



MOUNT OLIVE—The Rev. S. A. Smith, right, of Beulaville has been designated by the Board of Directors of Mount Olive College as a Special Representative. He is shown with President W. Burkette Raper discussing progress on the new library now under construction.

As a Special Representative, Mr. Smith will assist President Raper in denational meetings and on other appropriate occasions. He is a former superintendent of the Free Will Baptist

Children's Home, Middlesex. Currently he is pastor of Sarecta and Pearsall's Chapel Free Will Baptist Churches. His work for the College will be part-time and he will continue his pastoral services.

"We feel fortunate to have a person of Mr. Smith's experience and dedication to help promote Mount Olive College," President Raper declared.

would include a State headquarters detachment with five operational sections; one mechanized infantry battalion with four companies; two military police battalions with four companies each; one transportation battalion with four companies; one maintenance battalion with four companies and one medical detachment with two medical teams.

General Bowers said the new troop structure for North Carolina will provide this State with a balanced force, both combat

and support, to meet most commitments. "We feel that we have sufficient strength to provide for both our State and Federal missions," he said.

"Every effort has been made to keep at a minimum any turbulence with respect to changing unit designations and requirements for retraining of personnel." General Bowers continues, "However, it became necessary to change some units which will automatically require retraining. I am happy to report that all communities

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in North Carolina now having National Guard units will retain a unit in the reorganization." "Also," General Bowers said,

"We are able to maintain approximate levels of strength in each community commensurate with the strength presently assigned."

The following list provides unit designations and locations for the reorganization of the North Carolina Army National Guard effective January 1, 1968, as pertains to Units from Dup-

INVITATION ISSUED

Final plans have been made for the marriage of Miss Susan

Spang of Petersburg, Va. to Thomas John Horsky of Richmond, Va.

The wedding will take place Saturday December 16, 1967, at 6 p.m. Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Brook Hill, Richmond, Va.

No invitations are being mailed, but all friends and relatives are invited.

Reorganization Plan For Army National Guard

Major General Claude T. Bowers, The Adjutant General of North Carolina, today announced that the proposed troop list for the reorganization of the North Carolina Army National Guard had been accepted by this State and that final plans had been drafted and are being forwarded to the National Guard Bureau for implementation. The date for reorganization has been set for January 1, 1968.

The reorganization changes the 30th "Old Hickory" Infantry Division from an infantry to a mechanized infantry division. The new troop structure for North Carolina provides this State with 77 Army Guard units - a reduction of 15 units from the 92 currently on hand. The new structure provides for 10,910 officers and enlisted men - a reduction of 352 from the present priority aggregate strength of 11,262. All units, however, would be maintained at

a minimum of 93 per cent strength.

The one single organization in North Carolina most affected is the 30th Infantry Division as it converts from an infantry to a mechanized infantry division. The division is reduced from its current 88 units to a total of 54 and its strength reduced from 10,986 to 7,883.

Retained in the division structure would be the division base; one signal battalion with four companies; one engineer battalion with four companies; one brigade headquarters; one armored cavalry squadron with three troops; one military police company; one division artillery headquarters battery; one 155 mm self-propelled field artillery battalion with five batteries; one 155/8 inch self-propelled artillery battalion with five batteries; one "Honest John" rocket battalion with three batteries, one head-

quarters company and band of division support command; one administration company; one medical battalion with two companies; one supply and transport battalion with three companies and one maintenance battalion with three companies. Also, the division would have two armored battalions and two mechanized infantry battalions with four units each.

The greatest loss to the division and the State are two of its brigades. This means the elimination of two brigade headquarters and four infantry battalions. Also, the division loses its aviation battalion. The Army Guard will also lose the special forces company with elements located in Wilmington and Charlotte.

The divisional losses are offset somewhat by the substantial gain of non-division units which includes a five-battalion force. Non-divisional units

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