

Vets Will Apply For Dividend August 29

Application Forms Now At Red Cross Office in City Hall

Estimated 2,000 Vets in the County Will Get Quarter Million Dollars

Assisted by volunteer workers, Martin County Service Officer Edgar Gurganus and Mrs. Edna L. Bondurant of the Martin County Red Cross Chapter next Monday on the third floor of Williamston's town hall start receiving veterans' claims to National Service Life Insurance dividends or refunds, Officer Gurganus announced today.

The claims will be prepared without cost to the veteran and require comparatively little information. The veteran will be asked to:

1. Give his name, including middle initial, if any;
2. Mailing address;
3. County in which he lives;
4. Enlisted man or officer;
5. Branch of service he was in;
6. Date of birth, day, month and year;
7. Serial number and insurance policy number.

It is necessary that the veteran give his right serial number, and if the insurance policy number is listed on the application, the claim can be speeded up.

In addition to the application for the special dividend, the county veterans' service officer is asking all veterans to fill in a veterans' service survey form. Mr. Gurganus explained that quite a few veterans in this county who are not now receiving benefits are entitled to them, that a complete survey will establish their rights, offer a valuable record for future use, especially in emergencies.

The veterans' officer added that the survey, in the long run, could prove more profitable than the insurance refund. "The importance of the service survey cannot be stressed too much, and it is very simple to prepare," Mr. Gurganus said, adding that he hoped every veteran in this county would call by the service officer's headquarters on the third floor of Williamston's town hall, get a form and prepare it along with his insurance claim.

It was announced that insurance claim forms would be available at post offices and veterans' organizations. Up until today no forms had been received except by the veterans' service officer and the Red Cross, and the number received by them was limited. Approximately 1,000 forms are now on hand, but no applications are to be received before next Monday, it was explained.

The office will be opened Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock to help the veterans prepare their insurance dividend claims and fill in the service survey form. The office will be open until about 5:00 o'clock tomorrow.

Veterans have at least three months to file their claims, but Officer Gurganus thinks a majority of the claims will have been filed and in the mail within a week or ten days.

It is estimated that the approximately 2,000 World War II veterans in this county will receive close to a quarter million dollars. Relatives of deceased service-

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Released From County Jail Here This Week

Charles DeAngelis, Cherry Point marine who was booked early Sunday on a careless and reckless driving charge, was released from the county jail here Tuesday afternoon when his father, Joseph DeAngelis, came down from Baltimore and arranged bond.

The young man wrecked his father's 1947 Cadillac between here and Jamesville last Sunday morning, injuring himself painfully but apparently not seriously.

BUS SERVICE

A new bus schedule for the town and territory just outside the town limits is tentatively slated to go into effect tomorrow, the owner, John S. Gurganus, announced this morning. A one- or two-day delay is possible, however, Mr. Gurganus explaining that an inspector has to approve the equipment first.

Planning an hourly service from 6:30 a. m. until 9:30 p. m., the operator will run the bus to points on North Houghton Street, the river, Sunny Side Inn and Hardy's station in West End.

Tobacco Sales To Pass Two Million Pounds this Week

Price Average Trailing Last Year's Figure By About \$7 Hundred Pounds

With just a medium size poundage, the local tobacco market will have passed the two-million pound mark tomorrow, a review of the sales by Sales Supervisor J. Edward Corey shows. Through yesterday the market had sold right at 1,378,216 pounds. It is estimated that the sales today will add another 300,000 pounds or more to the total, leaving the market less than 300,000 pounds to go to reach the two-million mark tomorrow.

After starting off last Friday with an average of more than \$48.00 per hundred, the market has leveled off to a figure in the middle forties. The average price for the first four days' sales combined was \$44.75. After going down to \$42.44 last Tuesday, the price ranged upward yesterday and apparently is still stronger today.

A study of the price structure shows that the better quality grades are bringing just as much and possibly a little more than they did on opening day. Possibly there is a little variation in the prices for some of the other grades, but, as a whole, prices are holding up. The appearance of right many tips and inferior quality grades has had a tendency to weaken the over-all price average.

