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Schedule Meetings To Nominate AAA Officials In County

Nominating Conventions Next Monday and Tuesday Will Be Followed by Election

In a series of meetings scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday nights, Martin farmers will nominate their candidates for various positions in the Triple A administration program in this county, it was announced this week by the office of the county agent.

The first in the series of nominating conventions will be held next Monday night at 7 o'clock, as follows: Bear Grass, school house; Hamilton, Hassell school; Robersonville, high school; Williams, county house; Williamston and Poplar Point, courthouse. On Tuesday night at the same hour, meetings will be held in the Everetts school for Cross Roads, Oak City school for Goose Nest, Farm Life school for Griffins, and in the school house at Jamesville.

It is understood that nearly every farmer in the county is eligible to attend and participate in the convention in his district. Following the nominating conventions next Monday and Tuesday, an election will be held or Friday, November 30. The names of the convention nominees will be announced as soon as possible after the first scheduled meetings.

The farmers are slated to nominate men of their choice for posts on the Triple A community committees, including chairman, vice chairman and regular member, and two alternates. They will also nominate men as a delegate and alternate to the county convention which will be held later for the election of the county committee.

Attention is now centering on the nominating conventions which will be held next Monday and Tuesday nights. The farmers will be at liberty to offer as many nominations as they like. No vote will be taken at that time, however. The names of the nominees will be placed on a ballot and placed before the farmers in their respective districts during an all-day election the following Friday, November 30, it was explained.

With many reconversion problems ahead, the AAA committees will have heavy responsibilities next year. They will be handling details of Government programs and also voicing the opinions of local farmers on recommendations for new or improved programs.

The procedure to be followed in nominating and electing the local community committees for the new year has been revamped. Instead of nominating a slate and voting for the slate then and there, the conventions next Monday and Tuesday nights will merely nominate the number of men to fill or more than fill the positions. The names of the nominees will then be printed on a ballot and placed before the farmers in an election resembling the old political affair.

The nominating conventions have been conveniently scheduled and farmers interested in the future of their Triple A program are invited to attend and participate in the voting.

Cross Roads Adds To The War Fund

Contributing an additional sum of \$90.50, citizens of Cross Roads boosted the total United War Fund in that district to \$300.50, the township chairman, Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, announced last week-end. The drive there stands \$149.50 short of the district goal.

Several other districts are reporting additional contributions, quite an effort to push the county toward its last and final United War Fund goal. Contributions not previously reported in Cross Roads follows:

Ernest Beach, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Will Crawford, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Clark, \$5; Mrs. James Stalls, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Mack James, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Mack James, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bailey, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bullock, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jackson, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bailey, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Forbes, \$2; and Buck Bailey, \$1.

Ship Under Attack For Sixteen Days

It was a hot time during the last days of the Pacific fight for I. T. (j.g.) Bernard T. Hurley, Jr., local young man, and the other members of the crew of the fleet cargo vessel, "Cassiopeia," according to information just released by the Navy's Public Relations office.

After serving five months on a subchaser based at Funa Futi, the young man was transferred to the "Cassiopeia" which took part in the consolidation of the North Solomon Islands and the battle of Leyte Gulf. "During the last engagement his ship was under constant enemy air attack for sixteen days and shot down seven Jap planes," the report said.

Hurley served as gunnery officer, communications officer, navigation and executive officer on the ship.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

The President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina have issued their proclamations designating Thursday, November 22nd, 1945, as Thanksgiving Day.

We should approach this day with more than usual gratitude.

This is the first Thanksgiving we will observe in 4 years when grim visaged war has smoothed his wrinkled front and the Nations of the earth are once again walking in the paths of peace, and let us hope and pray that we are approaching that day which philosophers had hoped for, poets have seen in their bright dreams of fancy and the prophets of old saw in Holy Vision, "when men know war no more."

We should be thankful that the great principles upon which our government was founded still endure while dictators and tyrants who would rule the world with a despotic hand have been swept from the face of the earth.

We are blessed with a good harvest and our land has been free from storm and pestilence and we live in the most favored land in the world.

