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Number White Men Leaving For Army From This County

Third Members of Family Are Now Members of Nation's Armed Forces

One of the largest groups of young white men to leave this county for the Army has just reported for service at one of the country's largest induction centers. While most of them are returning home for fourteen-day furloughs, it is quite likely that a large majority has already been accepted for service.

Three young men, scheduled to leave with the last contingent moving out of the county, did not report. Otis Leon Scruggs had asked to be transferred to Birmingham for induction, and Heber John Coltrane was temporarily disabled and could not report. Coltrane was driving a large transport truck on the Eastern Shore a few days ago and figured in an accident that cost the lives of seven persons. The young man, still suffering from shock and injuries, is at home now. He is under bond for his appearance at a hearing to be held in Virginia soon. The third young man who did not show up was Robert Ward Harden, of Dardens. The board was advised in a delayed letter that he had joined the Navy last Friday, passed his examination on Saturday and was sworn in for service on Sunday. The young man is the third son in his family to enter the service. One son, Dallas, was last heard from in India, and another son, Grady, is soldiering in Alabama. Only one son is left at home. It is one of the few cases in this county where more than two members of a family are in the service.

Names of the young white men "recently" reporting for service: Willie Whit Davis, Hamilton and Hughesville, Md.

Horace Murdock Ayers, Everetts.

Rubin Thomas Ward, Robersonville.

Milton Gladstone Bryant, Parmele.

Alton Raynor, RFD 3, Williamston.

Charles Milton James, Williamston.

Thomas Willoughby Thompson, RFD 1, Oak City.

James Garland Rodgers, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Leslie Garland Lambert, Williamston.

James Pritchett, Dardens and Plymouth.

Milton Warren Harrison, RFD 3, Williamston.

Eli Marion Taylor, RFD 2, Williamston.

Staniel Lee Brown, Jamesville.

Russell Leonidas Griffin, RFD 2, Williamston.

Eugene Thomas Bedwell, Jamesville.

Semmie James, Robersonville.

William Henry Ange, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Chester Hue Gardner, RFD 1, Williamston.

Dave Wiley Branton, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Jesse Wilson Griffin, RFD 2, Williamston.

Willard Earl James, RFD 1, Robersonville.

James Edwin Moore, RFD 3, Williamston.

Milford Warren Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston and Norfolk.

Howard Franklin Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston.

Sutton Alfred Burroughs, RFD 3, Williamston.

Osmer Scull Winborne, Williamston.

Charlie Thurman Clark, Williamston and Washington, N. C.

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Local Citizen Died In Hospital Monday

Alvin Bruce Cox, a native of Mississippi but for the past six months a resident of Williamston, died in a Washington hospital last evening at 6:45 o'clock following a long period of declining health and a critical illness of only a few days' duration. Taken ill last Thursday, Mr. Cox became critically ill Sunday and was removed to the hospital. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of his death.

After spending his early life in Mississippi, Mr. Cox located in Dallas, Texas, where he married Miss Jane Stuart and taught school for a number of years. Forced into virtual retirement by failing health, he came to Williamston about six months ago to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Larry T. Scott, and Mr. Scott, in their apartment in the home of Mrs. Eloise Bennett on West Main Street. During his stay here, Mr. Cox did not get out very much, but he made a number of friendships and was highly regarded by those who knew him.

He was a member of the Baptist church for a long number of years, and Dr. William R. Burrell, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church here will conduct the last rites at the Biggs Funeral home tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will follow in the local cemetery.

Besides his daughter here, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Maude Scales, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and a brother, J. M. Cox, of Washington City.

Ducking Shells in Egypt Battle



One of the Imperial troops fighting on the Egyptian battlefield is shown taking a quick dive for cover as an Axis shell bursts close to him near El Alemain. Despite heavy attacks the British soldiers, aided by Australians and New Zealanders, are holding fast and in some spots even making gains. This is a radiophoto.

