

## Welfare Department Budget Approved by County Authorities

### Other Business Handled By Commissioners in Regular Session Monday

Meeting in regular session here yesterday, the Martin County Commissioners approved the 1945-46 public welfare department budget, drew a jury for the June court, issued a few tax relief orders and handled a few other items of business. The meeting, attended by all five of the commissioners, Messrs. Joshua L. Coltrain, R. L. Perry, John Henry Edwards, C. Abram Roberson and R. A. Haislip, lasted until well in the afternoon.

The new welfare budget, formally approved by the commissioners subject to final adoption by the State Department, calls for a county appropriation of \$27,229.64 for the 1945-46 fiscal year, the estimates exceeding the current fiscal year figures by approximately \$3,457. The administration costs are estimated at \$9,430.00, the county to appropriate \$4,830 of this amount and the State and federal governments the remainder. Salaries were increased from \$7,320 to \$7,980, and travel allowances were jumped from \$1,250 to \$1,450. General expenses, including hospitalization and direct or general relief will cost, according to the new estimate, \$6,475, or about \$780 more than it did for the 1944-45 fiscal year. The public assistance program will cost \$14,024.64 or about \$2,108.64 more than it did a year ago.

The commissioners donated \$250 to the Salvation Army for the care of wayward girls in its home at Durham. It was pointed out that twenty young Martin County girls had been cared for in the home in the past two or three years.

A request was made to the State Highway Commission for the improvement of a community road in Jamesville Township, known as the Ange or Ward and Glade Road, beginning at Lonnie Ange's and running south via D. H. Padgett's to the Gurganus place, a distance of one mile. The road, it was pointed out, was once a public road.

Tax relief orders were issued for the 1944 tax year, as follows: Jamesville Township: Mrs. Annie Belle Bowen, \$3.57, double listed.

Williamston Township: W. V. Ormond, Jr., \$2, Navy; Ransom Spruiell, \$2.75, double listed; Jesse Bailey, \$3.55, dead; Gower Crosswell, Jr., \$9.81, Army; Lee Burton Jenkins, \$2, Army; Wilson B. Partin, \$3.38; H. A. Satterfield, \$2.22, Navy; and Clyde Waters, \$1.49, deceased.

Robersonville Township: J. W. Eubanks, \$1.10, double listed; Nicholas Roberson, \$2, error; S. D. Jenkins, \$2, Army.

Goose Nest Township: Mittie Jones, 95 cents, double listed; Jesse Bennett, \$5.44, Army, and W. E. Early, Jr., \$2.75, Army.

Hamilton Township: W. Herman Everett, \$7.11, Army.

The combined relief ordered amounted to only \$62.81.

Reporting to the commissioners, Tax Collector M. L. Peel showed that 96 per cent of the \$193,815.40 levy for 1944 had been collected, leaving a balance of about \$7,900. Of the \$201,029.76 levy for 1943, 99.1 has been collected. For the years 1942 and 1941, 99.3 per cent of the levies has been collected. Of the \$6,833.58 land sales made for the year 1940, all but \$603.97 has been collected, Mr. Peel reported.

## County Young Man Home from Hospital

Suffering with trench foot, Pvt. Cecil W. Pierce recently returned from overseas and is now spending a 30-day leave in the county with his mother, Mrs. J. L. Pierce. Falling victim to trench foot, the young man was in an Army hospital in the European Theater from last November 25 until March when he returned home unexpectedly. He is now stationed at Camp Butler where he is undergoing further treatment.

Entering the service in February, 1943, the young man spent two months at Fort Bragg before he was transferred to Seattle, Washington, where he spent almost a year. After a stay at Camp Phillips, he reported to Fort Meade and went overseas a short time later. His father died while the young man was in foreign service.

Soon after his return home on leave he was married to Miss Mary Lee Gurganus, of Williamston. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fate Gurganus of Poplar Point, she is making her home with her parents for the duration.

## County Youths Recent War Casualties



Pvt. Dennis Mayo Harrison, left, died of wounds received on Luzon Island on March 30, his brother, Ernest Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, was notified yesterday. T/5 Jesse D. Heath, center, was slightly wounded in Germany on April 12, his wife, the former Miss Marjorie Jackson of Jamesville, was notified here recently. S/Sgt. Samuel Leo Andrews, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Andrews, RFD 1, Williamston, has been missing in action in Italy since April 15, his wife, the former Miss Irma Ruth Simons of Bethel, was notified here last Friday.



