

## Marriages Set New Record For March In Martin County

Issuance 5 Times Greater  
Than One Recorded In  
March, 1932

The number of marriages reached a new high figure for the month of March last month in this county when thirty-six licenses were issued in the office to Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger. The nearest approach to the record was back in 1935 when 24 licenses were issued for the particular month. The issuance last month was more than five times greater than the number issued in March, 1932.

After holding to a fairly normal level, the number of licenses issued to white applicants was materially boosted over the weekend, the count reaching thirteen last Saturday. Twenty-three licenses were issued to colored couples last month. The issuance in March of this year was the largest for any month since December, 1941, when 41 licenses were issued.

Licenses were issued last month to the following:

**White**  
Robert D. Perry and Evelyn Hardison, both of Williamston.  
Jesse Delma Beach, RFD 3, Williamston, and Mildred Virginia Whitehurst, RFD 1, Washington.  
Mack Hoggard, 2311 48th Street, Newport News, Va., and Ruth Marie Wynne, of Everetts.

William Russell Roebuck and Martha Dell Bowen, both of Robersonville.  
Charles Scott and Betty Baker, both of Hamilton.

John W. Hardy, of Oak City, and Elizabeth Wynne, of Norfolk.  
Henry R. Warren of Williamston and Virginia Rogers, RFD 2, Williamston.

Herman Farmer, of Robersonville, and Allie Mae Price Wynne, of Hamilton.

Thomas H. Chesson, of Williamston, and Lydia S. Jones, RFD 3, Williamston.

Roger A. Roberts and Mary Alice Dunning, both of Williamston.

Carl Wilson Jenkins, of Robersonville, and Marcella Barnhill, RFD 1, Stokes.

Irvin Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston, and Irene Webb, RFD 3, Washington.

Henry Wynne and Annie Brown, both of Oak City.

**Colored**  
Robert Purvis, of Williamston, and Gladys Clemons, of Everetts.  
Roosevelt Draughan, of Tarboro, and Annie Rene Freeman, of Robersonville.

James Henry Wiggins and Mary Lizzie Green, both of Hamilton.  
Alex Junior Powell and Hattie Higgs, both of Oak City.

Harold Purvis and Gladysene Williams, both of Williamston.  
Joe Mack Bonds and Ethel O. Woolard, both of Williamston.

James D. Coburn and Amanda D. Purvis, both of Williamston.

Leon Jones and Hattie Scott, both of RFD 1, Williamston.

C. B. Ewell, RFD 3, Williamston, and Pattie Ray Williams, of Everetts.

Charles Grimes and Mary Savage Mitchell, both of Oak City.  
Roscoe Little and Ella Hassell, both of Robersonville.

Nehemiah Moore and Sarah Boston, both of Jamesville.

S. T. Brown and Gertha Biggs, both of Williamston.

Randolph Brown, RFD 2, Williamston, and Blanche Mae Brown, of Williamston.

Henry Little and Nora James Little, both of Williamston.

LeRoy Brown and Bernice Lee Hollis, both of RFD 1, Bethel.

Joseph Price and Jessie Mae Spruill, both of Williamston.

George Green, Jr., of Williamston, and Amy Simmons, of Robersonville.

William R. Gainer, of Rocky Mount, and Nina B. Hassell, of Williamston.

John T. Williams and Edith Whitley, both of Williamston.

Clyde J. Coburn and Eveline Williams, both of Robersonville.

Walter Williams, Jr., and Lenora Coburn, both of Robersonville.

Louis Coffield and Mary Land, both of Williamston.

**Farmer Continues Quite Ill At Home In County**

Mr. Hugh Bennett, Martin County farmer, continues critically ill at his home near Oak City. He has been in failing health for some time and has been confined to his bed for about six weeks.

## County Youth Given Up For Dead In War

### REPORTED DEAD



S/Sgt. William James Burnette, a fine-looking and promising Jamesville youth, was recently reported dead after being listed as missing since February 28, 1945.