While farmers recognize the quality angle, they are a bit disturbed because the over-all price average is trailing that of a year ago by about \$7 per hundred.

That the farmers are marketing the current crop as rapidly as possible is seen in a sales comparison for the first five days of the 1948 and the first five days of this season. Including today's sales, the market this year has sold about three-quarters of a million pounds more than it did in the first five days last year. Strange as it may seem, a few farmers

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Askew Funeral Held in Windsor

Funeral services were held in Windsor yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Richard Watson Askew, 71, who died in a Greenville hospital Tuesday noon. Rev. John W. Hardy, former Williamston minister, conducted the service in Windsor's St. Thomas Episcopal Church and burial was in the cemetery there.

Mr. Askew was prominent in the affairs of Bertie County for many years.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Amanda Nowell; four daughters, Mrs. A. N. Green, Charlotte; Mrs. W. W. Fleetwood, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Henry Manning, formerly of Williamston and now of Windsor; and Miss Mary Webb Askew of Windsor; a sister, Mrs. John W. Cooper, and a brother, A. S. Askew, both of Windsor.

Local Band Picnic Friday Evening

The annual picnic and family night program of the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School will be held tomorrow night. Arrangements have been completed for a program of music, a picnic and a business meeting of the Band Parents Club.

The concert will start at 6:00 p. m. and the picnic will be served immediately following the music program. The business meeting is to be held at the close of the picnic period. Band parents are to bring all their immediate family this year as explained by the secretary, Mrs. Thelma Page.

Director Jack Butler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Butler of New York state are here visiting him and will be special guests at the concert and picnic.

Mann Addresses Annual Meeting Of FCX Members

Declares Governor's Program Being Attacked By Selfish Groups

Pleading for a return to the family altar and the support of Governor W. Kerr Scott's "Go Forward Program" by the farm people of the State, M. G. Mann, general manager of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, told some 1000 Martin County farmers Tuesday that it was time for serious thinking and working together if rural North Carolina is to progress.

Mann spoke to the patrons of the Martin FCX Service at their annual meeting in the local high school auditorium. Following the meeting a barbecue dinner was served on the school grounds.

Elected to three year terms as directors of the Martin FCX Service were: W. M. Hardison, Route 3, Williamston; T. B. Slade, Hamilton; L. A. Clark, Everetts; Carl Griffin, Jamesville; and S. T. Everett, Robersonville.

Harry C. Ferebee, prominent Camden County farmer, was nominated by the delegates from district one to serve another three-year term as a member of the State FCX board.

In calling for the support of Governor Scott's program, Mann pointed out that in Martin County 778 of the 2868 farm homes had electricity while only 120 had rural telephone service. These figures he said were taken from the 1945 census.

He said that Governor Scott was doing all he could but that his program was already meeting organized opposition from selfish groups. "The Governor needs your help, your prayers to carry out his forward program."

"With your help, the governor will do everything in his power to help you get good roads, telephones and electricity," Mann said.

Mann called for more prayer in this county and declared that "we are getting away from the family altar, the only hope for a strong America."

He asked the young mothers and fathers return to the teachings of their parents and said that "it makes me shudder to pick up my paper and read of the murders and the divorces throughout America."

In reporting on the Martin FCX Service, Mann reported that the farmers of Martin County placed a total volume of \$178,471 through their organization during the 12 month period ending June 30, 1949. Throughout the Carolinas, the FCX handled a total volume of \$27,500,000 during the same period, with 104,000 members.

"The FCX has helped to make the farmers do their own serious thinking about their own welfare and as a result they have built a business of their own in 15 years that has handled a total business of \$153,000,000, and currently has a net worth of over \$4,250,000."

Lashing out at those who charged that farm cooperatives do not pay taxes, Mann declared that the FCX paid every tax that any other business paid and added that these taxes are assessed by the same assessors that assess all business taxes.

Stockholders Of FCX In Meeting

Holding their annual meeting in the high school here last Tuesday afternoon, stockholders and patrons of the Martin County FCX (Farmers' Cooperative Exchange), named their officers for the coming year, heard General Manager M. G. Mann in a timely address, participated in various games and contests and enjoyed a barbecue supper. Approximately 1,000 attended the event.

