

## List-Takers Review Property Values At Meeting on Monday

### Plan To Start Annual Task In This County Early Part Of Next Month

Meeting in the commissioners' room Monday morning, Martin County tax list-takers headed by Supervisor M. L. Peel discussed a schedule of personal property values and made plans for starting the annual task the early part of next month.

For the most part, personal property will again be listed at about two-thirds of its actual value, the supervisor instructing the list-takers to use their best judgment in handling specific problems. The meeting was called in an effort to establish a uniform schedule of values, it was pointed out.

Improvements to real property costing \$100 or less will not alter the values assessed a year ago, the meeting agreed. Dogs will be listed, but they will not be made subject to taxation on the books since the tax is collected when the dogs are vaccinated each spring.

Stocks and general inventories are to be listed at two-thirds of their reported values. New tobacco barns are to be valued at \$300.

The list-takers agreed on the following schedule of values for a few items: tobacco curers, \$75 and \$100; peanuts, \$6 a bag; cotton, \$65 a bale; farm machinery, 60 percent of cost price less depreciation; tobacco sticks, \$5 per thousand; tobacco trucks, \$3 to \$7.50; transplanters, \$20 to \$75; combine, 60 percent of cost price; wagons, \$100 and down; carts, \$25 and down; stalk cutters, \$40 and down; harness, \$5 per team; meat and lard, 15 cents a pound; live hogs, 10 cents a pound; washing machines, \$60 and down; horses, first class, \$100 to \$150, second class, \$75 down; first class mules, \$300; second class mules, \$150 and down; milk cows, \$100 and down; other cattle, \$50 and down; calves, \$10; goats, \$2; chickens, \$1 each; car trailers, \$50 and down; bicycles, \$10 to \$35; lumber, \$30 per thousand feet; logs, \$17.50 per thousand feet; brick, \$15 per thousand; pool tables, \$100 and down.

No definite instructions were issued for listing household and kitchen furniture, but it was suggested that these goods be placed on the books proportionately to the cost of the home. The meeting discussed the possibility of placing a value of from 15 to 20 percent of the listed value of the home, meaning that a property owner with a \$5,000 home would be expected to list his household goods at approximately \$1,000.

The so-called red book will be used for listing automobiles. The books, ordered some time ago, have not been delivered and the trend in values of motor vehicles could not be determined. It is quite possible that the county will drop slightly under the listings in the book.

The listers were instructed to handle the farm census along with their regular tax work, but Supervisor Peel expressed the hope that this would be the last time the list-takers would be asked to handle the farm census.

## Engineer Company Gets Commendation

The 439th Engineer Depot Company, APO 713, San Francisco, of which Sgt. Ben Hopkins and several other Martin County young men are members, was recently commended for its work in the Pacific theater.

Mentioning the period from last January 11 to June 30, Brigadier General S. D. Sturgis, Jr., said, in part: "It is especially commendable that all through the Luzon Campaign the 439th pressed close behind the combat forces to be of the first to move to newly cleared areas, set up and be in operation within a few hours after the first combat troops entered the area. . . . More than once attention was called to the Depot at San Jose, Neuva Eeija, Luzon, P. I., and the outstanding job done there by the 439th to further the advance of the fighting troops through Baleta Pass and into the Cagayan Valley. The 439th has met unprecedented demands under most adverse conditions and the outstanding and most efficient way the demands were filled is worthy of high praise. . . ."

The 439th was in Japan when it received the special commendation.

## Number Of Teachers Resigning In County

Between twelve and eighteen teachers in the county schools have already resigned or are planning to quit the profession at the end of the current month, according to information coming from the office of superintendent W. E. Week.

A few of those resigning are planning to marry, but most of them are quitting to enter other professions. One or two are leaving the Williamston school because they can't find suitable living quarters, it was said.

Sam Edwards, a former teacher in the local schools and who was just recently discharged from the service, has accepted a position in the school and will enter upon his new duties the early part of January.

## K. B. Crawford Home Burns On Smithwick Street Monday

Starting in the roof and of an fire was one of the most disastrous wrecks the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Crawford on Smithwick Street, burned most of the contents and damaged the nearby homes of Mrs. Anna Crawford and R. E. Manning about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. No official estimate on the loss could be had immediately, but the total damage to home and furnishings will approximate \$20,000 or more, according to conservative estimates.

