

Call More County Men For Service In Army

Over Half Hundred Colored Men Leave Within A Few Days

Half of Last White Draft Call Said To Have Been Re- jected by Army

More Martin County men are being called up for possible service in the armed forces, the draft board announcing this week that notices had been mailed instructing the draftees to report for induction within the "next few days." The list, while over one-half hundred, is not nearly as large as the number reporting for service the latter part of October. It is understood that another call for colored draftees is pending, that the second group will likely report for induction before the first group completes the fourteen-day furlough.

No official "audit" has been received by the draft board in this county and the status of the last white draft list is not definitely known. It is understood that fifty per cent of the group was rejected for various causes, and that the other fifty per cent will have returned to camp by late afternoon today.

The names of the colored draftees receiving notices to report "soon" for induction are, as follows with their addresses:

Jonah Oscar Clemmons, Jr., Williamston
Leslie Mooring, RFD 2, Robersonville, and RFD 3, Greenville
Capehart Williams, Williamston and Camden, N. J.
Leana Bennett, Hamilton and Norfolk

Collie Sykes, RFD 1, Williamston
Lee Ward, RFD 1, Robersonville
Thomas Ryan, RFD 3, Williamston
Ernest Andrews, RFD 2, Williamston

Joseph James Land, RFD 2, Williamston and Norfolk
David Henry Close, RFD 1, Oak City and Jamesville

Archie Moore, Robersonville
Wesley Anderson Ormond, Williamston
Walter Lee Cooper, RFD 1, Jamesville

Ralph Allen Keys, RFD 1, Hobgood
Samuel Thomas Williams, Williamston

Vance Andrews, Robersonville
William Henry Lloyd, Williamston
Wheeler Smith, RFD 1, Jamesville
Jesse Ben Congleton, Parmele and Philadelphia

Ben Frank Wilson, RFD 1, Oak City and Parmele
Augustus Andrew Braswell, Williamston and Washington, D. C.
Jacob Copper, Robersonville
Evernard Edward Williams,

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Sell Seven Million Pounds of Tobacco

Tobacco sales on the local market are passing the seven-million-pound mark today, the total today exceeding the 1941 poundage by about 600,000 pounds, according to a report released by Supervisor C. Urban Rogers.

While prices for the better grades continue to hold to those levels maintained during a greater part of the season, the general average has been forced downward by damaged leaf and a weakening in the prices for the greenish grades. Large quantities of tobacco were damaged by the rains last week. The market has just about worked out the damaged lots, and sales were operating smoothly early this afternoon after the block was cleared earlier in the day.

Block sales were reported on the market last Friday and again yesterday, but regular schedules are now in effect and are very likely to be maintained during the remainder of the season.

One Hurt In Wreck On River Causeway

Maggie Rascoe, local colored woman, was painfully cut on the face and badly bruised last Sunday evening about 7 o'clock when the car in which she was riding with her husband and mother-in-law crashed into a trailer parked on the Roanoke River fill. Rascoe, driving the car, was bruised a bit on the forehead but he was not badly hurt.

Traveling west on the road with a load of tobacco, Farmer Robert Jenkins, of Bertie County, was forced to stop when a tire blew out on his trailer. While he was trying to make repairs, Rascoe drove up and apparently started to pass him. Just as he turned out he saw an approaching car and to avoid a head-on collision with the car driven by Ronald Earl Gibbs, of Elizabeth City, he turned to his right and plowed into the car pulling the trailer. Considerable damage was done to the Rascoe car, a Chevrolet sedan.

IN HAWAII



Going into the service in September as Chief Boatswain's Mate, Dick Mallory, son of Mrs. W. S. Mallory of Oak City, is reported to be in Hawaii. Mrs. Mallory, the former Miss Louise Council, is with her mother in Oak City.

Registrations Will Be Handled in Five Centers This Week

Transportation Committee and Volunteers To Attend School This Afternoon

Plans have been completed for handling the registration of all trucks in Martin County on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, Chairman Jesse F. Crisp announced yesterday. All truck owners and operators are given fair warning that if they do not apply for certificates of war necessity on those days or meet specific requirements, their operations will be subject to interruption on and after the fifteenth of next month. The registration is no little thing; in fact, it is quite complicated and while it may be aggravating, Joseph Eastman, director of defense transportation for the nation, says it must be done.

