

Forty-One Called In Martin County For Service Tests

All But One of Those Called Answered For Trip To Raleigh Center

Forty-one Martin County young men were called to answer a pre-induction service test in Raleigh today.

Traveling by charter bus the group left here this morning shortly after 8:00 o'clock. They are expected to return late today.

All but one of the forty-one called reported for the trip to the service center. William Alton Harrison, ill in the hospital, was unable to make the trip.

Another pre-induction call is to be answered on Thursday, February 26. During the meantime a final induction call is to be answered on February 18. The final induction call is for thirty-five men. However, the quota cannot be met. The service center was late in getting its report on the January 19 examinations back to the board and none of that group could be notified in time to answer the call on the 18th of this month. One report stated that hardly more than one out of four passed the pre-induction examination on January 19.

The names of those called to report this morning include twelve white and twenty-nine colored men, as follows:

White
Irvin Giffer Silverthorne, RFD 3, Williamston;

Edward Horace Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Edgar Harrell Latham, Hamilton.

Joseph Earl Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston.

Luther Hugh Moore, RFD 1, Williamston.

Clifton Matthew Whitaker, RFD 1, Williamston.

James Harrell Hollis, RFD 1, Robersonville and Durham.

John Alvin Swinson, RFD 1, Jamesville.

William Alton Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston.

Jim Henry Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston.

Craig McCoy Leggett, RFD 1, Robersonville.

James Clarence Williams, RFD 3, Williamston.

Colored
Robert Bland, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Joseph William Parker, Jr., RFD 1, Hobgood and New York City.

Harry Clinton Ewell, Williamston.

William Davis, RFD 1, Palmyra.

Roy Godard, Jr., RFD 1, Williamston.

William Thomas King, RFD 2, Williamston.

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**Jamesville Club
To Buy Property**

The Jamesville Woman's Club has voted to buy one-half acre of property on which to construct a community building. At their monthly meeting Tuesday night, February 3, members agreed to pay \$500 to Mrs. Lizzie Smithwick for the property located within the town limits on the Washington highway.

Plans for raising money for the actual building will be outlined as soon as the property is obtained.

In other business action, members voted to assist the Ruritan club in the serving and selling of a fish dinner at the river on Easter Monday.

Mrs. Lucia Long presided over the meeting held in the Jamesville High School library room.

A HELPING HAND

Cared for when he fell victim of polio back in 1944. Curtis Lee Cross, colored youth, got busy last month and lent a helping hand to the 1953 March of Dimes drive.

Through his appeals, and the aid of Orlander Andrews, the Willow Chapel Church raised \$12.16, and the Gold Point school, D. G. Chance, principal, reported \$34.10, making a total of \$46.26.

The lad reported his collections to the fund drive chairman this week.

Polio Fund Drive Is \$2,716 Short Of Quota In County

Martin County is still \$2,716 short of its 1953 March of Dimes goal, W. Marvin Baker, co-chairman of the campaign, reported today.

"We have deposited \$3,268 for the polio campaign," Mr. Baker said, "leaving us far short of our \$5,984 quota."

"Of course," he added, "we do not have complete reports from our division chairmen and we are hoping reports from Robersonville, Hamilton, and the colored division will boost our total considerably."

RED CROSS

Meeting with District Supervisor Graves and chapter officials, a group of citizens last evening mapped plans for advancing the work of the Red Cross in this area. A committee, composed of Pete Austin, Mrs. W. O. Griffin and Mrs. Ursin Rogers, was named to nominate a fund drive chairman, and another committee to nominate the various chapter officers, including directors from each of the five townships in the chapter.

Dr. James S. Rhodes, Jr., discussed the Red Cross blood program, and appealed for its support.

Plans were made for an annual meeting to be held during the last week of this month.

The chapter is being asked to raise \$4,550 to support the activities of the organization, including the blood program and the immunization project against polio.

Reports County Highway Wrecks

No one was injured but property damage, estimated at \$800, resulted in two motor vehicle accidents on highways near here this week.

Dropping off to sleep while driving toward Everetts on Highway 64, "Bun" Mizelle ran his 1952 Plymouth off the hard surface in a curve in West End and turned the machine over. The car, landing on its wheels, was damaged in the amount of about \$500, according to Patrolman J. O. Arthur who made the investigation shortly after 4:00 o'clock Tuesday morning. Neither Mizelle nor his two companions were hurt, the officer said.