## Dennis Harrison Dies Of Wounds on Luzon

### TAX SALES

Approximately 195 delinquent county tax accounts will be advertised on Friday of this week for sale the first Monday in June by order of the board of commissioners. The delinquent accounts represent a total of about \$2,000, according to an estimate offered by Tax Collector M. L. Peel. The list is already one of the smallest in years.

In addition to the approximately \$2,000 due on real property, the collector points out that personal property owners still owe around \$5,500. He explained that the property will be levied upon from time to time, that virtually all the unpaid amount will be collected.

## Mrs. Carl Garrett Funeral Yesterday

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street here for Mrs. Carl Garrett who died at her home near here last Saturday at 4:00 p. m. Rev. John L. Goff conducted the last rites. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Mrs. Garrett had been in a Tarboro hospital for about five weeks for treatment and was returned to her home in a Biggs ambulance only last Thursday.

The former Miss Fay Belle Berryhill, she was born in Brooks County, Georgia, 37 years ago, the daughter of Mrs. Bettie Wingate Berryhill and the late T. A. Berryhill. She was married to Carl Garrett on December 27, 1925, and moved to this county about eight years ago. She was a devoted mother and was held in high esteem in her home and adopted communities.

Besides her mother and husband she is survived by four children, Murray, Johnnie, C. R. and Bettie Garrett, all of the home, and one sister, Mrs. Carson Jones, of Adel, Georgia.

## Jamesville Man Is Named Sanitarian

Andrew Holliday, Jr., young Jamesville man, has been named sanitarian for the Martin County Health Department, it was announced yesterday by Dr. John W. Williams, the department head.

Unable to enter the armed services, young Holliday is now receiving field training. He is spending a week in Wilson County and will go to Fayetteville from there. Completing his work there he will go to Raleigh where he will spend several days before reporting for active duty in this county the early part of June.

## Receive Two Fire Calls In Past Few Days Here

Volunteer firemen received two calls here during the past few days. Men sleeping in the boiler room at the basket factory left some bagging on top of the boilers and it caught fire last Friday noon. Firemen were called but just as they were moving out the factory management phoned and advised that the fire was out.

Yesterday morning about 7:30 o'clock, a portable oil stove went out of control in the Geo. T. Purvis home on Warren Street. There was only minor damage.

## County Young Man Is Fatally Wounded In Action March 30

### Was Forty-fifth County Man To Make the Supreme Sacrifice in War

Pvt. Dennis Mayo Harrison, Martin County young man, died on Luzon island in the Philippines on March 30, 1945, of wounds received in action the same day, his brother, Ernest Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, was advised by the War Department yesterday afternoon. No details were offered in the message. Relatives, two weeks ago today, received a message from the War Department stating that the young man had been seriously wounded.

Entering the service on August 28, 1942, the young man trained in various camps in the South before leaving for the West Coast and a short time later for Australia. After a few weeks spent in Australia, Pvt. Harrison was transferred to New Guinea where he saw much action over a period of nearly twelve months, and then moved on to the Philippines to engage in the fight there.

In a letter written just a short time before he fell fatally wounded he told his sister that he was getting along all right and asked her not to worry about him. He expressed an earnest desire in that last letter to return home.

The son of the late Redmond and Mattie Roberson Harrison, he was born in Bear Grass Township on October 7, 1919. He attended the schools in Bear Grass, but when the boy was quite young his father died and he started working on his own to contribute his share to the family income. His mother died just a short time before he entered the service.

The young man was an industrious and faithful worker and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He farmed most of his life, but shortly before he was to enter the service in August, 1942, the young man worked in the navy yard at Norfolk, leaving that post of duty to answer his country's call.

He is survived by three brothers, Gussie, Ernest and Reuben Harrison; a sister, Mrs. Buddie Rogers, all of Bear Grass, and a half-sister, Mr. J. Frank Weaver, of Williamston.

Pvt. Harrison was the forty-fifth Martin County man to lay down his life.

