

## Pre-Induction Calls Answered In County

### Sixty County Men At Pre-Induction Center Yesterday

No Official Report On The Outcome Of Tests Could Be Had Immediately

Sixty Martin County young men most of them in the twenty and twenty-one year age bracket, answered calls to the army induction center at Fort Bragg yesterday.

The group, thirty-two colored and twenty-eight white, made the trip in two special busses, returning here late last evening.

Three registrants, scheduled to make the trip, were listed as delinquent. They are, John D. Williams of RFD 3, Williamston; William Robert Little, RFD 2, Williamston; William Robert Little RFD 2, Williamston, and John David Coffield of RFD 3, Williamston, and Philadelphia.

Two men were transferred here from other boards and made the trip. They were Maxie Kelly, colored, from Greenville, and Clarence Bullock from Washington.

The following ten men, all colored, were transferred as follows: Calvin Jones to Norfolk, Andrew Fields, Leodus Whitehurst, Verdell Yarrell, Theron Lee, Cephus Edward Keys and John Ashley Bryant to New York, Marvin Rudolph Williams to Lebanon, Pa., Lawrence Edward Baker to Baltimore, and Robert Lee Powell to Philadelphia.

The following sixty men made the trip to the army center yesterday.

- White**
- John Linwood Cherry, Williamston.
  - Kenneth Wilbur Leggett, Hamilton.
  - Clivert David Whitaker, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston.
  - Carroll Bernard Copeland, RFD 1, Robersonville.
  - Nathan Russell Roberson, Jr., Robersonville.
  - John Duffy Hines, Williamston.
  - Noah Samuel Bennett, RFD 2, Williamston.
  - George Washington Ayers, Jr., RFD 1, Oak City.
  - Edgar Ferrell Smith, Robersonville.
  - Billy James Crawford, RFD 1, Robersonville.
  - Melvin Hyman Griffin, Williamston.
  - William Clarence Brewer, Jr., Jamesville.
  - John Herman Beach, RFD 2, Jamesville.
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### Suffers Injury In Freakish Accident

John Robert Bland, farmer of West End, suffered several broken ribs and bruises about the body in a freakish accident on the Clark farm last Tuesday about noon.

Mr. Bland was taking the harness off a mule when the animal became frightened and dashed away. The plow line caught the farmer around the leg and he was dragged about seventy yards.

When the mule turned his head and momentarily stopped, Mr. Bland was able to catch the rope with his hands and free himself.

The animal made a second dash and went into Highway 64 about one mile west of here and struck a car, battering a fender, damaging the radiator and hood and knocking out the windshield. Mr. Whitehurst, driver of the car, and members of his family riding with him were not hurt, according to unofficial information. The mule was only slightly hurt, it was said.

Mr. Bland was removed to a local hospital and is responding to treatment. He plans to return to his home shortly.

## Eleven Divorce Cases Pending In The Courts

All Actions Based On Two-Year Separation Grounds; Several Contested

Eleven divorce cases have been placed on the calendar for trial during the second of the two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court beginning next Tuesday.

All of the actions are based on grounds of two-year separation. Several of them are being contested. The fate of at least nineteen children are directly or indirectly involved in the cases, the litigants, in some cases, claiming that each is supporting their offspring. No official finding has been released, but it has been suggested that some of the children are having to look to others for care and support.

In the case of Phillip Purrington against Carrie Dell Purrington, plaintiff says they were married in August, 1936, and separated by mutual consent in September, 1943, and that no children were born of the union. The defendant, contesting the action, says the plaintiff left her without provocation and without means of support. She asks that the relief demanded be denied and that she be allowed support.

Jessie Lee Daniel, in his suit for divorce from Magnolia Daniel, says they were married November 15, 1932, and separated October 1, 1944, that four children were born of the union. Contesting the action, the defendant says that her husband's cruelty caused the separation, adding that he beat her and would not support her, that she was forced to leave him and support herself and children.

