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Draft Board Defers County Registrants; Reclassifies Others

Few Just Reaching 20 Years Of Age Are Placed in the 1-A Classification

Holding their first meeting in recent weeks, members of the Martin County Selective Service Board here last night granted occupational deferments, reclassified a few registrants, classified several youth just attaining the age of 20 years, and ordered several cases investigated before fixing definite classifications. The board was in session almost until midnight, reading special instructions and studying carefully all claims for deferment.

Receiving special instructions recently, the board is virtually forced to recognize all claims for deferment based on occupation in the vital industries. While most of those claiming occupational deferment were already in the 3-A class, the board was instructed, more or less directly, to give them a lower rating and they were grouped for the most part in the 3-B class. Farm deferments were granted in a number of cases, but the deferment periods were limited to a few months in most cases.

Beginning within the next few days, the draft board will start calling registrants in the 1-B classification for examinations, the outcome of which will determine their new ratings. They will either go into the 4-F group or they will be given 1-A ratings. Those receiving 1-A ratings, or a number of them at least, may expect a call to report for final examination at an Army induction center the latter part of next month, it is understood.

It is fairly apparent that the draft board in this county will soon be forced to pounce on the 3-A classifications for manpower. Instructions have been received stating that all future quotas must be filled. However, there is a great deal of talk about including eighteen- and nineteen-year-olds in the draft, and such action will relieve the situation to some extent.

The following registrants were either deferred, classified, reclassified or their cases were ordered investigated:

- John Mack Terry, w, RFD 1, Robersonville and Newport News, 3-B.
- George Daniel Lynch, c, RFD 1, Oak City, deferred until December 1.
- Ok Harrison, c, Robersonville, 3-A.
- Arthur Thomas Rose, w, Williamston and Norfolk, 3-B.
- Bernard Swain Harrison, w, Williamston and Norfolk, 3-B.
- Whitney Everett Saunders, w, Williamston, 3-A.
- LeRoy Knox, w, RFD 1, Williamston and Suffolk, 3-B.
- Clifton Earl Manning, w, RFD 1, Williamston, 1-A.
- James Cecil Lilley, w, RFD 1, Jamesville, 3-B.
- Onward Lloyd Gardner, w, RFD 1, Jamesville, 1-A.
- Ben Bevely Daniels, w, Williamston, 3-B.
- Herbert Lynn Brown, w, Everetts, classification pending outcome of candidacy for officer's training.
- Elijah Thomas, c, RFD 1, Palmyra, 3-A.
- Gordon Earl Bryant, w, RFD 1, Oak City and Portsmouth, 3-B.
- Jimmy Clari Wynn, w, Williamston and Portsmouth, 3-B.
- Thea Roberson, w, RFD 3, Williamston, classification pending.
- Harry Edgar Mobley, w, Williamston and Portsmouth, 3-B.
- Russell Nile Turner, w, RFD 1, Palmyra, deferred until December 15th.
- Marion Brodick Roebuck, w, Robersonville and Badin, N. C., 3-B.
- Joseph Hubbard Saunders, Jr., w, Williamston, classification pending outcome of candidacy for officer's training.
- Bernice Dawson Bennett, w, Oak City, 3-B.

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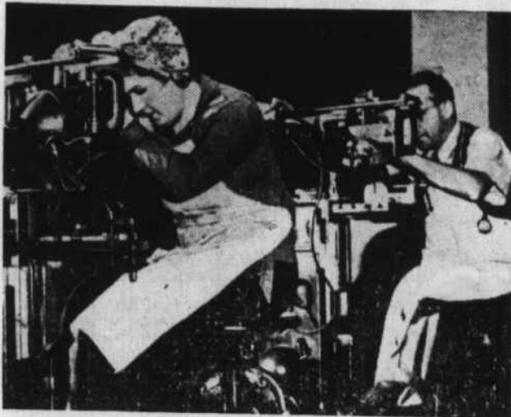
County Youth On Trial At Accomac

Heber Coltrain, well-known Martin County young man and now a member of the armed forces, is scheduled to go on trial presumably for involuntary manslaughter at Accomac, on Virginia's eastern shore, tomorrow. Operating a big transport truck for a Norfolk company, the young man, going for more than 24 hours without much sleep, was traveling from New York last July when his truck and an old school bus loaded with WPA workers crashed in Accomac County, killing five persons and injuring several others.

