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County Authorities Hold An Uneventful Meeting On Monday

Commissioners Settle With the Tax Collector For The Tax Year Of 1944

Attended by all members, the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Martin County Commissioners was, at best, just another uneventful session. All duties were handled in perfect order, but there was little to make anything approaching a startling headline. But routine duties and petitions held the group in session until about 3 o'clock and the chairman, R. L. Perry, at his office until late afternoon.

Settlement for the 1944 tax books was accepted by the board, the collector, M. L. Peel, according to the audit, having collected all but \$3,766.09 of the \$194,798.18 taxes levied in 1944. The accounts will be turned back to the collector for further action.

The board accepted one-half the cost—\$200—of a projector machine for use in county farm and home agents' work. The other half is to be raised by the agents.

North Carolina's State Highway and Public Works Commission was asked to take over and maintain two roads. One runs from Front Street to the river wharf in Hamilton, distance of about one-quarter of a mile. Thirty-five petitioners appealed to the board for help in getting the Barnabas Road on the map. In support of the claim to have the commission take over and maintain the two and one-half miles of road leading off the old Everetts Road at Vernon church and running to the McCaskey Road, the petitioners said, in part: "This has been a bad situation of years standing, and we do humbly beg your help."

Tax relief orders were granted as follows: Mrs. Sallie Biggs, \$4.84 on property listed in error in Robersonville Township.

K. S. Bunting, \$2.75 listed in Goose Nest, the claimant being in the Army. Pete Hoggard, \$3.06, listed in Goose Nest, the claim coming as a result of the taxpayer's death.

Willie Thigpen, \$5.02 listed in Goose Nest, Thigpen having died. Dallas Holliday, \$8.91 on property listed in error in Bear Grass.

Fabian Barnhill, \$14.89, listed in error in Cross Roads. Howard Hopkins, \$2 poll tax listed in Williams Township in error.

Lula Highsmith, 58 cents, listed in error in Robersonville.

Edison Moore, \$2, the Williams Township man being in the Army.

One of the features found among the numerous departmental reports was the one submitted by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne. According to the report, the county recorder's court turned into the county treasury during October \$2,760.95 in fines and costs. The Superior court accounted for \$56.70, and miscellaneous items amounted to \$217.25, making a total of \$3,034.90.

Series Of Vehicle Wrecks In County

Three motor vehicle accidents were reported on Martin County highways and streets yesterday, but none of them was serious, and no one was hurt, as far as it could be learned here.

Noah Daniel Frazier, driving an old Ford with improper brakes, crashed into a truck driven by Willie B. Carr at the Esso Filling Station, corner of Houghton and Main Streets, here yesterday noon. No estimate on the damage could be had, but it was said to be slight.

Driving his 1941 Ford sedan on a narrow and slippery road in Poplar Point Township, Thurman Nicholson skidded into a school bus driven by Hagan Hyman Smith. No one was hurt and damage to the car was estimated at \$50 by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident and who explained that the accident was unavoidable. Both vehicles were moving cautiously and slowly, but the road was too narrow to permit safe driving.

No great damage was done Monday morning when a State highway truck and a car driven by Floyd Whitfield crashed near Everetts. Few details of the accident there could be learned immediately.

County Young Man On His Way Home From Pacific

After spending twenty months overseas, first in North Africa, and more recently in India, China, and the Marianas Islands, Pfc. Gerald O. James, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. James, RFD 3, Williamston, landed in California last week-end and is now making the trip across the continent. A mechanic in the 20th Air Force, the young man made the trip from Guam in a B-29.

Married to the former Miss Mae Belch of Merry Hill, Pvt. James wears the Presidential Citation, Good Conduct Medal and five battle stars. He has been in the service 31 months.

Board Signs Contract For New \$13,000 Well

More Improvements Ordered by Officials Here Last Evening

Tobacco prices on the local market yesterday reached the highest peak of the season when an entire sale averaged \$48.52 per 100 pounds. Nothing like it has been heard before this season. It is true the offerings were light, but prices hit right in the "fifty" groove and the way they went.

Weeks ago it was believed the 1945 crop was about marketed, but it continues to move to local houses. Last Friday, the market here handled 111,902 pounds and 46,392 pounds yesterday, boosting the total to 11,049,124 pounds for the season up until today. Nearly five million dollars have been paid farmers by the local market this season.

No closing date has been mentioned for the market here, but the end can't be far away, tobaccoists believe.