In her case against James Dickens, Lorraine Dickens says they were married on July 12, 1945 in Elton, Maryland, and lived in Philadelphia until their separation in August, 1948. The two children born of the union are in her custody and are supported by her without aid from the defendant.

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## Radio Station WIAM Gets Comments From Far Points

The Martin County Broadcasting Company's station, WIAM, is receiving favorable comment from far points and encouragement from friends from all over northeastern North Carolina.

While the owners, Messrs. Jim Gray, Henry A. Johnson and Charlie Gray, were pleased by the presence of Governor Kerr Scott and Congressman Herbert Bonner and other dignitaries at the formal opening Monday afternoon, they were greatly impressed by the courtesies expressed by word of mouth, in floral offerings and applied cooperation. Flowers from well-wishers crowded the place, and after using them for decoration purposes for two days, the owners distributed them to the

## Brief Review Of Recent Doings In The Legislature

House Measure Would Allow Teachers To Retire After Thirty Years

Raleigh—A "no-new-tax" revenue bill got the half-hearted unanimous approval of the Joint Finance Committee Tuesday after 12 weeks of bickering.

The bill will bring in an estimated \$293,000,000. The committee—chaired by and predominantly composed of "hold-the-liners"—has turned thumbs down on every attempt to revise any taxes upward.

It has made a few minor changes, but they practically all are administrative changes won't affect revenue enough to even mention.

The only amendment raising any new revenue was one that affected out-of-state people. Sponsored by Senator Julian Allsbrook of Halifax, it puts a \$100 license fee on jobbers and peddlers from out of state who sell in four or less North Carolina counties. If they sell in more than four counties, the fee is \$25 per county. This amendment passed only after it was pointed out that it was not a new tax on North Carolinians.

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two hospitals to cheer up the sick there.

Special reports, telling that the reception was perfect, were received from Farmville, Emporia, Va., AhoSkie, Wake Forest, Columbia and Elizabeth City. The report from Tarboro read, "Signal strength superb. Our congratulations to WIAM." Signed, WCPS, J. T. Snowden.

## SUNRISE SERVICES

The union Easter sunrise service will be held in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery at 6:00 o'clock Sunday morning, it has been announced by the leader, Rev. Stewart B. Simms. All the churches or participating and the public is invited.

Should the weather be unfavorable, the service will be held in the Memorial Baptist Church.

Similar services are being held in other parts of the county, including one in the Tice Community Cemetery in Griffins Township.

## Grand Jury Files Quarterly Report In Superior Court

Body Recommends Minor Repairs Be Made At The County Home

Filing their quarterly report in the superior court this week, members of the Martin County Grand Jury recommended that minor repairs be made to the county home. Other than the one recommendation, the report was routine.

Signed by Foreman James Bullock, the report reads: "All bills of indictment presented were passed on by us.

The reports of the justices of the peace were checked and found filed with the Clerk of Court and all fines paid to the County Treasurer.

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## Painfully Hurt In Fall Last Evening

Guy Thomas, operator of a barbershop here, suffered a painful head injury in a fall at a sandwich shop on Washington Street shortly after 6:00 o'clock last evening. After treatment and an over-night stay in a local hospital he was able to be out.

Tussling with his brother, Grady, in the sandwich shop, Thomas fell and struck his head on a serving booth, ripping a fairly sizable hole in his scalp.

Although he lost considerable blood, he continued on his feet until he reached the hospital.

## Twenty-Six Cases On Civil Calendar In Superior Court

Several Damage Suits, Involving Up To \$10,000, Are To Be Tried

Twenty-six cases, exclusive of the eleven divorce actions, have been placed on the civil calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior Court next week. While there are several damage suits, the amounts ranging up to \$10,000 the proceedings in the court next week are expected to attract very little attention. Quite a few of the cases have been pending trial so long that they are worn with age.