Young Coltrain, terribly upset by the accident, was drafted into the Army some weeks ago and is being given a 14-day furlough by his superior officers. According to a report heard following an investigation of the accident, the young man was not driving recklessly and he was said to have impressed the investigators by his truthfulness.

The young man's father, Mr. Oliver Coltrain and Mrs. Lydia Griffin and Messrs. Lucian Peel, J. C. Manning and Clarence Griffin are leaving here this afternoon to attend the trial scheduled to open in the Virginia town tomorrow.

Women Workers at Navy Yard



For the first time in the history of the New York Navy Yard women will work alongside the men. Minerva Matzkowitz has already taken her place at an engraving machine in the ordnance shop. At right is Rudolph Ribbenbauer, veteran employee. Official U. S. Navy photo.

Roanoke Baptists Will Meet Here Tomorrow

FORGETFUL

However many their merits may be, or how strong their courage is, one thing is certain and that is the young men leaving this county for the armed services are a bit forgetful. While possibly more than 600 men have left the county, less than fifty of them thought to surrender their sugar ration cards to the county rationing board. May be the young men instructed members of their family to surrender the cards in accordance with the terms under which the sweet stuff was rationed, and the members of the family forgot to carry out the instructions. Anyway, the rules and regulations call for the surrender of ration cards by the young men when they enter the service for their needs are placed ahead of the civilians there.

Jurymen Drawn For The November Term Of Superior Court

Judge R. D. Dixon To Preside Over Term Convening November 23rd

Thirty-six Martin County citizens were drawn by the county commissioners at their regular meeting this month for jury duty during the two weeks' term of the Martin County Superior Court convening on Monday, November 23rd. Judge R. D. Dixon, of Edenton, is scheduled to preside over the term which is convening unusually late and which will bump into the Thanksgiving season. Created by a special act of the State legislature, the court will handle civil cases only during the term, but no calendar of cases has yet been prepared by the county bar association.

Names of the jurymen drawn for service during the first week of the term follow, by townships: Jamesville Township: P. J. Modlin and C. A. Askew. Griffins Township: Elmo Lilley, J. Leroy Griffin and D. Andrew Griffin. Bear Grass Township: Ophus Bailey.

Williamston Township: J. M. Rawls, Marvin Peed, W. Ira Harrison and J. S. Whitley. Cross Roads Township: J. R. Roebuck, John H. Peel and W. H. Britton.

Robersonville Township: H. V. Jenkins and A. L. Oakley. Poplar Point Township: Andy Leggett and Gentry Mills. Hamilton Township: T. F. Respass.

Second Week Jamesville Township: P. M. Ange and Elmer N. Modlin. Griffins Township: J. Raymond

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INDEFINITE

The proposed location of a State Home Guard unit in this county is still indefinite according to Mr. W. E. Dunn who was advised this week by General J. W. Jenkins that no action had been taken in allocating the service. Several other towns are bidding for the unit, and it is understood from the officer's letter that neither of the two available units had been assigned at that time.

Numbers of citizens here and over the county are volunteering their services, Mr. Dunn stating that he was certain that enough men—good men—were ready to join to form two companies.

War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

No More Furniture Made of Iron and Steel Will Be Made Available

Our armed forces have lopped off some 400 miles of round-trip flying distances to Jap-held Kiska by creating an operations base in the bleak and desolate Andreanof Islands. Thousands of miles southward, in the humid tropics others of our fighters hold beach and clearings against the same foe. These men, vanguards of the greater forces to come, must have hundreds of items besides their fighting tools, they must have exactly the right sort of food, clothing, and equipment—adapted to the climate and to the character of their hazardous enterprises.

Much of what we send them comes from our surplus of goods, but a great deal necessarily must come from our stock of things we do not have in abundance, things of which we may even be very short. And so, under our tight war economy, every single item, product, and service must be examined, first, as to its primary war use and, secondarily, as to its place in essential civilian needs.

