

Thirty-one Youths Register For The Draft Last Month

Twenty-four of the Number Just Recently Became Eighteen Years Old

Thirty-one Martin County young men registered with the Martin County Draft Board last month. Twenty-four of those registering had just recently reached their eighteenth birthday, the remaining seven having already served in the armed forces. The seven entered the services either before the draft was created or before they were required to register.

Sixteen of the group registering last month were white, and most of the thirty-one live on farms.

Names and addresses of the men registering during April follow:

William Earl Lawrence, col., RFD 1, Oak City.
Garland Lawrence Taylor, w, RFD 2, Williamston.
Archibald Everett Manning, w, RFD 1, Jamesville.
Russell Darrell Roberson, w, RFD 2, Williamston.
George Caraway, col., RFD 1, Robersonville.
Elverna Keel, col., Everetts.
Romas Hiawatha Cordon, col., RFD 1, Jamesville.
George Smith, col., RFD 1, Jamesville.
Charlie Lee, col., RFD 2, Williamston.
Raleigh Manning, col., RFD 1, Oak City.
John Nathan Roberson, w, RFD 3, Williamston.
Cecil Whitfield, col., Everetts.
Eddie Wafts Brown, col., RFD 2, Williamston.
Harry Clinton Stokes, col., Williamston.
James C. McNair, col., RFD 1, Plymouth.
William E. ... Jr., w, Williamston.
James Earl Ampley, col., Robersonville.
Henry Bellflower, w, RFD 1, Palmyra.
Lionnie Mack Nicholson, w, RFD 3, Williamston.
James Edward Watts, col., Williamston.
Ken Maynard Bunting, w, Parrale.
Dan Gordon Bunting, w, RFD 2, Robersonville.
James Ed Ewell, col., RFD 3, Williamston.
William Roy Taylor, col., RFD 2, Robersonville.

The names and addresses of the veterans registering in April:

Herman Edgar Roebuck, w, Dover, New Jersey.
Grover Cecil Lilley, w, RFD 1, Jamesville.
Berkley Saunders Nicholson, w, RFD 3, Williamston.
Grover Milford Nicholson, w, RFD 3, Williamston.
Jodie Dee Woolard, Jr., w, Williamston.
Haywood Carroll Mobley, w, RFD 2, Williamston.
Nathan Mizelle, w, RFD 3, Williamston.

Mrs. Carrawan Died Wednesday

Mrs. Billie Carrawan, 79, died at her home near Swan Quarter Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock following several years of declining health. Her condition had been critical for about two months.

Mrs. Carrawan was a faithful member of the Rosebay Primitive Baptist Church for many years, and her pastor, Elder P. E. Gettysinger, of this county, conducted the last rites there Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. He was assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister of this county. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Roy Peel of Williamston and Mrs. Bettie Sawyer of the home; for sons, Cleveland Carrawan of Belhaven, Stator, Harvey and Arthur of the home.

Lonely World For Lad Over In Pacific Area

It is proving to be a lonely world for Pfc. Benjamin F. Lilley, Jr., who is stationed in Japan. Landing there soon after V-J day, the young Martin County boy has seen millions of people, but not the first one he knew.

Candidates For Congress



The race between Robert Lee Humber, left, and Herbert Bonner, right above, is holding the spotlight as time draws near for the primary on Saturday of this week. Other politics have all but been overshadowed by the race for Congress in the district's fourteen counties.

Few Names Appear On Primary Ballots

RETURNERS

In keeping with a service rendered for years, The Enterprise will tabulate and post the election returns Saturday night of this week for the three contests before the voters in this county. The ballots are unusually short and the first returns should start coming in within an hour after the polls close at 6:30 o'clock.

Election officials have been contacted in all the precincts, and they have agreed to cooperate in getting the returns in as rapidly as possible.

Interested parties are cordially asked not to call for reports on the election until after the precinct officials have an opportunity to use the telephone to file the results.

Make Provisions For Children To See Lost Colony

For the first time, North Carolina school children will have an opportunity to see the state-sponsored drama, Lost Colony, under terms within the reach of almost every child in the state.

Mrs. Richard Joshua Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, chairman of a special children's participation committee for Lost Colony, announces that some of the barracks and other facilities at the abandoned Navy airport at Manteo on Roanoke Island will be converted into dormitories to house special groups of children this summer.

Under a program set up by the committee, local communities, civic groups and other organizations may sponsor bus trips to the Island, where the children will be housed, fed and given tickets to a Lost Colony performance for a flat fee expected to be around \$3 per child, plus transportation.

Mrs. Reynolds announced that some reservations already had been made and anticipated formation of dozens of groups during the season beginning June 30th. 4-H Clubs, Boy and Girl Scout troops, and similar organizations are expected to take advantage of the low-cost trip.