Now, therefore, I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, do hereby designate Thursday, November 22nd, 1945, as Thanksgiving Day and call upon the citizens of Williamston to observe it in keeping with occasion by ceasing all business activities and repair to their various places of worship and give thanks to the Creator for the wonderful blessings which we have received.

J. L. HASSELL, Mayor.

THANKSGIVING

With the possible exception of some heavy industry and a few individual businesses, Thanksgiving will be generally observed as a holiday in this county on Thursday of this week. No mail deliveries will be made and stores, banks and offices will be closed.

Mayor John L. Hassell has issued a proclamation for the day and the public is invited to attend a special Thanksgiving service in the Christian Church at 10 o'clock that morning when Rev. B. T. Hurley, Methodist minister, will preach. Other denominations are participating in the union Thanksgiving service.

The schools will not observe the day as a holiday, but they will close in time for the noon-day meal.

Top-Heavy Army Is Causing Department Considerable Worry

Trend Will Give The Regular Army About One Private For Every Sergeant

Washington.—A few weeks ago the War Department, full of vim and vinegar, set out to collect a fine little group of soldiery, say about 1,600,000 men, as a peacetime army. Everything was breezing along in fine style until the boys in the back room of the Pentagon Building decided to take inventory of the enlistments. Yipe!

If it goes along as it is now, the U. S. Army will have more commissioned and non-commissioned officers than it has privates—you know just as we used to say there was a Mexican general for every private. On the basis of present figures, there will be about one and 1/50th privates for every non-com in the Regular Army. Heaven only knows how many second lieutenants there will be.

As of Oct. 31 the Army has enlisted 55,122 men into the Regular Army. Of these, 49 percent are privates and privates first class; 8 percent are corporals and the rest are sergeants of various stripe. In addition, 36 percent of the men who have enlisted are men who were in the Regular Army before we got into the recent mess. The rest, as you can surmise, are men who have been serving under Selective Service and "a comparatively few" who have had no previous military experience.

As Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War, told the House Military Affairs Committee: "We are, of course, glad to have the men who attained top enlisted grades (non-coms) stay on, but it is hard to build an army in which there are more men in the higher ratings than there are privates and privates first class. Take the case of master sergeants. They constitute 20 percent of the men who have enlisted to date.

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UNDECIDED

If this nation is to have a sizable armed force, it is likely that military conscription will have to do the trick. Of the several hundred Martin County young men receiving their discharges, not the first one has offered to re-enlist, according to information gained this week. One lone youngster when presented with a questionnaire relative to re-enlistment pondered the questions and said that he was undecided. All the others threw up their hands and emphatically declared they had had enough of the business.

Two or three Martin County boys have volunteered or re-enlisted without first getting their discharges.

Historical Review Of The Old Hickory Division In Europe

Several Martin County Young Men Served In Battles With The Thirtieth

(Continued from last issue)
(The story below reviews the glorious part the Thirtieth (Old Hickory) Division had in winning World War II. Since several Martin County boys were in the Division, the record most certainly will be read with interest in this county.)

The third of the installments follows: Commenting on the action immediately afterward, General Hobbs eulogized his men with the words: "We won't ever be in a tighter spot and survive as a division." This action, the Germans later admitted, was their main effort to seize the road networks in the vicinity of Mortain-St. Barthelemy and thereby cut the communications between the U. S. First Army and the newly committed U. S. Third Army commanded by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. The failure of their attack, the Germans said, marked the turning point in the western war.

It was during this struggle that a reinforced battalion was isolated on a rugged hilltop, meagerly supplied with food dropped by airplane and medicine fired long-range over the heads of the enemy in hollow artillery projectiles. They refused repeated demands to surrender. Spontaneously, yet immortally was the classic answer given by Capt. R. A. Kerley of Houston, Texas, to the German officer who came forward under a white flag to persuade capitulation. Said the captain to his men: "Go to hell. We wouldn't surrender even if the last round of ammunition were fired and our last bayonet were broken off in a Boche belly." The battalion was rescued six days later.

Compared with the exhaustive fighting it had engaged in to that date, the 30th's pursuit of the Germans eastward and northward through northern France into Belgium and Holland was something of a "breather." Fighting against skillfully executed delaying actions, Old Hickory pushed the Germans out of the French towns of Evreux, Louviers, Pontoise, Peronne and Cambrai where the appreciative liberated people greeted the doughboys with joyful demonstrations.