Rigid Test Widely Applied

This rigid test is disposing of countless oddly assorted products and materials. All nickel must go to implements of war and essential war products. Our entire production of distilled spirits is halted in order to give place to war alcohol, an ingredient of explosives and synthetic rubber. Except for what remains in stock, we'll get no more furniture made in whole or part of iron and steel, no refrigerated display cases, non-mechanical water coolers, mechanical refrigerators for freezing and storing farm products, these all contain metals needed for the machines of war.

Articles in which no iron or steel may be used range from awning frames to voting machines and wardrobe trunks, including such various things as bath tubs, B-B shot, croquet sets, fireplace screens, pet cages, skates, and household tongs. Next year we will get only one-fifth of the flashlights, portable electric lights and batteries we have been able to buy this year. And we'll save tons of metal and hasten delivery of heavy tools to the armed forces by limiting sizes and types of heavy forged hand tools— anvils, mauls, hammers, mallets, railway track tools and mine blasting tools.

Rationing Is Another Story

To stop manufacture of an article or limit its production involves relatively little bookkeeping for producers and a slight amount of paper work for the Government. But when national stocks are to be evenly distributed, or rationed, is quite another story. To set up gasoline rationing for 20 million additional motorists involves printing 60 million ration books, and some 160 million copies of various forms and regulations. Nor is the consumer's job always easy. People using fuel oil furnaces must determine how much fuel oil they bought last year and must measure the total square foot area of their homes before they can receive their ration coupons. There'll be extra fuel for families with children under four years of age.

Our present voluntary "share-the-meat" ration—2 1/2 pounds per person per week—will not be entirely simple if we are honest with ourselves and with our country. The ration does not apply to light meat eaters, infants, invalids and old people. But those who have been averaging more than the ration must eat larger quantities of foods with nourishment.

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Await Plans For Fuel Oil Rations

While registrations for fuel oil rations are due to get underway this week, arrangements for handling the work are being delayed in this county for a few days. Members of the rationing board and employees are in a meeting in Greenville today where they are being instructed for handling the rationing system. Registrations are due to get underway on or about the 15th of this month.

Fuel oil users will aid the program by checking their supply as of the first of this month, and by giving in detail certain required information such as the number and size of rooms, etc.

ADVANCE

A slight advance in prices for the superior quality grades was reported on the local tobacco market yesterday and today with prices for the medium and inferior quality grades holding firm. "There's more competition now than at any time this season for the better tobaccos," a tobacconist was quoted as saying this morning.

Despite unfavorable weather, sales are holding up well on the local market and selling activities will continue until about closing time today.

Eligible Motorists To Renew Gas Requests At Board Office

Motorists entitled to have their gasoline quotas extended beyond October 21 may renew their applications at the rationing board office in the county agricultural building on any week day except Thursday and Saturday. Mrs. Irene Blount, chief board clerk, announces. The procedure to be followed in renewing the ration applications is fairly simple, but the applicant must turn in his old book.

Ten simple questions are asked in renewing applications for supplemental gas rations, as follows: Do you have a truck? How far do you live from town? How many times a week do you come to town? How far do you haul your goods? How many hands do you work? Give names of people you haul for if you haul for other people. Have you returned your rationing book? Are you an owner or tenant? How many

farms do you operate? How many acres do you have? The applicant, other than a farmer, is asked to give the number of miles he drives between his home and work, and the number of miles driven in the performance of his work during a month's period.

Those motorists whose rations do not expire on Wednesday of next week will not find it necessary to re-apply for supplemental rations at this time. It was also pointed out that unless an applicant can establish a valid claim for continued rations he will be denied a special allotment during the next three months, meaning that he will have to get along with his basic ration of "A" card. It is estimated that in some counties only one out of five motorists will be entitled to supplemental rations during the next three months.