Cross Roads Gives \$280.14 To United War Fund Drive

School Children Contribute A Total Of \$40.81 To The 1945 Fund

Cross Roads Township citizens contributed a total of \$280.14 to the 1945 United War Fund, the district falling short of its goal by \$169.86. The Everetts School children contributed \$40.81.

The Everetts School contributions by grades were:

1st Grade, Mrs. Roberson, \$3.14; 2nd Grade, Mrs. Bailey, \$5.00; 3rd Grade, Miss Taylor, \$6.75; 4th Grade, Mrs. Ayers, \$5.50; 5th Grade, Mrs. Beatrice James, \$5.00; 6th Grade, Mrs. Miriam James, 9.42; and 7th Grade, Mrs. Taylor, 6.00.

Solicitor Oscar Ayers reported: John D. Mobley, \$1; Mrs. Pete Wynn, \$1.50; Pete Wynn, \$1; J. B. Biggs, \$1; Mrs. Lester Bryant, \$1; Henry D. Peelle, \$5; Lucy Mobley, \$1; Mrs. Alonza Revels, \$1; Tobie Bowen, \$1; Bryant Wynn, \$1; J. D. Bullock, \$1; Arthur Ayers, \$1; R. L. Whitehurst, \$5; Oscar Ayers, \$3; D. W. Davis, \$1; Chester Taylor, \$1. Total, \$26.50.

The Cross Roads Colored School reported: Mrs. Amie Cabarus, \$1; Mrs. Willie Purvis, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Mizelle, 50c; Mary Carraway, 50c. Total, \$3.50.

Mrs. J. D. Peel reported contributions by: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hardy, \$4; Darrell Taylor, \$1; William N. Cherry, \$1; H. M. Ayers, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Coltrain, \$1; Hubert Clerk, \$1.50; J. H. Wynne, \$3; G. S. Bailey, \$1; Mrs. Berta Stalls, \$1; J. Dixon, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Taylor, \$40; Dalburgh Riddick, 25c; Mrs. G. W. Taylor, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ayers, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Stalls, \$1; Mrs. J. W. Peel, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bailey, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Keel, \$5. Total \$79.75.

Frank Bailey reported: Howard Taylor, \$1; Loman Beach, \$1; Willie Osborne, \$1; and Frank Bailey \$5.

Mrs. A. P. Barnhill reported: Boss Williams, \$1; Therman Wynne, 50c; Tom Godard, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bennett, \$2; Friend, \$1; Barnhill Supply Co., \$10; Jake Whitley, \$1; Harmon Rogerson, \$1; Prince Ayers, \$1; Ross Gurganus, \$2; Mrs. Johnnie Wynn, \$1; Mrs. Cecil Leggett, \$1; Martin Co. Bottling Co., \$25.

Mrs. Herbert Roebuck reported: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Roebuck, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Swift, \$3; Mrs. Burdette R. Wynne, \$1; Ely Rogers, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leggett, \$2; Solis Leggett, 25c; Verner Phelps, 25c; Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, 88c; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Ausborn, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Leggett, \$4; Joe Ball, \$1; Earl Mobley, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (Continued on page six)

Native Of County Dies In Virginia

Mrs. Cornelia Edmonds Springman, native of the Everetts community of this county, died in a Roanoke Virginia, hospital last Wednesday following an illness of about two months.

The daughter of the late Frank and Annie Edmonds, she was born in this county 43 years ago. When a young woman she moved to Norfolk and married Arthur Watson, later locating in Chicago where she was married to a Mr. Springman who survives. She is survived by two brothers, Frank and Robert Edmonds and a sister, Mrs. Pearl Whitfield, all of this county.

Funeral services were conducted in Roanoke last Friday and interment was in the cemetery there.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones attended the service from here.

Native Of Hamilton Makes Great Record In Last World War

General Frank Armstrong Leads Nonstop Flight From Japan Recently

Brig. Gen. Frank Armstrong, native of Hamilton, recently led a nonstop flight of four giant B-29's from Hokkaido, Japan, to Washington City. It was the first non-stop flight from Japan to the nation's capital. Three B-29s attempted the feat on September 19, but were forced down at Chicago after strong headwinds depleted their fuel supply.

The official flight time from the take-off last Thursday at 4:09 p. m. to landing was 27 hours and 29 minutes.

The flight was completely unheralded. The War Department did not announce that the planes were on the way until 5 o'clock. The flight was a surprise to the public. The planes were on the way until 5 o'clock. The flight was a surprise to the public. The planes were on the way until 5 o'clock.

