

Senate Approves Draft Extension Until July, 1947

After Brief Respite, Teen-Agers Facing Induction After This Month

The Senate passed a draft extension bill this week which would continue the act until May 15, 1947, permit 18 and 19 year olds to be drafted again after this month, and raise the pay of enlisted men.

The vote on final passage was 69 to 8. It came after the Senate defeated, 63 to 14, a proposal that actual inductions be halted while the volunteer system got a further trial with the pay of an Army private raised from \$50 to \$75 a month.

The main features of the Senate bill, which grants most of the administration's requests, are subject now to House action. That chamber voted an extension only to February 15 with a ban on teen-age inductions, and approved pay increases in a separate measure.

The Senate and House, in seeking to adjust their differences, will work against a July 1 deadline when the temporary draft extension expires.

Senators Revercomb, Wilson and Wherry had proposed the stop on inductions, arguing that Congress should await results from the pay increase.

"I don't want to draft American boys to march into Spain," Revercomb said, adding that he does not know what this country's commitments might be. "And I don't want to draft boys to take part in a civil war in China."

Administration leaders contended it would be dangerous to ban inductions and leave future manpower needs of the armed forces to the uncertainty of volunteering.

A Senate-House committee will have to compromise differences between the two branches. Three days of Senate debate drew the issues.

The chief point of controversy between the two chambers is whether 18 and 19-year-olds should be subject to the draft. The House voted no. The Senate decided, 53 to 26, that they should. Talk already is going around of a possible compromise dropping boys 18 but taking those 19.

The House voted to extend the draft only until February 15 and to suspend all inductions from May 15 until October 15.

The Senate approved an increase from \$50 to \$75 a month in pay of "back" privates, increase for other enlisted men, but no pay boost for officers. The House in a bill separate from its draft measure, voted comparable increases for enlisted men.

The Senate and House agreed that the service of future inductions should be limited to 18 months and that fathers should not be drafted.

The Senate bill, as drawn by the military committee, took account of the possibility that volunteers may meet future needs through a section directing, in effect, that no one shall be drafted if sufficient volunteers do step forward.

This section requires that the Army shall be reduced "consistently month by month" from the current figure of about 1,550,000 to 1,070,000 by July 1, 1947. Draft requisitions, it adds, "shall not exceed the number of men required after consideration of the actual number of voluntary enlistments during the three months preceding that month in which the requisition is made."

Senator Edwin C. Johnson, vigorous critic of "peacetime conscription" (Continued on page six)

Legion Post To Select Officers

Meeting in the hut in Williamston next Monday night at 8:00 o'clock, members of the John Walton Post of the American Legion will elect officers for the coming year. It was announced this week. Other business also will be discussed at the meeting, it was learned.

A special invitation is being extended to all the legionnaires of the post to be present and participate in the election of officers and discuss other business matters to be placed before the meeting.

Relief Agency Asks For Budget Increase

EMPTY

Following the passage of the law eliminating teen-agers from the Selective Service draft, there has been no one in the draft pool in this county. Possibly aware of the shortage of available manpower in the draft pool, Selective Service issued no call for final inductions in June.

Eighteen colored men were called this week for pre-induction examinations, and approximately thirty-four white men are being called to report for pre-induction tests the latter part of next week, it was learned today.

Organize District Soil Conservation Group In the East

Meeting Held In Goldsboro Recently To Discuss Local Problems

About sixty-five farmers, representing the eight soil conservation districts covering eastern North Carolina and others interested in the soil conservation movement, met in Goldsboro on Tuesday last week. There, according to A. C. Edwards, of Hookerton, who acted as chairman, a forward step was taken to assure better land use for this entire section.

J. W. Butner, representing the city of Goldsboro, made an address of welcome, to which response was made by W. W. Eagles of Edgecombe County.

The chairman explained the need for an organization of supervisors in eastern North Carolina. "We should get together occasionally," stated Mr. Edwards, "in order that we may exchange views on ways and means to solve our common problems. The job of soil conservation here, as anywhere else," he continued, "is too big for any one of us to attempt alone. We should and must work together for the benefit of all. We have problems such as drainage which are not important in the middle and western parts of the state; and so we can work them out best in meeting with those who represent sections confronted with similar problems. This is not," emphasized Mr. Edwards, "to be construed as taking a lesser interest in soil conservation in the entire state, but rather an effort to work more closely on our local problems without taking up extra time at the annual state meetings."

At a preliminary meeting held in Greenville on April 16, committees were formed to work on the major problems confronting the soil conservation districts in eastern North Carolina. These committees were to deal with the following subjects: 1. Drainage, 2. Pastures, field crops and erosion; 3. Education and public relations; 4. Forestry and wildlife, and 5. Coordination between agencies.