## Officers Destroy Two Distilleries

Raiding in two sections of the county the early part of this week ABC Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Peel, wrecked two illicit liquor distilleries.

The first of the two plants was destroyed in the Mill Neck section of Jamesville Township and was a rather crude affair. A fifty-gallon capacity oil drum was used for a still. The officers destroyed five fermenters and poured out about 200 gallons of molasses beer.

Going into the Hassell section Tuesday, the officers found and wrecked a similar type plant and poured out two barrels of molasses beer.

## Robersonville To Play Here Sunday

David Grimes will bring his once defeated Robins to Williamston Sunday in an attempt to avenge their lone set back which came at the hands of the locals in an extra inning tilt.

Bullock will probably start for the visitors while Manager Lassier will let his twirling twins, Wynne and Sullivan, share the assignment. The rest of the lineup will be the same as those who battled in an overtime thriller last week, so it promises to be another close game.

## Candidates File For Every County Office

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

During the first fourteen weeks of 1946 motorists on Martin County highways have had well over twice as many accidents, injured more than four times as many, broke into the death column twice and doubled the property damage compared with the figures for the corresponding period in 1945. A third death was entered in the record for the thirteenth week, but since the accident took place last December, highway patrolmen point out that it should be charged to that period. The change can well be made, for the count is bad enough without it.

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.

14th Week				
Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge	1946	1945	1946	1945
3	5	0	\$ 1,550	
1	1	0	150	
Comparisons To Date				
1946	45	30	2	11,970
1945	18	7	0	5,300

## Wm. J. Burnette Had Been Missing Since Early 1945

Fifty-seventh Martin County Youth To Make The Supreme Sacrifice

S/Sgt. William J. Burnette, missing in action over Italy since February 28, 1945, has been given up for dead, according to information received by relatives a short time ago from the War Department.

The son of G. H. Burnette, formerly of Jamesville, he was born in Jamesville on November 22, 1925. His mother was the former Miss Ethel Byrd, of Mount Olive, who came to this county to teach in the Jamesville Schools. She was married to Tommy Martin and following his death she was married to Burnette. Mrs. Burnette died when her son was about three years old and he went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. Holliday who accepted and cared for him just as one of their own children.

Following his graduation from the Jamesville High School in the spring of 1943, he registered and a short time later on December 13, 1943, he entered the Army Air Corps, going first to Fort Bragg, then to Miami and on to Laredo, Texas. After a short stay in Nebraska he returned to Texas, and left for overseas from Langley Field in October, 1944. He was a tail gunner on a Liberator bomber.

The young man joined the Christian church in Jamesville during the summer of 1943, and was popular among both old and young people.

Surviving are his father and a half-sister, Mrs. G. A. Martin Stackle, of Miami.

The following communication was received from Major General Edward F. Witsell, the Adjutant General of the Army, by his father a short time ago:

"Since your son, Staff Sergeant William J. Burnette, 14,153,851, Air Corps, was reported missing in action 28 February 1945, the War Department has entertained the hope that he survived and that information would be revealed dispelling the uncertainty surrounding his absence. However, as in many cases, the conditions of warfare deny us such information. The record concerning your son shows that he was a crew member on a B-24 (Liberator) bomber which was seen to crash about 11:40 A. M., approximately 20 miles east of Merano, Italy, in (Continued on page six)

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## Corey Will Not Be Candidate For The General Assembly

### Hardison Resignation As A Member of Education Board Received

While a few changes were reported this week, the general political picture, hardly twenty-four hours before the filing dead line, offers no major contests for county offices, according to information received here today.

Other than the congressional and state senatorial district contests, only one other race is certain. Leslie W. Hardison, Jamesville business man, filed for county commissioner from the Jamesville-Williams district, and will oppose Joshua L. Coltrain, Williams Township farmer, in the May 25 primary. Mr. Coltrain filed early last week to succeed himself as a member of the board of county commissioners.