At the end of a precedent-breaking motor march, the 30th—the first Allied infantry unit to enter Belgium—continued into Holland after wresting control of the Nazi-captured Belgian fortress of Eben Emael. Fort Eben Emael, whose walls rose straight up 120 feet, lay alongside the Albert Canal. Informed by some Belgians, who for three years had worked on this ultimate in modern fortifications, of a secret tunnel which led to a key position, a small group of men volunteered to work their way in and capture the guards. Quickly more Old Hickorymen followed this initial sortie and more German sentinels were taken.

With such cunning skill did the men execute their dangerous mission that before the Nazis realized what was going on in their unholy sanctum, enough doughboys were now within the fortress walls to outnumber the panicky garrison. The German guns were fixed to fire "out" of the walls of Eben Emael, for never was an enemy expected to be found

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More County Youths Answer Service Call

Six Martin County white men were called today into the nation's armed forces. The call was for ten, but several were granted deferments and there wasn't time to fill their places.

All of the young men are single and five of the six come from the farm. The ages of the group range from eighteen to twenty-four years.

Names and addresses of those called: James Devenwood Knox, Jr., RFD 2, Robersonville. Clyde Delmus Holliday, RFD 3, Williamston. Alton Ray Bullock, RFD 1, Robersonville. Joseph Harold Harrison, RFD 3, Williamston. Manuel Edward Harris, RFD 2, Williamston. Julius Thomas Price, Hamilton.

Special Case Worker For Blind Assigned To County

Miss Jill Peden, special case worker for the blind, has been assigned to this county and will head a general program sponsored by the Williamson Lions Club in behalf of the blind. She will have her office in the County Welfare Department at the courthouse.

Miss Peden is a graduate of the University of California and received special training there for the work she is to handle in this county. Late yesterday, the young lady had been unable to locate an apartment or room.

Additional Land In County Leased To Big Oil Company

Additional lands in this section were recently leased to one of the big oil companies now prospecting for new sources of supply in eastern North Carolina. Very little of the land going under lease recently is located in this county, but thousands of acres were included in Beaufort, Pitt and Pamlico Counties.

Approximately 200 acres of land in the Dymond City area of Griffins Township were leased to the Shell Oil Company by E. H. Cohn, president, and C. W. Scarborough, secretary and treasurer of the Roanoke Railroad and Lumber Company. No fee was mentioned for the lease in this county, but rights were granted for \$750 in the several counties combined, it was unofficially learned.

Several oil companies have taken leases on hundreds of acres in this county within the past twelve

months, but so far no test wells have been sunk in this immediate territory. Most of the land placed under lease by the Shell Company is located in the Chocowinity area of Beaufort County, it was learned.

A test well was dug in Carteret County some months ago. No official report on the test has been received here, but it is understood that no oil was found.

The standard Company is making plans to sink a test well along the banks of Dare County, one report stating that digging operations are scheduled to get under way tomorrow or the latter part of this week.

Just what leads the oil people to prospect for oil in this section of the country cannot be learned, but most local people doubt the presence of oil and are showing very little interest in the venture.

Three Districts In County Exceed Goal For Victory Bonds

Not Quite Half Of Quota Being Raised In The County, Chairman Explains

With three districts exceeding their quotas, the sale of Victory Loan Bonds gained considerable ground in the county during the past few days, but Drive Chairman D. V. Clayton yesterday was quick to remind those who would save for a rainy day and at the same time help get the boys back home, that \$139,293.75 was still to be raised if the challenge is to be met. "The drive has been going on since the 29th of last month, and it is scheduled to end week after next," Mr. Clayton added.

No additional sales were recently reported in several districts. In others comparatively small sales were reported, but in three districts—Jamesville, Griffins and Hassell—the quotas were exceeded since the last report was prepared by the chairman.

Chairman Charlie Davenport rounded up investors in Jamesville Township during the past few days and bond sales there jumped from \$3,656.26 last Friday to \$11,175.00, an amount \$3,875.00 in excess of the district's assigned quota.