Reports indicating careful and business-like thought were made immediately following noon recess. These reports included definite recommendations and comments were made upon them by various farmer supervisors present.

In addition to farmers representing the eight soil conservation districts, invited guests present included representatives from the Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, AAA, Department of Vocational Education, State Forest Service, Farm Security Administration and State Experiment Station.

W. W. Eagles, chairman of the Coastal Plain District board of supervisors, Macclesfield; M. O. Speight, secretary of the Coastal Plain District board of supervisors, Winterville; G. E. Goff, RFD 2, Rocky Mount; A. C. Edwards, Hookerton; and C. U. Rogers, Williamston, attended from this section and were helpful in contributing to the general success of the meeting.

By unanimous consent it was decided that the organization would be made permanent and known as the Coastal Plain Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors.

Program Calling For Over \$30,000 For Fiscal Year

County Being Asked To Raise Nearly \$17,000 As Its Share of Cost

Submitting its proposed budget to the Martin County Commissioners in their recent meeting, the welfare department called for \$30,299.00 to sustain its program during the 1946-47 fiscal year. The budget figures exceed those of a year ago by \$729.36, but are several thousand dollars below the amount actually spent by the department during the fiscal period now drawing to a close.

The budget calls for the following appropriations: Administration, salaries, travel and allied items, \$9,230.00; old age assistance, \$8,940.00; aid to dependent children, \$3,840.00; aid to the blind, \$939.00; general relief, \$2,500.00; drugs, \$300; hospitalization, \$4,500.00; and miscellaneous, \$50. During the fiscal year now ending, the department had appropriated for its program, \$29,569.64, but spent only \$25,867.50. It was pointed out in a budget note that "A number of old age dependent children and aid to dependent children grants should have been increased during the past few months but lack of case workers made it impossible to make necessary home visits in order to re-evaluate budget." There are three full-time employees in the department at the present time, and administration plus travel and a few other items account for nearly one-third of the budget.

A comparison of the budget shows: a \$200 reduction in administrative costs for the new year; a \$100 decrease in old age grants; no change in the total amount for dependent children aid; a \$4.36 increase in blind aid; a \$50 increase for general relief; \$50 additional for drugs; \$500 more for hospitalization; and a \$25 decrease in miscellaneous costs.

The new budget estimate also pointed out that reimbursements reduced the cost of the department by several thousand dollars in the current fiscal year.

Next year the department anticipates the following funds from the state and federal governments: \$2,700 for administration, \$6,705 for old age assistance, \$2,880 for aid to dependent children, and \$704.25 for aid to the blind, leaving the county to raise by taxation approximately \$16,809.75 for the program in the new year.

A report on cases handled by the department follows: Old age assistance, 232 persons with 14 cases pending; 38 cases aid to dependent children with one pending; aid to blind, 10; general relief, 28 cases; hospitalization, 14 cases; individual, 143 cases; parole, 7; service children, 63; family adjustment, 10; county home, 12; T. B. Sanatorium, 6; vocation rehabilitation, 14; medical and health, 16; out-of-town investigations, 15; making of total 450 active cases.

Charles Jackson Died Wednesday

Apparently suffering a heart attack, Charles F. Jackson, 83, was found dead in bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Raymond Cherry, in Williamston, Wednesday morning. Death is believed to have occurred at 5 a. m.

Born in Beaufort County, Oct. 13, 1862, Mr. Jackson was the son of Frederick Jackson and Margaret Hodges Jackson of Beaufort County. He was a retired farmer.

Funeral services were held at the Biggs Funeral Home here at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. M. Perry, Christian minister, of Robersonville. Interment was in Oakdale cemetery in Washington. Mr. Jackson was a member of the Christian Church at Old Ford.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Raymond Cherry of Williamston, and one son, Lt. Comdr. A. W. Jackson of the Coast Guard; one brother, George Jackson, of Rocky Mount, six grand children and three great grandchildren.

Thirty Positions Vacant In County School Facilities

Six Persons Apply For The Office Of Principal In School Here

School facilities, far from complete these past few years, continue to dwindle in this county, a report from the office of superintendent this week stating that there were at least thirty vacancies waiting to be filled at the present time. Resignations are still being received, it was also learned. While the teacher situation continues serious, there are some bright spots and school officials are possibly more optimistic over the outlook than they were about this time, a year ago.

The vacancies are fairly well scattered over the county, it was explained, and a few applications are being received, especially by the larger schools.

Two resignations were received by the local committee during the past few days, boosting the total to six so far since before and right after the close of the 1945-46 term.

