose Nest cripplé. S. S. Slade, \$2, listed in error in Williams Township, and Ed Moore, \$2, listed in error in Jamesville. A similar relief order was granted Ed Moore for 1941, and one to William Bland in the sum of \$3.05 listed by error in Hamilton.

Names of jurors drawn for the December term of superior court:

Jamesville: Thomas Blount, C. N. Martin and W. M. Davis.

Griffins: Ira F. Griffin, W. Saunders Revels, W. B. Harrington and J. Stator Griffin.

Bear Grass: A. B. Ayers and Wheeler Rogers.

Williamston: Leslie K. Roberson. Robersonville: S. Bruce Everett. Poplar Point: G. W. Bland, Jos. R. Harrison, Pete Raynor and S. E. Taylor.

Hamilton: G. S. Haislip. Goose Nest: J. E. Stroud and Jasper H. Harrell.

Officers Take Two Stills In County

Raiding in Bear Grass Township last Saturday, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked two large distilleries. Both plants were equipped with 100-gallon capacity tin stills. The first plant, captured that morning, had 400 gallons of sugar beer almost ready for the kettle, and the second plant had 300 gallons of sugar beer and both outfits were fairly well equipped.

Saturday night, the ABC officer and members of the local police made a tour of several outlying residential areas, but were unable to develop a case. A colored man, unknown to officers, was almost picked up, but he ran out of his coat.

The officers found everything peaceful and quiet in Griffins Township Sunday, but two persons were booked for the courts when they were found operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses.

Improving

Although he is experiencing some eye trouble, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, a patient in a Washington hospital since October 9, was reported to be improving rapidly today. He rested very well last night and his general condition is quite favorable. He is able to have some company for short intervals. The officer continues in mighty good spirits and hopes to be able to return home soon.

Early Indications Point To A Record Vote In County Today

Early indications this morning pointed to a record vote in this county, political observers venturing to say the vote count will range between 4,500 and 5,000 before the polls close at 6:30 o'clock this evening. In the nation the vote count will exceed 42 million, some observers predicting that it will push close to fifty million.

Even though there is no opposition to the county ticket, Democrats in this county are showing considerable interest in the election today. That the Democrats will score an overwhelming victory, early reports indicated that Republicans were visiting the polls in possibly greater numbers than they did four years ago. However, it is believed that the total Republican vote in the county will not exceed 250 and that possibly it will range between 100 and 150.

GUM, LIKE MUSIC, HAS CHARM



OPENLY ENTHRALLED by the proffer of a third stick of gum (he's hoarding two in his other hand), this little French tyke in the wooden shoes drools with his tongue as he reaches for the goodie held forth by eight-striper Sgt. John J. Latvas of Washington, D. C., tuba player in an Army band stationed near historic Verdun. U. S. Signal Corps photo. (International)

Seventeen Colored Boys From County Leave For Service

Thirteen of Twenty-one Called Come from Non-Farm Occupations

Out of twenty-one Martin County colored youths called to report for final induction this week, seventeen reported. Three others were transferred to other boards and one, Jodie Henry Jenkins, formerly of Parmele but more recently of Baltimore, was reported delinquent and his name is being turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Jenkins is 34 years old and is being called because he failed to comply with draft regulations, it was learned.

According to information coming from the draft board, none of the men leaving today is married. Thirteen of the 21 men called held non-farm jobs. Fifteen of the group are just barely eighteen years of age, the ages of the others ranging up to 27 years and to 34 in one case. Names of the men called for final induction and their addresses: Johnnie Gray Mayo, RFD 2, Williamston, and New York. Jodie Henry Jenkins, Parmele and Baltimore. Harry Daniels, RFD 2, Robersonville, and Baltimore. William Clyde Johnson, RFD 1, Robersonville, and Brooklyn. Geo. Henry Ruffing, Williamston and Norfolk.