All County Single Men Staring Army In Face

READY FOR SPREE

The arrangements have been virtually completed and Martin County motorists, with the usual exceptions of course, are now about to be given the green light for another riding spree. It is a bit like two big cities adjoining each other, one can't tell where the last spree ends and the new one begins. Anyway, supplemental gas ration cards are now ready for distribution with the exception of possibly those filed a bit late. All applications have been approved or rejected, and the applicants may now call at the rationing board office for the results.

Quite a few of the applications were rejected and large numbers were held to an absolute minimum. Applicants may appeal to the board for increased allotments, but they must have good evidence to support their claims.

Citizens Of County Take More Interest In Spotting Planes

Bear Grass Plans Meeting For Opening 24-Hour Post There Soon

Convinced of the necessity and potential importance of the work, more Martin County citizens are taking a greater interest in airplane spotter work, according to J. Paul Simpson, head of the program in this county. The Williamston post, just recently opened on a 24-hour basis, is functioning almost perfectly, and plans are well advanced for a similar service at Jamesville. At a public meeting in the Community House at Bear Grass on Thursday evening of this week at 8:30 o'clock, citizens there are expected to complete plans for opening a 24-hour post. Other communities are perfecting organizations to maintain the volunteer service, Director Simpson maintaining that the outlook is bright for a 100 per cent cooperation from the people of the county.

Contributing time and labor, citizens of Jamesville just recently built an observer's post just across the street from Davenport and Hamilton's station, and numbers of people have already volunteered to help maintain a constant watch. The post will likely go on a 24-hour schedule very shortly, according to Chief Observer Charles Davenport.

Chief Observer T. O. Hickman is calling the Bear Grass meeting on Thursday evening and it is certain that the citizens of that community will respond to a call for a 24-hour service schedule. A post has been acquired in the town after Farmer W. M. Harrison handled the work the best he could at his home since

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DESERTER

Deserting the army a year ago, Robert Woolard, county colored youth known as S. L. Woolard, has been overtaken by the authorities and is now in the county jail awaiting his return to Fort Bragg and certain court martial. The man was reported missing under the name of S. L. Woolard, but the Army had no record of a man by that name from this county, and his freedom was prolonged.

Woolard, the first Martin County youth to desert the army during the present war, is in the trap now, and while the wheels of justice may turn slow, he can expect punishment.

War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed For Week

People Are Beginning to Realize That Victory Will Not Be Won Easily

There probably aren't many people in the United States who are still naive enough to think that this is going to be a war easily won—a war won without great sacrifice at home and on the field of battle. If there are any so naive last week's news must have gone a long way toward making them realize the sort of war we are really in.

Last week brought news from the armed forces, from the field of transportation and the vital field of materials and supply which served to underline the grim, hard task before us all. The Office of War Information released the total casualties suffered by our armed forces since hostilities broke out. The figure stood at 44,143 soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and members of the Philippine Scouts, killed or wounded or missing—many of those missing are believed prisoners of the Japs—and their sacrifice emphasizes the pettiness of those who complain of restrictions on our normal lives at home.

Here at home our one concern must be, as it has been since Pearl Harbor, to see that every bit of material we can spare goes to make weapons for our troops and that there are trains enough and trucks enough and ships enough to take these weapons where they are needed.

This great task may be sub-divided into three main jobs—the job of supplying materials for our factories, a job which includes the important work of salvage and saving—the job of production, a job which enlists all the energies of a vast and constantly growing army of American craftsmen—and the job of transportation. Let us see what progress we have made as of today with each of these jobs.

The War Production Board last week moved once more to assist the flow of critical war materials to those points in our industrial system where they are most needed. Because of changes in the Priority System WPB from now on will know the supply and requirement situation so well that the most important needs of our fighting men may be met as they develop. This is tremendously important, because we no longer have enough to go around, we must put the weight of our production where it is most needed.

