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FLORENCE SCHOOL

Miss Mary M. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Williams, a member of the Florence School of Nursing (The Dixie Hospital) who was a former student of this school was awarded the cap and stethoscope on Saturday, March 5. The exercises were held in the gymnasium at the Florence School. Teachers and students are proud of Miss Williams.

The members of the Florence team played at Leonard Street on Monday, March 7. The girls won with a score of 7-9 in favor of Florence, but the boys were not so fortunate; they lost with a score of 16-6. We hope that both teams will win the next game. The next game will be with Brown Summit.

On Tuesday night the members of the Florence Dramatic Club will present a play, "The Curious Case." This is a comedy in two acts. Members of the club are as follows: Clara Horn, Betty Alexander, Ruby Mae Sapp, Zola H. Hendrick, Carl Lindsay, Shirley Austin, James Wesley Raley, Alice Mae Ingram, and August Jessup. The public is invited. Mrs. Lucile Hayward Smellie is the coach of this group.

The choir of the school are preparing for the annual Art Exhibit to be held at the University of North Carolina in May, but the contributions are to be in by April 2, 1949.

Some of the recently installed equipment of the school include new fluorescent lights in each classroom, a complete Public Address System including an F. M. radio and amplifier, and other features, a new school cafeteria, a new typewriter and some new sets of books for the library. The new features which the students enjoy most

EDWARD NOTES

BY JOSEPH JENKINS
The Great Eastern Baptist School was held in order by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Moore, on Monday, March 7. The exercises were held in the gymnasium at the Florence School. Teachers and students are proud of Miss Williams.

11:00 A. M. Service was called to order by the pastor, Mr. J. W. Moore. The pastor's text was, "And I said unto them, that are Peter, upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." On how our hearts did beat. Collection, \$21.00. Collection for sick, \$5.00.

Brother James R. Gibson, Mrs. Lollie Hubbard, Brother Freddie McDonald and Mrs. Arphia Moore are on the sick list.

1:00 P. M. Communion.

HARLOWE NOTES

BY ARDIE NOLAN
Miss Winnie Cobbs, member of Craven Corner Church, presented her students in a program at the Craven Corner Church Sunday at 3 P. M.

This well trained group of musical students under her direct supervision, tremendously well.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday, March 23 will be Communion Day for the Craven Corner Church members. Service will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. O. Moore.

GREEN CHAPEL M. B. CHURCH

Rev. W. L. Griffin, Pastor
7:30 A. M. Church School
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TRUCK CROP SWITCH INCREASES INCOME

Truck farming at \$12,000 a year has proved a good business for John S. Everett, 56 of Newbern, Va.

Until 15 years ago Mr. Everett was a tenant farmer, raising cotton and corn and few points on a farm at Southampton, Va., his home community. "But I wasn't getting anywhere," he says.

Then he moved his family to Newbern, a little community near Suffolk, and began truck farming. Potatoes and corn were his main crops at first. Later he added hops, string beans, peas, and other crops.

Gradually, his income increased. Today, he owns 90 acres and a modern two-story home which was remodelled from an old farm house at a cost of \$4,000.

Aked recently how much he has been averaging during the last few years, Mr. Everett laughed thoughtfully and began adding up. "About \$2,500 from potatoes, the same from peas, \$2,000 from string beans, \$1,200 from corn, about \$2,500 from hops, and nearly \$300 from soybeans—oh, close to \$12,000 on an average," he said.

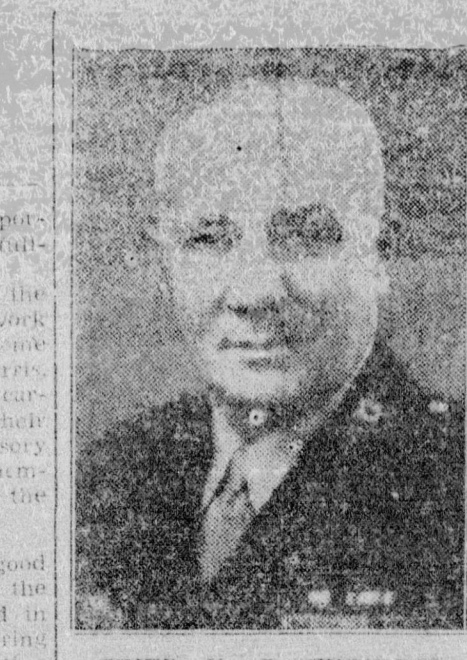
"Of course, my best years I have done a little better, perhaps as much as \$14,000, he figured.

During part of the war years, Mrs. Everett and three of their 10 children operated the farm. One son went off to fight, and Mr. Everett helped to build ships at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

After V-J day, he returned to his farm and his truck crops. To increase his efficiency, he has bought a potato planter and a digger, and other modern equipment. Two of his sons are home, helping him.

"They have a small truck in which they take their products to Suffolk for marketing. You know," he says, "before the Triple-A and Government support prices, I sold potatoes some years for as little as 30 cents a bushel. It was awful hard trying to make out under them. During the last few years, he has been receiving better than \$1.50 a bushel for his potatoes.

But farming, to Mr. Everett, means more than raising and selling crops, buying modern farm equipment, and checking on his bank balance. It also means a comfortable home, with electricity, running water, a radio and a tele-



CHIEF U. S. ENGINEER—Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick who directed "Operation Snowbound" in opening the highways by the Army and the rescue of marooned inhabitants in the storm-swept areas of the Central Western states, has been appointed Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

Gen. Pick is a native of Brookline, Virginia, and a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the class of 1914.