Miss Charlotte Sasser, eighth grade teacher, tendered her resignation, and Miss Verna Bell Lowery, home economics teacher in the high school for the past several years, is leaving to enter extension work. At the present time there are vacancies in the two eighth grades, mathematics, science, and home economics departments and the office of principal. Several applications for the grade positions and home eco-

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Humans were battered, bruised and broken, and life itself was snuffed out, not to mention costly damage done to property, in a series of motor vehicle accidents in this county last week-end. The accident figures offer a mighty serious picture, speaking for themselves as follows:

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.

| Twenty-Second Week | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|----------|
| 1946 | 7 | 1 | \$ 1,300 |
| 1945 | 1 | 0 | 00 |
| Comparisons To Date | | | |
| 1946 | 65 | 56 | 3 16,820 |
| 1945 | 26 | 12 | 3 6,500 |

County Property Values

Despite the ban on building construction and a limited repair program, real property values in Martin County this year gained slightly more than a quarter million dollars over those of a year ago, according to a report released a few days ago by Tax Supervisor M. Luther Peel. White property owners listed real property at \$202,545 more in 1946 than they did in 1945, the gain being 2.6 percent. Values listed by colored property owners were increased by \$49,041, a gain of 6.4 percent. Cross Roads reported a \$38 loss in values listed by white property owners and \$2,250 in those listed by colored citizens. Hamilton white owners lost \$4,370, but the colored boosted their values by \$5,230 to 1945, exclusive of corporation listings now stand at \$8,644,449.

In a next review combined values of real and personal property will be compared for the years 1945 and 1946.

| | WHITE | | Gain | Loss | Pct. | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------|------|------|
| | 1945 | 1946 | | | | |
| Jamesville | \$ 795,820 | \$ 846,340 | 50,520 | 06.3 | | |
| Williams | 254,906 | 269,394 | 14,488 | 05.6 | | |
| Griffins | 439,498 | 449,215 | 9,717 | 02.2 | | |
| Bear Grass | 446,658 | 455,789 | 9,131 | 02.4 | | |
| Williamston | 1,942,147 | 2,029,087 | 86,940 | 04.4 | | |
| Cross Roads | 452,033 | 452,000 | * 38 | *00.0 | | |
| Robersonville | 1,475,307 | 1,491,506 | 16,199 | 01.1 | | |
| Poplar Point | 265,722 | 272,217 | 6,495 | 02.8 | | |
| Hamilton | 694,152 | 689,782 | * 4,370 | *00.6 | | |
| Goose Nest | 863,039 | 876,502 | 13,463 | 01.5 | | |
| Totals | \$7,629,287 | \$7,831,832 | 202,545 | 02.6 | | |
| | | COLORED | | Gain | Loss | Pct. |
| | | 1945 | 1946 | | | |
| Jamesville | \$ 114,164 | \$ 117,952 | 3,788 | 3.3 | | |
| Williams | 36,780 | 36,515 | * 265 | *00.7 | | |
| Griffins | 11,395 | 11,765 | 370 | 3.2 | | |
| Bear Grass | 19,275 | 21,205 | 1,930 | 10.0 | | |
| Williamston | 173,297 | 192,269 | 18,972 | 10.9 | | |
| Cross Roads | 28,615 | 26,365 | * 2,250 | *07.8 | | |
| Robersonville | 129,430 | 149,356 | 19,926 | 15.3 | | |
| Poplar Point | 5,670 | 5,670 | 0 | 0.0 | | |
| Hamilton | 76,014 | 81,244 | 5,230 | 6.8 | | |
| Goose Nest | 168,886 | 170,276 | 1,390 | 00.8 | | |
| Totals | \$ 763,576 | \$ 812,617 | 49,041 | 06.4 | | |

*Denotes loss.

Justice Hassell Calls Eight Cases In Mayor's Court

J. H. Williams Admits Robbery and Theft Of Truck Tires

Justice John L. Hassell called eight cases in his court during the past few days, the charges aired during the sessions ranging from robbery and larceny down to public drunkenness.

John H. Williams, arrested along with John and Romulus Moore, for breaking into the G. and H. Builders' Supply Company the early part of last week and stealing two truck tires, confessed the crime and cleared the other two men. Williams was trapped when he tried to sell the tires at reduced prices. He admitted that he broke into the building and rolled the two tires down the highway, hiding them in some bushes until he contacted friends who would help him dispose of the loot. He claimed to his friend that he found the tires which were valued at \$158. Williams, 24 years old, was bound over to the superior court for trial this month. Bond in the sum of \$200 was required.

Charged with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, Ben Frank Little was bound over to the county court for trial in bond of \$50.