Driving a log truck and trailer south on Highway 17 yesterday morning about 7:15 o'clock, Jas. R. Perry applied brakes to make a turn into the Bear Grass road, two miles from Williamston. The brakes on the truck caught before those on the trailer did, causing the trailer to jackknife.

The truck and trailer turned over, causing about \$300 damage, according to Patrolman J. O. Arthur who made the investigation. The truck belonged to J. E. Andrews of Williamston.

**Schools Reporting
Attendance Drop**

Little affected during most of the term, attendance upon most of the schools in this county started dropping rapidly this week in the face of an influenza wave. However, it was pointed out that the condition has not reached serious proportions as yet and that not plans are under consideration at this time for closing the schools.

Williamston, reporting most of its absences in the lower grades, had about ten percent of its pupils out of school yesterday. The percentage of absences in several other schools held to about the same level, but the report added that the situation was not so bad in Jamesville and Robersonville.

Rodgers led the colored schools in the number of absences, one report placing the attendance count yesterday hardly more than 80 percent of normal.

While influenza and colds are sweeping through many of the schools, the amount of sickness among the adult population is believed to be less at this time than it was a few days ago, according to reports coming from doctors.

"It can be seen easily that we still need contributions if Martin County is to meet its obligation to the 1953 March of Dimes," Mr. Baker declared.

Persons who have not contributed may do so by contacting Mr. Baker or L. Bruce Wynne, who directed the campaign in Martin County.

In speaking of 700 appeal letters mailed last week, Mr. Baker said only 200 responses had been received and he expressed the hope that others will mail their contributions this week so the directors may wind up the 1953 campaign.

To Give Program Saturday Evening

The Song Masters, a new male quartet that will appear here on Saturday, February 7, in the high school auditorium at 8:15 p. m., is currently making its debut North American concert tour. The announcement of the quartet's first tour met with immediate and overwhelming response. Over sixty cities, from Nova Scotia to the Gulf of Mexico, have engaged the group.

Perhaps one reason for this instantaneous popularity is the wide variety of the repertoire from which the Song Masters choose their program. The four singers know literally hundreds of songs: Classics, sacred songs and spirituals, folk songs and Lieder, ballads and sea chanteys, medleys and modern tunes. Their range is from Bach (and even earlier) to Broadway. And many of their arrangements have been especially created for them by some of the foremost song arrangers of the day.

Another reason certainly is the good looks and the easy-going friendliness and charm of the group, both offstage and on.

And then there is their attractive brunette accompanist who presides at the keyboard to furnish the quartet with a musical background.

While the voices of the Song Masters blend to perfection in ensemble singing, so that the effect is that of a single instrument, yet each of the artists has achieved distinction in his own right before they merged their talents to create a quartet.

The Song Masters are composed of John Petterson, first tenor; Jack Pribmore, second tenor; Joseph Frederic, baritone and Ivar Ivarson, bass. They are accompanied at the piano by Helena Kaprielian. All the singers and Miss Kaprielian have distinguished musical backgrounds.

The Song Masters will appear in concert as the final offering of the season by the Martin County Community Concert Association on Saturday evening.

**Former Resident
Passes In Selma**

Funeral services were held last Monday afternoon in the Selma Methodist Church for Eugene M. Gordy, former resident of Williamston, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hunter Price, in the Johnson County town Sunday following a short illness. He was 86 years old. Burial was in the Selma cemetery.

Mr. Gordy made his home in Williamston for a number of years, operating the picture show in the old town hall opera house and managing the old Atlantic Hotel. He later operated a bakery before moving to Selma.

Surviving besides his daughter are his widow, Mrs. Nellie Gordy; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Hearne and Mrs. J. B. Overton of Quantico, Va.; a grandson and two great-grandchildren.

**Child Dies In Local
Hospital Last Night**

The six-month-old child of Jesse Whitfield and wife died in a local hospital late last night of pneumonia. Taken worse suddenly, the infant was removed to the hospital only a short time before it died.

Whitfield is a tenant on the farm of Mrs. Heber Peel in Griffins Township, and was with Russell Peel at the time the young man was fatally burned early this week.