## County Men Drawn For Jury Service

Eighteen Martin County citizens were drawn this week by the county commissioners to serve as jurors during the one-week term of the superior court convening next month.

The names follow: Griffins Township: Noah Rhodes Harrison.

Williamston Township: D. L. Sessoms, J. D. Bowen, W. H. Carstarphen, W. G. Peel, C. D. Pittman, K. B. Crawford, Dillon Cobb and S. A. Perry.

Cross Roads Township: George Keel, Ollie Keel, James Hyman Clark.

Robersonville Township: Jasper Everett, O. G. Woolard, B. A. Rodgers.

Hamilton Township: L. D. Roebuck.

Goose Nest Township: Hugh B. Bennett.

### KILLED IN ACTION



Pfc. Joshua Mariner, son of Gus and Mittie Mariner, RFD 1, Jamesville, was killed in Italy on April 5. He was the first Martin County colored man to die in active combat in the European War.

## Gunner Gets Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—With a distinguished combat career of over 35 missions to his credit, Staff Sergeant Robert T. Hardison, 24-year-old Jamesville North Carolina, tail gunner on an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" during bombing attacks on Nazi military and industrial installations and in cooperation with Allied ground forces.

He is the son of Mrs. Sarah L. Hardison, of RFD 1, Jamesville, N. C. A former student of Jamesville High School, he was employed as a welder before entering the Army Air Forces in July, 1943. He received his gunnery training and wings at Tyndall Field, Florida, in February, 1944.

The gunner is a member of the 94th Bomb Group which was cited by the President for its historic bombing of the Muhlhenbau aircraft assembly plant at Brunswick, Germany. This group also participated in the Third Air Division mission to Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft assembly plants at Regensburg, Germany in August, 1943, for which the entire division was awarded a Presidential citation.

## County Young Man Has Good Rest In England

After participating in 25 hot missions, S/Sgt. Can R. Taylor, nephew of Mr. V. G. Taylor, of Everetts, enjoyed a good rest from aerial warfare at an Air Service Command Rest Center in an English seaside resort hotel a short time before the Germans surrendered.

### ROUND-UP

Local and county officers arrested and jailed five persons in their week-end crime round-up. A stolen bicycle was recovered, the Marine private, said to have been intoxicated, maintaining that he had only borrowed the bike for a ride to Jamesville to see his girl. He was released.

Three of the five persons arrested and jailed were white, and the ages of the five ranged from 20 to 48 years. One was booked for speeding, one was detained for an alleged assault, two were jailed for public drunkenness and one was held for drunken driving.

## 'Victory in Europe' Program Is Being Planned for Today

### Business Houses Have Agreed To Suspend Activities For Stated Period

The expected announcement by President Harry S. Truman proclaiming victory in Europe will be followed by church and prayer services throughout the county, according to reports of pre-arranged schedules received here. No big celebration is planned, and it is believed that church services, scheduled for thirty minutes after the proclamation is heard, will be largely attended.

According to pre-arranged plans for the observance of the German surrender, the local fire siren will be sounded and church bells will ring. Two long blasts on the fire siren will be heard. Local merchants and other businesses have agreed to suspend activities for the remainder of the day, but heavy industry supporting the war effort is being asked to continue operations with the possible exception of a few minutes spent in giving humble thanks for victory in Europe and prayer for peace in the Pacific.

The service of thanksgiving and prayers for peace in the Pacific will be held in the Memorial Baptist Church. Rev. John L. Goff will be in charge of the service and Dr. W. R. Burrell will deliver the message. Should the crowd overflow the Baptist Church, a service will be held in the Christian Church where Rev. Jos. Huske will be in charge and where Rev. B. T. Hurley will deliver the message.

A special program for the religious service, planned by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, will be followed, and the meeting will last hardly more than half or three-quarters of an hour.

Liquor sales increased soon after the first unofficial news of the surrender was received, but activities and life in general moved on in about the same vein with the population anxiously awaiting the official proclamation.

## First of the 103rd To Cross the Rhine

Pfc. Simon C. Griffin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Claude Griffin of Williamston, was one of the first men in the 103rd Division to cross the Rhine, according to a public relations report received a few days ago from Seventh Army headquarters.