Chairman George Griffin held a rally out in Griffins last Friday night, and though there was no record-size crowd present, the challenge was met and more. Thirty-four individual sales were recorded during an auction sale that featured good-looking cakes and prepared baskets. When the supply of prizes was exhausted, Farmer Lewis Roberson threw in a dollar bill and it was sold and resold three or four times for \$300. Others made cash contributions to keep the sale running, and approximately \$20,000 worth of bonds were sold. Several thousands of dollars were invested in negotiable bonds and do not appear in the sale review today. It was a good rally, and climaxed a splendid record of support given the government and those who carried arms in battle during World War II.

Assisting the chairman, Ernest Edmondson in Hassell, Mr. John W. Eubanks reported sales of \$7,950.00 for that district Monday, the figure exceeding the goal by nearly \$3,000. "And the drive is not yet complete," Mr. Eubanks explained when he reported sales to date.

No official reports are to be had, but it is believed that a large percentage of Martin County people are holding on to their bonds. It is true that quite a few who were able and who should have made plans for the proverbial rainy day did not participate in bond buying at any time, but fairly large groups are pretty well prepared to battle a stubborn depression.

A report on the "E" bond sales to date follows, by districts:

District	Quota	Sales
Jamesville	\$ 7,300	\$11,175.00
Williams	4,700	843.75
Griffins	12,250	14,306.25
Bear Grass	8,500	2,062.50
Williamston	103,000	23,437.50
Cross Roads	7,300	881.25
Robersonville	73,000	39,525.00
Poplar Point	4,850	750.00
Hamilton	9,800	2,550.00
Hassell	5,000	7,950.00
Goose Nest	7,300	225.00

Some of the districts, it is indeed apparent, are lagging. Williamston is one of the dark spots in the drive, but with three or four exceptions there is much room for much improvement in the drive, as a whole.

Asking Gifts For Yanks Who Gave

Cooperating with other units, the local Auxiliary of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion is launching a drive for gifts for the "Yanks Who Gave." Approximately 20,000 war veterans will spend Christmas in hospitals in North Carolina, and the legion auxiliaries are starting a state-wide drive to collect gifts for them.

Among the things the auxiliary asks for are, cigarettes, books of stamps, postal cards, cash, toilet articles, snapshot albums, address books, small mirrors, wallets, playing card sets, military brush sets, white handkerchiefs and scarfs, tobacco pouches, pipes and pipe tobacco, mechanical pencils, shoe polishing sets, small dictionaries, shaving cream, tooth paste, white socks, small magazines and puzzles.

Those who would remember a "Yank Who Gave" are asked to forward their gifts to Mrs. John A. Ward, chairman, Williamston, or any member of the county auxiliary.

County Young Man Home From European Theater

Overseas thirteen and one-half months, Jay Coltrain, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Coltrain returned home last week. Jay was in the European Theater of Operations and spent several months in Germany before he returned home.

More Than \$7,000 Is Raised for War Fund

Schools To Solicit In Final Drive For Fund On Thursday

Hassell Community Raises \$175 To Exceed Its Goal, Griffins Promises Quota

After dragging along for several days, the last annual drive for the United War Fund started gaining ground rapidly in this county over the week-end when nearly \$500 was added to boost the total to date to right at \$7,300. A few canvassers are yet to report and no answer has been received from the North Carolina Pulp Company, a fairly liberal contributor to the fund in years past. The county chairman is anxious to have all reports in by the latter part of this week, when the funds will be transferred to the national treasurer for immediate use in poverty stricken areas in foreign lands.

A climax for the drive is expected on Thursday of this week when approximately 3,500 white school children are to report the results of their solicitations. Letters, prepared by the county chairman, are to be distributed to the school principals this afternoon and the school men will place them in the hands of the children on Wednesday. The children will carry the plea home to their parents, and a last and absolutely final plea will be made to parents and patrons in support of the fund. Those who have read and studied the reports of the starving in foreign lands are hopeful the Thanksgiving Day response will measure up to the record maintained by Martin County citizens in the past, and that suffering humanity will not be forgotten at this season of the year.

Two bright spots appearing in the fund drive reports seemed in over the past week-end. The Hassell Community raised \$175.08 to exceed its quota by eight cents. "We had to make a second canvass, but our people met the challenge," Chairman John W. Eubanks said.

