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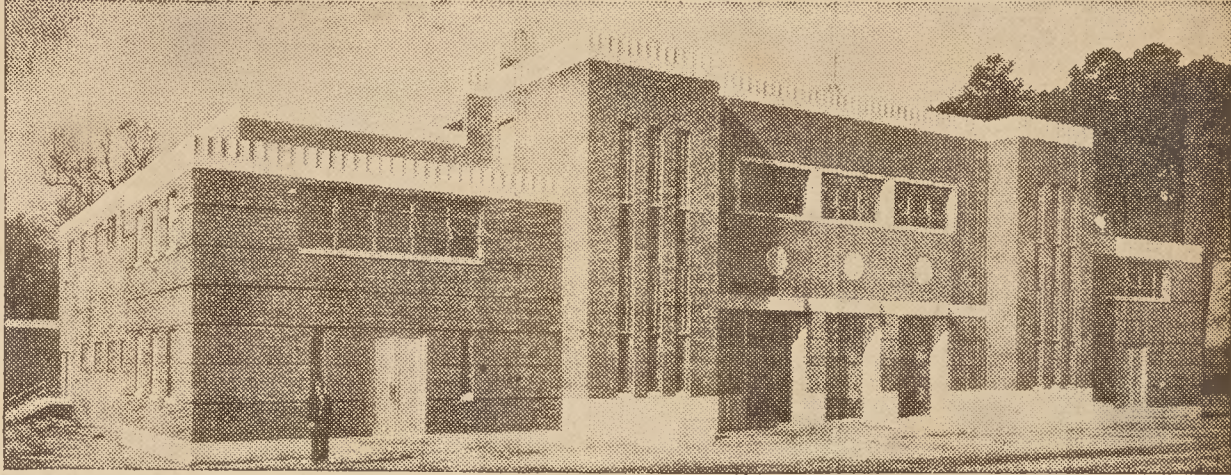
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Dunn's New Armory Dedicated Last Friday



DUNN CITIZENS PROMOTED such an event on last Friday as to gain state-wide publicity when they dedicated their handsome new \$125,000 WPA-built armory, staged a mammoth military parade and presented other spectacular events. Dunn's Victory Celebration was all that any city could ask for; it exceeded all expectations and was a tremendous success. Thousands turned out to pay tribute to Dunn's General William C. Lee, chief of the Airborne Command. National and State dignitaries joined the homefolks in honoring the city's most distinguished son.

Johnston Youth Is Wounded by Gun; Attempted Suicide

Warren G. Hargis in Fort Bragg Hospital from Self-Inflicted Wounds

Warren G. Hargis, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hargis, who lives about seven miles northwest of Four Oaks, is in a government hospital at Fort Bragg suffering from self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

The young man, a soldier, stationed at Fort Bragg was at his home AWOL over the week end. Monday afternoon around 6 o'clock he went to the home of a neighbor, asking the loan of a rifle stating that he wanted to kill a chicken. A short time later the report of the gun was heard and a brother, Tyson Hargis, suspecting something was wrong, went to investigate. He found his brother in the woods near the home leaning against a tree.

He was taken to the Johnston County hospital and later removed to the government hospital at Fort Bragg.

A note was found on his person supposedly meant for his mother, which stated, "I have given you nothing but trouble for the past 21 years. You will find me asleep at the barn."

Rather than go back to Fort Bragg young Hargis decided to take his life, officers said.

The bullet from the rifle went through his left side, barely missing his heart. It is thought he will recover.

SUGAR RATIONING DATES ARE LISTED

A telegram to Rationing Board Chairman G. C. Uzzle from Guy W. Rawls, state organization officer of Price Administration, states that sugar certificates are available and negotiable immediately.

Stamp No. 5 is valid between June 28 and July 25 for the purchase of two pounds of sugar.

Stamp No. 6 is valid between July 26 and August 22 for the purchase of two pounds of sugar.

Rev. Mr. Newman To Preach Here Sunday

The Rev. H. F. Newman, student at the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., will preach at the Selma Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Mr. Newman is spending the week here directing a Vacation Bible School at the church, and will remain over for the Sunday service. There will be something special for this service as a result of the Bible School.