The following were elected to serve as members of the advisory board for the next three years: W. M. Hardison, T. B. Slade, L. A. Clark and J. Carl Griffin. The following delegates were elected to attend the State meeting in Raleigh next month: W. M. Hardison, J. Carl Griffin and C. L. Daniel.

Winners of the special quiz program were: Willie H. Modlin, Williamston; Z. V. Whitehurst, Robersonville; Mrs. Arthur Simpson, Route 1, Williamston; Alice Balance, Windsor; C. B. Boney, Ahsokie; Dennis Modlin and Mrs. Dennis Modlin, RFD 3, Williamston, and Mrs. Richard Joyner, of Kelford.

W. M. Hardison, chairman of the meeting, announced the following winners: pin contest, Mrs. Clyde Roberson, Williamston; oldest mother present, Mrs. A. W. Bailey, Williamston; horseshoe

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Released From County Jail Yesterday Noon

Held in the county jail in default of a bond and non-support payments, William McKinnon, young Jersey City man, was released yesterday after relatives came to his rescue, but not until after he had attempted to end his life. Just before Jailer Roy Peel went to release him, McKinnon was said to have ripped his shirt into shreds and was making a rope for another suicide attempt.

Attempts To Take His Life In County Jail This Week

Losing a legal battle in the county court where he was tried last Monday for non-support of his wife and few-month-old child, William McKinnon, 28, tried to end it all by hanging himself in the county jail here last Tuesday about noon. Fellow prisoners, Wheeler Boney, Daniel Mayo and Herbert Thompson, intervened, unfastened McKinnon's belt from a water pipe and threw the man to the floor where they held him until Jailer Roy Peel and Sheriff M. W. Holloman could take over. McKinnon was not badly hurt, but there was every indication that he planned to take his life.

Instructed to pay \$10 a week for the support of his wife and child, the Jersey City young man could not raise the approximately \$60 needed to place his in good standing and was facing a two-year term on the roads. Efforts to get money from relatives and friends met with failure at first, and McKinnon walked into a shower stall with his clothes on. He turned the water on, took his belt, fastened it tightly around his neck and secured the other end to a water pipe. Becoming suspicious, the fellow prisoners went to the stall and found the man hanging there. He kicked them out, but they finally overcame him and removed him from the stall.

County Physician J. W. Williams was called and he gave the patient a sedative and ordered him removed to another part of the jail.

McKinnon, a neat looking young man, was attending Elizabeth City Normal where he captained the football team. He allegedly came here and offered his wife a \$400 settlement for separation papers and for custody of the child. The offer was not acceptable, and the wife had him arrested on August 11 for non-support. It was brought out that the husband had provided support for his family until a short time ago.

Fix \$500 Bond In Manslaughter Case

VENIRE

The Bertie County Superior Court is casting its eyes this way in its search for a jury to hear the rape case against Raleigh Speller, according to advance reports reaching here. It will be the third trial for Speller.

While it is certain that a special venire of possibly 100 will be called outside Bertie, it is not certain, which county the call will strike. Martin has been mentioned, but action only will follow Judge W. I. Halstead's orders when the court convenes in Windsor next Monday.

No New Evidence Offered At J. P. Hearing Tuesday

Action of Court Regarded As Precautionary and Not Prosecution Move

While convinced there was no criminal intent, Justice of the Peace R. T. Johnson at a hearing in the courthouse Tuesday night paved the way for the higher courts to act in the case involving Daniel Lilley, well-known oil truck driver, in the death of Benjamin Rogers near Williamston a week ago. Technically, the justice of the peace found probable cause of involuntary manslaughter and sent the case to the higher courts. Bond was arranged the following morning in the sum of \$500, observers recognizing the hearing and bond as being mere formalities.

No new evidence was offered at the Tuesday evening hearing by Witnesses J. T. Rowe and M. F. Powers of the highway patrol, and Paul Whitchard. Justice Johnson satisfied himself about the location of the accident and other details, and then shifted further action to the higher courts.

