

Forty-Nine Youth Registered For Draft During Past Month

List Includes Several Veterans Who Had Followed War From Beginning to End

Forty-nine Martin County young men registered under the Selective Service Act during October. The registration was among the largest reported for any month in some time in this county.

Several of the registrants were veterans, some of whom had followed the war from beginning to end. Several of those registering during the period have already been called for pre-induction examinations.

The names of the October registrants and their addresses follow: Leslie Thurston Fowden, w. Williamston.

Howard Russell Taylor, w. Robersonville.

Thad Leach Hodges, w. RFD 2, Williamston.

Junior Manning, w. Parmele.

Peter Alonza P. Godard, col, Washington.

Curtis Wilmer Hopkins, w. RFD 3, Williamston.

Edward Eason Matthews, w. RFD 3, Williamston.

Ellis Gray Keel, w. RFD 3, Williamston.

Frederic Carson Wagstaff, w. Robersonville.

Raymond Matthew Pope, w. Williamston.

Ben Biggs, Jr., col, Norfolk.

Ernest Lee Bryant, col, Oak City.

John Lindwood Cherry, w. Williamston.

David Clifton Roberson, w. RFD 3, Williamston.

Dannie Randolph Roberson, w. RFD 2, Williamston.

Stephen Everett Harris, w. RFD 1, Bethel.

Howard J. Simpson, w. RFD 2, Robersonville.

Woodrow Wilson Respass, w. Oak City.

Lorey Hiram White, w. RFD 3, Williamston.

Willie Warren Mizelle, w. RFD 1, Williamston.

Darwin Lafayette Coburn, w. Robersonville.

Henry Clayton Bullock, col, RFD 3, Williamston.

Ernest Charles Mooring, Jr., col, RFD 2, Robersonville.

James Hudgins, col, RFD 3, Williamston.

Samuel Morris Beechman, w. RFD 3, Williamston.

William Henry Harrell, Jr., w. RFD 1, Hobgood.

Archie Lee Revels, w. RFD 1, Williamston.

Willie Edward Burns, col, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Charlie Limon Fulford, w. RFD 3, Williamston.

Simon Lilley, Jr., w. RFD 1, Williamston.

Elijah Williams, col, RFD 1, Oak City.

Alton Dean Andrews, w. RFD 2, Robersonville.

Vanderbilt Meeks, col, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Ernest Daniel, Jr., col, RFD 3, Williamston.

Joseph L. Noah Godard, col, RFD 1, Williamston.

Howard Chesson Bowen, w. RFD 2, Williamston.

Jesse Reuben Brown, w. RFD 3, Williamston.

John Wesley James, col, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Dallas Hopkins, w. RFD 3, Williamston.

Joseph Ray Leary, w. RFD 2, Williamston.

James Edward Whitaker, w. RFD 3, Williamston.

J. Wilson Wiggins, w. RFD 1, Williamston.

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Robbers Enter Two Places Of Business

Breaking through windows, robbers entered the office of the Williamston Parts and Metal Company and the store of William Rogers on West Main Street some time during late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

W. K. Parker, owner and operator of the company, lost a few dollars, and Rogers told officers that approximately \$25 was taken in cash from his cash drawer.

No lead in the robberies has been established, Chief Chas. R. Mobley said yesterday.

Former Local Young Man Returns From Europe

After spending more than a year in the European Theater of Operations, Carlton Phelps recently returned to the States and is now spending a 56-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Phelps, in Roper.

Local Tobacco Market Closes Successful Season This Week

With sales dropping to only a few thousand pounds daily, the Williamston Tobacco Market will close the 1945 season on Thursday, November 15, it was announced this week by a representative of the board of trade.

The closing, it was pointed out, will enable tobacco buyers and several of the market employes to reach their homes in distant states in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, and it is believed that few or no patrons will be inconvenienced.

Several markets in the belt closed last week and quite a few others are suspending activities for the season this week.

A few of the larger markets will continue open for a few more days.

Up until this morning the Williamston market had sold 11,195,390 pounds. The figures include resales, but even then it is understood that the market has set a poundage record, and old-timers can't recall a period when nearly five million dol-

lars were paid to growers in a single season. Prices on the market here have averaged well over \$44.00 per hundred pounds, and the grower income was fairly uniform. Prices have been maintained from the beginning of the season up to the present with little variation.

The season possibly has been the most successful in the history of the market.

More local farmers have patronized the market this season than in years, and new patrons have been added to the list from surrounding territory, some from quite a distance.

The East Carolina Bright Belt through last Friday had sold 392,181,449 pounds at an average of \$43.85 per hundred pounds. It is now believed that sales for the season in the belt will pass the 400 million mark by a small margin. Sales of scrap are expected to continue here for some time, but most farmers tied up and sold theirs.

Young Woman Badly Hurt In Car Wreck Yesterday Morning

Rosalie Whichard, Robersonville young woman, was critically hurt and Lt. Theodore Zorila, was slightly injured in an automobile accident about two miles west of Robersonville on U. S. Highway 64 at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning.