Starts Army Course

Smithfield, July 7.—William Pope Lyon, son of Attorney W. H. Lyon and the late Mrs. Lyon of Smithfield, has started his Army recruit drill at Keesler Field. Private Lyon is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Selectees Receive Thorough Examination At Induction Station

The current high rate of rejections of selectees at the induction station is disturbing to the public mind. This is understandable since the public is so vitally interested in every phase of Selective Service. There is a satisfactory explanation for it and the public is entitled to that explanation.

Prior to January 1, 1942, complete physical examinations were given the selectees by local board examining physicians. After a few months of experience, these physicians were passing men who very closely met the Army's requirements. Rejections at the induction station at that time were almost entirely of men with borderline conditions, men who had contracted diseases between the time of their local examinations and the time of their delivery for induction, and men rejected as a result of chest X-rays which were never a part of the local examination.

Under the regulations now in force, the local examining physicians do not make a comprehensive examination. In fact, they make only a casual, "screening" examination and are guided by a list of defects, one part of which sets forth non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify the selectee for all military service, and the second part of which sets forth those non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify for general limited service, but qualify for limited service. The local examining physician has no alternative but to follow this list specifically. With these limitations, the examining physician can reject little more than the obviously unfit.

Another reason for the large number of rejections is that local boards no longer have the authority to disqualify registrants who are below the minimum literacy standards for military service. Prior to January 1, 1942, they had such authority and did not send to the induction station registrants who were below such standards. Regulations now provide that all such men, otherwise qualified for military service, must be sent to the induction station for final check and rejection by the Army.

It can readily be appreciated by those who understand the regulations in force that a higher percentage of the men forwarded for induction may be expected to be rejected for the reasons above given and local boards and examining physicians should not be criticized for a condition over which they have no control. They have no choice but to send the men to the induction station even if they have reason to believe that a large number will be rejected on account of their physical condition or lack of educational qualifications.

Oil drained from the crankcases of the 6,000 vehicles belonging to the N. C. State Highway Commission, is re-refined and used over again.

A committee is a meeting of important people, who singly, can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done.

Cost of Synthetic Rubber Not So Great

Two Big Plants Turning Out This Much Needed Material At Lower Cost Than Expected.

Washington, July 5.—With two major plants in production, government officials have discovered that making synthetic rubber won't cost as much as they thought it would.

Money is no object in the 800,000-ton-a-year program, but rubber Coordinator Arthur B. Newhall was pleased nevertheless today to report that the program probably would not require all the \$650,000,000 which Congress authorized for it.

Goodyear brought the first unit of the government-financed synthetic plants into production in May and Firestone the second in June. United States rubber is scheduled to turn out buna S in August, and B. F. Goodrich in November.

As the program now stands, about three-fourths of the synthetic rubber is to come from use of a petroleum base and the remainder from use of alcohol.

However, the corn belt, supplying grain for alcohol, may play an even greater part in beating the rubber shortage.

A 200,000-ton increase in the program is under discussion. Farm-minded senators are backing legislation to assure that this expansion would call for use of grain.

Lowered cost estimates of the synthetic program result in part from what WPB calls the "strip-teasing" of specifications—the substitution of cheaper and more plentiful materials for steel plates, copper and other scarce metals in plant construction—and in part from the natural reduction of cost per ton because of mass production.

Despite the dribbles of synthetic already coming in, a survey of the rubber situation at this time shows nothing immediately encouraging for the motorist who is worried about his tires.

Registration For Gas Rationing Starts Today

Registration cards for rationing of gasoline for passenger cars and motorcycles gets under way in Johnston county today, Thursday, July 9th, and continues through Saturday, July 11th from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., war time: Smithfield—Old A.B.C. Store.

Micro—At School. Four Oaks—At School. Clayton—At School. Princeton—At School. (Pocket registration cards are required of all applicants).

Dealers and Distributors The second registration will be that of dealers and distributors who will register at the local Rationing Board in Smithfield, from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m., on July 13th, 14th and 15th.

Trucks, Pick-Ups, Tractors, Etc. The third registration is for those owning trucks, pick-ups, tractors, etc., and car owners that require more gasoline than is allotted on the so-called A cards; these will all register at the local Rationing Board in Smithfield, from 9:00 a. m., until 5:00 p. m., July 16th, 17th and 18th. (Truck owners in addition to having pocket registration cards must be able to furnish the following information: Miles driven during May, 1942, mileage to be driven July, August, and September, 1942, and average miles per gallon.)