Cornelius James Died Suddenly at Home In Everetts

Funeral Service Held There Wednesday Afternoon At 2:00 O'Clock

Cornelius James, well-known county citizen, died at his home in Everetts Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock following several years of declining health. His condition had improved following a leg amputation about three years ago, but he had not been feeling well during the past week. However, he was able to be out during the week-end and was sitting in his wheel chair in the living room of his home when he was stricken with a heart attack and died suddenly. After visiting a neighbor for about fifteen minutes, Mrs. James returned home and found him dead in his chair.

Mr. James was born in Cross Roads Township 79 years ago on January 3, 1874, the son of the late Amblick and Mary L. Barnhill James. After spending his early life on the farm he moved to Robersonville where he engaged in business, locating in Everetts about fifteen years later. Before retiring about fifteen years ago he was employed by the Earnhart Construction Company of Durham.

Mr. James was active in county and district politics for many years, but never aspired to any public office.

He was married in 1899 to Miss Maude Elizabeth Moore of near Everetts.

Surviving are his widow; two sons, Charlie James of Williamston and C. L. James of Everetts; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Vaserberg of Daytona Beach, Florida; three sisters, Mrs. Oscar Daniel, Mrs. Pattie Faulkner and Mrs. Mary Everett, all of Everetts; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted (Continued on Page Six)

**Mrs. Dora Bloom
Passes Suddenly**

While en route from Charleston, South Carolina, to her home in New York, Mrs. Dora Bloom suffered a heart attack and died on the train last Monday night. The body was removed at Florence and carried later to New York where the funeral was conducted yesterday morning. Mrs. Bloom, accompanied at the time by her daughter, Mrs. Norman Arenwald, of New York, apparently was in her usual health just before suffering the fatal attack.

She had visited here in the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. J. Margolis, before going to Charleston for the wedding of her grandson, Dr. Richard Margolis, to Miss Sheryl Krawcheck.

EDUCATION PROJECT

The alcohol education program, a project of the Martin County Ministerial Association, is now under way. In this project, ministers of various churches in the county will visit the high schools for three chapel programs presenting alcohol education films, literature and brief talks.

**Illicit Liquor Business Said
To Have Gone Into Hiding**

The illicit liquor business, unusually quiet during the period, choosing to remain idle until things cooled off a bit following the round up of more than thirty alleged bootleggers, one "prominent" retailer was said to have hidden five gallons of white liquor outside his home. Finding themselves in a "dry country," two habitués were said to have developed a sense of smell superior to that of a bloodhound and tracked down the five gallons of liquor. The find was "hogged" by the finders and the white stuff did not get into general circulation.

Officers admitted they could not be sure, but there were signs of operations being carried on on wheels, but getting a conviction in such cases is another matter, officers explained.

Seventeen Cases In County Court Monday Morning

Officials Making Ready for Bootleggers 'Convention' Next Monday Morning

Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled seventeen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court during a session lasting hardly more than two hours. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$350 and one road sentence was imposed.

The court officials are making ready for a big bootlegger's "convention" to be held next Monday. Few other cases have been scheduled for trial at that time, the court assuming that most of the liquor law violations.

Proceedings in the court last Monday:

William H. Williams, pleading no guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, was found guilty of simple assault and taxed with the costs.

John D. Dixon pleaded not guilty of drunken driving but was adjudged guilty and fined \$100 plus costs and loses his driver's license for a year.

Columbus Williams' plea of not guilty to a charge of non support was upheld by the court.

Ernest R. Smith pleaded guilty of driving without an operator's license and was fined \$25 and assessed the costs.

A speeding charge against John T. Homican was not pressed. Jesse Moore pleaded not guilty of a charge of bastardy but was found guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued on condition that he pay the costs of court and the doctor's bill of the prosecuting witness.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving Milton T. Outerbridge drew a fine of \$100 and costs and loses his licenses for a year.

W. Lawrence Taylor was required to pay the costs on his plea of guilty to a charge of driving without an operator's license.

Roman Locke paid the costs in the case charging him with driving without an operator's license. James N. Connelly, pleading guilty of speeding, was taxed with the cost.

