

Forty-Nine County Men Register For Draft In January

Quite A Few of Number Were Veterans of Recent World War

Forty-nine Martin County young men registered for the draft last January, according to a list recently posted in the county draft board office by Miss Evelyn Cowan, clerk. Of the forty-nine men registering, thirty-six were eighteen-year-olds. Twenty-two of those registering were white. Thirteen of the men had already served in the armed forces, but had never registered because they volunteered ahead of the draft.

The names of the eighteen-year-olds registering and their addresses follow:

- Charley Augustus Bennett, Jr., col., RFD 2, Robersonville.
- McIntosh James, col., RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Herman Ellis Page, col., Parmele.
- John Alfred James, col., Parmele.
- Eugene Whitehurst, col., RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Ernest Lee Bell, col., RFD 1, Oak City.
- Jimmie Boston, col., RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Lorenza Bullock, col., RFD 1, Oak City.
- Neal Davis, col., Williamston.
- Robert Williams, col., RFD 3, Williamston.
- William Andrew Lyons, Jr., col., RFD 1, Williamston.
- James Riley Whitaker, col., RFD 1, Jamesville.
- James Leo Hollis, w., RFD 3, Williamston.
- Kenny Clark, col., RFD 1, Robersonville.
- Judge Thomas Bunch, col., Oak City.
- Lonnie Rodgers, Jr., col., RFD 1, Williamston.
- Jasper Lee Chance, col., RFD 2, Robersonville.
- Millard Edward Ange, w., RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Frederick Anderson Jones, col., Hamilton.
- Nazierne Joseph Griffin, col., RFD 2, Hampton, Va.
- Jesse Daniel Gurganus, w., Williamston.
- Weaverly Bernard Taylor, w., Parmele.
- Francis Biggs Howard, w., Williamston.
- William Robert Silverthorne, w., Williamston.
- Russell Claude Williams, col., Oak City.
- Wilford Bennett Holliday, w., RFD 3, Williamston.
- Gus Gurganus, w., RFD 3, Williamston.
- William Earl Moore, w., RFD 3, Williamston.
- Eli Junior Davis, col., RFD 1, Oak City.
- Billy Reason, w., RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Lester Griffin, col., RFD 2, Robersonville.
- William Isaac Latham, col., RFD 3, Williamston.
- Ernest Saunders Wynne, w., RFD 3, Williamston.
- Asa Thomas Whitley, Jr., w., RFD 1, Williamston.
- Melvin Odell Harrell, w., RFD 1, Palmyra.
- Floyd Peel, col., RFD 1, Williamston.
- The old registrants and their addresses:
- Cleveland Everett, Jr., w., Robersonville.
- James Henry Stalls, w., Hamilton.
- Major Pierce, col., RFD 1, Jamesville.
- George Warren Corey, w., RFD 2, Williamston.
- Mitchell Holton Alexander, w., Hassell.
- Sam Tillman Brady, Jr., w., Oak City.
- James Andrews Critcher, w., Williamston.
- William Nelson, col., Williamston.
- David Black, col., RFD 1, Williamston.
- Andrew Jackson Everett, col., Williamston.
- Norman Allison Power, w., Williamston.
- James Alexander Hardison, w., RFD 1, Williamston.

Church Youth Will Meet In Washington

Invitations have gone out to the Churches of the Disciples of Christ in the Albemarle Area for the "One-day Youth Meet" to be held in the First Christian Church, Washington, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 30th. This meet is one of three such meets which are being held over the state. The Rev. Byron Carlisle, pastor of the Pfafftown Christian Church, Winston-Salem, is director of youth work in our state, and has set up the following schedule: March 6th at Washington; April 6th at Wilson; April 13th at Elm Street Christian Church, Greensboro.

The program, getting underway at 10:00 o'clock, will feature an address by Dr. George E. Miller, missionary to India, and an address by Thomas Inabinett, director of religious education.

Large Increase In Borrowing Reported By Lending Agency

A dangerous trend in agriculture's economy was noted recently when lending agencies reported marked increases in applications for loans and for larger loans. Exact figures could not be had for all lending agencies, but governmental units and those supported by the government are handling applications for increased loans, it was learned.

The production credit corporation, serving approximately 200 borrowers in this county, has applications for more than \$230,000, an amount 20 percent larger than the borrowing up until about this time, a year ago. The seed-feed loan agency is said to have a larger clientele and they are seeking more money, it was unofficially learned. The Farm Security is not branching out, but it loans for financing production are understood to be larger in size.