The report stated that nine soldiers, including the local young man, paddled a 14-man assault boat across the Rhine on a midnight reconnaissance patrol to become the first members of the Cactus Division to cross that famous waterway.

"The patrol started out in darkness but midway across the stream the moon came out to see what was going on. The patrol checked the east side of the Rhine for enemy occupation, since other Americans were driving the Germans north and clearing the entire east side of the river."

Pvt. Griffin, who points out in his letters that he is getting along all right and having a "wonderful" time, is in the 410th Infantry Regiment's Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon.

## County Native Now Business Executive

N. C. Hines, a native of Martin County has made a name for himself in the nation's capital, according to recent reports reaching here. As executive director of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Washington, Mr. Hines is making a series of addresses in the states of Washington, Oregon, California and Texas. At Seattle and Portland, Oregon, he is speaking to Negro groups on housing for Negroes. "At all points he will explore the present and future course for public housing versus private housing," it was announced.

Mr. Hines who went to Washington from Raleigh where he was prominently connected as a realtor-builder, was instrumental in getting the Post Office Department and the railroad company to change the name of Goose Nest-Conoho to Oak City.

## Revenue Collector Opens Office In the Courthouse

John D. Lilley, deputy collector for the United States Internal Revenue Department, will be in the office of the State Department of Revenue, opposite the offices of the State Highway Patrol, in the Martin County courthouse each Saturday from 9 o'clock a. m. until 5 o'clock p. m.

## Bond Quotas Assigned To Districts In County

### KILLED IN GERMANY



Pvt. Grady Burroughs Hardy was killed in Germany on April 20, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hardy, RFD 2, Williamston, were advised last week. Besides his parents he is survived by a daughter, little Miss Julia Dail Hardy, one sister, and three brothers all of whom are in the service.

## Forty-eight Tires Allotted By Board

Forty-eight tires—46 for cars and two for trucks—were allotted last Friday night by the War Price and Rationing Board to Martin County vehicle owners and operators.

Grade I tires were issued to the following:

Arthur Johnson, George James, J. D. Knox, L. B. Roebuck, C. G. Gurkin, Lindsley Ice Co., W. S. Bailey, Coy J. Roberson, Pleny Peel, Claude Andrews, Ernest D. Edmondson, Harrison Oil Co., John Gray Corey, Z. S. Cowin, Joe Savage, R. G. Harrison, Allen Griffin, H. P. Fleming, Herman Harrison, Ernest L. Owens, R. L. Perry, Charlie G. Forbes, L. D. Roebuck, James Thomas Moore, Z. D. F. White, J. F. Matthews, E. G. Wynne, R. M. Quinn, Arlen Yarrell, C. X. James, Fletcher G. Thomas, Herbert Moore, J. H. Coburn, H. O. Gurganus, J. H. Melton, R. R. Carson, Elbert Peel, K. R. Cullipher, J. J. Bennett, L. K. Roberson, Mrs. J. F. Wynne, Martin-Elliott.

Two truck tires were issued to the American Fork and Hoe Co.

## Few Tots Attending Pre-School Clinics

Few children are attending the pre-school clinics now underway in this county, Health Officer J. W. Williams said yesterday. With one exception, the number has dwindled considerably, and no valid explanation can be had for the decrease.

Jamesville reported 24 at its clinic, or about six below the number last year. Farm Life dropped from 16 to 6, and Williamston had only 44 as compared with 80 a year ago. Bear Grass, with 24, reported an increase over the pre-school group of a year ago.

Other clinics are being held in the county this week.

Commenting on the clinics, Dr. Williams said that he found most of the children in good health. Possibly half of them examined so far have had their tonsils removed. The children are being vaccinated against smallpox and diphtheria. Whooping cough immunization, now required by law, will be offered at the clinics in various parts of the county or at the health department office in Williamston each Saturday morning.

## Husband Of County Girl Advanced In The Navy

Billy Mahey Bullock, husband of the former Miss Doris Teel of Williamston, was recently promoted to the rank of seaman first class at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Seaman and Mrs. Bullock have a daughter, Mary Rose, six years old.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bullock of Robinson, N. C., and was employed by the North Carolina Highway Commission before entering the service. He attended Stokes High School.