The county transportation committee was in session here for four hours yesterday completing plans for the registration and the job will be done by them with the assistance of volunteers. In a special school here this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the courthouse, the committee will study the applications with the volunteers and make ready for the registration in five centers on the last three days of this week. The registrations will be held at Jamesville, Williamston, Robersonville, Hamilton and Oak City between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. The registration forms have been mailed from Detroit and most truck owners have received them. If a farmer did not get one for the right truck, he should write for it immediately.

To aid the work, truck owners are asked to be prepared to answer the questions, which out of necessity, are briefly outlined as follows:

Make of truck, body type, model, type, rated capacity, license number. How long does the owner think his tires will last?

Number of acres in farm, number of acres of crop land, number of horses and mules on farm, how many milk cows and other cattle, sheep, lambs, hogs, poultry?

Give names and distances to nearest markets. What is truck used for?

Has owner-operator joined a community transportation plan? Size and type (new, used, retrofit) of tires and number of miles driven. How many trips, total miles driven and tonnage hauled in the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 1941? (It is admitted that the owner will have to estimate the figures, but they should be prepared by quarters. He will also be asked to give the

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RATIONING

Rationing is pinching the activities of quite a few, but for many others rationing is meaningless. There were seventy-five cars in one main street block here last Sunday night at 10 o'clock. Fifty-five of the cars had supplemental gas stickers on their windshields. Twenty had "A" stickers pasted on the glass and five had none. There was no business houses open, and the cars were parked too far from the church doors to even indicate that the owners-operators were seeking spiritual values.

Travelers, getting around the best they can by bus, declare they see more supplemental stickers in this section than in any other place they have traveled.

War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

More and Drastic Changes in Our "Way of Living" Are Certain

Forced labor under Nazi jailers—by millions of war prisoners and other millions of workers from conquered lands—is one of the "innumerable acts of savagery" the United Nations are determined to punish at the proper time by trials of those responsible for them. Germany's manpower scarcity is a sign of weakness—the Nazis have paid dearly in men and war materials for their gains in Russia. Their desperation makes them ever more ruthless, but neither their promises nor their brutalities have brought about any measure of "collaboration" in a Nazified "New Order" for Europe. A genuine New Order—for the world as well as for Europe—is in the making through the free, unforced collaboration of the United Nations.

Manpower Must Be Forthcoming

Our own manpower shortage is one of "growing pains" developing out of our steadily mounting war strength—a strength that is just beginning to be felt in a series of worldwide military operations. We have set an immense goal in the production of ships and war materials for use by powerful forces of American fighting men and by our allies. The automotive industry alone, since its conversion to war production, is turning out more than half a billion dollars worth of war goods monthly while the total value of all munitions plus war construction now runs close to five billion dollars each month. Our output of war weapons cannot grow less—on the contrary, it must increase, and greatly. So, too, will the number of men in military service, who must soon include 'teen age youths if we are to avoid calling up classes of older men.

With some 15 million workers now engaged in direct war work, more millions must be poured into our reservoir of war labor to replace those drained away into the armed forces and to take care of next year's expansion in production. Women are being hired to work above the ground in the coal industry, which lost more than 50,000 men, mostly to the armed forces, since January 1, 1942. Women are performing thousands of other unfamiliar industrial operations successfully, too. A further step in making the best use of our labor facilities was taken when Government contracts were ordered placed, wherever possible, in areas not suffering from acute labor shortages. Labor to do our staggering war job must be forthcoming—by voluntary means, if possible, but by whatever means may be necessary.