Production itself booms along to record heights. Scarcely a day goes by but what the men who make steel report to War Production Drive Headquarters that they have smashed another record. From the great steel centers of the Eastern industrial triangle, from the Middle West,

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Half Of Draftees Who Left July 14 Rejected By Army

Sixteen of 33 Returning To Camp After Fourteen-Day Furloughs

The last group of colored draftees leaving this county recently apparently had more glue on their feet than those reporting before them, according to information gained this week. Sixteen of the thirty-three colored draftees were accepted, the Army induction center explaining that out of the seventeen men rejected six were physically unfit and eleven were below literacy standards. While the percentage of rejectees is still large and possibly even alarming, the number accepted by the Army in July from this county was far greater than the average. Earlier this year, twenty out of twenty-four colored draftees from the county were rejected.

The seventeen colored men reporting to the induction center about the middle of this month and who were rejected returned home immediately. After being inducted into the service, the other sixteen men in the group were given fourteen-day furloughs. Nine of the group made the return trip today. Six others are scheduled to leave tomorrow and the sixteenth one leaves on Thursday.

Names of those colored men accepted in the last call are, George Frank Green, a volunteer; Johnnie Peel, Augustine Bellamy, George Moore, John Matthews Williams, John D. McCloud, Llewellyn Keys, Jim Schooner Powell, Silas Askew, Herbert Godard, Clarence Lee Purrlington, Ernest Jones, Moses Spruill, Isaac Herman Nelson, Calvin Best, Jr., and Ira Thomas Page.

The names of those rejected for physical disability of low literacy standards are, as follows:

Calvin Sharp, Collie Lynch, Louis Edward Belcher, Johnnie Harris, Willie D. Teel, Hillard Knight, Jasper Andrews, George Washington Hayer, Clinton Smith, James Walton, Lee Goss, John Arthur Rice, Arthur Mac Woolard, Walter Jones, Harvey Lee Morning, Lorenza Salisbury and James Albert Brown, Jr.

Opening Prices Higher Than Year Ago On Georgia Markets

Encouraging reports came out of Georgia this morning when the first of the 1942 tobacco sales were made at prices averaging higher than those on the opening day a year ago. No official average could be had, but a tabulation of reports from over the belt pointed to an average of about \$30.50 per 100 pounds or nearly eight cents a pound above the opening-day price a year ago.

In a direct report received from James E. Griffin, local man on the Valdosta market, he said that the leaf was selling from five to forty cents, mostly from 25 to 36 cents, with the average ranging right at 31 cents a pound for the first hour of sales.

At Waycross the first 91 baskets sold for an average price of \$32.03.

Statesboro reported most of its sales ranged between 18 and 39 cents, and Habira reported an average of 30 cents.

The quality of the crop was said to be fair, and in some areas it was better than that of last year. Production figures this year are expected to fall slightly under those of last season when 56 million pounds were sold from 65,000 acres. Medium sales were reported on most of the markets this morning, and farmers, as usual on a rising market, were reported to be well satisfied with the prevailing prices.

While no definite connection between the price trend in Georgia and the price outlook in this belt can be established, it is, to say the least, encouraging to note an upward swing in the markets down south.

Flier Parachutes To Safety Near Dardens

Plane Travels Two Miles And Crashes Near Plymouth

Pilot Loses Control In Storm And Found Near Dardens Late Sunday Night

The first forced parachute jump in the history of this county was recorded last Sunday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock when Ensign Robert L. Wist, losing control of his Navy pursuit ship during a violent storm, bailed out and sailed to earth in the Warren Neck Swamp in this county between Dardens and Plymouth. His ship, sailing two miles or more without a pilot, crashed about two miles from Plymouth and about a mile from Highway No. 32. Cutting the tops out of several trees, the plane crashed to earth, throwing its powerful motor thirty feet away. A Norfolk salvage crew trucked the wrecked plane to Norfolk yesterday afternoon.

The flier told an exciting story, a story that was packed with danger and discomfort. Sailing along at 10,000 feet in formation with three other planes, Ensign Wist said they flew into the cloud, thinking they would pierce it in just a few seconds. Two of the planes passed through on the edge, but were separated and landed at different times on a Norfolk field. A third plane landed in Elizabeth City, the pilot explaining that he was weak in his knees after riding through the storm.