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ROUND-UP

Little activity was again reported on the crime front in this area over the week-end. According to a review of the jail record, only four persons were arrested and detained in the hoosegong during the period. Three were charged with being drunk and disorderly and one was charged with being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest. Three of the four persons were colored and the ages of the group ranged from 32 to 54 years.

In the nation, the observers are still guessing. Some give Mr. Roosevelt 35 states outright while others maintain that the outcome will rest on the way Pennsylvania goes. Still others say that the serviceman's vote may decide the election. Chairman Hannegan says a landslide favoring the Democrats is in the making.

The first returns from today's voting should start coming in about 7:15 or 7:30 this evening. However, it is possible that the outcome of the election will not be determined immediately. Polls on the west coast do not close until 11 o'clock tonight, and the count is certain to be slow in those counties and states where the contests are close. And if neither party holds a substantial lead, it is likely that it will be days or until that time when the delayed serviceman's vote can be counted before the issue is finally determined.

EARLY EDITION

In an effort to make possible the distribution of the second edition of the week in as many rural communities as possible before next Monday, The Enterprise will appear ahead of schedule to subscribers hoping to release the edition some time Thursday evening. Those parties or organizations planning to insert notices or other items are asked to submit their copy immediately. Items reaching the office after Wednesday afternoon are not certain of publication.

Armistice Day will not be observed as a general holiday, but no town or rural mail deliveries will be handled on Saturday, the 11th, and the banks and a few other business houses will close for the day.

Draft Registration For the Past Month

Twenty-five Martin County boys, reaching their eighteenth birthdays, registered for the draft last month. A 26th one, Perth Rogers, colored, of the Jamesville section, got his name on the third registration books for the third period. He had been unavoidably detained by the authorities, it was said.

Eleven of the twenty-five 18-year-olds were white. One Brantley Bernard York, although he had volunteered and served in the Army and later discharged, registered when he became 18 last month. He will hardly be called again, however.

The registration list in the county for October:

- Brantly Bernard York, w, Williamston. Joseph Thomas Johnson, w, Robersonville. Chester Marriner, c, Jamesville. Charlie Brady, Jr., c, RFD 2, Robersonville. Raymond Albritton, c, RFD 1, Bethel. Willie Lilley, Jr., w, RFD 1, Williamston. Jonah Mack Stalls, w, RFD 1, Robersonville. Johnnie Pharrar Williams, c, RFD 2, Williamston. Jonah Peel, c, RFD 1, Jamesville. Ellen Warren Whitaker, w, Williamston. J. C. Savage, c, Oak City. Oliver Lynch, c, RFD 1, Oak City. J. D. Willoughby, w, RFD 2, Williamston. Walter Raynor Keel, w, Robersonville. Sammy Thomas Roberson, c, RFD 1, Robersonville. Vernon Randolph Moore, w, Williamston. Ben Octavious Nichols, c, Williamston. Walter Clayton Purvis, w, RFD 1, Bethel. Cecil Benjamin Whitehurst, w, RFD 2, Williamston. James Arthur Briley, c, 605 Freemason St., Norfolk. Floyd Edward Brown, c, Williamston. Osborn Williams, c, Williamston. Burnett Webb, c, RFD 1, Robersonville. William Daniel Leggett, w, RFD 1, Robersonville.

NO MEETING

Last night for the first time in months no meeting of the local town commissioners was held on account of the absence of a quorum. Only the mayor, John L. Hassell, and one commissioner, R. T. Griffin, reported. There was very little business on the calendar, however, and the few routine matters were carried over for consideration at a later meeting.