Ernest Godard was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost for allegedly operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes. The cost in his case amounted to \$6.00.

Charged with being drunk and down, Jimmie Gray was fined \$250 and required to pay \$7.50 costs.

Sidney Dixon, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Manuel Wilson, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper lights, was fined \$10 and required to pay \$6 costs.

Taffey Mitchell was required to pay \$9.50 costs in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper lights, James Curtis Howell was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 costs.

Little Peggy Harrison Reported Improving

Critically ill for several days, Little Miss Peggy Harrison yesterday was reported slightly improved. A patient in Duke Hospital, Durham, for nearly six weeks, she continues quite ill. Her mother, Mrs. E. C. Harrison, has been with her for about ten days, and Mr. Harrison is visiting her today.

Nearly \$500 Raised In Relief Movement

First Appeals Get Liberal Response Chairman Reports

Receiving Agents Are Named For Hamilton, Oak City and Jamesville

The first direct appeals made in support of the movement to relieve starvation among the millions of helpless people overseas are meeting with a liberal response, Hildreth P. Mobley, chairman, said yesterday morning. Heading the committee named by the local Lions Club to handle the task in the name of starving humanity, the chairman stated that \$448.01 had been contributed in less than two days, that only a portion of the local business district had been solicited. It was also pointed out that quite a few volunteer contributions had been forwarded to the chairman and members of the committee.

Most of the funds reported to date were solicited by two members of the committee, others receiving a few donations over a scattered area.

On Saturday of this week, the Lions committee will place and maintain a special booth on Main Street with the help of the Boy Scouts and wives of club members.

Paul Bailey, Everetts, V. B. Hair, Jamesville, and George Haislip, Hamilton, have willingly agreed to accept donations in their respective communities, and anyone desiring to do something in the name of suffering humanity is asked to leave a contribution with any one of the three men.

Robersonville is reported to have made a successful drive for funds, and Oak City, under the direction of the Ruritan Club, is making progress. Disheartening reports had been heard in some communities, where generally recognized leading citizens have shown very little discretion in turning their backs on starving children. One report stated that a solicitor was almost insulted when she carried the appeal to one man.

Following is a list of names and contributions received during the first days of the food collection drive in this community:

Lion's Club, \$56.01; Mrs. Alice Dunning, \$10; Mrs. John A. Ward, \$5; Martin & Elliott, \$20; Williams Supply Company, \$10; Harrison Oil Company, \$20; Moore Grocery Company, \$20; Williamson Motor Company, \$20; Roanoke Chevrolet Company, \$20; Eastern Bond and Mortgage Company, \$5; Price Gulf Service Station, \$1; Lindsley Ice Company, \$20; Russell Griffin's Service Station, \$20; Williamson Hardware Company, \$5; Farmers Super-

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Two County Girls WCUNC Graduates

In the class of 448 students graduated Monday morning, June 3, from the Woman's College were two from Martin County. In graduating exercises in Aycock auditorium speakers were Governor R. Gregg Cherry, Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the University of North Carolina; Dr. W. C. Jackson, chancellor; and Miss Betty Jane Sarratt, Bevard, representing the senior class. Governor Cherry presented diplomas to the graduates on whom President Graham conferred degrees.

Miss Evelyn Grace Griffin, of Williamston received an A. B. degree with a major in Biology, and Miss Esther House, of Robersonville, who received an A. B. degree with a major in Primary education, were the Martin County graduates.

Miss Griffin is listed with other students on the Dean's list, and is a member of the chemistry club, a medical technologists club, and Y. W. C. A. During her junior year she served as hall proctor and junior advisor.

Also on the Dean's list is Miss House who belonged to the education club, interfaith council and Y. W. C. A.

Few Cases Heard In County Court Monday Morning

Tribunal Feels Summer Slump With Lightest Docket In Months

Only three criminal cases were booked for trial in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, the docket being the lightest before Judge J. C. Smith in many months. In the absence of Solicitor Paul D. Roberson, Attorney Clarence W. Griffin prosecuted the docket.

Ordinarily the court has a slump in business each year during the summer months, but the slump came a bit earlier than usual this year.

Kenneth Harrell, charged with bastardy, was ordered to continue the payment of \$10 a month for the use and support of his illegitimate child, and reappear on the first Monday in January, 1947, for further judgment.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Roosevelt Andrews pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. The court recommended that no driver's license be issued the defendant for nine months.

Hearing the evidence on May 27, Judge Smith handed down his decision Monday in the civil action brought by H. K. Spruill against Jesse Rogers, the plaintiff receiving a judgment in the sum of \$47.03.