Holding a successful bond rally last Friday night, a small group of Griffins Township citizens then and there contributed about \$30 to the fund, and promised to help put their district over the top this week.

Colored citizens in Jamesville sent in \$74.37, and about \$26.05 was added to the fund by colored citizens rethis section. Local white citizens reported an additional sum of about \$135. Cross Roads added \$20.50 to its total, and Burroughs Spring-Hill (Continued on page six)

Closing German Prisoner Camps

Thirty prisoner of war branch camps in the seven southeastern states have been closed and 12 more are scheduled for closing in the next two or three weeks, reducing the PW population by some 21,000 from the peak figure of last June, according to Major General Edward H. Brooks, Commanding General, Fourth Service Command.

In the past 45 days, some 8,000 have been shipped out of the Service Command as requirements for their labor harvesting crops have been reduced. The sick and wounded prisoners are being repatriated and, upon arrival in Germany, will be sent directly to their homes. Per the able-bodied prisoners it is simply a change from a prison camp in the United States to a prison camp overseas. Their work is not finished.

With some 69,000 PWs remaining in the southeast, there is sufficient prisoner labor to handle the remaining harvests.

It could not be learned when the camp here would be closed.

SAME SCHEDULE

Ellis S. White and Lester Sylvester White, brothers and the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eli White, were both inducted into the Armed Forces of their country more than three years ago. They were both inducted into the Army the same day and although one served in the Pacific Theater of Operations and the other in the European Theater of Operations, they were discharged and returned home the same day. Ellis arrived home at 3:30 o'clock last Sunday morning and Lester knocked on the door of his parents late Sunday night.

Seventy-Five Tires Allotted By Board

Seventy-five tires—65 for cars and 10 for trucks—were released by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday evening. The number was a duplicate of the issuance the week before and slightly below the average.

Car tires were issued to the following: Ernest L. Owens, Chas. H. Godwin, Jr., Dillon S. Cobb, M. L. Peel, J. C. Rawls, Chester Taylor, H. H. Williams, Leggett Roebuck, Wendell Griffin, Leslie G. Lambert, R. E. Taylor, D. C. McLawhorn, R. L. Whitehurst, W. Earl Mobley, John W. Eubanks, W. C. Staton, W. A. Manning, P. E. Manning, W. C. Ange, R. G. Hicks, J. C. Taylor, Chester Nicholson, William W. Davis, Sr., Noah E. Hardison, Dillon Leggett, H. A. Jenkins, F. W. Holliday, H. L. Woodcock, H. L. Davis, Willard Coltrain, Hyman Clerk, D. R. Sullivan, L. Bruce Wynne, Jim C. Gurkin, N. R. Daniel, Frank Hopkins, Kader Lilley, E. C. Andrews, L. W. Wynne, D. A. James, Vernon Powell, S. A. Roberson, Ace Tom Edwards, Marcello Coltrain, Leon Beach, John Beach, Julian Fagan, Macon D. Barber, Geo. L. Roberson, W. S. Hunt, L. C. Brown, J. D. Biggs, A. L. Hardy, Walter Mizelle, Wm. H. Taylor, Jr.

Truck tires were issued to the following: K. C. Norris, Williamston Lumber Co., Williamston Package Manufacturing Co., N. C. State Forest Service, Williamston Supply Co., J. S. Ayers, Will Roberson and Tilmon Coltrain.

Community Thanksgiving Service Is Being Planned

A Community Thanksgiving service will be held in the Smithwick's Creek church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, it was announced today. The service is an annual event of long standing in the community with members of all denominations participating in the program. The public is welcomed, and it has been pointed out that the people of this nation have much to be thankful for, that the service is indeed timely.

LONE ARREST

Crime apparently took a holiday in this section last week-end, the jail records here showing only one arrest during the period. It was the first time in many months that the number of arrests had dropped to such a low figure. Just about the time the officers were thinking they could get by with a clean slate, Clyde Silverthorne, absent from the jail and courts for some time, staggered in.

Local officers were called to chase a "peeping Tom" and one or two minor disturbances were reported along with an increase in pop-crackers, but for the most part it was a quiet time in the old town during the week-end.