After receiving first aid treatment at the Ward Clinic, Miss Whichard was removed to a Rocky Mount hospital. Reports stated that her skull was fractured, that she apparently suffered internal injuries and that she was bleeding badly at the mouth and ears.

She had not regained consciousness, according to the latest information received here.

Slightly cut on the head and suffering from shock, Lt. Zorila was treated in the Ward Clinic and was later removed to the county jail. He was formally charged with drunken and reckless driving, Cpl. W. S. Hunt, investigating the accident, explaining that bond was being denied pending the outcome of Miss Whichard's condition.

Just recently returned from overseas where he was in the air force, Lt. Zorila came to the county last week-end to visit friends. He and Miss Whichard visited in several towns and late Sunday night, Cecil E. Williams talked with Zorila in Bethel. It was declared that Zorila was drinking at the time.

Williams continued to Rocky Mount to take one to catch the train. Returning about two hours later, he saw the couple parked in their car, a Nash convertible coupe, in the middle of the highway between Bethel and Parmele. Williams said he called them, and Zorila started the car and drove east. A few minutes later, Williams found the wreck.

Cpl. Hunt stated that the car, apparently speeding, ran off the road on the left side just before entering the Roberson curve and traveled about 65 yards with all four wheels on the dirt. The machine then struck the concrete and skidded about thirty yards diagonally down the highway before it ran off the right side of the road and turned over and skidded a distance of about fifty yards before coming to a stop on its wheels and facing toward Bethel.

Damage to the car will exceed \$500, it was estimated by Cpl. Hunt of the Highway Patrol.

About 8 o'clock on the evening before, someone turned over the 1935 Chevrolet sedan belonging to Curtis Smith, county colored man. Driving on the road between Gold Point and Hassell, the driver apparently lost control and the car went into the ditch. After traveling about 35 yards in the ditch, it broke into the road and came to a stop, blocking traffic there for about two hours. The wreck was deserted, but other travelers reported it to the patrol who cleared it up. Damage to the machine will approximate \$100, Cpl. W. S. Hunt of the Highway Patrol, said.

Smith was later identified as the driver of the car, and he was formally charged with reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Man's Car Fired Upon Here Early Last Sunday Evening

No one was hit but the marks of two loads of gun shot were left on his car early last Sunday evening when Nathan Reed, Poplar Point colored tenant farmer, was fired upon while turning his machine around on Washington Street near the peanut center.

Reed was questioned by local and county officers, but he declared that he had no idea who shot him or who would want to harm him.

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His suffering in recent weeks was intense, but he bore his affliction with great fortitude, his patience and humbleness impressing those who visited him during his last days. Three months ago he attended services at Skewarkey where his family had worshipped down through the years. He remarked at the time that it would likely be his last visit to the church and with old friends in the community. Mr. Taylor was a member at Skewarkey for a number of years.

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The son of the late John Thomas Beach and wife, Nancy Wynne Beach, he was born in Cross Roads Township 67 years ago. He joined the church at Cross Roads nearly half a century ago and attended services regularly and was a loyal supporter. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and was devoted to his family and friends.

In early life he and she married to Miss Ludie Clark and she survives with two sons, Wheeler Beach of the home, and Therman Beach, who was recently stationed in the Army in Iowa following service overseas; seven daughters, Mrs. John Mobley of Cross Roads, Mrs. Nunnie Haislip and Mrs. Lewis Wynne, both of Everetts, Mrs. Robert Mobley and Mrs. Llewellyn Barber, both of Jamesville, Mrs. Elix Page and Mrs. J. B. Warren, both of Norfolk, nineteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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Ask Voluntary Donations for United War Fund in County

Short of the goal by approximately \$6,000, Martin County citizens are being earnestly urged to extend voluntary contributions to the United War Fund during the next ten days. No other appeals will be made after that date even if the challenge remains unanswered. The windup of the drive will center on a Thanksgiving day offering in various religious meetings, it was announced following the receipt of a special letter from Governor R. Gregg Cherry, the campaign's honorary chairman.

No complete report on the drive is to be had in this county, but favorable reports are said to have been received from several communities. There is good reason to believe that the colored citizens in the county will reach and pass their \$1,000 goal, while several other districts are still working to better their showings.

Governor Cherry in his special Thanksgiving message said: "On November 22 we richly blessed North Carolinians will give thanks for God's great generosity to us through the past year. Let us give more than thanks. Let us make it possible for others to give thanks through unselfish gifts to the United War Fund."

The response of our people will feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide shelter for the homeless—many millions of them around the world—if we remember our debt to them and express our thankfulness in deeds, not words.

"If your United War Fund gift does not fully measure your sacrificial gratitude, I urge you voluntarily to increase it. If your gift has not been made, please make it quickly, generously, thankfully."

In quite a few instances, canvassers in this county were unable to reach every county. Those who were not contacted are prayerfully asked to give or send their contributions to one of the following chairmen: Mrs. J. C. Kirkman, Jamesville; Mrs. R. J. Harrison, Williams; Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, Griffins; Mrs. Pete Mendenhall, Bear Creek; J. C. Manning or Bill Spivey, Williamston; Mrs. L. H. Taylor, Poplar Point, Henry Johnson, Hamilton, John W. Eubanks, Hassell; Mrs. E. E. Pittman, Goose Nest; Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Cross Roads; Mayo Little, Robersonville, or Clarence W. Griffin, county chairman, Williamston.