When first discovered by Mr. J. D. Leggett, the fire was burning through the roof, and by the time an alarm could be sounded, most of the roof was in flames. Firemen, using several lines of hose, battled the fire during the greater part of three hours. The fire got into the walls and burned rapidly to the first floor, the firemen experiencing much difficulty in ripping off the weatherboarding and storm sheeting. Department Chief G. P. Hall said the

## County Youths Called For Preliminary Tests

### Group Is Largest To Leave This County In Several Months

#### Fifteen White Young Men, Including Father, Called By Services This Week

Fifteen Martin County young white men were called this week to report to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations, the call being the largest received in this county in several months.

A married man with two children included in the group, the call being the first in some time to reach into the married ranks.

Eleven of the fifteen called come from the farm, and eleven of the group just recently became eighteen years of age. The ages of the other four range from 21 to 24 years.

The irony of the postwar draft is advanced in the current month call for final inductions. Approximately ten county white men are slated to leave tomorrow to answer the final call, meaning that they will hardly be home for Christmas.

Names of the men answering the pre-induction call Monday, their registration addresses and their last-given addresses are, as follows: Thomas Earl Martin, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Dennis Thomas Roebuck, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Albert Turner Peel, RFD 3, Williamston.

Jack Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston.

Frederic Carson Wagstaff, Robersonville.

Raymond Matthew Pope, Williamston.

John Linwood Cherry, Williamston.

David Clifton Roberson, RFD 3, Williamston.

Daniel Randolph Rogerson, RFD 2, Williamston.

Samuel Morris Beacham, RFD 3, Williamston.

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

Archie Lee Revels, RFD 1, Williamston.

Charlie Limon Fulford, RFD 3, Williamston.

William Joseph Bullock, RFD 3, Williamston.

Lonnie Edwin Gardner, RFD 1, Jamesville.

## Williamston Boy Gets Discharge From Navy

After eighteen months in the Navy, Robert B. Ormond, Steward's Mate 1-c, was recently discharged from the Navy at the Charleston Separation Center.

Last stationed on the USS Antietam (CV-36), he served in the Pacific theater, and holds the Good Conduct, American Theater, Asiatic Pacific and Philippine Liberation ribbons.

The Jaycees are being assisted by Miss Mary Taylor of the welfare department and the local woman's club. The public is invited.

## County Young Man Meets Brother Of 'Beast Of Belsen'

### Pfc. Ernest Capps Tells Of Educational Training For German Youth

Describing in a previous letter conditions he found in horror camps, Pfc. Ernest Capps, Martin County young man, in a second letter just recently received by The Enterprise, tells how he met the brother of the "Beast of Belsen," and went on to describe the educational training provided by Hitler for German youth. His letter follows:

I wrote a few lines to the paper a few weeks ago, but today something happened to me that I would like to tell someone about, and I think the people at home would be more interested than anyone else. I hope they find it as interesting as I did.

With the horror stories of concentration camps and torture chambers so fresh in the minds of our people back home, they might have the impression that the men in Europe are living in a land of mad men and torture hungry fiends, but this isn't quite true, and the experience I had today proves that. I know that all our people at home have heard the name, Jack Kramer, the beast of Belsen, and murderer of thousands of people. Today, I met his half brother, William Kramer, private citizen, and the contrast of two men of the same blood is amazing. He came to my house trying to buy cigarettes. He showed me his papers, and told me the story of his relation with the more famous of the two. During his talk his voice never broke or faltered, as might be expected of a man whose brother did such things as did this man's. I could not quite gather all the things he said, for my knowledge of the German language is limited to what I have learned here, but I did understand that this man felt greatly moved by the acts of his brother, and from his explanation, they had the usual up-bringing of the normal child, but his brother grew into a man of great determination, without regard for the feeling of others that stood in the way of his success. When the opportunity of a Hitler controlled Europe provided the easy journey to "success" he took it. This man didn't seem to understand how his brother could develop into such a beast of a man. Knowing the German trait of falsehood, I refused to take this man's seemingly righteous feelings, so after he left, I asked one of the Czech men who work for the Military Government detachments here about him, and was informed that this man, brother of the beast, was a quiet, family man who respected his fellow man, and followed the straight and narrow ways of God's wishes. So with the man's story fresh in my mind, I thought it might be of interest to the people of Martin County. Desiring to get a better first hand account of Nazi domination, I went to this man's house tonight, and found it to be a shack characteristic of those who opposed "Der Fuehrer," and the poverty stricken look of his old wife and thirteen year old boy were not unlike those of other places. I read some of the "home work" of the child that he prepared in preparation for his daily trip to the schools provided by the savior of "Dutcheiland" and following is one of his English lessons, for the following day:

"April 20, 1941  
"We owe to our Fuehrer the destruction of corruptive Parliamentarism and of the parties that were always opposing each other as well as the introduction of community spirit. We owe to him the return of seven million unemployed to work. We owe to him the building up of our army, the re-claiming of the Ostmark District, of Sudetenland, Bohemia, Moravia, Alsace and Lorraine as parts of German Reich. We owe to him the legislature on marriage, the prohibition of marriage between Germans and those of another race. We owe to him the improvements in the position of the farmer, and to him we owe thanks as the nourisher and the giver of blood to the people. We owe to him the refusal to regard gold as a means of payment and the replacing of it by labor and the wealth of the nation's soil. We owe

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## Four Persons Injured In Series of Accidents

### Jas. Russell Cherry Suffers Broken Back In Accident Friday

#### Three Young Men Hurt When Car Leaves Road At Moberly's Mill Saturday

Four persons were hurt, one of them critically, in a series of highway accidents in this county last week-end. Three of the accidents were reported in less than two hours, Cpl. W. S. Hunt of the N. C. Highway Patrol and wrecking crews barely clearing one wreck from the highways before they were called to another.

James Russell Cherry, young county white man, suffered two fractures of his back and head injuries when his 1941 Mercury went out of control in front of Rossel Rogers' home at Bear Grass and turned over about 11:30 o'clock last Friday night. The victim was removed to the local hospital where he is reported to be getting along very well. Driving into Bear Grass from the direction of Greenville, Cherry lost control of his car when it struck the hard surface. It swerved into a road ditch and turned over, causing a property damage estimated by Cpl. Hunt at about \$250.

Driving toward Williamston, Philip Ray Tyson, 26-year-old veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps, lost control of his 1942 Ford on the Hamilton Road near Moberly's Mill and was badly hurt when it turned over and rolled down the road side for nearly 200 feet. Suffering a compound fracture of his left leg and bruises, the driver was removed in a Biggs ambulance to the local hospital. He was accompanied at the time of the wreck by his brother, A. B. Tyson, and Maurice Moberly, both of the Oak City community. A. B. Tyson suffered head lacerations and a back injury and continues in the local hospital. Moberly, receiving chest injuries, was treated in the local hospital and removed a short time later to his home.

The driver stated that he was meeting a car and ran on the soft shoulder of the highway, and lost control. The car body was smashed, and Cpl. Hunt estimated that the damage would approximate \$750.

Forty-five minutes later at 7:45 o'clock, William Henry Revels, just recently out of the service, lost control of his car, ran it off the left side of the Hamilton Highway near the Community Church and turned it over. Revels, detained by the patrol corporal, was passing a car when he wrecked his machine, causing about \$200 damage. He was not hurt, Cpl. Hunt said.

Discharged from the services in Miami the day before, Alfred Brooks Hilton was driving to his home in Norfolk when his car skidded on one of the river fill bridges at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night and came to a stop on the guard rail. Cpl. Hunt said that the car skidded around nearly three times without hitting the bridge rail, that it came to a stop just off the bridge on the iron fence in a balanced position. Hilton was not hurt, and he continued on his way after the wrecking crew righted his machine. Cpl. Hunt stating that there was no property damage.

Sunday noon a tourist from Connecticut was traveling south when R. Henry Peel started to cross the Washington - Williamston Highway at Corey's Cross Roads. The Peel car choked down in the middle of the road, and the tourist swerved and ran into Roy Ward's car parked in front of a filling station. No one was hurt, but damage to the Ward car was estimated at \$125.

## Urges Employers To Confer With USES

Employers were urged yesterday by Mrs. Alvis R. Jordan, manager of the local office of the United States Employment Service, to take advantage of the facilities of the USES in selecting workers to fill jobs.

"The service is as much the peoples' as that provided by the U. S. Post Office, or by any other of the government service agencies," she advised. "It provides an orderly and systematic plan for supplying workers to jobs and for securing jobs for workers. Interviewers trained in their work question and classify workers according to experience and qualifications. Then they make referrals to jobs to fit the description of the job furnished in the employers' orders."

"Now that the war has ended, the employment service offers to employers in this critical reconversion period the benefit of its full resources and employment experience in expertly matching worker skills with job requirements."