After considering entering the race for a seat in the State House of Representatives, A. Corey this week abandoned those plans and was reported to have filed for (Continued on page six)

## Prisoners Of War Leaving Saturday For Camp Butner

Pelonnery Were Brought To This Section In The Fall Of 1943

The last of the German prisoners of war are scheduled to move out of the local camp tomorrow in accordance with a War Department order calling for the liquidation of this and similar camps throughout the country. The prisoners will be moved to Camp Butner, Captain V. A. Vehar said. Most of the prisoners were moved away some time ago, and many of them have been sent back to their homes in Germany.

Detailed information could not be had, but the camp will be turned over to Army engineers who will dismantle all government property and move it to warehouses in other centers. Reports state that the wooden frames for the tent barracks and a few buildings will be left, that possibly they will be rented to the Bowers Construction Company for use in connection with the Roanoke River bridge widening project.

Quite a few of the guard personnel are in line for discharge and they will go to Butner for their separation papers.

The Williamston Prisoner of War Branch Camp was originally activated under the name of Windsor POW Side Camp, Windsor, N. C., for harvesting the 1943 peanut crop. "It was during a rain storm, September 21, 1943, that the camp was first set up, under the command of Major Floyd Christian, Fa. The personnel at that time consisted of 231 officers and enlisted men of the 697th Field Artillery Group, Fort Bragg, and 500 Italian prisoners of war.

The 380th MPEG Company relieved the 697th Field Artillery Group on October 21, 1943, under the command of Captain M. I. White, CMP. The camp was moved from Windsor to the site near the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company on Roanoke River here.

Placed in command of the camp on February 19, 1944, Lt. Vehar, later promoted to captain, continued in that position.

Changes were made from time to time in the guard complement, and prisoners were exchanged often, the number varying in direct proportion to the need.

On May 23, 1944, there wasn't a prisoner of war in the camp, the Italians having moved out on the previous day to make room for German prisoners who moved in. The military personnel were exchanged for the personnel that remained, for the most part, until just recently when the size of the camp was materially reduced.

There were as many as 570 prisoners of war in the camp at one time, but the number was reduced to 125 this week. During the period the camp has been maintained here, prisoners of war were engaged in farm activities, mostly harvesting peanuts and other crops, in industry, tobacco warehouses and in other places, the guards becoming experts in lumbering, peanuts, meat slaughtering, tobacco and fertilizer factories, and other occupations.

## Man Detained For Alleged Robbery

W. T. Coburn, young colored man living near Williamston, was taken into custody by local and county officers last Monday night in connection with a cash register theft at the Norfolk Southern Bus Station here earlier in the evening.

Said to have been drinking, Coburn entered the bus station between 6 and 7 o'clock that evening. He ordered a soft drink and then declared he had no money, turning his pockets inside out to prove his statement. The man was in the station possibly an hour and a half, and staggered against the cash register several times.

After declaring he had no money, Coburn left the station and paid a taxi \$2, or \$1 more than the regular fare, to carry him home. When the manager checked his cash register he found about \$23 missing, and Officer Chas. Moore investigated. Officers were directed to the Coburn home where they found him. He was said to have had some money in his shoes when the officers took him into custody. (Continued on page six)

## Fines And Costs In Recorder's Court Amount To Over \$1,000

### Court Expects To Catch Up With Its Work Next Week

Thirty-three Cases Handled By Judge R. L. Coburn By Lunch Time

Judge Robt. L. Coburn, pinching for Judge J. C. Smith who continues ill at his home, made considerable progress last Monday in catching up with the work that had accumulated in the county recorder's court first on account of the illness of the regular jurist and later when the superior court was in session for two weeks. Then, new cases have found their way into the court in larger numbers than usual.

Handling thirty-three cases this week, Judge Coburn proved he had an ample reserve of fines and road sentences, Clerk L. B. Wynne stating that the fines alone amounted to \$755, that the costs would boost that figure well over \$1,000 for the day. Then there were several road sentences meted out before the court adjourned for the day at 1 o'clock.