Augustus Williams was found (Continued on Page Six)

Holding Funeral For Mrs. Roebuck

Funeral services are being held in the Christian Church here this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Mrs. Josie Taylor Roebuck, who died unexpectedly in a local hospital last Tuesday morning. Her pastor, the Rev. John L. Goff, assisted by the Rev. R. Murphy Williams, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilson, are conducting the service. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Mrs. Roebuck had been in declining health for several weeks, but her condition apparently had greatly improved following hospital treatment and she had planned to return to her home on East Main Street here later in the week. She suffered an attack and died minutes later at 9:35 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The body is being moved from the home to the church one hour before the service.

**Call Delinquent
For Army Duty**

Giving his address as 404 White Street, Williamston, when he registered several years ago, James Wannamaker, colored, has not been heard from by the Martin County Draft Board here since August 1, 1950. His number has been up for some time, and this week he is being forwarded a letter, advising him to report for final induction on February 18. If the registrant does not report at that time, his case will be turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for action, it was explained by draft board officials.

Wannamaker gave his last address as 312 High Street, Cambridge, Maryland.

"Any one knowing his whereabouts is asked to contact the Draft Board, City Hall, Williamston.

The Martin County Draft Board has been troubled very little with delinquents, and as far as it can be learned no names have been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Assistance Is Offered
With Income Tax Forms**

A representative of the Department of Internal Revenue will be in Williamston February 9 and 10 to aid Martin County citizens in filling out their 1952 income tax forms.

He will be in the post office building and the hours will be from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Victim of Burns Died Early This Morning

Funeral Friday In Macedonia Church For Russell Peel

Young Farmer Burned Fatally In Accident Monday Afternoon

Suffering third degree burns from his forehead to the top of his shoes when a gasoline can exploded in his hands on his farm in Griffins Township last Monday afternoon, John Russell Peel died in a Durham hospital this morning at 6:10 o'clock. Only a strong determination to live kept him alive two days beyond expectations of his doctors who made every effort humanly possible to relieve his condition. He remained conscious about two days, and his last words were spoken in the interest of his mother who is gradually recovering from serious injuries received in an automobile accident more than two months ago.

The young man was fatally burned when he poured a mixture of oil and gasoline on a brush fire about 150 yards from his home. The fire ran back into the can causing it to explode and covering him with burning gasoline. All his clothes were burned away, and he lost his way trying to run to a water hole a few yards away. Jesse Whitfield, a tenant assisting him at the time, finally caught him and tried to beat out the flames, suffering painful burns on his hands.

The son of Mrs. Rosa Griffin Peel and the late J. Heber Peel, he was born in Bear Grass Township 21 years ago on December 12, 1931. When a small child, he located with his parents in Griffins Township where he developed into an able farmer and community leader. He was an active member of the Farm Life Ruritan Club and the church at Macedonia, rendering a loyal support to both and playing the role of a thoughtful neighbor and a devoted son.

He was an only child and is survived by his mother and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Alonza D. Griffin, of Griffins Township.

Funeral services will be conducted by his pastor, the Rev. P. E. Clayton, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Macedonia church. Interment will be in the Griffin family cemetery in Griffins Township.

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TAXPAYER

The taxpayer of the quarter century reported to County Tax Collector M. L. Peel's office in the courthouse here a few days ago.

Making his home in the county in 1929, the property owner moved away in 1930. When he returned two or three years later he kept overlooking the 1929 tax obligation. Explaining that he had been fortunate in that the county and State had educated his children, paved a road by his home and rendered other services, he wanted to clear up the obligation. He waited patiently more than half an hour while Collector Peel dug into the old records and came up with the \$12 tax bill.

The taxpayer appeared well satisfied and Collector Peel was happy, his estimate of his fellowman having been boosted quite a bit.

ABC Officer Files January Report

Enforcement officers for the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board had an unusually busy month in January, according to a report filed this week by Chief Joe H. Roebuck.

In addition to their routine raids and investigations, the officers made thirty-six arrests, many of them in connection with the work handled by undercover agents of the State ABC board. There were two convictions in January. Most of those arrested last month are to face trial in the county court next Monday. A 12-month road sentence was imposed and fines imposed last month added up to \$250.