Peanut Harvesting Progressing Very Slowly In County

The marketing of peanuts, ordinarily under way on a tremendous scale at this season of the year, is progressing very slowly at the present time. Reports state that the pickers are handling the crop about as rapidly as it can be made ready for market. Unfavorable weather and the condition of the crop have materially delayed harvesting activities on the farms, and no exceptionally large movement of the goobers is expected until better weather prevails. It was pointed out that the stems are mighty soft, that the pickers choke up with the soft hay and large clods of dirt.

Farmers are experiencing much difficulty in getting picker operators to contract the harvest jobs, and prices have soared, reports declare. Some picker operators are charging 75 cents per bag for picking and 15 cents a bale for baling hay, the sale price for hay hanging from 30 cents up on the open market. In some instances, the picker operators are said to have refused to contract on a bag basis and are charging so much per hour for their pickers and balers. The price ranges on this basis from \$4 to \$6 an hour, depending on the number of workers the picker owner furnishes. Even then, some of the operators point out, there is little money to be made in the work this year. "We are threshing and baling hay and picking peanuts on the side," one operator declared.

Last year it was the rule for a farmer to harvest more bags of peanuts than bales of hay. This year, most farmers are harvesting two bales of hay for every bag of peanuts, and the ratio runs as high as four to one in some cases, it was learned.

It is predicted that many peanuts will not be picked before February and March next year, and that some will never be harvested for the market. Quite a few crops were never dug, the farmer finding it more profitable to leave the goobers in the ground for the hogs.

Keen competition continues in the market here, and prices are holding to top market figures. Improper grading has been reported in some sections, but as far as it could be learned no individual cases have been cited publicly. During the meantime, there has been no discernible variation in prices offered locally.

The consumer market demand continues unusually strong and cleaners are shipping the processed peas to manufacturers without storing for more than a few hours.

Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Modlin in Jamesville several weeks ago, Seaman Elmer Modlin, Jr., described an exciting trip to Nagasaki and told of the great damage done there by bombers and the atomic bomb.

"After staying in Okinawa about two weeks we moved out and are now at Nagasaki, Japan. We had planned to make the trip in 28 hours, but due to mines which had not been cleared from the waters it took us fifty hours. We blew up six mines on the way. It was an exciting trip. The ships in front of us would search for the mines and each find was blown up. During the meantime we would sit there in the middle of the ocean with a storm beating down on us, waiting to move up and stop again."

"When we got to Nagasaki everyone was out to see the strange and once-read about place. There were sunken and wrecked ships in the harbor and the houses which had been bombed by B-29s. The most exciting part was a review of the damage done by the atomic bomb. There were no glass panes left, and the building roofs were wrecked, the second floor having been pushed through the top by the tremendous pressure. The atomic bomb was really powerful."

"Today, in fact, this very minute, a formal surrender of Nagasaki is being signed on the dock right beside our ship. It is something I will remember the rest of my life. There are Japanese generals of every sort present along with other big men, and the Navy photographers are filming everything."

"Boo" Corey Likes His County Paper

Writing from Texas, Pvt. C. C. "Boo" Corey says he is enjoying his county paper. "I have been getting The Enterprise most of the six months I have been in service, and it is a great morale builder. You don't know how good it is to get the paper, and a person in Texas surely needs a morale builder. At times when the paper is a bit late I blame it on the Pony Express as anything can happen down here in the Panhandle."

The young Jamesville man went on to say that he was working in the physical training department and is playing basketball. "We have a very good team but I am sure we could get one out of Martin County that would be lots better," he said, extending wishes to all the basketball players and fans back home for a great season.

Corey was a valuable man on the court and will be missed this season.

Infant Dies At Home Of Grandmother Here Friday

Brenda Faye, eight-days-old daughter of J. T. and Ella Mae Parker Bland, died at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. T. Bland Sr., here on North Smithwick Street last Friday morning at 2 o'clock of pneumonia.

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Farm Bureau Group Receives Report On Meeting In Raleigh

In a meeting marking the close of the annual membership campaign, Farm Bureau officers and committee members last Friday night received a report on a conference of the State organization held in Raleigh a short time ago. The meeting was held here in the Woman's Club hall.

Messrs. J. Robert Everett, J. Marion Griffin, J. L. Knowles and Chas. L. Daniel were chosen to represent the county organization at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation to be held in Chicago beginning on December 17.

The county Farm Bureau will hold the annual election of officers at a meeting in the courthouse on Friday, December 7, and a general invitation is being extended the entire membership to attend and participate in the election. A program for the meeting has not been announced.

Reviewing the work of the Raleigh conference, President Chas. L. Daniel declared that it was one of the best he had ever attended, that the organization was keeping in close touch with activities on the agricultural front. The president was fairly optimistic over the outlook for agriculture in 1946.

In addition to a discussion of specific