The flight was commanded by General Armstrong in the lead plane. He said that the weather "we encountered was terrible."

The planes had to buck 45-knot headwinds all the way between Hokkaido and Attu Islands in the Aleutians, he said.

"We didn't know until we were well over Alaska whether or not we were going to be able to make it. However, we hit some fair weather, or at least knew what was ahead of us, and didn't have much trouble from there on."

He said that his plane had about 800 gallons of gasoline left in its tanks when it landed. That is enough for about three hours of flight.

The best speed attained was about 290 miles per hour. As he was talking to newspapermen, Armstrong repeatedly turned around to his attractive, blonde wife and hugged her.

Weather delayed start of the flight for five days, Armstrong said. (Continued on page six)

Congress Calls For Big Tax Reduction

The biggest tax reduction bill in history was passed by Congress recently and was sent to the White House for the President's signature.

The bill swept through the House on a wave of enthusiasm for the Andrew Mellon economics of the 1920's—with member after member recalling those famous days of normalcy when the taxes were reduced, and the budget was balanced.

No one pointed out that the Mellon era ended in the biggest economic crash in American history—a depression that lasted until the second World War.

Democrats and Republicans alike defended the proposal to cut taxes by almost \$6,000,000,000 by forecasting that it would encourage business and result in increased revenue.

Promises of another big tax cut within the next eight months came also from leaders of both parties, despite the big deficit still overhanging the treasury. Even reactionary Rep. Harold Knutson (R-Minn.) admitted, however, that corporations could not look for much of a cut in the next bill because of what they are getting in the present measure.

Knutson set the theme song of the debate by recalling how in the days of Mellon taxes were reduced three times and \$10,000,000,000 of the National debt was paid off. Other Republicans recalled that each tax cut in that period had resulted in increased revenue.

The only protest came from Rep. Clarence Cannon (D., Mo.), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. He called it "absurd" to cut taxes \$6,000,000,000 at the same time the Government was borrowing \$11,000,000,000 and characterized the measure as a "deficit spending" bill.

The 33 votes against the bill were chiefly cast by the House liberals who oppose the generous tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy.

Seventy-Four Tires Allotted By Board

Seventy-four tires were allotted by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday, nine for trucks and 65 for passenger cars.

Car tires were rationed to the following: Joseph Coburn, Jodie Peaks, J. Dawson Roberson, H. V. Jenkins, Robt. Edwards, Mammie Clyde Taylor, C. C. Fleming, T. S. Critcher, Mrs. L. A. Thompson, Mae O. Waters, L. Bruce Wynn, H. A. Sexton, Eva P. Jones, Clyde Roberson, R. H. Salsbury, J. R. Roberson, Dock Hollis, Hyman Clark, Roland B. Lilley, J. W. Garris, J. D. Knox, Jessie G. Pearsall, Raleigh P. Harrington, William E. Manning, A. S. Roberson, Sr., Aulgo Outterbridge, Jack Parkhurst, Dr. John W. Williams, W. J. Beach, L. R. Everette, G. W. Barrett, Mrs. Roy Edmondson, J. W. Taylor, Sr., Jule C. Wynn, Macon D. Barber, P. L. Rodgers, James Daniel, Earl M. Coburn, William Cross, J. A. Roberson, Tom Taylor, Thomas Griffin, Geo. Alonza Peel, K. S. Bunting, Raymond Lee, W. T. Ross, Will Whichard, W. L. Lasser, Larry Bassell, Ernest Jones, George P. Roberson, Jim Corey, F. B. Etheridge, Robert Andrews, F. A. Barrett, W. V. Ormond, Irving Taylor, R. J. Harrison, J. F. Matthews.

Truck tires were issued to the following: Lee Carson, Williamston Lumber Co., W. W. Griffin, Williamston Package Manufacturing Co., and Mildred Purvis.

Five persons were rounded up and jailed in the county over the week-end, but officers point out that three or four others were taken into custody and later released without being jailed. All were charged with being either drunk or disorderly. One of the five was white and the ages of the group ranged from 28 to 46 years.

Investigating a report that some one had been shot at Double Inn, the town's No. 1 trouble spot, officers learned that someone had been firing pop crackers. But while making their investigation, the officers were cursed and abused and two persons were jailed.