"Jobs for veterans are a special responsibility of the USES," Mrs. Jordan said.

Inviting employers to consult the USES, Mrs. Jordan emphasized the value of the Job Analysis feature of the employment service as an aid in preparing order for workers.

## TRANSFUSIONS

Little Miss Peggy Harrison received her 135th blood transfusion in Brown's Community Hospital here last week, and the new blood in her little body she returned to her home in Bear Grass looking forward to a happy Christmas, and quite thankful to members of the local volunteer fire department, the Lions Club and others who have offered their blood during the course of the past five years.

Given her first transfusions at Duke in 1940, Little Miss Peggy is believed to be improving gradually and hopes to outgrow plastic anemia within a few more years. During the meantime, she'll have to have many more transfusions.

Leaving the hospital last Friday afternoon, Mr. E. C. Harrison, Little Peggy's father, said he wanted so much to thank all the blood donors, the hospital staff and Dr. D. M. Roberson who had Little Peggy as his guest while she was in the hospital several days last week.

## Gus Rigas, Local Cafe Owner, Dies In Hospital Here

### Funeral Services Will Be Held In Raleigh Church On Thursday

Constantine (Gus) Rigas, local cafe owner-operator, died in the hospital here yesterday morning at 3:00 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Troubled with high blood pressure, he had been receiving medical treatment during the course of a year or more, and it was thought he was getting along very well until last Wednesday noon when he told friends he was not feeling very well, that he was going to his room and rest a while. He was stricken about 5 o'clock that afternoon and was removed immediately to the hospital. Uremic poisoning developed and he never regained consciousness.

The son of Panicoita Rigas and her late husband, Mr. Rigas was born in Sparta, Greece, 53 years ago, and came to this country in 1920. He went back to his native home for a stay of six months and was married in 1931, returning to this country and locating in Smithfield. He moved to Williamston in 1935 following the death of his wife, and had made his home here since that time.

Mr. Rigas was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was most considerate and thoughtful of others. The destitute hungry were never refused food in his cafe, and he willingly and liberally supported various charities. Mr. Rigas was a loyal citizen, and few could have done more than he did for his adopted country during the stress of war. He accommodated many persons and he liked Williamston and its people, and seemed to get much out of life despite the long hours spent at his work.

Mr. Rigas just recently remodeled his cafe, an accomplishment in which he took much pride.

He is survived by his mother and

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## Home Front Believed More Dangerous Than War Zones

Just recently returned from several of the Pacific hot spots, Lt. Hubert A. Hardison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Hardison, RFD 3, Williamston, says he believes it is more dangerous on the home front than it was in the war zones. "I'm almost afraid to walk across the street, and every automobile one meets it looks as if it is going to run right into you," the young man said.

He briefly recalled the bitter fight on Iwo Jima after he led his men in the first attack wave without loss. The toll a short time later was heavy.

## HOLIDAY

No definite action has been taken, but local merchants and other business operators are considering taking two days for Christmas. It has been proposed by some to close Tuesday and Wednesday, but others have suggested that business be suspended late Saturday until the following Wednesday. The Christmas eve holiday has few supporters, and it is fairly certain that Tuesday and Wednesday will be set apart as the holiday period.

A few state and federal offices are closing Saturday through Christmas day, but other offices will follow the merchants' schedule.

## Sixty-Nine Tires Are Rationed By Board Last Week

### Fire Panel Will Hold Its Next Meeting on Thursday Of This Week

Sixty-nine tires—sixty-one for passenger cars and pick-up trucks and eight for large trucks—were released by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday afternoon. It was learned that several hundred applications for tires had expired recently, that the applicants will find it necessary to file new requests. It was also learned that a fairly large number of current applications could not be granted at the meeting last week. However, the supply and the demand are not as far apart as they were a short time ago.

The board will meet on Thursday afternoon of this week to make it possible for the clerks to get out the new certificates before Christmas. Activities in the offices will be suspended late Friday of this week, and the employees will have through Tuesday of next week as a holiday.