In the course of the hearing, Patrolman M. F. Powers stated that he was convinced by his own observations and reports from numerous persons that Lilley was not a reckless driver, that he was most considerate of others.

R. L. Coburn, attorney for Lilley, told the court that he hadn't seen anyone who wanted to prosecute his client, that no one could regret it more than Mr. Lilley. Maintaining there was no criminal intent and supporting his claim with rulings by the State Supreme Court, the attorney added, "When it comes to civil negligence, that's another matter."

Quite a few were present for (Continued on page eight)

Falls Asleep And Hits Automobile

Driving west on the main street here Tuesday afternoon, Henry A. Perry, 18 of Hookerton, fell asleep and ran his 1939 Chevrolet into Ernest Cox's 1949 Chevrolet which was parked across the street from the agricultural building.

Damage to the Cox car was estimated at \$70.80 and that to Perry's car at \$150, Patrolman J. T. Rowe said.

Perry said he had been up the previous night, and that he dropped off to sleep. No charges were preferred, one report stating that he accepted the damages.

Assault Cases In Justice's Court Tuesday Evening

Conflicting Evidence Offered in Action Against Edward Mobley

Climaxing allegedly ill feelings declared to have existed for some time, two assault cases were aired in Justice R. T. Johnson's court here last Tuesday evening. One defendant was found not guilty, and the second defendant accepted the judgment in one case and appealed to the higher courts in the other one. The hearing, lasting more than an hour, attracted much attention.

In the case charging Edward Earl Mobley and L. V. Baker with an assault on August 15, Baker was found not guilty. Mobley, adjudged guilty, was fined \$15 and taxed with \$7.45 costs. In the second case in which Mobley was charged with assaulting L. H. Vick on August 17, the defendant was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon condition that he pay a \$25 fine, \$9.33 costs, \$12 doctor's bill and \$5 for time lost by the prosecuting witness. Mobley, through his attorney, Edgar Gurganus, gave notice of appeal to the county court, and bond was fixed in the sum of \$200.

The prosecuting witness, Vick, said he was talking over the telephone to his wife on August 17 when Mobley assaulted him. The witness said he dropped the receiver and a fight followed. It was brought out that James Speller and Duke Rawls acted to separate the two and break up the fight. Speller, it was said, pushed Vick back, and Rawls was pushing Mobley away when Mobley managed to direct a heavy blow in Vick's solar plexus. It was declared at the time that the victim could have been injured badly.

Mobley and Rawls maintained that Vick was after Mobley with a pop bottle, but Vick declared that he got the bottle after the fight was over. Speller said he saw no bottle until after the fight.

The road term suspension was made on the guaranteed good behavior of the defendant for twelve months.

Other cases handled by Justice Johnson during the past few days: Charged with disorderly conduct in the town of Jamesville, Billie J. Wooten was fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs, and Elmer J. Woolard was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon guaranteed good behavior for twelve months and the payment of a \$15 fine and costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, J. T. Perry was fined \$5 and required to pay \$5.85 costs. The case charging Eddie Coltrain with reckless driving was sent to the county court for trial.

Local Boy Recognized At Recent Encampment

David Davis, Jr., local boy, was recognized as the best all-around camper during the several weeks he spent at Camp Mishemokwa, Bear Wallow, N. C.

He returned home late Tuesday with Harrell Everett, Jr., Iverson Skinner, Jr., and Bill Bob Peel.

Charged with speeding, Shelton Earl Miller and William H. Shepard were each fined \$15, plus costs.

Robert Raynor was found not guilty in the case in which he was charged with careless and reckless driving.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Euclid Howard was found guilty of only failing to give a hand signal, and judgment was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs.

Pleading guilty of non-support, Theodore Williams was sentenced to the road for nine months. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of the costs and the guaranteed payment of \$4 a week for the support of his wife and child for the next two years.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Travel on the highways of Martin County took another serious turn during the 33rd week of the current year when one person lost his life, another was injured and the property damage was pushed beyond \$16,000.

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.