Negro School Children Have Liberal Givers To War Fund

While fairly large agricultural districts with their substantial citizens have failed to meet the appealing challenge, a few hundred Negro children, aided by a few teachers, recently came forward with \$200.25 for the United War Fund. And the drive there is not yet complete, according to Principal E. J. Hayes who filed the report late yesterday. While the report may not be the best in the county, it runs the one received from the little Dardens Community where the goal was exceeded early in the United War Fund Drive, a close second.

"Eager, happy, liberal, they were delighted to respond to the call to 'go farther,'" Principal Hayes said. The \$200.25 was raised, by grades, as follows: 1-C, \$5; 1-B, \$3.55; 1-A, \$8.05; 2nd, \$5.82; 3rd, \$8.46; 4th, \$11.71; 5th, \$12.55; 5-A, \$8.61; 6th, \$9.63; 7th, \$12.28; 8-B, \$10.20; 8-A, \$7.43; 9th, \$25.40; 10th, \$31.90; 11th, \$21.36.

While most of the teachers made their contributions along with the grades, two gave a total of \$12.11 outright. The amount raised represents about one-half the Williamston district quota for Negroes, Principal Hayes explained, adding that the quota for Negro citizens in five of the

ten county townships was \$1,000. County Chairman Clarence Griffin said yesterday that no other reports had reached him since last Friday, that some of the drive captains were out of town and it would be the latter part of the week before additional information on the drive could be had. According to the best information to be had, between \$6,500 and \$7,000 of the \$13,232.96 has been raised.

Martin County has never failed to meet a similar challenge, and it would be a noble gesture if all the people would step out and push the drive to a successful conclusion. Canvassers are again earnestly urged to carry the appeal to every nook and corner in their districts, and any one who is not contacted is urged to forward a donation either to the district chairman or to Clarence Griffin, chairman, Williamston.

The time for completing the drive is about. Remember, Martin County boys who will not be able to come home for Christmas, and don't forget hungry children by the tons of thousands are eagerly looking to a liberal quota for Negro citizens in five of the

Sixth Of Bond Quota Subscribed In County

Robersonville Leads With One-Third Of Its Quota In Hand

No Report Received From Four Districts In The County So Far

Opening last week, the Nation's Victory Loan quota had been about one-sixth subscribed in this county up until noon yesterday, according to a report released later in the day by Drive Chairman D. V. Clayton. Several of the districts had not reported at that time, but the chairman pointed out that the progress to date was encouraging and that he was still confident the goal would be reached and passed.

Up until noon yesterday, \$37,931.25—about one sixth of the \$243,000 "E" bond quota—had been subscribed. Negotiable bonds have not yet been placed on sale, but it is believed that there are more than enough potential and prospective buyers to absorb the \$301,000 negotiable bond quota.

A review of "E" bond sales follows, by districts:

Table with 3 columns: District, Quota, Sales. Includes Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, Williamston, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Poplar Point, Hamilton, Hassell, Goose Nest, and Totals.

Robersonville, meeting almost one-third of its \$73,000 quota in the first few days of the bond drive, is leading the county to date, according to the incomplete reports.

Commenting on the campaign, Drive Chairman D. V. Clayton stated that no reports had been filed so far by the district chairmen, that the purchases so far have been voluntary, that the drive should start their canvasses. However, he pointed out that it would be mighty fine if the general public would respond to the call without direct solicitation and carry the drive over the top in a big way. A few district canvassers have not yet called for their applications and material sent out by the United States Treasury Department for use in connection with this last bond drive made necessary by World War II.

It could not be learned officially, but it is understood that the number of purchases is rather limited, that while some of the smaller denomination issues are being sold, the bulk of the sales to date are traceable to purchasers of \$1,000 bonds or over.

The drive is scheduled to continue through December 8, but County Chairman H. A. Bowen and Drive Chairman Clayton are anxious to complete the task as soon as possible. A second report on the drive will be released the early part of next week, and it is likely that some of the districts in the county will have passed

The sale of negotiable bonds is scheduled to get underway the latter part of next week, it was explained.

MR. MARTIN'S CONDITION BELIEVED TO BE IMPROVED

Taken quite ill while in Norfolk Sunday, Mr. Walter T. Martin, local wholesaler, was believed to be improving in a Tarboro hospital today.

HAMILTON YOUNG MAN GETS PROMOTION IN THE ARMY

Harry S. Peel, Martin County young man, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was transferred from Italy to Manila and landed there the same day the Japs surrendered. The young man has returned overseas 23 months, and hopes to return home soon.