Judge W. C. Harris, presiding over the criminal trials in the court this week, is slated to return Tuesday, the court having announced that Monday will be observed as a holiday. It will not be necessary for jurors, witnesses or litigants to report until Tuesday, March 27.

Cases calendared: Boundary line controversies are involved in the cases of Cowen Estate against Willie H. Modlin and Dennis Modlin.

C. E. Moore is suing J. B. Andrews to recover on an account. In the case of Harrison Oil Company against J. D. Harrison, Jr., the defendant is asking a judgment in the sum of \$551.95, plus interest from January 20, 1948. Answering the complaint, the defendant says when he gave up the station he surrendered a stock of goods valued at more than the amount he owed.

Edgar Harrel is suing Isaac Blango for \$150, the plaintiff saying that the defendant ran into and killed one of his mules on Highway 125 October 18, 1949. Blango was driving Beulah Moore's car, and in a counter-suit she is suing Harrel for \$350 damages allegedly resulting to her car.

P. L. Salsbury is suing Lemon Strickland for \$1,946.30 under the terms of a 1949 farm contract. E. C. Winslow is also a defendant in the suit, the plaintiff alleging that he recovered three mules from Strickland. In his answer, Winslow says he held notes against the animals.

In the case of Charlie Dugger against Joe H. Mizelle, the plaintiff says he bought a mule from the defendant who said there were no encumbrances against the animal. James E. Mizelle, representing the estate of his mother, claimed and took the mule, and Dugger is seeking to recover \$200, the amount paid for the animal.

Dr. John Allen Davis in his case against P. L. Salsbury is asking relief from foreclosure proceedings on certain property in Florida secured by a note.

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## Speaks Tonight

Easley Jones, head of civilian defense in North Carolina, is addressing the regular meeting of the Lions Club and invited guests in the Woman's Club here this evening at 7:00 o'clock, it was announced by Club President James Bullock.

Mr. Jones will speak on civil defense.

## Killer Draws 10-20 Years In Court Here

Court Is Recessing Today Until Next Tuesday Morning

Registration books for the April 16 municipal primary election will be opened on Saturday of this week and will remain open on the following two Saturdays, March 31 and April 7. Saturday, April 14, has been set aside for the challenge of any names on the books.

No new registration has been ordered, meaning that all those citizens who have registered for previous town elections will not find it necessary to register again. It was explained by Registrar John E. Pope.

So far no candidates have been advanced for the positions of mayor and town commissioners.

## Bills Proposed In The Legislature In Past Few Days

'Hold-the-Line' Boys Score Victory In Finance Committee Report

Raleigh—The General Assembly marked time early this week, awaiting reports from its spending and taxing committees which are expected to provide fuel for legislative tempers before the week is out.

The House passed bills allowing teachers to retire after 30 years service and permitting municipal and county employees to come under the social security act. Also approved by the House were bills to:

Authorize a justice of the peace to hear and try cases anywhere in his county.

Eliminate special registrations for an election on recreation taxes or issuance of bonds by municipalities.

Authorize landscaping and maintenance and construction of roadside parks by the Highway Commission.

Raise fees for impounding livestock.

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## Boy Writes From Korean Frontline

In one of the first letters coming from the Korean War front, Pfc William J. Mobley tells about some "hot" fighting in various sectors there.

The local boy said they took a hill and that night the enemy counterattacked and retook the position. United Forces challenged the action and routed the Chinese the next day, Pvt. Mobley explaining that there were dead Chinese all over the place, including the cook who had just brought up a 25-gallon caudron of rice.

The soldier said there had been some nip-and-tuck fighting over there.

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Numerous Cases Continued For One Reason or Another Until June

Clearing quite a few cases from the docket and continuing many others, the Martin County Superior Court is recessing today until next Tuesday morning when it will handle the first of thirty-seven cases on the civil calendar. The court will observe Easter Monday as a holiday, it was announced.

Most of the cases continued involved drunken driving. Solicitor George Fountain explaining that two were continued for Attorney Horton who is in the legislature, several others on account of illness and others because the state's witnesses were not available.