The officers raided in nearly every township in the county last month, wrecking thirteen plants and destroying thirteen kettles, two of the copper ones. More than two hundred gallons of white liquor were poured out. Officer Roebuck explaining that 144 gallons were poured out at one distillery. They also poured out 10,750 gallons of mash, and confiscated two pints of tax-paid liquor.

While the plants were scattered in all parts of the county, more were found in the Hassell area than in any other section, the officer said.

**Curing Barn And
Potatoes Burned**

A sweet potato curing barn and approximately 300 bushels of potatoes were destroyed by fire on the Hardison farm near Jamesville early last Monday night, resulting in a loss of more than \$2,000, according to information reaching here. No insurance was carried on the property.

Farmer Howard Hardison put an oil burner in operation early that evening and left to attend a church meeting. It is fairly certain that the burner went out of control and started the fire.

When discovered the fire was burning through the roof of the house. Jamesville's newly organized fire department was called, but the fire had gained too much headway to be brought under control. The firemen stood by to keep the fire from spreading to other farm buildings.

**Branch Bank Had
Successful Year**

Holding their annual meeting this week, directors of the Branch Banking and Trust Company reviewed a successful year. A 100 percent stock dividend was declared, increasing the total capital to one million dollars. The bank now has a \$4,000,000 surplus and undivided profits after dividend in the sum of \$1,600,000. The unallocated reserves add up to \$1,000,000, giving the bank a \$7,000,000 capital structure.

J. E. Paschall, president, reviewed the activities of the bank for the past year.

Nineteen Licenses To Wed Issued In County In January

Issuance Continues Slightly Below Normal For The Particular Month

Nineteen marriage licenses were issued by the office of Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county last month. The issuance for the month is slightly below normal for January, and far below the record established in January, 1947, when 41 licenses were issued to couples in this county. The count last month was five below the issuance reported in January of last year. In January, 1952 six licenses were issued to white and eighteen to colored couples. Last month, eight licenses were issued to white and eleven to colored couples, as follows:

White
Abram Joseph Lassiter of RFD 1, Jamesville and Myrtle Faye Modlin of RFD 1, Williamston.

James J. Lemon of Hampden, Massachusetts, and Hazel Taylor of Williamston.

Robert Eugene Elks of RFD 4, Greenville, and Elsie Modlin of Jamesville.

Gary Bunting of Robersonville and Mary Thomas of Williamston.

John D. Hines of Williamston and Lorraine Whitley of Oak City.

Julian Earl Phelps of Windsor and Betty Helen Manning of Williamston.

Nathan B. Keel and Herley Jane Roberson, both of Everetts.

Daniel B. Lilley and Faye Lee, both of Williamston.

Colored
Robert Lee Hopkins of RFD 2, Robersonville, and Alice Williams of Williamston.

Clarence E. Dempsey of Williamston and Hilda M. Powell of Brooklyn.

John Nathan Davis of RFD 2, Williamston, and Elizabeth Wiggins of Conetoe.

Edward Reddick and Catherine Wrisby, both of RFD 1, Williamston.

Watson Bridges and Olivia Perkins, both of Williamston.

William Nelson Brown of RFD 2, Williamston and Zetella Smith (Continued From Page Six)

Farm Ownership Group Will Meet

The farm ownership borrowers of the Farmers Home Administration will hold their annual meeting in the courthouse on Friday, February 6. A very interesting and educational program has been planned for the day.

Miss Margaret Fuller, state home management specialist for the Farmers Home Administration, Raleigh, and John H. Harris, extension horticultural specialist, State College, have parts on the program for the day. Both Miss Fuller and Mr. Harris have some very helpful information about the future of the farm and home to present to the farm ownership borrowers of Martin County.

Other personnel of the FHA that will be guests for the day will be Miss Lillian D. Wooten, of Goldsboro, office management assistant, and Mr. Marion C. Holland, of Goldsboro, state field representative.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists, using the highways and streets in this county, showed right much improvement in their driving during the first four weeks of this year as compared with the record for the corresponding period in 1952. There were more accidents this year, but the costly figures are lower this year than they were a year ago.

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.

4th Week
Accidents Inj'd Killed Damage
1953 3 1 0 \$ 520
1952 4 0 0 625

Comparisons To Date
1953 25 4 0 \$ 4,670
1952 19 4 0 6,350