At the same time, John Walker, general manager of Lost Colony, (Continued on page six)

Stolen Car Is Recovered Recently At Chapel Hill

Stolen from the streets in Chapel Hill on Saturday, May 11, the Buick car belonging to Mr. Chas. H. Godwin, Sr., was recovered on a sideroad near the university town last Saturday evening along with wearing apparel and other articles left in the car.

The machine had not been damaged and the clothes were found intact.

Atlantic Christian College Graduates

Two Martin County young women, Misses Rosalyn Mizelle of Jamesville and Gladys Rebecca Roebuck of Robersonville were graduated last week-end from Atlantic Christian College, Wilson.

Miss Roebuck completed her course of study with praise.

Call Nine Cases In The County's Court on Monday

Defendant Retains Driver's License In A Very Unusual Case

Calling nine cases, Judge J. C. Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session until 11:45 last Monday morning, the proceedings attracting a very small crowd. Fines, exclusive of court costs, were collected in the sum of \$115, and a few jail and road sentences were imposed. Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuted the docket.

A very unusual case was heard during the session, one in which a defendant after virtually admitting he was driving an automobile while under the influence of some opiate, was adjudged not guilty. And, according to law, the court was right in adjudging the defendant not guilty. The defendant, Edward Early, colored doctor of Williamston, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and in a reckless and careless manner. Early, calling in an expert witness, Dr. Jas. S. Rhodes, Jr., pleaded not guilty of drunken driving and went on to prove that he had been taking some sleeping tablets, which the defendant maintained constituted no violation of the law even when a person took them and operated a motor vehicle. The defense attorney read the law in open court and the tablets were not mentioned, leaving the defendant with his driver's license. The doctor was adjudged guilty of reckless and careless driving, and the action was continued under prayer for judgment until July 1.

Other issues, indirectly connected with the case were aired in open court, the defendant offering to explain why he had taken the sleeping tablets. Judge Smith said that he had warned the defendant a year ago that the operation of a Duk Inn, a beer joint with quite a reputation, would get the defendant into more trouble. Early went on a wild drive on Williamston's Washington Street some days ago, barely missing one or two cars and striking several others before crashing into a cement pillar near his place of business.

Other proceedings: The case charging V. J. Peele with disposing of mortgaged property was not pressed. Jimmie E. Harmon, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and taxed with the court costs.

Adjudged guilty in the case charging him with non-support Ernest Worsley proved to the court that he and his wife had decided to live together, and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

After pleading not guilty in the case charging him with carrying a concealed weapon, Richard Davis was adjudged guilty and was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with assaulting Harmon Burnette with a deadly weapon, Alexander Savage was adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence. He was sentenced to jail for six days, fined \$25 and directed to pay the court costs and \$10 to Dr. E. E. Pittman for medical attention rendered the prosecuting witness.

The case charging William Crews with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued until next Monday.

Irlie Lee Cotton was fined \$20 and taxed with the costs for speeding. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for sixty days.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, John Henry White was adjudged guilty of public drunkenness, and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

ROUND-UP

Officers were fairly busy running down alleged law violators in this section last week-end when they cited several to court and jailed five others. One of the five booked in the jail records was charged with larceny and receiving, one with non-support, two with public drunkenness and one with an assault.

The ages of the group ranged from 18 to 54 years, and three of the five jailed were white.

County Board Of Education Holds Special Meeting

Four-Room Brick Building To Replace School At Everetts

Meeting in special session last Wednesday, members of the Martin County Board of Education authorized the construction of a new building to house the Everetts colored school, ordered a few other improvements and studied the 1946-47 fiscal year budget for about an hour.

Mr. Ernest Edmondson, farmer-business man of Hassell, entered upon his new duties as a member of the board that morning after the oath of office was administered by Clerk of Court L. Bruce Wynne without any formal ceremony. Mr. Edmondson was named by the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee to succeed Mr. Leslie W. Hardison who resigned to enter the race for county commissioner in the Jamesville-Williams District. The term expires in April, 1949. The new board member, showing a keen interest in school affairs, readily entered into his new duties.

The Everetts school building destroyed by fire a short time ago is to be replaced by a four-room brick structure, the board deciding to limit the building to four rooms until conditions are more favorable. The plans call for the addition of four rooms at a later date. Architect's plans will be drawn immediately, and the board will make every effort to have the building completed and ready for the opening next fall.

In an effort to relieve the housing shortage and provide a home for the principal in Williamston, the board will move the old municipal building from its present location to the corner of East Grace Street and School Drive and convert it into a residence.

E. G. Flanagan of Henderson was placed under contract to prepare plans for the project and also for the Everetts building along with several others now under consideration.