33rd Week	Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1949	6	1	\$ 1,100
1948	3	0	825

Comparisons To Date	1949	77	28	4	\$16,290
1948	85	43	2	18,850	

Town Board Orders Paving Curtailment

YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Meeting in the courthouse next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, young Martin County Democrats will elect officers for the coming year and name delegates to the State convention to be held in New Bern next month, it was announced by President Clarence Griffin today. All young Democrats are invited.

This county will have five votes in the convention and the president is anxious to have the county well represented.

Other officers of the young Democrats in this county are LeRoy Harrison, vice president, and Mrs. Hassell Worsley, secretary.

Eighteen Cases In County Court Monday Morning

Fines Imposed During Session This Week Amounted to More Than \$300

Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson handled eighteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Fines, imposed during the session, amounted to \$325. There were several road sentences but they were suspended. Very few white spectators attended, but a goodly number of colored citizens reported for the proceedings.

Adjudged guilty of assaulting a female, Elmer Rogers was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Elsie Moore was found guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

He maintained his innocence but William McKinnon was found guilty of non-support and the court sentenced him to the roads for two years. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and on condition that he pay \$10 a week for the support of his wife and child for the next three years.

The cases charging Booker T. Teel with non-support and Margie W. Melson with operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license, were not passed or dismissed.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Owen W. Jones was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Grover C. Lilley and Columbus Lilley, pleading guilty of speeding, were each fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

James L. Hollis was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a license, Graham Charlie Hawkins was fined \$125 and taxed with the costs. The defendant is to receive no operator's license within the year.

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Officials Frankly Admit Town Can't Finance Program

Paving Likely To Be Limited To Smithwick, Liberty and School Drive

Facing a final showdown, Williamston's town commissioners in special session yesterday afternoon ordered a limitation on the currently proposed paving program, ruling out temporarily at least, two streets, more or less, definitely included in the list at the start.

It was pointed out yesterday afternoon at the meeting that only one street, School Drive, is to be curbed and guttered outside the original program, leaving the projects on East Grace Street and West Franklin Street and possibly one or two other streets in doubt.

Instructions were issued, directing the contractors, Clark Paving Company to curb and gutter School Drive from Dr. C. I. Harris's corner at Franklin Street to the ravine on School Drive. Even in that instance, the order is subject to a condition, the board explaining that the property owners are to be reimbursed their 40 percent of the cost in five years or less.

Frankly admitting that the town is in no position just now to finance a paving program on its own, the commissioners explained that for a street to be curbed and guttered, the property owners must sign up 100 percent and finance immediately the entire cost with the assurance that the town will credit the property owners for its share of the cost over a period of five years.

Advanced on a cooperative basis, water and sewer lines were laid in preparation for curbing and guttering and paving, the town paying for the water and sewer lines, the property owners on Smithwick and Liberty Streets paying all the cost of the curb and gutter and the State paving those two streets. The three-way cooperative plan is limited to Smithwick and Liberty Streets.

On the other streets, the town suggested a 60-40 plan, the property owner to finance the entire cost immediately with the understanding that credit would be given for 40 percent of the cost over a period of five years. At the meeting yesterday afternoon, it was thought best to proceed on that basis only if 100 percent of the property owners signed an agreement, embracing those conditions.

School Drive is all signed from East Franklin to the ravine, but the "go ahead" signal is being withheld until the property owners are advised that forty percent of the cost to be accepted by the town will be reimbursed not in one year but over a period of five years, beginning in 1950.

More than one-half of Franklin Street has been paved, and it is possible that the curb and gutter will be laid on that portion, but it is not definite as yet.

All but the school and one property owner on East Grace Street had signed the petition yesterday. It is possible that the school authorities will sign, but even then the proposal falls short of the required 100 percent.

The contractor has set today as a deadline for adding more streets under the \$1.95 contract price, Mr. (Continued on page eight)

County Young Man Gets Civilian Pilot License

Simon Lilley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lilley of Griffins Township, recently earned his civilian pilot's license after completing CAA tests at the airport in Kinston.

The young man, one of few from this county to hold such a license, was in the service for several years and is now employed by the Kinston-Lenoir Airport. His brother, Daniel T. Lilley, is manager of the airport.