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Steel Production Exceeds Capacity

Steel production last week exceeded the theoretical 100 per cent of capacity for the first time since Pearl Harbor. At the root of this achievement, say industry operators, is the topnotch job being done by Americans in gathering scrap metal. Some 5,000,000,000 pounds already have been collected from industry and from rural homesteads, city apartments and suburban dwellings. As examples of industry contributions, General Electric company salvaged 380,000,000 pounds, the scrap including an outmoded power plant. An especially effective scrap collector has been the railroads, with the Chesapeake & Ohio, Nickel Plate and Pere Marquette together reporting collections of 762,000,000 pounds since the war started. These "Victory" piles of scrap scattered throughout the country are being speeded to the mills as the government continues to break collection bottlenecks.

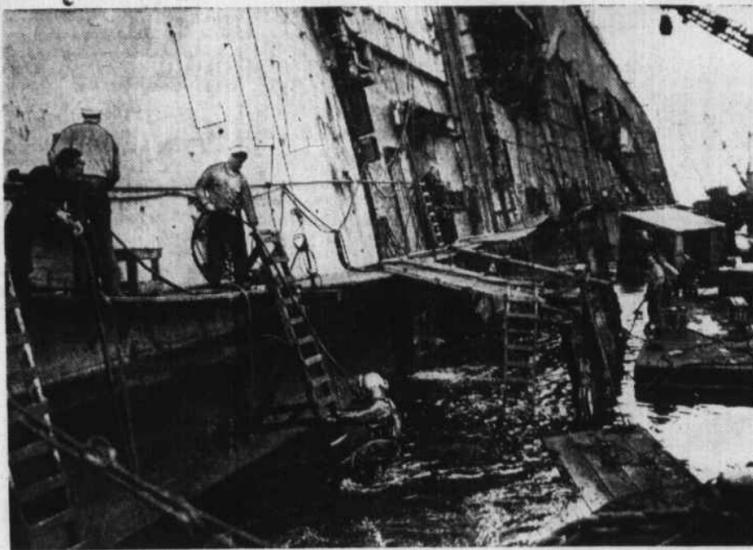
Another salvage drive—the saving of waste kitchen fats and greases for conversion into glycerine for explosives—is moving forward on the home front, too. First authoritative estimates indicate that housewives are doing a whale of a job. During the first three months of the campaign which began July 1 they salvaged enough waste fats to provide glycerine for 17,900,000 anti-tank shells, but many more housewives must participate if the national goal of 500,000,000 pounds is ever to be achieved.

State President To Address Meet

Mrs. J. S. Blair, president of the State Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association to be held in the high school auditorium Wednesday afternoon, October 21st, at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. B. W. Nash, president, who is attending the district meeting in Hertford today, will preside over the meeting. All members of the association and interested patrons are urged to be present at tomorrow's session.

Divers Prepare Lafayette for Reflotation



A diver is shown going down into the cold waters of the Hudson River in New York to work on the U.S.S. Lafayette, the former French luxury liner Normandie, which burned and capsized at her pier. The above-water work of clearing the hull of the super-structure and upper decks is completed. When the divers complete the more difficult task of clearing the under-water sections, refloating of the giant vessel will start. (Central Press)

Reduction In Sugar Rations For Certain Type Of Users Seen

Marked Reductions Are To Be Expected In Future Gas Rations

A general tightening up of the sugar rationing program is expected for cafes, boarding houses and other institutional users beginning next month, according to advance instructions received by the county rationing board this week.

Allowed 50 per cent of their normal requirements during the months of May, June, July and August, institutional users were granted an increase of 25 per cent for September and October. The allotments will be reduced to 50 per cent of the normal requirements beginning next month. Nothing was said about it, but apparently a bonus for individual consumers is out during the next two months. Three pounds is the announced value for the No. 9 stamp which is transferrable on and after November 1, the allotment to last until December 15. The No. 8 stamp, good for five pounds, expires October 31st.

The rationing board points out that young men entering the army should surrender their sugar stamps and those persons with canning sugar left over should report it to the board so adjustments can be made. It is quite possible that in those cases where draftees fail to surrender their sugar rationing cards upon entering the army, investigations will be made, subjecting those who use another's card to a withdrawal of all rations.