## County Young Man Is Promoted To Sergeant

Ollis Lilley, Martin County young man, was recently promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Marines. Sgt. Lilley served for some time in the Pacific theater with a unit of the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing under the command of Marine Major General Louis E. Woods.

A son of Arthur E. Lilley, the staff sergeant recently visited in the county.

## Seventh War Loan Drive To Open on Monday, May 14th

### Martin Citizens Urgently Asked to Invest \$745,000 in Bonds by June 30th

Meeting in the offices of the Branch Banking and Trust Company here last Friday evening about a dozen citizens, most of whom have given willingly of their time and means in support of the war effort, discussed plans for launching and pushing to a successful conclusion the Seventh War Bond Drive in this county.

Bond rallies will be held in some districts, but the plans will be formulated and announced by the local chairmen, but for the county, as a whole, the people are expected to answer a general but pressing appeal to give the campaign every possible support. A bond show is being planned for Williamston during the early part of the drive, and bond auctions will be held in other districts. The appeal will be stressed in the schools, and Mrs. R. H. Goodman, newly appointed chairman of the women's division is contacting various women's organizations, ministers and others reminding them that this county must not fail in meeting its solemn obligation.

During the sixth bond drive last November-December, this county was asked to invest \$700,000 in bonds. The challenge was met, and the final subscription approximately one million dollars. Of the \$745,000 the people of the county are asked to raise during the drive opening next Monday, \$371,000 is to be in "E" bonds. The "E" bond quota is \$126,000 larger than the goal for the last drive.

The district quotas were assigned as follows:

Jamesville: \$11,250 in "E" bonds and \$11,500 in negotiables, making a total of \$22,750.

Williams Township: \$7,300 in "E" bonds and \$7,500 in negotiables, a total of \$14,800.

Griffins Township: \$18,500 in "E" bonds and \$18,500 in negotiables, a combined total of \$37,000.

Bear Grass Township: \$13,000 in "E" bonds and \$13,200 in negotiables, an over-all total of \$26,200 for the district.

Williamston Township: \$157,500 in "E" bonds and \$159,000 negotiables, a total of \$316,500.

Cross Roads Township: \$11,300 in "E" bonds and \$11,300 negotiables, a total of \$22,600.

Robersonville Township: \$111,300 in "E" bonds and \$112,000 negotiables, a total of \$223,300.

Hamilton Township has been divided into two districts. The Hamilton area has an "E" bond quota of \$14,750 and a negotiable bond quota of \$15,250, a total of \$30,000. The Hassell area is asked to raise \$7,500 in "E" bonds and \$7,500 in negotiables, a total of \$15,000, or a grand total of \$45,750 for the entire township.

Poplar Point: \$7,300 in "E" bonds and \$7,000 negotiables, a total of \$14,300.

Goose Nest is being asked to raise \$11,300 in "E" bonds and \$11,300 in negotiables, a total of \$22,600.

Six of the ten county townships were represented at the meeting and Drive Chairman D. V. Clayton, Williamston banker, had contacted the other chairmen previously. The following were present: Chas. Davenport and C. C. Fleming of Jamesville; Paul Bailey of Cross Roads, Mayo Hardison of Poplar Point, D. R. Everett and B. L. Stokes of Robersonville, R. S. Johnson, Jr., and Clayton House of Hamilton, Mrs. R. H. Goodman of Williamston for the women's division, and D. V. Clayton, drive chairman, and Herman A. Bowen, general bond chairman for the county.

Martin County has raised every war bond quota to date.

## County Young Man Is Missing In Italy

S/Sgt. Samuel Leo Andrews, Martin County young man, has been missing in Italy since April 16, his wife, the former Miss Irma Ruth Simons of Bethel was notified last Friday noon at her home on North Smithwick Street here.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Luther Andrews, RFD 1, Williamston, Sgt. Andrews entered the service on September 4, 1943, and after receiving his training at Camp Blanding, Fla., went overseas on February 22, 1944. He was getting along very well, he said just a short time before he was missing in a letter to his wife and their small 16-months-old son, Samuel, Jr., who are making their home for the duration with Mr. and Mrs. Elton Andrews.

Two brothers are also in the service. Victory is at Fort Sumter, and Hewett who is in the Pacific with the Navy.