In the case charging Jasper Williams and Evelyn White Story with adultery, Judge Smith sentenced Williams to the roads for twelve months and the woman to jail for six months. The woman's sentence was suspended on condition that she return to her native Virginia and not return to North Carolina for at least one year. In another case, in which he was charged with abandoning his five children, Williams was sentenced to the roads for six months, the sentence to begin at the expiration of the first if the court cost is not paid.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty, but the state had little trouble in proving that the two were a divorce. It was agreed that county since about the first of last March on the Bellflower farm in Goose Nest Township. It was also brought out during the trial that the two defendants had been carried into the Virginia courts, that they were forced to leave that state.

Joe Williams, witness for the state, said that the defendants spent a week at his home in Oak City, that they occupied the same rooming.

Testifying in the case, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said that the wife of the defendant, Williams, had asked if he knew where Jasper lived, that she had been informed that two of the children had been moved from the home of their uncle. A warrant was issued soon had lived as man and wife in this ed out that two of the children were left with Chas. Bland, one each with J. Jones, Joe Williams and with a family in Everetts, that the defendants had taken two of the children with them after locating on the Goose Nest farm.

Testifying in his behalf, Jasper Williams said that he and his wife went to a Norfolk lawyer last year and discussed plans for getting a divorce. The officer also pointed he would be charged with adultery. Declaring to the court that he thought the divorce had gone through, he was married to Evelyn White Story, 29-year-old mother of two children, on November 26 of last year in South Mills. He maintained that he had

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Traffic Fatalities Headed For Peak

The National Safety Council reported on April 29 that America's traffic fatality rate is almost back to its peak prewar level. In the first three months of this year, 8,120 persons were killed in motor vehicle accidents, the council said, compared with the record of 8,250 for the corresponding period in 1941, the last prewar year. The council reported that the 2,670 deaths in March represented an increase of 39 percent over the same month last year, and that the total for three months of 1946 was up 44 percent from last year.

ELIMINATION

After vaccinating between 2,500 and 2,600 dogs in the county, the authorities are enhancing the drive against rabies by the power of elimination. The first such move was made Tuesday when officers moved into Williams Township and killed four dogs whose owner had chosen not to have vaccinated. And the disposal of the dead dogs was left to the owner, Laura Moore.

There were five dogs on the farm, the aged woman promising the officers she would have the fifth one vaccinated if they would only spare the animal.

No indictments have been brought, but some are expected, the authorities pointing out that too many mad dogs had been killed already in the county to allow loose enforcement of the law requiring the vaccination of all dogs six months old or older.

Eighteen County Colored Men Are Called For Army

Pre-Induction Call Is The First To Be Answered Since April

Eighteen Martin County colored men were called to report to Fort Bragg this week for pre-induction examinations for possible military service, but quite a few of them did not report. Several of them had moved and left no forwarding addresses and others had not reported additions to their families, the blessed events being recognized as valid grounds for deferment.

The group does not include any teen-agers for the first time in many months, the ages of the men ranging from 20 to 23 years. Most of the men have had at least one physical examination at an Army induction center, and were drawn from the 4-F classification.

While the call this week was for eighteen men, only seventeen could be processed, and one of them, it was learned, had joined the Navy.

Thirteen of the seventeen men processed for pre-induction came from non-farm jobs.

Names and addresses—registration and last-known—follow:

Ulysses Whitley, Williamston and Philadelphia.
John Alton Roberts, RFD 1, Williamston.

Charlie Staton, Jr., Williamston and Philadelphia.
Bernice Williams, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Joe Jordan Rodgers, RFD 2, Williamston.
William Augustus Spruill, Everetts.

Kelly Purvis, RFD 1, Oak City and Hamilton.
William Henry Everett, Williamston and New York.

Benjamin Wiggins, Jr., Williamston.
Samuel Pierce Briley, Robersonville.

Earl Cortez Roberson, RFD 3, Williamston and Newark, N. J.
Melvin Higgs, RFD 1, Hobgood.
Oscar Lee Slade, Everetts and Philadelphia.

Obediah Whitaker, RFD 1, Jamesville.
Ernest Williams, RFD 1, Oak City.

Abner Lee Fields, RFD 1, Palmyra. Fields, it was learned, had joined the Navy.

Removed To Hospital In Durham For Treatment

A victim of illness for three months, Mr. Hugh Bennett, Martin County farmer, was removed to Duke Hospital Tuesday night for treatment. He had been a patient in the local hospital for about two weeks. Last reports received here stated he continued quite ill. By noon Wednesday he had been examined several times. Mr. Bennett made the trip to the hospital in a Biggs ambulance.