Passenger car tires were released to the following: F. C. Stallings, Williamston Hardware Company, J. S. Gotsinger, John Stalls, N. C. Highway Patrol, W. S. Peel, Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick, W. J. Ward, J. W. Grimes, H. L. Woodcock, A. T. Edwards, Vera H. Davenport, Rosa E. Williams, O. S. Green, C. E. Jenkins, Irving L. Smith, C. Fowler, Frankie Coburn, Nolie Keel Highsmith, G. P. Bullock, J. R. Nelson, C. H. Gardner, E. S. Revels, Z. H. Beddard, C. O. Price, Mrs. Annie Ayers, J. S. Griffin, W. A. Perry, Margarette R. Pearce, Jay Coltrain, William H. Sessoms, O. L. Willard, H. U. Peel, K. D. Worrell, P. A. Johnson, J. M. Warren, D. B. Moberly, M. J. Holliday, H. E. Jackson, J. V. Andrews, H. B. Bowen, Elmer Harrison, Howard Whitehurst, Charlie G. Forbes, Charlie Dixon, Ralph Hale, Arthur Johnson, Roland M. Howell, J. H. Congleton, W. J. Miller, Jr., F. F. Pollard, Lewis Station, Hardy Whitford.

Truck tires were issued to: Taylor Mill and Gin Co., Elisha Dickens, W. T. Hurst and J. V. Moye.

## Local Boy, On The Seas, Writes Home

Explaining that he was fortunate enough to subscribe in person for The Enterprise last Christmas, Thad Harrison, MOMM, 2-c, recently wrote while on the high seas en route to the Pacific to renew his subscription. He said, in part:

"I do not get my papers as often as I'd like to, but they come in mighty handy when they do reach me.

"Right now, we are two days out of Seattle, heading for Manila to get another load of troops. We were in Manila when the Japs finally surrendered and this will make my second trip there, and I hope they have ceilings in effect because last trip prices were extremely high.

"My first trip on this ship took me from Norfolk to Italy, then through the Panama Canal and on to Manila. The next trip was from San Francisco to the Philippines and on down to Hollandia, New Guinea, where we loaded 200 Waacs in addition to our regular load of troops. While traveling from Leyte to Hollandia I was lucky enough to meet Hugh Martin of Jamesville. We left him in New Guinea where he was to move on to a smaller island.

"I'm not sure, but all indications are that we'll be back in the States by Christmas.

"I have hopes that it won't be very long before you can add my name to your list of LOCAL subscribers, but I see no good signs of it, yet. After all, some of us must stay in to help bring the boys home. . . ."

## Army Recruits Are To Get Benefits

The Recruiting Office located in the Post Office Building in Rocky Mount announced today the Army's policy for enlistments in the Regular Army. Veterans honorably discharged and citizens of the United States who are physically and otherwise qualified for general service are eligible for enlistment.

Veterans who reenlist are offered many benefits and inducements under War Department Circular 310. If a veteran reenlists within twenty days of his discharge he is offered the privilege of retaining his rank, of receiving a reenlistment furlough up to ninety days. The reenlistment bonus will be given to all veterans who reenlist within ninety days of discharge, but to be eligible for the reenlistment furlough and to hold his rank a man must join within the twenty day limit. In addition, members of the Regular Army are offered a retirement plan which would be hard to beat in a civilian job. After 20 years of active service, for example, a Master Sergeant may retire on an income of \$89.90 per month, and a Master Sergeant with 30 years active service may retire on an income of \$155.25 per month.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Following a period of many wrecks and injuries, motorists on Martin County highways apparently slowed down a bit last week when only two minor road accidents were reported. So far this year there have been eleven more highway accidents than there were in the first 49 weeks of 1944. At the same time, 10 were killed and the same.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Forty-Ninth Week				
Accidents In'd	Killed	Damaged	Inj'd	\$
1945	2	0	0	55
1944	3	2	0	300
Comparisons To Date				
1945	80	43	6	15,750
1944	69	43	6	12,537

## PARTY FRIDAY

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has completed all plans for its Christmas party for underprivileged children. The party will be held at the Woman's Club Friday night, December 21st, at 7:30. These children will be given fruits, nuts, and candies along with other refreshments. A program has been planned by the Jaycees and Ole Santa Claus himself will be there in person to give toys to these children. The Jaycees will furnish transportation to and from the party and about 50 children will attend.

The Jaycees are being assisted by Miss Mary Taylor of the welfare department and the local woman's club. The public is invited.

## Library To Close For Holidays After Friday

The Williamston Public Library will be closed after Friday evening of this week, Mrs. Clyde Anderson, librarian, has announced, to observe the Christmas holidays.

It will reopen Wednesday after Christmas and resume its regular schedule. No announcement was made regarding observance of New Year's Day.

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