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Issued Seventeen Licenses To Wed In Martin County

Issuance for the Period Is Slightly Above Average Past Few Years

Seventeen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger, the count running slightly above the average for the past few years. The number of licenses issued to white couples was the largest for any March since 1946 when the license bureau was kept busy by returning servicemen.

Licenses were issued last month to eleven white and six colored couples, as follows:

White
James Jones of Williamston and Rosa Lee Baker of Oak City.
Curtis R. Mobley and Mrs. Beulah Bland, both of Williamston.
Henry S. Everett and Mrs. Elizabeth Chandler, both of Robersonville.

Gordon Ambrose and Juanita Ambrose, both of Plymouth.
Joseph L. Edwards of RFD 3, Williamston, and Mary Bell Cullipher of Bethel.

Horace Edwin Coltrane of Williamston, and Lydia Warren Barber of Jamesville.

Henry Clyde Williams and Sylvia Marie Lilley, both of RFD 1, Williamston.

Jerry Phelps and Betty Dilworth, both of Roslyn, N. Y.

LeRoy Bunting of Robersonville and Marlene Whitehurst of Oak City.

Connor P. Lee of Hobgood and Harriet Lou James of Robersonville.

Charlie Howard Corey and Della Faye Mizelle, both of Washington.

Colored
James Rawls and Mary Fagan, both of Williamston.

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Youths Abandon Borrowed Auto

Three Bertie County youths, believed to have been involved in a store robbery at Merry Hill last Tuesday night, abandoned their borrowed car at the State sand pit just off the Hamilton Road near here yesterday morning and started traveling south. They were picked up near New Bern late in the afternoon and returned to Bertie by members of the highway patrol for questioning.

Two of the three, the Byrum boys, worked with the State Highway Commission forces here at one time. They borrowed the car in Tillery last Saturday and were seen in the Merry Hill section Tuesday night, according to reports reaching here.

When picked up, the boys said they had no definite destination.

Enters Nursing Home In Northampton County

Her condition much improved following treatment in a Raleigh hospital for a back injury received in a fall at her home here several weeks ago, Mrs. Pat Crawford was removed in a Biggs ambulance today to the Pine Forest Rest Home at Potocasi, Northampton County. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Watts on the trip.

Following a stay in the home, Mrs. Crawford plans to return here.

FIRST

Jimmy C. Gurkin, prominent Griffins Township farmer, was the first to file for a political office in this county, subject to the May 31 Democratic primary.

Mr. Gurkin filed Tuesday for a place on the Martin County Commission Board as representative from the Griffins-Bear Grass district.

The only other activity reported on the county's political front so far are the announced candidacies of Messrs. E. G. Anderson, A. Corey and Elmer Modlin for county representative in the North Carolina General Assembly.

County's Tax Values Gain More Than Million Dollars

While little or no material gain was expected, county tax valuations continue to climb steadily in this county, according to a preliminary report released this week by the office of the tax supervisor, M. L. Peel.

The report is not yet complete, but word from eight of the ten townships says the increase has already exceeded a million dollars, that the listings in the other two townships, Jamesville and Hamilton, are expected to show increases and boost the total considerably.

Tax lister O. W. Hamilton has completed all the individual listings but the North Carolina Pulp Company, again running late with its listings, is holding up the works, it was learned. A complete report is expected shortly.

ANSWERS CALL



Answering a call recently, the Rev. C. L. Gatling will enter upon his new duties as pastor of the Hamilton and Everetts Baptist Church the first of next month, succeeding the Rev. E. R. Stewart who accepted a call to the Hickory, Va., church. Now pastoring churches in Bertie, the new minister plans to move his family later this month from Republican. During the meantime, Mr. Gatling is to conduct a series of evangelistic services in the Hamilton Baptist Church, beginning next Sunday and continuing through the 13th.

District Debate In the Courthouse

Jimmie Knowles, winning a place in the semi-finals held in Washington yesterday, will compete in the district final debate along with five others in the courthouse here tomorrow, beginning at 1:30 o'clock. Sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association and the State agricultural agencies, the debate has to do with the subject, "Green Pastures. Their Use and Management."

The winner in the district final tomorrow will go to Raleigh April 11 to compete for the State prizes, \$300 for first, \$200 for second and \$100 for third. The second place winner here tomorrow will receive a \$25 bond, and the top winner will receive a \$50 bond and a chance at the finals.

Others scheduled to compete in the contest here tomorrow are, Mary Wells Edwards of Chocowinity, Wilbur Russell of Windsor, who were selected in the district semi-finals held in Washington yesterday, and Bobby Smith of Belvidere, Leon Privott of RFD 1, Edenton and Shirley Dildy of Ahoskie who won the sub-group contest held in Hertford at the same time.

Judges for the contest have not been announced.