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The son of the late Harmon Thomas and Clementina Coltrain Roberson, he was born in Griffins Township on April 10, 1875, and spent his early life there. When a young man he was married to Mary Roberson of Griffins Township, and with the exception of a few years in Washington County he spent all his life in Martin, locating near Williamston about thirty or forty years ago. He was a progressive farmer, applying scientific methods to his work, and despite his advanced age he was unusually active up until the day he was taken fatally ill.

Mr. Roberson was a member of the church at Maple Grove in his old home community for many years, and was held in high esteem as a citizen and friend.

He is survived by four children, Leslie Roberson and Mrs. Ernest Cox of Williamston, Mrs. Al Latham of Plymouth and Mrs. Alton Keel of Plymouth, two sisters, Mrs. A. R. Corey and Mrs. Ephraim Peel, both of Griffins Township; two brothers, Messrs. H. T. Roberson, former sheriff, and Claudius Roberson, both of Williamston, and a half-brother, David Roberson of California. A brother, J. J. Roberson, died on the 10th of last month.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the family's West End home by Rev. John L. Goff, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Much Work For The United War Fund

One group of underprivileged Americans deserves especial sympathy just now. We refer to the thousands of loyal men and women who have been and are persuading their neighbors to contribute to the National War Fund. Here it is three months after V-J Day, and they are still asking for money—\$115,000,000 over the whole United States. The people who have taken on the job of proving that this isn't paying for a dead horse deserve the Salsmanship Medal for 1945 with palms. The fund, of course, includes scores of local charities ordinarily grouped in Community Chests as well as relief for the stricken peoples of Europe and Asia. But the war agencies might look to some people a little out of date.

Anyway, that is how they might look to a man or woman who hasn't been getting letters from Germany recently, or from any base in the Pacific, or from a military or naval hospital, or a separation center in the United States. For the parents and sweethearts with relatives who are still corresponding with American boys in distant places, the United War Fund doesn't seem out of date merely because we at home are tired of thinking about the war. These people hear from the occupied countries and from all the places where American servicemen are concentrated that there isn't much to relieve the boredom and the homesickness—now that the excitement and the industry of war have disappeared—except what happens at the USO. It's our job to stand by our men in uniform, not just until people get tired of war in the newsreels but until the millions who are still on guard get home.

A contribution to the National War Fund through the hundreds of local funds, will help boost the morale of some lonely boy still stuck in Burma, or Manila, or Mare Island, or Valley Forge Hospital. In the same check is included support for many essential social services in your own community. Giving will also make you feel a little more comfortable, too, as you hop into the car and take off to the football game.

No One Hurt In Auto Accident Here Saturday

No one was injured but considerable property damage resulted when a Ford driven by Lester Speller, RFD 1, Windsor, crashed into the rear of Prince Purdy's car on East Main Street here last Saturday night about 10 o'clock. Investigating the accident, local officers estimated the damage to the Speller car at about \$100 and none to the other machine.

Speller, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, was temporarily detained.

The Chevrolet, owned and operated as a taxi by Fenney Respaw, was sidwashed the same night on Washington Street, but not badly damaged.

Eighteen Marriage Licenses Issued In County In October

Eighteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the issuance being about a normal figure for October over a period of ten years.

Licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger to five white and thirteen colored couples, as follows:

White: Henry Abram Gray, RFD 1 Stokes, and Elinor Glynn James, of Parmele. James Warren Jones, RFD 2, Williamston, and Ella Estelle Mobley, RFD 1, Jamesville.

John G. Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston, and Dorothy Jones, of Williamston. Wiley T. Crawford, of New Bern, and Edna P. Elliott, of Columbia, Tennessee.

Colored: Andrew Andrews, RFD 1, Robersonville, and Hattie Little, Williamston. Pete M. Williams and Callie Reddick, both of RFD 2, Williamston. Ben Evans and Christine Daniel, both of Williamston.

John E. Jones, RFD 1, Hobgood, and Lizzie A. Mooring, of Hobgood. George Taylor and Nellie Harrington, both of Robersonville. Ralph Mason and Nossie Lee Jones, both of Williamston. Arguster Jones, of Oak City, and Helen Williams, of Palmyra.

W. A. Lynch and Willie Watts, both of Williamston. Hugh Morris Lacy and Zellie Mae Little, both of Williamston. T. F. Dawson and Roxie J. Flowers, both of Palmyra.

Rual J. Williams, of Hobgood, and Viola Bryant, of Palmyra. Arthur Brown and Modemia Williams, both of Williamston. Samuel Webster Joyner and Carrie Norfleet, both of Windsor.

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