It was also pointed out by rationing authorities that those individuals eating at a cafe or boarding house and who received rationing cards should surrender them. In those cases where sugar is allowed the boarding house operator or cafe proprietor should surrender claim for rations

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POSTPONED

The registration of dealers scheduled this week under the fuel oil rationing program has been postponed until next Tuesday and Wednesday, October 27 and 28, the Martin County Rationing Board was advised by telegram here yesterday.

Cash Crop Farming Will Not Support Claim for Deferment

That farming the way it's done in Martin County will keep young men out of the Army or support claims for deferment has just about been ruled out according to unofficial information gained a few days ago. Deferments have been granted, to be sure, to farmers, but they were issued on about the same basis as those granted any young draftee in other fields of endeavor.

According to the information received recently, any farmer who produces tobacco or any other crops of which there is a surplus will not be able to establish himself as a vital human cog in the war production effort. He may and no doubt he will produce food and feed badly and urgently needed in promoting the war effort, but when the farmer starts out with a tobacco crop he, in the eyes of the draft authorities, is doing little more to promote the war

Plans Completed For Truck Registrations

DECREASE

After running their tongues almost out filling up the county jail a week ago, local and county officers had it comparatively quiet last week-end. The number of arrests dropped from a high of nineteen reported a week ago to eight last week-end. Only four drunks were jailed. Three other arrests followed charges of larceny, disorderly conduct, assault and the eighth person arrested and jailed was said to be crazy.

Two of the eight were white. Ages of the group ranged from 14 to 68 years.

Organize Citizens Service Corps Here

The organization of a Citizens Service Corps is being perfected in a meeting in the courthouse here this afternoon for the coordination of all defense efforts.

Representatives from eight counties are in attendance upon the meeting which will offer a complete program and a full discussion for better handling problems directly or indirectly connected with the war effort on the home front.

The Citizens Service Corps, the community war service division of Civilian Defense, is being organized throughout North Carolina this week in a series of 20 district meetings.

The purpose of the service corps is to coordinate activities of existing community agencies to prevent overlapping and duplication of effort and to prevent an over-multiplicity of "drives."

Utilizing the same Volunteer Office set-up now employed by the protective division of Civilian Defense, the community service division will be headed by a director who will have on his or her planning board the heads of all the participating agencies. Thus the Citizens Service Corps, as such, will initiate no new programs except where the need arises for community action that is not being met by an existing agency. With the heads of all community war services meeting in common council, the Citizens Service Corps will be able to anticipate needs and through its ability to provide united action, meet them before they reach a critical stage.

Joseph B. Eastman Addresses Appeal to All Truck Operators

New Plan To Govern Mileage And Minimum Loads for All Trucks

In a special release this week, Joseph B. Eastman, director of defense transportation, appealed to all truck owners for their cooperation in helping solve the serious transportation problem now facing the nation. In his appeal, Mr. Eastman said:

The United States now has about 4,890,000 non-military trucks and about 154,000 buses. The trucks are carrying a tremendous volume of property, and the buses a tremendous volume of people. Our railroads are operating to near capacity. They could not carry the traffic which the trucks and buses are carrying. First, because they do not have the capacity, and second, because they are so located that they could not handle a great part of the traffic, even if they had the capacity.

Most of this traffic is essential. Our country will suffer severely, and the war effort will suffer, if the trucks and buses and other commercial motor vehicles find themselves unable to continue to handle this essential traffic, or any large part of it. They must be kept rolling.

No more civilian trucks are being built. The plants which built them have gone into the building of military trucks or other war products. Much the same is true of the buses. The supply of repair parts is critically limited. There is, and for months at least will continue to be, a serious shortage of tires. There is grave danger that our supply of all types of commercial motor vehicles will be badly depleted, unless we conserve them to the utmost.

This means that these commercial vehicles and their tires must be given the best possible care; they must be driven with equal care; and every mile of unnecessary operation must cease. Your welfare and the safety of our country demand that this be done.