Reject Sixty-Four Men For Army from County

Only Twenty-Eight Out Of Large Group Accepted Recently

Thirty-nine Physically Unfit And Twenty-five Are Below Literacy Standards

The doctrine, "Many are called but few are chosen," is quite applicable to contingents of draftees moving out of this county to the Army induction centers. Thirty-nine were found physically unfit and twenty-five others were below literacy standards, the Army rejecting the 64 colored draftees following examinations held at an induction center recently.

The number of rejectees was the largest affecting a contingent moving out of this county, but the percentage was not as great as it had been in at least two other instances when nearly all of those reporting for examination were rejected.

Five men failed to report when called, and four of them are being reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The fifth one, Lee Ward, of Robersonville, came puffing into the draft board office this week, explaining that he had just received his induction notice. Ward was assured that no action would be taken against him, and that just a priority rating would be given him when the next call for more men is received.

Three men were transferred to other boards and will report for induction as follows: Johnny Lee, Norfolk; Charlie Bellamy, New Haven, Conn.; and James Smith, Jr., Washington, D. C.

The twenty-eight men accepted are completing their fourteen-day furloughs and returning for service this week. Their names are:

- Elijah Boston, Sylvester Thigpen, Collin Eugene Smith, Raleigh Jones, William James Grimes, William M. Britt, Lucius C. Chance, Charles Edward (Snowball) Spruill, Calvin Knight, Lewis Bond, Willie Spruill, John Thomas Perry, Alexander Douglas, Cleven Fields, William Harris, Joseph Burnett Edwards, William James, Thomas Best, Hubert Henry Nelson, Lonnie Lester, John Anthony Gregory, Willie Lexter Williams, Donald Knobbe, Luther Spruill, Alton Bell, Willie Douglas, Dock Perkins, Joe Junior Moore.

Names of those rejected, follow:

- Joe Henry Lawrence, Heber Lanier, Walter Alexander Rhodes, Thurman Williams, Alphonza Thompson, Orlando Duke Council, Willie James Harrison, Columbus Blount Daniel, Leroy Purvis, Robert Lee Evans, Willie House, Dossie Hinton, Sidney Woolard, Elbert Bryant, Harding Jauraze Taylor, James H. Everett, Jr., Nancy Smith, Alexander Bunch, Claudia Daniel Tyner, Mack Williams, Tommie Jones, Haywood Williams, Robert Perry, Mosee Savage, Sylvester Scott, Curtis Little, Charles...

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Liquor Is Found At Religious Meeting

The annual association at a colored church near Hassell was made into a dry and quiet affair last Saturday when Officer J. H. Roebuck, assisted by Roy Peel, snatched six pints of illegal liquor from the bushes almost under the preacher's stand. The sincerity of the little religious band was not questioned, but the devil's cohorts, taking advantage of the situation offered by a large gathering, moved in but failed to register.

Earlier that morning the officers raided a plant in Bear Grass Township and wrecked a 50-gallon capacity oil drum used along with a one-gallon keg for a cap, a 20-gallon keg for a doubler and a 50-gallon cooler for the manufacture of illegal liquor. They poured out 100 gallons of molasses beer.

Cruiser Sinkings In Solomons Sting Blow To The Allies

Slight Shift From Stalingrad Front; President Talks To The Nation

The announced sinking of four Allied cruisers—three American—in the Solomon Islands on the morning of August 9th came as a stinging blow to the Allies, and verified fears entertained here that one of the ships lost was the Quincy on which young L. Dan Roebuck, Jr., of this county, was reported missing in a telegram from the Navy Department nearly a month ago. Authorities explained that the announcement of the sinkings was delayed until the losses could be offset by the reallocation of ships. Apparently the loss has been offset, and the Navy released a few details, pointing out that while there were many casualties a majority of the personnel was saved. It was also revealed that the sinkings raised to at least nine the number of American warships and auxiliaries acknowledged lost in the Solomons campaign. Besides the three cruisers, two destroyers and four transports were lost in action there. Offsetting these losses, the engagements there cost the Japs 38 ships lost or damaged.

The blow was the greatest sustained by the United States since the sneaking attack was launched on Pearl Harbor last December 7th.

Casualty lists have not been made public, but it is understood that quite a few North Carolinians were included among the 592 officers and men on the Quincy. As far as it could be learned here, the parents of young Roebuck have heard nothing more from him since he was reported missing about the middle of last month.