Other lending agencies are being literally swamped with applications for loans, and chattel mortgages are

going on the books in the register of deeds office in ever increasing numbers.

Individual landlords are quoted as saying they have never heard such a demand for advances, that the tenants are using considerably more money than they did a year ago, and that in some cases the tenants have spent about as much so far as they did during a greater part of last year.

There is little doubt, facts undeniably prove, but what much of the money advanced is being wasted in some instances, and in others the borrowers are squandering it in one way or another. It has been reported that some of the borrowers are remaining idle while they seek other to handle the work. The sale of second-hand junk has a fairly prominent place in the over-all economic picture. In short, it would seem that many are doing all in their power to set the stage for a fall next fall.

MAD DOG

A stray hound dog, said to have been mad, was killed on Highway 11 in the Ed Purvis Community not far from Hassell a few days ago, it was learned here this week. The dog's head was delivered to Veterinarian R. G. Hicks in Robersonville and later sent to Raleigh where the State Laboratory of Hygiene found that the animal was infected with rabies.

Any person in that community who was bitten by a dog is advised to consult a doctor, and owners are asked to tie their dogs for observation.

The mad dog was the first killed in this county in some time.

Open Dog Clinics In County Monday

The annual round-up of dogs in the continuing drive against rabies gets under way in this county next week, opening in Dardens Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock. The drive continues nearly every week day from next Monday through May 4.

Recognized veterinarians, Drs. M. A. Schooley and R. G. Hicks, will conduct the clinics with the cooperation of the tax office and the sheriff's department.

Last year, approximately 2,400 dogs were vaccinated, reliable reports stating that close to 1,000 were never immunized against rabies. This year, owners who fail or refuse to have their dogs vaccinated will be called to account in the courts and stray dogs will be eliminated. A few owners who did not have their dogs vaccinated last year were indicted. Names of owners have been taken from the tax books in the various townships, and the vaccination records will be checked against the lists, leaving the unclaimed dogs to be eliminated.

Vaccination is handled at no cost to the dog owner. He is required to pay his dog tax (\$1 for male and \$2 for females) at the time the canine is vaccinated and the cost of vaccine is deducted from the tax.

The drive to stamp out rabies has made progress in this county, but it is not as effective as it should be. The authorities point out that the movement is proving quite costly, and that a strict enforcement of the law can be expected this year.

Vaccination schedules, arranged conveniently for every community in the county, have been circulated and published, and dog owners are asked to refer to the schedules and cooperate in the movement.

Seek Homes For Two Small Colored Orphan Children

The Martin County Welfare Department this week is seeking homes for two small colored orphans. The ages of the two girls are two and six months, and the welfare department is anxious to get them located in good homes immediately. Anyone interested in adopting one or both of the children is asked to apply to the welfare office.

There was a time when homes were waiting for colored orphans in this county, but there are now more orphans than there are homes.

FISHING

Small fish catches are being reported by commercial fishermen operating in the Roanoke, late reports from the plant at Jamesville stating that while the fish are running in larger numbers the catches are limited to a few hundred herring. Just now the prospects for a successful season are not very encouraging, but the fish are expected to start running in greater numbers within the next few days.

Pointing out that there were very few stars in the heavens on old Christmas night, Mr. Ira T. Coltrain, a close observer of nature, predicted some time ago that the fish catches this season would be small. So far the prediction has carried weight.

Joseph F. Martin Died In Hospital Here Late Monday

Funeral Services Conducted At Home In Jamesville Yesterday

Joseph Franklin Martin, well-known citizen of Jamesville and a former member of the Martin County Board of Education, died in a local hospital last Monday night at 10:15 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He had been confined to his home a greater part of the time following an attack of pneumonia suffered last October. He had received hospital treatment for short periods and re-entered the local hospital last Sunday morning when his condition took a turn for the worse. Death was attributable to heart trouble and complications.

The son of the late George W. and Susan Ann Emily Whitley Martin, he was born near Jamesville on July 19, 1887, and lived in the community of his birth nearly all his life, locating on a farm in the Dardens area for a few years and making his home in Jamesville more recently.

In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Martin engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, the late R. O. Martin, at Jamesville for many years. He was active in support of public education, serving as a member of the county board of education for several terms and for a number of years as a member of his local school committee. Mr. Martin was also active in other fields, serving on the district road commission and handling other tasks in support of a progressive program for his community and county.