We propose, therefore, to issue to the operator of each commercial motor vehicle a Certificate of War Necessity which will govern the maximum mileage to be operated and the minimum loads to be carried. These certificates will be required not only for trucks and buses but also for taxicabs, jitneys, automobiles which are available for public rental, and certain other similar classes of motor vehicles. These latter types have been included because of the necessity and desirability of correlation

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SOW SODA

Facing a certain shortage in nitrate of soda next crop season, Martin farmers will do well to "sow soda" in their fields now. Cover crops, planted on every available foot of land, will do much to relieve the soda shortage, leading farmers declare.

The need for cover and grain crops has been aggravated by heavy rains, farmers explaining that their peanut hay crop has been damaged and that they are making immediate plans to plant fall oats and other grain crops to offset the loss. No great amount of peanut hay will be baled in the county this season, it is believed.

Both Sides Prepare For Certain Battle In Solomon Islands

Report Landing of American Forces at Damascus for Action in Iran, Iraq

Although an all-out battle is still in prospect, late news coming from the Solomon Islands is a bit more encouraging, the reports stating that Allied naval units have gone into action and successfully, bombed Jap concentrations and ammunition dumps on Guadalcanal. The action is expected to interrupt the all-out assault planned by the Japs in an effort to regain the air base on Guadalcanal.

American forces are still holding to and apparently using the Guadalcanal airport, but Navy Secretary Knox stated this morning that the real battle lies ahead. The pounding of Jap concentrations by American warships clearly indicates that the Japs do not possess control of the seas around Guadalcanal, the largest of the Solomon group, but large units of the Jap fleet are still hovering around in that area or about 200 miles north of the island.

After being battered and forced to fall back to new positions by reinforced German divisions, the Russians today were said to have maintained their lines without weakening during the past twenty-four hours, the heroic action renewing hope for Stalingrad. Winter is sweeping across the Russian steppes, encouraging the defenders before and in Stalingrad. The concentration of large Russian forces to the north is causing Hitler and his crew some worry. No details on the Russian move to the north have been released, but it is possible that the Soviets are planning an offensive of their own.

Something is apparently brewing in Africa, both in Egypt and around Dakar. American forces were said today to have landed at Damascus for possible action in Iran and Iraq. Corporal Joe Louis was said to have been in the group. General Smuts is in London where some believe plans are being discussed for an attack on Dakar. American forces have been landed in Africa within 750 miles of Dakar, and diplomatic relations are said to be progressing favorably in that part of the world.

The Mediterranean area is still seeing plenty of action. Malta is still holding up under terrific poundings, but the attackers are paying a big price in planes. British fliers are also finding time to strike in that area, a late report stating that they had attacked a large convoy of gliders and disrupted the plans of the enemy.

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Officers Wreck Two Plants In the County

Despite a sugar shortage, illicit liquor operators in this county apparently continue to compete with the legal stores by manufacturing monkey rum. Considerable quantities of molasses beer have been found by ABC Officers Roebuck and Peel in this county during recent months, but last Saturday they found three gallons of the rum itself. Raiding in Hamilton Township, the officers wrecked a 50-gallon capacity gasoline drum still and poured out 200 gallons of beer and three gallons of rum. The plant was equipped with a copper cap and a radiator for a worm. "I have been raiding liquor plants for a long time, but that was the first automobile radiator I have ever seen used as a worm for making liquor," Officer Roebuck said.

Late that afternoon, the two officers, accompanied by ABC officers from Pitt, wrecked a plant in Robersonville Township. The operators there apparently heard the officers when they blew up the first still and suspended operations at once. The still was missing, but the operators left five gallons of molasses and much equipment. About two hundred gallons of beer were poured out.

Sponsors Library Book Club Locally

In order to secure more titles for the library and help meet the increasing demand for the newest books as they come off the press, the library committee of the Junior Woman's Club is sponsoring a Public Library Book Club.

Every interested person in Williamston and in Martin County is eligible for membership and cordially invited to join. Each potential member is requested to choose the title of his book and turn in his selection with the purchase price of \$1.75 to Miss Ella Mae Gaylord, Mrs. Julia Manning, or Mrs. Iris Cooke. Orders will be taken until November 1st.

The gift of a new book of equal value and interest approved by the committee will also entitle anyone to membership. Further information and book lists may be obtained from any committee member and the public library.