Ensign Wist, striking the center of the storm, said that his ship lost altitude rapidly, that after it had dropped four thousand feet, he "gund" it, but failed to climb at first. Striking a different air current a few seconds later the ship shot upward and he had trouble bringing it back until he struck a downward air current and it shot like a bullet toward the earth. His instruments apparently failed to respond rapidly and he was unable to see earth or determine his position as to the land and the other planes, he bailed out. Golfers on the Pulp Plant course, thinking a dive bomber was operating directly over them, saw the ship glide through the cloud and sail away through a heavy rain. Some heard it crash, but at that time the on-lookers did not know the ship was flying without a pilot.

The crash was reported to the local observation post and the report was forwarded over the signaling system to the interceptor command. A search was started by planes, but no trace of the ship was found until early evening. The pilot was found about 10:30 that night after trying hours in the swamp and in Warren Neck Creek.

Landing in a tall tree, Wist stated that he cut himself loose and slid down, scratching himself slightly on the face. Lost in the thick undergrowth and the mazy swamp, the man walked for more than half an hour just to return at the end of that time to his parachute. Coursing his path by the sun, he walked until he reached the creek. Thinking

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Slightly Injured In Auto Accident

Mr. Roy Shone, superintendent of the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company plant here, was painfully bruised and shocked when his car skidded on wet pavement and went out of control at Old Ford on the Washington highway in Beaufort County last Friday afternoon. He was slightly cut in several places and was placed in a Washington hospital where he was released the following day after receiving treatment.

The car, a Ford sedan belonging to M. M. Levin, salesman for the company, was wrecked, one report stating that the repair costs would approximate \$350.

Germans Continue Their Push Toward Caucasus Gateway

Devastating Raid Is Directed Against Hamburg By The RAF Last Night

While it is possible that the Germans are being drawn into a trap and that a powerful counteroffensive by strong Russian forces, the situation on the Eastern Front around Rostov may be regarded as critical. The Russian high command has admitted the fall of Rostov, claimed by the Germans a week ago, and withdrawals have been acknowledged by the Russians along other lines in the area, especially at Novochevassk. The Germans claim that they have crossed the Don River with strong forces at Tsimlyansk, and had taken Bataisk, twenty miles south of Rostov on the main Caucasus railway and pipeline.

The outlook for the Russians admittedly was darker than ever now because the Don barrier would be held at any cost. But all Russian dispatches emphasized repeatedly the numerical superiority of the attacking Nazi army.

Not only is the Caucasus rich in oil and grain, but it is the gateway for Allied supplies from the Middle East. Its severance from the Russian hinterland would be an extremely heavy jolt to the Red military machine.

The Germans also have the advantage of several months of good fighting weather ahead.

Only in the Voronezh area 300 miles north of Rostov were the Russians claiming any distinct successes. There the Red army was reported to have made another crossing of the Don to the western bank after wipin gout thousands of Nazi troops.

But the Russian successes in the Voronezh area thus far have not endangered the left Nazi flank enough to stem the southeastward German tide which threatens the Caucasus and Stalingrad on the Volga communications route.

Russian dispatches said the lower Don river between Rostov and Tsimlyansk was breached only at Tsimlyansk to the Germans—but the Germans did cross.

In driving deeper and deeper into the Don area, Marshal Fedor von Bock is paying a price which few save a Nazi commander would consider. Russian counterattacks time and time again wiped out entire regiments of the invaders, Russian artillery blasted thousands who tried to cross the Don, but still the Germans pounded ahead with the support of seemingly inexhaustible reserves.

A Moscow radio report estimated that since May 15th Hitler had lost 2,000,000 men on the Russian front, 350,000 of them killed. So many wounded accumulated in the German rear, it was said, that there were not enough trains to evacuate them and hundreds died for lack of medical treatment.