Entered Asheville Hospital Yesterday

Suffering with arthritis for some time and experiencing a setback a short time ago, Mr. Ernest Edmondson, well-known Hasset man and member of the Martin County Board of Education, was transferred from a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday to one in Asheville for further treatment. He was able to make the trip in a car.

Red Cross Fund Drive In Chapter Nearing Its Goal

Approximately \$3,200 Of The Quota Been Raised And Reported

The annual Red Cross fund drive is pushing on toward its quota in this chapter, according to a report released late yesterday by Chairman Iverson Skinner and Pete Austin.

Supplemented by \$192.37 from Bear Grass and \$44.25 from the little Rodgers School district, the fund now has right at \$3,200. If Griffins raises its \$250 quota and there is every reason to believe it will, along with reports from the other colored schools and the remainder of the Williamston residential districts, the \$4,200 goal will be met, Mr. Skinner said. Reports from these districts are expected shortly, and the chairmen are hopeful the drive can be completed within the next week or ten days.

LeRoy Harrison, heading the drive in Bear Grass, submitted the following report:
Elmer Griffin, canvasser:
Elmer Griffin, \$5; Kader Ward, 50c; Mrs. S. W. Mendenhall, \$2; R. L. Hodges, \$1; Archie Hodges, \$1; W. K. Ward, \$1; B. F. Whitehurst, \$1; Jasper Griffin, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Griffin, \$2; R. G. Rogerson, \$1; R. J. Rogerson, \$1; W. P. Hadley, \$1; W. O. Peele, \$1; H. U. Peele, \$1; Mrs. David Rogerson, \$1; L. J. Peele, \$1; Cecil Whitehurst, 50c; Roy Ward, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Carlee Beacham, \$1; Willie Hadley, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on Page Seven)

Funeral Friday In Local Church For Mrs. Mobley

Highly Respected Resident of Everetts Died at Home There Last Night

Mrs. Caddie Wynne Mobley, highly respected citizen of Everetts, died at her home there at 10:15 o'clock last night after years of declining health. A victim of arthritis, she had been an invalid twenty years, spending about ten of those years in bed. Her condition became worse last fall and had been critical during the past two weeks. Although she suffered much, she bore her affliction without complaint, choosing to see the bright side of life even in her long affliction.

The daughter of the late James R. and Charlie Leggett Wynne, she was born in Cross Roads Township 66 years ago on March 19, 1886. In 1902, she was married to Edward Mobley, and except for two years spent near Williamston she lived all her life in Cross Roads Township, most of it in Everetts.

In early life she joined Christian Chapel Church at Cross Roads, later transferring her membership to the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Williamston where the funeral will be held at 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. E. W. Downing, assisted by the Rev. J. N. Ward a former pastor, and the Rev. Preston E. Cayton, pastor at Christian Chapel. Interment will be in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; seven sons, John, Leamon, Earl and Sannie Mobley, all of Everetts, Andrew of Robersonville, Everett of Williamston and Russell Mobley of Richmond; four daughters, Mrs. Minnie Wynne of Everetts, Mrs. Katherine Nelson of Hertford and Mrs. May Dell Gardner and Mrs. Rosa Faye Sabrum of Wilson; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Taylor of Everetts, Mrs. Sallie Pierce of Poplar Point Township, and Mrs. Annie Cullipher of Williamston; two brothers, James Stanley Wynne and Willie M. Wynne, both of Everetts; thirty-six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

CORRECTION
In announcing the promotion of Duolon Heath to corporal in Korea this week, The Enterprise referred to Mrs. Heath as the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Williams. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams who live in Jamesville, and Mr. Heath is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hermit Heath.

SPEAKER

L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine, North Carolina State Commissioner of Agriculture, will deliver the main address to the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau membership in the Williamston High School auditorium on Friday, April 11, it was announced this week by President Chas. L. Daniel.

Approximately 2,000 members and special guests from various parts of the State are expected to attend the event.

Labor Survey In Martin County

North Carolina had an estimated recruitable labor supply of 146,266 workers on March 25, a number which is not limited to those who are employed and seeking jobs, but also others who are not now employed at their highest skills or who may be ready to enter the labor market for the first time.

Included in the State-wide number are 57,020 skilled and semi-skilled workers and 52,830 who are deemed trainable for jobs requiring skills and are under 45 years of age. Broken down another way by the Employment Security Commission's Bureau of Research and Statistics and reported to Chairman Henry E. Kendall, 47,869 are white males and 50,616 are white females, while 23,394 are non-white males and 24,387 are non-white females. The figures are compiled from reports of local public employment office managers and their staffs.

These figures represent recruitable workers that the office managers estimate could be recruited for one or more local industries which pay wages and offer working conditions equal to or slightly better than the present industrial pattern of the county.