Serving in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations in World War II in 1943-45, he commanded the advance section of Army Service Forces and was responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of the famous Ledo Road. As Division Engineer in Omaha, Nebraska, since November, 1945, he developed a plan for the development of the Missouri river.

He attended the Officers' Training Camp in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and was commissioned in August, 1917. He joined the 23d Engineers and sailed with that organization, American Expeditionary Forces, to France in March, 1918, and participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in the Regular Army in 1920 and advanced through the grades to the permanent rank of major general on January 31, 1949.

The woman said she offered the apartments for sale to Negro buyers, but after a deadline date will throw the offer open to anyone.

"I have been led to believe that some occupant will buy their apartments," she said. "I feel there are white people who are willing to live with colored persons of good background."

She has five signed contracts for sale of apartments to Negro buyers which will become effective if paying occupants decide not to buy. Prices range from \$4,350 to \$8,350. The latter consists of two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bath and toilet. The building is a walk-up type, four stories and basement, and is of brick construction.

On January 1, farmers indicated they planned to raise 25 per cent more turkeys this year than last.

NATIONAL GUARD TO PARTICIPATE IN OBSERVANCE OF ARMY DAY, 1949

The rapidly growing National Guard, with a strength of more than 320,000 men, will take an active part in the observance of Army Day, April 6, 1949, Major General Kenneth F. Cramer, Chief, National Guard Bureau, has announced.

The major project of the Guard this year will be OPERATION TEAMPLAY, a program whereby the National Guard will initiate or cooperate in the staging of Army Day luncheons and dinners in all cities having a population of 50,000 persons or more. Last year, the Guard undertook a similar project, OPERATION 101, and was successful in initiating or participating in Army Day luncheons or dinners held in 110 cities throughout the country.

The theme for Army Day this year is "The United States Army—part of the team—for security." Within this theme it is planned to emphasize the major role of the Army's infantry, armored and airborne divisions.

The 25 infantry divisions, 2 armored divisions and 21 regimental combat teams of the National Guard will take an active part in staging parades of "Capitol Divisions" throughout the United States, in order to better acquaint the civilians with their power for peace and security, General Cramer said.

Increasing emphasis on the role of the civilian components of the Army will be reflected in the increased number of National Guard general officers fulfilling speaking engagements on Army Day. There are approximately 160 general officers in Army and Air units of the National Guard today.

In addition to the concentrated program in key cities, a nationwide program will be undertaken by the Guard in each of the more than 2,000 communities where National Guard units are located, General Cramer announced.

This nationwide program will consist of Army Day luncheons and dinners, armory open house ceremonies, parades of non-divisional National Guard troops and other special events appropriate to the occasion.

INSTALLATION RITE IS SLATED FOR APRIL

The Rev. H. W. Ruffin, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Aurora, N. C., will be installed at a special installation service which will be conducted at the church on Sunday, April 3 at 3 p. m.

At the 11 a. m. service the sermon will be delivered by the pastor elect. Music for this service will be supplied by the Indian Woods Baptist Church choir of Windsor, N. C.

The installation sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. A. Stallings of Edenton. Deacons of the church include L. H. Liverman, Prince Griffin, Lewis Carter, L. T. Bond and others.

All churches in the area are invited to attend the services.

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YOUR NATIONAL GUARD DIVISIONS CONTINUE THE OLD TRADITIONS

This is the twenty-first of a series on the Infantry and Armored Divisions of the new National Guard. They are presented to acquaint you with the organization which will be an M-Day Force, trained, equipped and available for immediate service with the Regular Army in the event of any emergency.

THE AMERICAN DIVISION—Unique in the army because it used a name instead of a number, the American Division was one of the "lightest" of the 19 National Guard divisions taking part in World War II. About 45 per cent of the Americans came from Massachusetts, which was represented by its 132d Infantry Regiment and other units. Illinois supplied the 132d Infantry and the 164th came from North Dakota.

The nucleus of this group, then designated Task Force 6814, had gone to New Caledonia to defend the island from invasion early in the war. In October, 1942, its first elements went into action on Guadalcanal, some of them being bombed as they debarked from their ships.

After months of bitter fighting, resistance on "The Canal" ended, and the American men moved to Fiji beginning in March, 1943. From there they went on to Bougainville, breaking a major attack of the 6th Japanese Imperial Division and chasing enemy remnants.

January, 1945, found the division going to Leyte and Samar, where for two months it cleaned out Jap pockets and secured several small islands. Following up a heavy air and naval bombardment, it landed in late March on Cebu Island. Cebu City and Lahuac airfield fell, and the following three weeks of hill fighting were costly and bitter.

After resistance near Cebu City was broken, combat teams made landings on Bohol, Negros and Mindanao, where they fought until late June. The Negro campaign, near end of World War II, was brought to a close in rain forests 4,000 feet above the sea.

Originally, the Army had planned to name its Task Force 6814 the "Necal" Division, "Necal" being clear code signal for New Caledonia. Then Brigadier General Alexander M. Patch, its commanding general at the time, had wanted to call it the Bush Division. But the name American, drawn from the general phrase American Troops in New Caledonia, was chosen from a list submitted by men of the command. It was suggested by a private first class David Ponesca, of Roxbury, Mass.

Today the 162d Infantry is the nucleus of a separate Regimental Combat Team in the Massachusetts National Guard. The 132d Infantry of Illinois is assigned to the 33d Infantry Division, and the 164th Infantry of North Dakota is assigned to the 47th Infantry Division.