Entering no plea in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Lazarus Williams was adjudged guilty, and Judge Coburn fined him \$50 and taxed him with the costs.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, John H. Wiggins pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was fined \$75 and required to pay the costs.

The case charging Leveron Roberson with an assault with a deadly weapon was not pressed with leave.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, LeRoy Everett, colored, was found guilty of simple assault and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Judgement was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Ben Clemons with assaulting a female.

Albert Williams, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$50 and required to pay the costs.

A plea of innocence was sustained in the case in which William Biggs was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

The case charging Grover Moore with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license was not pressed.

Judgement was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Walter Barnes, Jr., with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. In the case charging the boy's father with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, the court imposed a fine of \$25 and taxed him with the costs. The elder Barnes appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$100.

Prayer for judgment was continued until next Monday in the case charging Henry Crawford with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Lexton Gibbs, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Clabert B. Whitaker was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$75 fine and the costs.

Elmer W. Rogers, pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Charged with drunken driving, Joseph Gurganus was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had driver's license revoked for one year.

Pleading not guilty, John Alford Worsley was adjudged guilty and was fined \$50, required to pay the costs and had his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked for one year.

Leon Milton Wesson, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and lost his operator's license for a year.

Charged with reckless driving, William Selmon Watford, pleaded guilty of speeding. The plea was accepted and the defendant was fined \$35 and required to pay the costs.

James Madison Adams was fined (Continued on page six)

## Church Services Scheduled For the Pre-Easter Season

According to the custom of the past few years the Williamston Ministerial Association is announcing that there will be Holy Week services at Watts' Theater, Monday through Friday, beginning at 10 a. m. and ending strictly at 10:30 a. m. Also there will be union evening services at the participating churches each night, Monday through Friday at 7:30. On Thursday night the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. There will also be a sunrise service at the cemetery Easter Sunday. This service will be directed by the Rev. John L. Goff and assisted by members of the several churches of the town churches. This is a most beautiful and fitting service, both as to time and place, and it is becoming a regular institution in our community in the observance of the day on which our Lord arose from the dead.

The schedule for Holy Week services is as follows: Watts Theater 10 a. m.; Monday, Dr. I. D. S. Knight, speaker; Tuesday, Rev. John L. Goff, speaker; Wednesday, Rev. John W. Hardy, speaker; Thursday, Rev. B. T. Hurley, speaker; Friday, the Rev. Mr. McGinnis, speaker.

Seven-thirty services at the churches: Monday, Episcopal church, Rev. John L. Goff preaching; Tuesday, Methodist church, Rev. John W. Hardy preaching; Wednesday, Baptist church, Rev. B. T. Hurley preaching; Thursday, at the Christian church, with Dr. I. D. S. Knight preaching; Friday, Presbyterian church, the Rev. Mr. McGinnis preaching. Subjects appropriate to the season will be used by the speakers at the morning services, and the Words of the Cross as generally accepted in order will be used by the speakers at the evening hours. The community is heartily invited to attend all these services.

### ASSISTANT AGENT

Meeting in special session here yesterday morning, the Martin County commissioners discussed for nearly three hours various farm problems, including the work of the agents and the possibilities of increasing the service to farmers. "It was a very interesting session," one of the commissioners commented.

The authorities agreed to appropriate \$780 a year as the county's part in providing the services of another assistant county agent. It is understood that the amount will be included in the budget for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. Meeting with the commissioners, District Farm Agent B. Troy Ferguson explained that a second assistant agent is not available at this time, but possibly one could be found within the next few months.

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### Two Hundred More Dogs Vaccinated At Clinics

Two hundred and one more dogs were vaccinated on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, 161 at Bear Grass and 40 at Paul Lilley's store on the Washington Highway.

Dog owners continue to cooperate in the drive to stamp out rabies, it was declared.

Clinics will continue in other sections of the county through the present month.