Groups from which these workers probably could be recruited include housewives who might join the labor force; workers now commuting to other areas; youths expecting to join the labor force; handicapped workers and other employables not now absorbed by local industries; minority groups; and new entrants from agriculture, and other smaller groups deemed recruitable for industrial employment.

Martin County, this report shows, has an estimated 2,195 recruitable workers, including 450 white males, 600 white females, 520 non-white males and 625 non-white females. Of the total number, 1,020 are classed as skilled and semi-skilled workers, while an estimated 525 are deemed trainable for jobs requiring skills and are under 45 years of age.

Enters Duke Hospital For Treatment Yesterday

Suffering with a heart condition, Mr. LeRoy Everett, prominent Hamilton business man, entered Duke Hospital, Durham yesterday for a check-up and treatment. He expects to remain in the hospital several days. He was accompanied by Mr. Jesse Everett who went there for a check-up.

Eighty-One Cases Handled In The Recorder's Court Monday

Plans Go Forward For Fat Stock Show Here April 10

Plans were announced virtually complete today for holding the annual Martin County fat stock show here in the Planters Warehouse on Thursday, April 10, followed by the scheduled sale on the 11th. Twelve club members are entering seventeen calves in the show, and thirty-one boys and girls will exhibit fat hogs in the swine department, Assistant County Agent S. A. Tuten, Jr., announced.

The youthful exhibitors have done a splendid work in preparing for the show, and the people of this county are urged to support them at the show and sale. The event, the ninth to be held in this county, is sponsored by the Martin County Farm Bureau and the various civic clubs throughout the county in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service.

The following will exhibit fat hogs:
Jimmie Hopkins, Ralph Peele, Jr., J. R. and Charles Ward, John Griffin, Mary Alice Griffin, Billy William Bennett, Gene Powell, Frosty G. Hardison, Jerry Hopkins, Mary Louise Holliday, Ann Napier, Jimmy Dickerson, William Lilley, Freddie Martin, Dail Rodgerson, Bobby Gurkin, Jimmy Johnson, C. A. Martin, Josh Hardison, William Lilley, Hilton Biggs, C. L. Keel, Jr., N. C. Hyman, Albert Thompson, Wallace Smith, Eugene Hyman, Alice Ruth Price, Joseph Henry Wynn, Marion Griffin, Johnny Griffin, and John Hardison.

Many Are Called, Few Are Chosen By The Services

No Final Induction Call Received for April; Pre-Induction, April 14

The armed services are accepting mightily few of the many men being called from this county, according to unofficial but reliable information received here.

Of thirty-seven men reporting for pre-induction examinations the early part of last week, only three were accepted, including one white and two colored men. The outcome of the examinations, while apparently causing no great concern, is most puzzling. The percentage of rejections is said to be the greatest ever charged against a pre-induction group from this county.

No final induction call for April has been received in this county, and unless more men pass the preliminary tests there'll be few available for calls in the months to come.

Another pre-induction call has been received, and fifteen men are to report on Monday, April 14.

Four men are to report for final induction at that time, not to answer a regular induction call but either because they are listed as delinquent or they transferred to the Martin County board from other parts of the country. William Grimes and Malvin Hodge, listed as delinquent, are to report on the 14th. Listing his address as RFD 1, Bethel, when he registered, Grimes was last heard from in Sanford, Florida. Hodge, formerly of 623 Church Street, Williamston, listed his last address at 2022 Beanbrier, Detroit, Mich. Hodge cleared the FBI one time, and it now looks as if the agency will get on his trial again. A third man is being transferred to the board in this county for final induction, and another is listed as delinquent by a board outside this State.

If the delinquents report and pass the tests, they will be retained for service without the privilege of any grace period.

Telegraphers Go On Strike Today

Denied a 5-day week, Western Union telegraphers throughout the country went on strike early today.

The local office was opened a short while this morning to clear up messages filed late yesterday and last night. A short time later the door was locked and the machines were silenced.

It could not be learned when or how the strike is to be settled.

Finding telephone rates too high, many telegraph patrons are turning to the mails for relief.

Twenty-Eight In Court This Week On Speed Counts

Careless and Reckless Driving Involved In Two Of The Cases

Twenty-eight motorists, most of them from out of the State, were in the county court this week for speeding. In addition to the speeding charges, two defendants were booked for speeding and careless and reckless driving, the court imposing a \$50 fine on each. In only one other case was a fine imposed by Judge R. T. Johnson during the all-day session of the court, Madge I. Holliday of Washington, D. C., was fined \$35, plus costs, for speeding 70 miles an hour.

The speeding cases had accumulated over a two-week period while the superior court was in session.