Sixty-Three Tires Allotted By Board

Sixty-three tires — fifty-five for automobile and eight for trucks — were allotted in this county by the War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night. Grade I tires were issued to the following: Leslie E. Hardison, J. C. Manning, W. B. Harrington, Leon Earl Griffin, J. C. Bullock, Milton Godard, O. G. Carson, J. O. Keel, D. L. Hardy, Clarence Hardy, Elmer N. Modlin, Matthew Ores, Larry Barnhill, Luke Harrell, Jr., Claudius Hardison, Love Williams, L. S. Davis, J. M. Perry, Ed Warren, Daniel DeMay, William H. Taylor, J. J. Meeks, F. C. Williams, Starling Bell, H. A. Johnson, A. E. Browder, Jim Lynch, Foy Rogerson, J. F. Manning, J. W. Taylor, Joshua Herbert Coltrain, Isaiah Green, J. Elliott Barnhill, Mrs. Alvin R. Jordan, W. H. Coburn, W. P. Hinson, Jesse L. Hale, Lester Best, Mrs. H. J. Haislip, James Taylor, S. G. Burnett, J. D. Knox, Irvin G. Roberson, Frank Weathersbee, Frank Hopkins, Mrs. Tom Bailey, William Whitaker, Ben Cross, J. H. Hopkins, R. H. Salsbury, Andrew Mobley, R. S. Price, Claude Bryant, Willie Williams, Clarence Carr.

Small truck tires were issued to the following: L. T. Carrow, John A. Manning, R. A. Critcher and Bro., Holt Evans, G. and H. Builders Supply Co., Manning and Gurkin.

Youth Will Undergo Operation On Heart

Seriously wounded in France last June 11, Pfc. Lewis Thomas Taylor, young son of Mrs. Maniza Taylor Whitaker of this county, is expected home shortly from England to undergo an operation on his heart. Few details could be had, but a late report from the War Department indicated that he was not improving satisfactorily.

Following the War Department message, Mrs. Whitaker received several letters from her son and he intimated that the bullet was still in his heart, and he thought they would send him back to the States where he will undergo an operation for its removal. It was reported in early September that the young man had already undergone one operation on his heart, but apparently it was inadvisable to try to remove the bullet at that time. Lt. Col. Howard B. Kellogg, U. S. Army doctor, operated on the youth in a hospital in England. A brother, William L. Taylor, is in a government hospital in Georgia suffering with eye and head trouble, and another brother, Charlie, was recently reported to be getting along all right somewhere in the Pacific area.

Asking County To Buy \$700,000 War Bonds

6th Bond Campaign Quota \$155,000 Less Than One Last June

Drive To Get Underway 20th Of This Month and Will End December 15

A sharp reduction in cotton production is still reflected in the latest ginning report just recently released by Mrs. Strelssa Griffin, special agent for the Bureau of the Census. Up until October 18, 1,129 bales of cotton had been ginned in the county from the current crop as compared with 1,973 bales ginned during the corresponding period a year ago. The reduction is traceable to a decrease in acreage principally, but farmers explain that they are experiencing much trouble in having the crop picked.

North Carolina Disciples will hold their one hundredth State convention in Wilson this week, a cordial invitation having been extended the member churches by the First Christian Church of Wilson to attend. Attracting national leaders, the centennial convention is expected to attract a record number of delegates and visitors. The first of the sessions will be held tomorrow afternoon when the ministers meet. The first of the regular sessions will open on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the program for that time including an address by Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, pastor of the Central Woodward Church, Detroit, and a prominent national figure in the religious field.

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Addresses by John L. Davis and Dr. Virgil E. Havens, missionary, will feature the session Friday morning, and that afternoon Dr. Eugene C. Beach, pastor of the Youngstown, Ohio, church will address the convention.

Pointing out that a 3 per cent tax is due the Federal Government on all receipts from "for hire" or transportation tax, Deputy Collector John D. Lilley for this district said this week that very few were complying with the law. All persons who haul or transport anything for profit are supposed to register and pay the three per cent tax each month. It was pointed out that there is a \$50 penalty for those persons who do not register and meet the tax requirements.