The United Press said the siege of Rostov was one of the bloodiest battles of the Russian war. The Germans had thrown more than 600,000 men and 2000 tanks against the city and by sheer weight of numbers were pressing more and more dangerously through the fortifications.

Suffering untold losses, the Germans are expected to take a breathing spell now shortly or long enough to recover and consolidate their gains before renewing their offensive. Some observers believe the Germans will attack Moscow and Leningrad

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Life And Value Of Gas Ration Cards

There is some doubt as to the value of gas rationing cards and how long they are to last. Expiration dates are placed on the cards. Rationing Board Chairman C. C. Martin explaining in detail the worth in gallons and the life of the cards as follows:

The basic A card, good for four gallons per unit, is to last for twelve months. And it means exactly what it says.

The supplemental B card, carrying a four gallon value per unit or coupon, is to last not less than three and up to twelve months according to the claim presented by the applicant.

The C card, carrying a four-gallon per unit value, is to last three months.

The D card, good for one and one-half gallons per unit, is to last for one year.

The E card for non-highway use is good for one gallon per unit and is to last for six months.

The R card, good for five gallons per unit and to be used by large non-highway purposes, is to last for six months.

The S-1 and S-2 cards, good for four gallons per coupon, are to last for four months.

Most of the supplemental cards are ready for distribution.

In handling the rationing program, the authorities did all in their power to allot extra rations to those needing gas and who were qualified to get it, but drew the line on non-essential rations.

VACANCIES

Education authorities are becoming worried over the teacher situation in this county. As fast as one position is filled, two others bob up vacant. Resignations are coming in pairs, the board of education announcing this week that there were nineteen positions still vacant even after a large number of appointments had been made.

Miss Virginia Shindler, able teacher in the Bear Grass school for four years, has resigned to accept a position in Indiana. Mrs. Grace Rogers Ayers, teacher in the Jamesville school last term, also tendered her resignation this week.

Most of the openings are in the high school, and it is fairly certain that some of them will not be filled.

Health Department Announces Ratings For County's Cafes

Report Shows No Action Taken To Close Any Markets or Cafes

Following a county-wide survey conducted recently, the Martin Health Department released ratings for eighteen cafes and twenty-one markets, the report showing that no action was taken closing any of the eating establishments or meat retailers.

Announcing the ratings, Sanitarian Lackey stated that in accordance with Sec. 2, Chapter 309 of the North Carolina Public Health laws, permits had been issued to the establishments and that no other establishments could be opened or operated without a permit. It was also pointed out in the report that sardine manufacturing establishments had been surveyed and that the owners were notified to label and date their sandwiches. "It will be up to the public to look for the date and insist on fresh products," Lackey said.

Ratings for cafes were announced as follows: Williamston, white: Central Cafe, A; All-Nite Service, B; Pickwick Billiard Parlor, C; Roberson's Cafe, B; Welcome Inn, under state of repair, no grade issued; Williamston Cafe, B; Willie Modlin's Cafe, C; The Martin, B; Mickey's Inn, not selling food; Williamston, colored: Buck's Place, B; Little Savoy, C.

Robersonville, white: Hotel Wilson Coffee Shop, A; Adler's Wine Shoppe, C; Jim's Quick Lunch, C; Robersonville, colored: Big Apple, B; Farmers Cafe, B.

Jamesville, white: Glass Lunch Room, C.

Pulp Mill Cafe, under construction, no grade issued.

Market grades were announced as follows: Williamston: E and W, B; Hardy's Esso Station, A; Penders Hardy's.

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INTERRUPTION

A brief interruption in the town's water service will be made tomorrow morning at two o'clock while the entire personnel of the department repairs a valve on the main lines near the corner of Sycamore and Main streets. It is quite possible that most of the customers will not realize the interruption, but to those few who perchance will turn their spigots the superintendent is directing the announcement, urging them to accept the delay for the brief period. Service will be restored as soon as possible and certainly by an early hour tomorrow morning.