Mr. Martin was married on December 26, 1909, to Miss Cottie Mollie Holliday who died on August 13, 1937. In early boyhood he joined the church at Cedar Branch, attending its services regularly with his family down through the years. He was a thoughtful husband and a devoted father, a good neighbor and a real friend of his fellowmen.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. E. W. Warrington of Norfolk, Mrs. J. W. Conklin of Jamesville, Miss Grace Martin of Portsmouth, Misses Lora Esta Martin and Hilda Martin, both of Jamesville; five sons, S/Sgt. Joseph A. Martin, until recently stationed in Alabama and Florida, Edward Lee Martin, Albert James Martin, Thomas Allen Martin, William Marvin Martin, all of the home; one brother, Jesse W. Martin, and one sister, Mrs. W. B. Gaylord, both of Jamesville.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Jamesville yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, and interment was in the Martin family cemetery on the old home farm, not far from Jamesville.

Minor Accident Reported On Poplar Point Highway

A minor auto-truck wreck was reported on Highway 125 in Poplar Point Township last Tuesday evening at 6:15 o'clock when Thomas L. Taylor started to pass a truck driven by James Frank Hardison at the Bob Everett farm.

Taylor started to pass the truck just about the time Hardison pulled to the left to make a turn into the farm gate. No one was hurt, Patrolman W. E. Saunders said. Damage to the vehicles amounted to approximately \$200.

Firemen Are Called To Garage Here Wednesday

Starting from a welder's torch which came in contact with a leaking gas line, fire slightly damaged Elder P. E. Gotsinger's car in Chesson's garage on South Houghton Street here last Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Called there, volunteer firemen brought the fire under control with chemicals.

ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justus Coltrain is ill with pneumonia in the local hospital.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways last week were not quite as reckless as they were the week before. At any rate, only two minor wrecks broke into the accident column. One person was slightly hurt and the property damage was small, but the figures this year are running far ahead of those recorded in the corresponding period of 1945.

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.

12th Week				
Accidents	In'd	Killed	Dam'ge	
1946	2	1	0	\$ 200
1945	0	0	0	\$ 0
Comparisons To Date				
1946	38	25	2	\$ 2,820
1945	16	6	0	\$ 4,900

Little Business Scheduled For Town and County Boards

Very little new business has been scheduled for consideration for either the county board of commissioners at the meeting next Monday morning or for the local town commissioners when they meet Monday evening, the board clerks said yesterday.

Ask County To Raise \$1,000 In Campaign Against Cancer

Mrs. P. B. Cone, \$450; Cross Roads, J. S. Ayers, \$50; Robersonville, R. K. Adkins, \$200; Poplar Point, Mrs. L. G. Taylor, \$25; Hassell, J. W. Eubanks, \$25; Hamilton, H. S. Johnson, Jr., \$50; Goose Nest, W. V. Daniel, \$75. Chairman Coburn stated yesterday that the district leaders had been notified, that all of them had agreed to support the fund drive.

North Carolina is being asked to raise \$167,880.00 as its part of the twelve million to carry on research and step up the tempo of the drive against society's No. 1 enemy. The need for action is pointed out in vital statistics which clearly indicate a steady and rapid increase in cancer deaths. Ten years ago, 142,613 Americans died from the dreaded disease. It is accurately estimated that 175,000 will have died before this year is spent, and that unless the trend is checked the death toll will approximate 215,000 in 1956.

Nearly A Hundred Cases On Docket In The County's Court

Twelve Defendants Facing Drunken Driving Charges; Few Civil Cases

Reflecting possibly one of the greatest periods of lawlessness in this county, nearly one hundred cases have accumulated for trial in the Martin County Recorder's Court. The cases have accumulated at the rate of slightly more than 25 each week since the sessions of the court were called off first on account of the illness of Judge J. C. Smith and later because the superior court was in session.

Already the court is booked to the hilt for the next three Mondays, and it is possible that extra sessions will be scheduled to clear the docket. According to Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne, forty cases are tentatively scheduled for trial next Monday. Realizing that the remaining cases on the docket cannot be handled at the next regular session, the authorities are scheduling other cases for trial on April 29. The superior court is slated to hold forth during the two weeks beginning April 15 when nothing but civil cases will be called.