No date has been set for a further study of the budget by the board members it was learned.

Raise \$585.93 For Cripple Children

Nearly \$600—\$585.93, to be exact—was raised in the recent drive for funds in this county for crippled children, Miss Mary Taylor, chairman, announced this week.

Contributions not previously reported follow:

Moore Grocery Co., \$12.50; Lions Club (Williamston), \$10; Nat Israel, \$5; Em's Beauty Salon, \$3; Dr. V. E. Brown, \$10; Ray H. Goodman, \$2; Blue Star Cleaners, \$3; Sam Zeamon, \$5; Belk-Tyler Co., \$10; J. Paul Simpson, \$5; Peel's Jewelry Co., \$5; Ayers Electric Company, \$5; W. I. Skinner & Co., \$5; King Tobacco Company, \$5; N. C. Green, \$5; Harry Biggs, \$5; A. O. Roberson, \$1; Peel and Manning, \$5; Charles H. Jenkins, \$5; Williamston Colored School, \$26; Jones School (colored) \$4; Everetts School (colored) \$5; Whitehead and James (colored) \$5; Salsbury School (colored), \$2.27; Everetts School, \$9.91; Woolard's School (colored), \$4.70; Farm Life School, \$10; A. J. Manning, \$5; S. L. Roberson, \$2; J. T. Llewellyn, \$5; H. L. Barnhill, \$1; John L. Goff, \$2.50; Rev. and Mrs. John Hardy, \$2.50; J. W. Watts, \$10; Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Schooley, \$5; Clarence Griffin, \$2; Johnson Mercantile Co., \$3; J. T. Barnhill, Sr., \$3; Wheeler Manning, \$2; Skewar-Lodge No. 90, \$12.50; and Dred Darden, \$5. Previously reported contributions totaled \$362.05.

Young War Bride Arrived Thursday From Belgium

Mrs. Chas. E. Bullock, the former Miss Nellie Louise Dossery of Seraing, Belgium, arrived here Thursday afternoon to make her home. She will make her home with her mother-in-law, Mrs. James H. Crabtree, until her husband returns from overseas within the next month or two.

The young couple were married last November.

Farm Conditions Hanging In The Balance In County

As a result of frequent and heavy rains, the farm situation was said by quite a few farmers to be "hanging in the balance." While the situation is not critical, the farmers declare that it can become that way in a short time if rains continue to fall.

The tobacco crop with some few exceptions is doing very well. Transplanting has been completed for some days now, but resetting is being made necessary by drowning and cut worms. A few farmers are known to have plowed up portions of their crop in lowland areas where water flooded the fields and drowned the plants. Earlier this week, a few farmers, finding it impossible to get a mule in their fields, carried plants in aprons to finish transplanting and the re-setting tasks. The crop is quite yellow in most places and the leaves are growing to a point, it was said. However,

the outlook for tobacco is fairly encouraging, certainly more so than that for other crops in this area at the present time.

Peanuts are coming up in most cases to make for a good stand but the grass has a good start and there is some doubt if most of the farmers will be able to get it out with the limited labor supply. The acreage planted to peanuts has been reduced somewhat in this county from the plantings of last year. Most of the acreage taken out of peanuts has been planted in tobacco.

The corn crop, while doing fairly well, is yellow and grassy.

Farmers are in a quandary as to what to do. Some are of the opinion that the fertilizer has been washed away, but being not certain they do not want to apply more fertilizer. They are just waiting to see what the crops do before doing anything themselves.

USO Suspending Its Operations May 31st

Over Thirty-Five Thousand Guests Entertained Here

Plan Closing Party In The Legion Hut Sometime Next Week

By Rev. John L. Goff

The Williamston U S O Service Men's Council will cease its activities for service men and women Friday, May 31st, after two years of service as a part of national United Service Organizations, Inc.

During its operation the U S O has been "a home away from home" to 35,021 service men and women. It has provided sleeping quarters for 2,103 men, though there were no sleeping facilities at the club, the homes of friends of service men were made available for this fine service. There were sixty homes registered with the club offering this entertainment free of costs. Mrs. A. R. Dunning's home for tourists was always open for service men and their wives. Many times during the war years Mrs. Dunning's home was filled with service men as her guests, not as paying transients. Some 10,191 senior and junior hostesses gave of their time to provide a high class social period for the camp-wearers of the service. Too much cannot be said for this type of service. All girls who served in these capacities were recommended by a secret committee as to their moral and personal fitness for entertaining the boys in uniform.

The churches and civic organizations of the town have been very generous with their support in money, leadership and free foods. The local committee and organization wishes to express their very sincere appreciation for these helps.