Norman Worsley, 38-year-old colored man, who allegedly murdered Lawrence Andrews in Parmele on December 23, 1948, after allegedly raping Andrews' granddaughter, pleaded guilty of manslaughter and drew ten to twenty years in State's Prison. Opening the trial Wednesday morning, Solicitor Fountain said he would not ask for a verdict of murder in the first degree. When the State concluded its evidence, counsel Robt. Cowen announced for the defense that a plea of guilty of manslaughter would be entered. The plea was accepted, the solicitor announcing that the case alleging rape in Edgecombe County, would be not pressed or dismissed. Worsley escaped from the county and spent almost two years in New York before he was apprehended and returned to the county last December.

Willie Andrews, pleading not guilty of violating the liquor laws, was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. Adjudged guilty in the county court a short time ago, Andrews was sentenced to the roads for four months, the appeal costing him two additional months of his time.

At the conclusion of the evidence in the case in which Elmer Rogers was charged with forcible trespass, the court directed a verdict of guilty of simple assault. He was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of costs. Rogers was placed on probation for three years and if he violates the conditions of probation, commitment is to issue without further ado.

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## County Boy Tells Of War In Korea

Entering the service in June, 1948, Cpl. Howard (Butch) Bennett traveled around quite a bit before literally jumping into the fight in Korea. He took his basic at Fort Jackson, and following an eight-day leave spent at home, he moved to the West Coast and on to Japan, taking training in various fields, including airborne maneuvers. He became a first-class parachutist in December, 1948, and returned to this county try in 1949. In August of last year he started the trek back to Japan and a few days later he loaded with others on a big transport for a jump into Korea.

The soldier admits he was "plenty scared", adding that the mission was accomplished.

Cpl. Bennett said he was getting along all right, that there were several other Martin County boys in his outfit, including Pfc. James D. Roberson and Sgt. Raymond Whitthurst. Bennett explained that mail from home would be welcomed, and listed his address as follows: "Cpl. Howard (Butch) Bennett, 14282246, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 187 R. C. T., APO 301, Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif."

## Urgent Call Issued Today For More Blood Donors

An urgent call was issued today by representatives of the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross for more blood donors. Recruiters Bill Spivey and Wheeler M. Manning explaining that approximately one hundred additional volunteer donors are needed if the quota is to be met when the regional bloodmobile comes here on Friday of next week.

Time for completing arrangements for the bloodmobile visit is short, and the recruiters are anxious to get all pledge cards in not later than Saturday of this week. To keep the bloodmobile functioning smoothly, appointments will be assigned and the

recruiters plan to handle the task during the week-end. Recruiter Spivey said this morning that possible more persons than are actually needed had said they would be glad to donate a pint of blood, but he added that the pledge cards are coming in mighty slow, that the volunteer count is just about 100 below the minimum needed.

Plymouth, Windsor and other towns between here and Norfolk have met their blood quotas with very little trouble. Mr. Spivey believes the people in this chapter will come through with a surplus to spare, but he admitted that the outlook just now was not very encouraging.

It has been pointed out that support of the bloodmobile plan will make available to the people of the chapter any amount of blood needed and without cost, that some will be channeled into the armed services.

Hundreds of blood transfusions have been given locally in the past and in quite a few instances considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the right type at the right time. All types of blood can be made available and without delay if our people support the bloodmobile program. It can definitely eliminate a lot of trouble and worry and possibly mean the difference between life and death.

Any one who has not volunteered to donate a pint of blood at the American Legion Hut here March 30, is asked to contact Recruiters Bill Spivey or Wheeler Manning or call the Red Cross office in the town hall at once.

A few are a bit hesitant in signing the pledge cards, but they are assured that no blood will be accepted until after a doctor checks the donor and sees that he is all right. There are people right here in Williamston who have given several gallons of blood to the sick and dying, and they are appealing to others to come in and help distribute the load by supporting the bloodmobile plan.