DEFERRED 1-B MEN WILL BE INDUCTED BEGINNING AUG. 1

Early Induction Of Regular Quotas of Men In 1-B Selective Service Class Because of Minor Physical Defects Announced by Army.

Washington, July 3.—The Army announced intention today of starting the induction of regular quotas of men placed in the deferred 1-B selective service class because of minor physical defects.

Beginning August 1, men with only one eye or complete deafness in one ear, among others, will be inducted for limited military service, provided they otherwise meet requirements.

They will be assigned to duty with corps area service commands and the War Department overhead organization, and thereby release an almost equal number of fully qualified soldiers with task forces.

Induction, under the new standards, "will be limited to those with minor physical defects who are able to bring to the Army a useful vocation which was followed in civil life," the War Department said.

Men found upon re-examination to be qualified for full military service will be inducted as 1-A registrants.

Among those now classified as 1-B who would be eligible under the new ruling for limited service status are men:

Whose weight and chest circumference do not meet 1-A standards but do not fall in class 4; who have minimum 20-40 sight in one or both eyes if correctible with glasses to 20-40 in either eye; whose hearing in one or both ears is not less than 5-20, with complete deafness in one ear permitted if hearing in the other is 10-20 or better; who have insufficient teeth if the defect is correctible by dentures.

Bomber Falls, Killing Seven

Rocky Mount Boy Is War Casualty

Rocky Mount, July 7.—The War Department today notified Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith of Rocky Mount that their son, Sgt. Lubie E. Smith, Jr., 24, was a war casualty.

No details of the death were reported in the telegram received by the local family.

The last time the Smiths heard from their son he had been stationed at a hospital in Australia. Sgt. Smith, a graduate of the class of 1937 at the Rocky Mount High School, had been in the U. S. Army for two years.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, include three brothers, W. T., Bobby and Johnny Mack Smith, all of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Harper of Leggett, Mrs. M. A. Armstrong of Rocky Mount and Mrs. Richard Crause of Laurel, Md. The father is employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company here.

Mr. Smith, who was in Selma today, stated that his son, Lubie, left California about two months ago for the far east, and that they had only heard from him one time since that time. The Navy Department wired the parents, Mr. Smith said, that the body of their son would be interred and shipped home after the duration of the war if requested.

Young Smith was a nephew of Mr. R. J. Smith, of Selma.

Army Plane Crashes In Flames In Cornfield Five Miles West of Selma — Wing of Craft Drops In Farmer's Yard — Bodies Burned, Badly Mangled

The dead: Pvt. Samuel R. McDonald, former sports editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, Raleigh. McDonald was drafted early this year and was stationed at Columbia Air Base.

Capt. Joseph H. Plant, pilot, Long Beach, Cal.

Second Lieut. Howard Henthorn, co-pilot, Ludloy, Ky.

Staff Sgt. Louis F. Turner, Jr., radio operator, Chester, Pa.

Staff Sgt. Arlyn A. Gustafson, Wausa, Neb.

Pvt. Joseph A. Schmidt, Toledo, Ohio, passenger.

Pvt. Frank Sailer, Kane, Pa.

An Army bomber crashed during a summer storm five miles west of Selma, and one and a half miles south of Wilson's Mills, late Wednesday afternoon, killing all men aboard.

Eye witnesses said the plane caught fire in the air and exploded as it crashed. One occupant was tossed 130 yards, three others were nearby and five were believed burned in the debris of the Completely-demolished bomber.

The twin-motored medium bomber lost part of a wing half a mile from the cornfield in which it crashed, and fragments were scattered over a 15-acre area from the two craters gouged in the soft field by the motors.

It fell in a corn and soybean field on the farm of Jasper Beasley, about a mile south of Wilson's Mill in Johnston County.

The witnesses advanced conflicting opinions of the cause of the crash being divided between theories that motor trouble, lightning or a sudden cyclone downed the ship.

A. D. Stephenson, a tobacco farmer, said he was watching the plane when it fell.

"It was running all right," he said. "Then part of the left wing flew off and the motor began roaring. It circled and then began twisting every which way. About 30 feet from the ground the motors went off and flames blazed all over the plane.