Twenty-one different types of crimes are alleged to have been committed, according to a review of the docket. In addition to several civil actions, including one ejection proceeding, the list includes fourteen drunken driving, four non-support, eleven assault, three speeding, four larceny and receiving, two reckless driving, four without operators' licenses, two liquor cases and one each charging disposing of mortgaged property, violating driver's license law, indecent exposure, hit and run, aiding and abetting larceny, receiving stolen goods, kidnaping, allowing minor to operate a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, trespass, no chauffeur's license and bastardy. There are approximately thirty-five cases on the docket charging violation of the health laws.

Last reports received here stated that Judge J. C. Smith continues ill, that it is not certain whether he'll be able to preside over the session next Monday. No action will be taken immediately, but if he is unable to handle the task at that time, the county commissioners will be called in shortly after 9:00 o'clock to appoint a vice recorder to handle the work until Judge Smith is able to return to the bench.

Load records have been established by the county recorder's office. It is believed, aggravated Judge Smith's condition.

Should the judge be unable to return, the commissioners are expected to appoint a member of the county bar to serve as vice recorder. It is understood that possibly any one of them will be glad to pinch-hit for the judge until he is able to resume his duties.

Moving To New Quarters On Washington Street

The Wier Furniture Company is moving from the Tar Heel building to its newly remodeled home on Washington Street. The building, formerly occupied by York's Garage and more recently by a soda shop, has been enlarged and completely remodeled.

Woolard's Furniture Company plans to occupy the building being vacated by the Wiers.

Holiness Denomination Sponsors Radio Program

The third in a series of thirteen religious programs sponsored by the Holiness denomination in this section of the State will be broadcast over the station in Greenville Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock. Six other stations are carrying the weekly messages which are to be broadcast for ten more weeks at that hour.

As a part of a twelve million dollar nation-wide drive, Martin County citizens are being asked to raise \$1,000 to advance the fight against cancer. Mrs. P. B. Cone, president of the Williamston Women's Club, announced this week. "We realize that there have been repeated calls by various organizations and agencies in recent months, but the need for funds is so great and the cause so urgent and worthy that we feel it imperative to get busy and support the American Cancer Society in its great work," Mrs. Cone said.

The various townships have been assigned quotas, and the drive chairman, Robert L. Coburn, is appealing to the general public to support the cause willingly and liberally. Mr. Coburn this week announced the township chairmen for the drive and the quotas for the various districts, as follows:

Jamesville, C. C. Martin, \$75; Williams, C. L. Daniel, \$25; Griffins, W. B. Harrington, \$50; Bear Grass, J. Russell Rogers, \$50; Williamston,

BEGIN WORK

Work preliminary to the widening of the Roanoke River bridge was started on a small scale by the Bowers Construction Company yesterday when a small force started clearing a right-of-way for the detour. Other workers are building an office for the company a short distance this side of the present draw bridge.

Several carloads of crushed piling have been unloaded near the site, and construction activities are expected to get under way on a fairly large scale within the next few days, it was learned.

Seven Cases Heard In Mayor's Court

Seven cases were heard recently by Justice John L. Hassell in his court here, the trial justice sending several of them to the county court for final action.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Marion Andrews was fined \$10 and taxed with \$9.50 costs.

Joseph Butt was required to pay \$7 costs in the case charging him with public drunkenness.

James Bannerman, colored, who attacked Josh Rascoe last Sunday and inflicted a 23-stitch gash in the victim's neck, was bound over to the superior court in \$200 bond. He stands charged with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Bond was arranged.

Charged with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, LeRoy Everett, colored, was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$50.

James Madison Adams and Leon Milton Wesson, charged with drunken driving, were bound over to the county court in \$100 bond each.

Plummer Roulhac, charged with indecent exposure, was bound over to the county court in \$100 bond. A consent judgment was entered in the ejectment proceedings instituted by Joe Leggett against H. L. Swain, the defendant agreeing to vacate certain property belonging to the plaintiff by June 1.

Everetts Boy Passes State Pharmacy Exam This Week

After virtually working his way through the University at Chapel Hill and after gaining his experience in a Sylva (N. C.) drug store, Rudolph Hardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardy of Everetts, last Wednesday passed the state pharmacy examination at Greensboro. According to reports reaching here the young man made 91 on his examination, or one of the highest marks.

Start Construction Of Home On Face Street

Construction work was started this week by Contractor Hugh B. Wyatt on a home for Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., and son on Grace Street, Extended. The home will have six rooms and is located next to the R. Edwin Peele's.