## Pass Red Cross Goal By \$600 In Chapter

### More Than \$4,199 Raised In Drive Ending March 31

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## Four Cases Heard In Mayor's Court

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## FBI To Sponsor Conference Here

The Federal Bureau of Investigation will hold a conference here on April 24 for all law enforcement officials in this section of the State, Edward Scheidt, special agent in charge of the Bureau's office in Charlotte, announced this week.

Several prominent speakers will appear on the program, it was announced, and the visitors will be guests of the sheriff's and police departments at a barbecue dinner at one o'clock that afternoon.

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Material for the project which will cost approximately half million dollars, is being moved in fairly rapidly now, but work on the project is still necessarily limited.

## Bookmobile Will Make Schedule In County Next Week

Library Student From Boston Observes Program In This Section

Coming from the Simmons College School of Library Science, Boston, Mr. Sterling Dean has been in the Region for the past two weeks. The director of the Library School, having heard and read of the development of rural library service in North Carolina and of the Regional Organization in the eastern section, sent one of the students to do his practice work here in the B. H. M. Region. In addition to having practice in all procedures necessary for the operation of Regional library service, including trips on the bookmobile, work in the headquarters office, and service trips to each of the six public libraries, Mr. Dean has had a "Cook's Tour" of the Region from Parmele to Ocracoke Island. He finds this service a definite contrast to his hometown service in Rochester, N. Y., and is much in favor of more bookmobiles.

The schedule for next week follows:

**Monday, April 15**  
Williamston Elementary School, 9; Edwards Service Station, 11; Hamilton, in front of bank, 11:30; Hamilton School, 12:30; Gold Point, Johnson's Service Station, 1:35; Robersonville Public Library, 2:30.

**Tuesday, April 16**  
Hassell Post Office, 9:30; Hassell School, 10; Edmondson Service Station, 10:40; Oak City, Barrett's Drug Store, 11:15; Oak City, Barrett's Drug Store, 1:30; Smith's Store on Palmyra Road, 2:15.

**Wednesday, April 17**  
Williamston High School, 9; Everetts, School, 10; Everetts, Ayers Store, 11:30; Robersonville High School, 12:30; Robersonville Elementary School, 1:30; Parmele Post Office, 3; Cross Roads church, 3:30.

**Thursday, April 18**  
Griffin's Service Station, 9:30; Farm Life School, 10:30; Corey's Cross Roads, 12:30; Bear Grass School, 1:30; Bear Grass, Terry Bros. Store, 2:30; Wynn's Service Station, 3:30.

**Friday, April 19**  
Jamesville School, 9:30; Jordan's Store, Dardens, 10:30; Browning's Store, 11:30; Popular Chapel Church, 12:45; Jamesville, Brown's Store, 2.

## Honor Guest At Banquet Tuesday

Retiring recently after nearly thirty-four years as a telephone company employee, Miss Clyde Hassell was honored by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company at a banquet held in the Woman's Club hall here last Tuesday evening, the event attracting prominent company officials, many employees and a few special guests.

Dale Holderness, company vice president, served as master of ceremonies and he called on several of those present for a few remarks. Making a few appropriate remarks, Ed Thornton, local manager, presented Miss Hassell with a gasoline book, a gift from the exchange employees. L. W. Hill, company president, expressed regrets in accepting Miss Hassell's resignation, wished her happiness and presented her with the company's 20-year service pin.

J. R. Porter, board chairman, briefly reviewed the late history of the telephone in Williamston, pointing out the company's growth from a 200 subscriber exchange to one of nearly 800. He also pointed out that long distance messages had jumped from around 25 to six and seven hundred a day, and predicted increased growth. After paying a brief tribute to the late W. C. Manning with whom he was acquainted in the business for a number of years, Mr. Porter referred to Miss Hassell as one who had a great sense of responsibility, that she had been faithful, sincere and friendly to both the company and its patrons. "It is with much sincerity that I wish you good health and happiness," Mr. Porter said in presenting the honoree with a diamond service pin, the first of its kind ever awarded by the company.

Miss Hassell expressed her great appreciation to the company (Continued on page six)