"It was burning when it fell, and (Continued on page four)

Bad Wreck Occurs At Airport Thursday

Four Men Are Seriously Injured When Struck by Car Driven by Milton Massey — All Sent To Hospital — Driver of Car Placed Under Bond.

A serious accident occurred at the Selma Airport filling station, half mile east of Selma on the Selma-Pine Level highway, Thursday night at 10:30, when an automobile driven by Milton P. Massey, manager of a filling station on highway 301, south of Selma, ran into a group of men standing near where William Norkett was working on another car parked near the filling station.

Massey, who was traveling east, says he was going about 45 miles an hour when he reached the incline at the A. C. L. railroad crossing, and that he did not see the car until too late to avoid striking it. He claims there was no light on the parked car. C. A. Bailey, of the Bailey Undertaking Company, was called to the scene and took four of the injured men to the Johnston County hospital. Those injured were as follows:

Joe Palmer, an employee of the Southern railway, received a broken leg and serious bruises. He is reported by Capt. S. M. Parker, general foreman of the Southern railway, who visited the injured man Tuesday evening, to be getting along as well as could be expected.

Virdell Cooper, Negro, also employed by the Southern railway, suffered a broken right leg and mangled left foot. He was later taken to a Durham hospital.

William Norkett, manager of the airport and filling station, sustained a broken jawbone, lacerations of the face, as well as shoulder and leg injuries. He was treated at the hospital and later brought to his home near the airport.

Aaron Wall, Jr., an employee at the filling station received a broken wrist, teeth dislocations and minor injuries. He was later released from the hospital.

Massey, driver of the car, escaped injury. He was placed under bond for his appearance before Mayor B. A. Henry at a preliminary hearing to be held as soon as the injured are able to appear in court.

HELP WIN THE WAR! — Take all your scrap rubber to your nearest filling station.

Nazi Star Witness



Wearing full uniform of the Nazi Luftwaffe, Lieut. Hans Peter Krug is shown (right) leaving federal court in Detroit after testifying against Max Stephan, the Detroit restaurant keeper accused of aiding the German flier when he escaped from a Canadian prison camp last April. Accompanying Lieutenant Krug is a Canadian officer of equal rank.

Two Negroes Are Held After Johnston Raid

Tom Jack Watson and David Watson, Negroes, were arrested in a raid in Wilders township led by Joe Royall Smithfield township constable, Brad McLamb, Banner township constable, Officer Whiteside of Goldsboro and E. A. Bennett of the Federal Alcoholic Tax Unit.

A 125-gallon still was destroyed and 20 barrels of mash were confiscated.

Both Negroes were bound over to federal district court after a preliminary hearing in Raleigh.

Another 125-gallon still in the same section, near the Josh Flowers place, was confiscated.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

Since BILL CREECH went down to Holt Lake a few days ago and took a bath—it is reported the state health authorities have condemned the lake — EVA MASSEY and HARVEY STANCIL went fishing a few days ago—EVA says she didn't even get a bite (mosquitoes and red bugs not included) — JOHN HARRIS, is 85 year old today (Thursday)—JOHN, one of Selma's well known gentlemen of color, has been with the BRANCH BANK as janitor for nearly a generation — RALEIGH GRIFFIN and bride are back from their honeymoon spent in the north—RALEIGH was missed from the Maindrag—we extend a cordial welcome to his better-half — MR. J. S. BROWN, who had charge of the bank during his absence made many friends while here who regret to see him leave — LOUIS LEVINSON, of Benson, was on the Maindrag yesterday—LOUIS is prosecuting the docket in Recorder's Court during the absence of the regular solicitor, BILL GODWIN, and is making good — BILLY BLACK and HARRY OLIVER went swimming in Pullen Park Lake, Raleigh, Monday—DONALD BROADWELL has accepted a job at Holt Lake as life guard—so send your kids on down and DON will see that they are taken care of—a letter from LEON HOWELL, who is in the Navy, now stationed at Seattle, Washington, informed his parents that he was planning to come home soon on a visit—his father, CAPT. D. P. HOWELL, immediately wired his son to come by air, as the young man would only have four days at home if he made the trip by train