NO HOLIDAY

No Thanksgiving holiday will be observed by the schools in the county this year, it was announced this week by the office of the county board of education. It is likely that a short session will be held on Thursday, the 23rd, making it possible for the children to get home in time for a late Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiving Day programs will be held in many of the schools, and in some communities, religious groups will join the pupils for a special sermon that day.

The Christmas holiday schedule has not been fixed, it was stated. However, it is likely to be limited to a few days since there was considerable delay in starting the fall term.

Block Cleared on Market For First Time In Recent Weeks

After being blocked tight for about seven straight weeks the local tobacco market is clearing its floors today, making for one of the most unusual marketing seasons to date in the history of the market. The block, however, was not cleared until an estimated 90 per cent or more of the crop in this immediate section had been sold, making another block this season next to impossible. Returning to the five-day selling week yesterday, the Williamston market yesterday had one of its most successful sales of the season. While fancy types held their own, the inferior grades, including green and nondescript grades, reached possibly the highest peak of the season, veteran warehousemen declaring that many of those grades were selling as much as two to five dollars per

War Fund Is Still Short of Its Goal

Boosted by contributions reported in several districts, the United War Fund in Martin County, according to the latest available reports, is now just \$320.47 short of its original quota. Eight of the eleven districts in the county are over the top, and a ninth one is expected to start and complete its drive today, leaving one district and the colored citizens in five townships several hundred dollars behind their quotas. Hamilton added to its fund over the week-end to go over the top, and additional contributions were listed by Jamesville and Williamston Townships and the colored citizens boosted their total by \$55.32.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial services for Pfc. Asa J. Taylor and Pvt. Bernice L. Rogerson, two county young men who made the supreme sacrifice for their country, will be held in the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church, near Bear Grass, next Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. Charles Hamilton, will conduct the service and the public is invited. Pfc. Taylor, a member of the church, and Pvt. Rogerson both entered the Army at the same time, August, 1943. Young Rogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rogerson, was killed in action on May 26, this year, and Pfc. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robert Taylor, made the supreme sacrifice a few days later on June 2.

Alles Score Gains All Along Western Front Last Evening

Fuller Advances in the Allied Armies Poised for Final Great Offensive

Although attention is centered for the most part on the fight around Vossenack, near Aachen, the Allies were reported to have scored gains all along the Western Front last night setting the stage for what many believe may be the final great offensive of the European war. In the Holland sector, Allied forces have cleared the approaches to Belgium's great port of Antwerp and reports state that supplies have already started moving through there for use on the Western Front. The successes there shorten the supply lines for the Allies by approximately 400 miles. During recent weeks supplies have moved mainly by truck from Cherbourg across the muddy roads of France by truck. The opening of Antwerp places the supplies within about fifty miles of the front where the British are battling and about 100 miles from the American First

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Eight of the ten Martin County white boys reporting to an Army center for final induction on October 25 were accepted by the Army, according to a report reaching here a few days ago. The names of those accepted were: Luke Harrell, Jr., Julian Robert Rawls, Jr., Marvin Elmo Haislip, Earl Taylor Mendenhall, Malotha Bowen Price, Alton Thomas Johnson, Spencer Eldred Coltrain and Otis Clifton Roberson.

Improving

Mr. Will S. Rhodes, a patient in a Washington hospital for about three weeks, was reported improving yesterday. Undergoing treatment in a Washington hospital for injuries received in a fall from a ladder last week, Mr. Kader Rogerson was reported much better today.

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	Quota	Amt. raised	\$450.00	\$845.00
Jamesville	150.00			
Williams	450.00	454.37		
Griffins	450.00	498.58		
Bear Grass	450.00			
Williamston	4,277.02	5,066.11		
Cross Roads	350.00	425.27		
Robersonville	1,500.00	724.69		
Poplar Point	135.00	162.40		
Hamilton:				
Hassel	100.00	85.00		
Hamilton	275.00	282.67		
Goose Nest	300.00	442.69		
Colored Citizens	900.00	289.30		
Totals		\$9,537.0	\$9,216.55	