While bitter fighting continues before Stalingrad, there is apparently a slight shift in battle plans in Russia, where the defenders are more than holding their own against the invaders.

German armored and infantry forces resumed the frontal onslaught against Stalingrad yesterday after a two-day lull and in one unidentified area of the city the Russian defenders were pressed back somewhat, the Soviet high command announced today.

Bearing out front reports that the Red army had seized the initiative in the Caucasus, a communique said the Russians fought active battles in the Mozdok area, advancing in some sectors, and counter-attacked successfully southeast of Novorossisk on the Black Sea.

The ferocity of the resurgent battle for the Volga city was indicated by the official report that a full regiment of 3,000 German troops, led by 50 tanks, three times charged Soviet positions in one metropolitan sector defended by Red army guards. All three onslaughts were beaten off, the Red army's midnight communique said.

"Only in one part of the town were our units somewhat pressed back," it added.

The Russians wrecked 20 German tanks and annihilated up to two battalions—about 1,000 men—of enemy infantry before yielding their bitterly contested positions, the high command reported.

The initiative swayed back and forth along the German flank northwest of Stalingrad. At one point the Russians repulsed 12 German attacks in a bloody struggle for a strategic height, killing 800 of the attacking force.

The high command reported that Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's relier army, which has been driving toward Stalingrad, was engaged mainly in fortifying itself in occupied positions, and patrol activity to feel out the German positions.

One Red army detachment penetrated the German lines, destroyed several dugouts and wiped out about a company of enemy troops, the communique said.

In the Caucasus, where the main

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Weather Interrupts Scrap Metal Drive

After getting off to a splendid start last week, Martin County school children have been interrupted by unfavorable weather so far this week in their drive to collect every available old piece of metal and scrap iron.

No report on activities last Friday and Saturday are had, but much progress was made in many communities where farmers and others joined the young folks in making a clean sweep for the precious scrap metals.

The collection drive is to continue through Wednesday of next week and if Martin is to hold its own with other counties there'll have to be a great deal of work done between now and then.

It has been suggested that farmers and others cooperate with the children in every way possible and deliver their old scrap iron to their respective schools. Any and all cooperation will be appreciated by the school children and at the same time an effective collection will aid the war effort.

MODERATOR



Rev. John T. Coley, of Rocky Mount, Moderator Roanoke Baptist Association, will be here tomorrow for the second-of-a-two-day annual meeting of the religious organization.

Two Suffer Broken Legs In Accident Saturday Evening

Second Motorcycle-car Wreck Of Week Sends Two Men To The Hospital

Martin County's motor vehicle accident trend shot upward last week when death claimed one victim and threatened several others on the highways. R. Bonnie Latham, young Bethel white man, was killed, and Alton Carson, also of Bethel, was slightly injured in a motorcycle crash near Parmele last Wednesday night. Jack Palmer, driver of the car figuring in the fatal accident, had his hearing continued for two weeks in the county court here yesterday.

Henry Mizelle, Jr., and Edward Latham, young county white men, each suffered a broken left leg when their motorcycle and an old Chevrolet driven by Turner Hines, colored, crashed here on Washington street, near the Carolina warehouse, last Saturday night about 9:45 o'clock. In addition to the fractures the two men suffered bruises and scratches. They were removed to the local hospital for treatment.

No hearing has been held in the case, and the details are not quite clear. Hines, charged with operating the car, declares he was not under the wheel and claims that Clinton Smith, his colored companion, was driving. Smith declares he was not driving and according to one report he claims that he told Hines to watch out, that he was on the wrong side of the road and that they were meeting an automobile with

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ROUND-UP

The weekly round-up of drunks and violators of the law in general reached a new high peak here last week-end when nineteen persons were arrested and jailed. The number was two greater than the previous high peak of a few weeks ago.

Thirteen of the nineteen were jailed for public drunkenness, one for drunken driving, one for being drunk and disorderly, one for carrying a concealed weapon and one for violating the health laws.

Five of the nineteen persons were white, their ages ranging from 17 to 62 years.