Mrs. J. D. Thrower and her assistant, Mr. J. R. Leggett, in conjunction with the committee announce that a final closing party will be held at the club sometime next week to which the public is invited and at which time certificates and pins for those who have served so well will be awarded. Further announcements will be made at a later date.

While the local U S O will close officially, the U S O will continue to function where ever service men are stationed. This is particularly true near the large camps and the bases overseas. In the Philippine Islands and in Japan Darden, \$5. Previously reported contributions totaled \$362.05.

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More County Men Are Released By The Armed Forces

Slow Down In Rate of Army Discharges Is Noted Recently

Seventy-three Martin County young men—thirty-eight white and thirty-five colored—were recently released by the armed forces, most of the men getting their discharges in April.

The rate men were discharged in April was decreased, and under the new make-shift draft law, discharges are almost certain to lag even more.

Coy Stalls, young white man of Robersonville, who entered the service in March, 1942, was discharged last January, but was a bit late filing his discharge papers. Otis Linwood Davenport of Annapolis, Md., was discharged in February, 1940. The following white men were discharged in March, the numerals indicating the dates the men were inducted:

William Joseph Griffin, 2-40, RFD 1, Williamston; Francis Crowell Egan, 1-40, Williamston; Allen Earl Lewis, 6-43, RFD 3, Williamston; William Thomas Cullipher, Jr., 2-45, RFD 3, Williamston; William David Harrison, 12-42, RFD 2, Williamston; John William Fulford, 9-44, RFD 3, Williamston; Wilber Gerald James, 4-43, Norfolk; Jesse Haywood Crisp, 10-43, RFD 1, Oak City; and Luther Cleveland Modlin, 2-40, RFD 3, Williamston.

The following white men were discharged in April:

Garland Stator Barber, 12-44, RFD 1, Jamesville; Dallas Taylor Jones, 4-44, RFD 1, Williamston; William Oscar Donald, Jr., 8-43, RFD 3, Williamston; Javan Howard Rogers, 6-43, RFD 2, Williamston; William Eugene Peele, 2-43, RFD 2, Williamston; Verlin Griffin, 10-44, RFD 1, Williamston; Luther Edward Nicholson, 9-44, RFD 3, Williamston; James Roul Carson, 12-43, Williamston; Hugh Millard Martin, 4-43, Jamesville. Dallas Marion Taylor, 10-43, RFD 3, Williamston; Joseph Howard Thigpen, 10-43, Williamston. Gordon Carlie Price, 10-44, RFD 1, Jamesville; Robert Edward Brown, 9-44, RFD 1, Jamesville; Alva Rudolph Roberson, 4-43, Jamesville; Joseph Hardy Stroud, 9-44, Scotland Neck; Oscar LeRoy Roberson, 8-44, Hassell; Gorman Leslie Parrisher, 4-44, Robersonville; Rupert Turner, 4-45, RFD 1, Palmyra; Samuel David Jenkins, 7-44, RFD 2, Robersonville; Bert Toier, 2-41, RFD 1, Erad, N. C.; Thomas Redmond Harrison, 5-44, RFD 1, Robersonville; William Fletcher Martin, 6-44, Robersonville; James Leslie Williams, 7-45, RFD 3, Williamston; Charles Brantley Martin, 6-43, Jamesville; William Leslie Riddick, 3-44, Bethel; Pete Ellis Cherry, 4-44, Williamston; and Verner Dalmond Godwin, Jr., 10-43, Williamston.

Inducted into the service in April, 1941, Thurmon Earl Collier, colored, of Hassell, was discharged last January 26. Lewis Augustus Brown, col., of RFD 2, Williamston, entered the service in March, 1943, and was discharged last February 9.

The following colored men were discharged in March, the numerals indicating induction dates, that is, month and year:

Bernie Lee Ormond, 12-42, Williamston; Tom Jackson, 10-43, Williamston; Larry Thomas Ruffin, 9-44, Robersonville; C. L. (Continued on page six)

Justice Hassell Has Eight Cases In Mayor's Court

Several Are Charged With Operating Vehicles With Improper Lights

Mayor John L. Hassell handled eight cases in his court this week, several of them involving alleged violations of the motor vehicle laws.

Proceedings: Charged with disorderly conduct, Claudie Peel was required to pay \$6.50 costs.

In the case charging L. O. Buchanan with disorderly conduct, judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$7.50 costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, James Pritchett was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 costs.

William Randolph Wynn, charged with disorderly conduct, was required to pay costs in the sum of \$5.50.

Clarence Willie McCotter was fined \$10 and required to pay \$6 costs in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes.

Charged with assaulting a female, Bill Brown was bound over to the county recorder's court for trial under bond in the sum of \$50.

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