HALF HOLIDAYS

Beginning next week, local stores and other business houses aside from heavy industry will observe Wednesday afternoons as half holidays, the schedule to be maintained through the months of April, May, June, July and August. The schedule does not include drug stores, but it will apply to town and county offices.

Many towns are already operating with the half holiday in their weekly schedule. According to an announcement made today, the business houses will close at 12:30 o'clock each Wednesday afternoon, and shoppers are cordially urged to fit their plans to the schedule.

Superior Court In Final Session Of Term On Wednesday

Comparatively Few Cases Are Cleared From Calendar This Week

After clearing comparatively few cases from the civil calendar this week, the Martin County Superior Court adjourned a two-weeks' term here Wednesday afternoon. The cases attracting little attention from the general public, were mostly of minor importance. Possibly the case in which Newsome Boston, the plaintiff, and Joseph Jefferson, the defendant, claimed possession of a \$25 red hound dog, attracted about as much attention as any other case heard during this week.

The dog case, one of several to reach the courts in this county in recent months, was unusual in that neither of the parties to the action apparently thought very much of the dog at first. Later when the dog, originally owned by Claiborne Sumnerlin and turned over to Stephen Gardner for sale, proved his worth, the two litigants claimed possession. Boston nearly lost his case when it was pointed out that he had listed no dog with the tax list-taker in 1945. He pulled the case out of the fire, however, when he presented a certificate of vaccination and he was declared the owner of the \$25 dog.

Non-suits were taken in several cases, including those brought by Joseph Jefferson against Robert Boston, J. W. Frank against Chas. Fainberg, Branch Bank against W. D. Modlin.

A motion made by the defendant to move the case of Joseph Saunders Revels against Mrs. Pearl Benton to Mecklenburg County for trial, was denied. Revels, allegedly shot by the defendant while visiting a relative in the Benton home in Charlotte some time ago, is suing for damages.

Joe Boyd, Pennsylvanian who operated a concession at a show here last summer, was given a judgment in the sum of \$500 in his \$5,000 suit against Mack Riddick. The plaintiff was run over by Riddick's son at a Williamston filling station and suffered a bad ankle injury.

In her case against Roy Manning, Alice J. VanLandingham was given a judgment in the sum of \$149.02, balance allegedly due on a store account.

In the case of Ponce James against Blount Moore, Jr., the defendant was declared the owner of a certain tract of land in Jamesville Township.

In the C. C. James case, the jury found that James was incompetent to manage his affairs and the court directed the clerk to appoint a guardian. No appointment had been made late yesterday. When asked how much money he had, James told his own lawyer that when he was a youngster friends had advised him to never tell a lawyer how much money he had. And they ruled him incompetent.

The case of John Wier against C. B. Siceloff was non-suited, the court learning that it had been settled by agreement.

Several disputes over boundary lines were before the court, and referees were appointed in each. In the case of H. H. Cowan against C. E. Jenkins, R. L. Coburn was named referee. B. A. Critcher was appointed referee in the case of Telitha and J. T. Barnhill against Stanley Whitman and W. W. Taylor. Mr. Critcher was also appointed referee in the case of W. W. Griffin against Rome Lee and against Ada Jones. In the case of W. W. Griffin against Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company, Paul D. Roberson was named referee.

The court ordered the litigants to deposit from \$25 to \$35 in each case to apply on expenses of the referee, stenographer and surveyor.

Taking the case in which Mrs. Harriett Smith seeks to have a divorce granted Dr. J. W. Smith, her late husband, set aside for the advice, Judge Walter Bone, the presiding jurist, had announced no decision late yesterday afternoon.

County's Wildlife Club Meets Monday

Drafted by a special committee, the by-laws of the Martin County Wildlife Club will be submitted for approval or amendment before a meeting of the members and other interested citizens in the courthouse here next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock, the secretary, John Henry Edwards, announced today. The by-laws were drawn by V. J. Spivey, chairman, Ben James, A. L. Hendren, the club president, and the secretary. Other business will be discussed at the meeting also.

The president recently appointed the following men to serve on the executive committee:

Wendell Hamilton, Jamesville; Lee Hardison, Williams; Raymond Gurkin, Griffins; J. Russell Rogers, Bear Grass; R. L. Coburn, Williamston; W. C. Bullock, Cross Roads; Wiley Burroughs Rogerson, Robersonville; Luther Gordon Leggett, Poplar Point; Louis Etheridge, Hamilton, and Wilbur Barrett, Oak City.

The public and all persons interested in better game and fish programs are invited to attend the meeting.