Other speeding cases in which the defendants were taxed with \$22.05 court costs, include the following:

Aldrich Glenn of Tarboro, Gorman Brown Boyle of RFD 3, Washington, Richard Warren Ward of Hamilton, Wm. C. Mercer, Jr., of Williamston, Dale Eugene Billings, marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, Milton Aristitus Armistead of Bethel, Sotir Vasil of Somerville, Mass., Allen O. Whipple, Jr. of Wilton, Conn., Mark Russell, marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, Asa Stanley of Stratford, Conn., Ida Davis Lane of Jackson, Miss., Otis LeRoy Ammons of New York City, Roosevelt Glenn of Belhaven, Daniel Mayo Windley of Bath, William Earl Leggett of Williamston, John W. MacMillan of Bradford, Pa., Archie Daniel Coltrane, Jr., of RFD 2, Williamston, Eugene Michael Conway of Richmond, Howard Stein Hilper of New York City, James P. Adams of Franklin, Mass., Francis S. Maddrey, Jr., marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, Bernard J. Boyce, marine stationed at Cherry Point, Cohen Randolph Wesson of RFD 4, Windsor, Charlie Delmus Taylor of RFD 1, Robersonville, Robert F. Speller of RFD 4, Windsor, Gregory Shelton Morrisette, marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, and Willie Fred Williams of RFD 2, Robersonville.

The bootleggers, holding their first big "convention" in the courthouse in about fifteen years, accounted for \$1,250 of the \$2,295 fines. Alleged liquor law violators are to hold additional sessions later in the month.

Proceedings, other than those involving speeding and liquor law cases, follow:

George Miner was taxed with the court costs for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle.

Charged with assaulting his sister's child, Leonard Boston pleaded not guilty, explaining that he had been working on the railroad in New York for more than four years and had returned home for a rest. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. He is to remain away from the premises of Joe Jefferson.

Charged with operating an over-loaded truck, Wesley Williams pleaded guilty and was taxed with the cost.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, J. Riley Mizelle was taxed with the court costs.

Robert Turner King, going into court on crutches and charged with careless and reckless driving, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$200 fine and costs. He is to operate no motor vehicle in the State during the next eighteen months. King, a Bertie County colored boy, was involved in an accident near Gardner's Creek on Highway 64 several months ago, causing serious injury to several persons, including himself.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Floyd Lanier was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and cost. The defendant (Continued on Page Eight)

Former Resident Dies In Alabama

George C. Beard, a former resident of Jamesville, died in an Anniston, Alabama, hospital last Saturday following a short illness.

A native of Manning, South Carolina, Mr. Beard, after spending his early life there, engaged in the timber business and came to this section back in the thirties, living in Jamesville six or seven years. He made many friends there, and while his business interests carried him to various parts of the country, he still maintained his home in Jamesville.

Funeral services were conducted in Sumter, S. C., last Monday afternoon, and interment was in the cemetery there.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Vida Powell of South Carolina, who makes her home with one son, Wayne, in Jamesville, one other son, George Beard of Raleigh and a daughter, Miss Dorothy Beard, of Sumter.

Little Business Before Officials

According to reports coming from the board clerks, the Martin County and Williamston commissioners have very little business before them at this time for discussion at their regular monthly meetings next Monday morning and evening.

Other than routine matters, there isn't a thing on the county board calendar, Clerk J. Sam Getsinger said.

Nothing official has been announced, but the town board is expected to study the latest developments in the county court as they relate to licenses held by taxi operators here.

The county board of education will not meet next Monday, but it is scheduled to hold a session Tuesday, April 16, when several delegations plan to make various requests.

ANNOUNCES



Elmer Modlin, prominent Jamesville Township farmer, yesterday announced his candidacy for Martin County Representative in the North Carolina General Assembly. Mr. Modlin explained he would make a platform statement later.

Vets To Discuss The Bonus Issue

A mass meeting of veterans will be held in the Martin County courthouse here Wednesday evening, April 9, at 7:30 for the discussion of the North Carolina State Veterans' bonus referendum issue, it was announced today by the AMVETS, sponsors of the meeting.

The bonus to be discussed would include \$15.00 per month for domestic service with a maximum of \$500.00 and \$20.00 per month for overseas service with a maximum of \$750.00. Senator Tom Sawyer and AMVETS State Director Cindy Del Vecovo will speak on the issue.

All veterans are being invited and urged to attend the meeting.

Child Dies In Local Hospital Wednesday

Ann Lanier, three-year-old colored child of the Jamesville section, died in a local hospital early yesterday afternoon of spinal meningitis. She has been ill several weeks.

OPEN HOUSE

Arrangements have been completed for entertaining hundreds at Taylor's Dairy plant on South Haughton 5:00 to 9:00 p. m. today. Street during open house from Invitations have been extended the public and see the modern dairy plant in operation. There'll be favors for the visitors who will find the inspection interesting as well as informative.