

FOUR SELECTEES LEAVE FOR FORT BRAGG ON MONDAY

Five Out Of 23 Examined Found Defective Here

Four Negroes, composing the sixth contingent of men to be sent to Fort Bragg by the Halifax County Selective Service Board No. 1, will leave here Monday morning. They are Stephen Virgo Mullen, 900 Monroe Street; John Cleavey West (volunteer); Route 1, city; George Franklin Hooper, Route 2, Jamesville; Louis Porties, Weldon.

Three of the men will fill the last quota for the board while one will replace Jasper Rease, who was sent to Fort Bragg but was not accepted because of physical disabilities.

When the Negroes reach camp, they will make the first score of men to be inducted from the local board. Actually 22 will have been sent but two have been rejected, one white and one colored. Thirteen white and seven colored will have been sent Monday.

In checking over the list of men who have received questionnaires up to the present time, including those who have volunteered, Chief Clerk of the Board, M. MacRae Faison this week found the following data:

Out of the 127 that have received their questionnaires 56 have dependents; 37 are subject to call for service pending a physical examination (some have been examined); 16 have been inducted into the service; 1 is deceased; 6 have been deferred because of physical defects; 7 have been deferred because they are guilty of felonies; 1 holds a key position in the national defense program; 3 were declared fit for limited service only; two are deferred because they are college students.

Four men of the 127 were found obviously unfit for service because of physical defects, such as a wooden leg, deaf mute, mentally incompetent. Three of the men were examined and found unfit for full service.

Two were turned down by the army doctors as being unfit, after they arrived at Fort Bragg.

A total of 23 men have been examined by the local board physician. Of these 23 were found the two totally unfit and the three fit only for limited service, as mentioned above.

These figures show that the selectees here are running a little over the state average in physical defects. The state average is about one turned down for physical defects out of every 5; here five were turned down out of 23.

In the total of 127, nine have been found with defects. However, only 23 of those have been examined by a doctor. The additional four with obvious defects were not examined by a doctor.

The board physician is planning to examine 15 new men next week—ten white and five colored—in order that the board may have sufficient men who have been examined at all times to meet any call that may come. The board will keep a number of men examined ahead all the time hereafter. Those that leave with the contingents will be replaced immediately. Dr. R. P. Beckwith, the board physician, will begin Monday with the examinations, he said this week.

PROGRAM AT GASTON

A patriotic program was presented at an assembly by Gaston students last Thursday morning. Those participating were: John Thomas Hargrove, Janice Jordan, Andrew Jordon, Clyde Cook, Hattie Norwood, Malvin Moore, Lucille Collins, Mattie Worsham, Millie Moody, Phyllis Hodges, and Evelyn Shaw.

Home Agent Talk Heard By Club In Weldon Friday

The Oak Ridge Club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wade C. Moseley. Mrs. Hazel Wheeler, Home Demonstration Agent, explained how the club can assist in the National Defense Program by growing more food stuff and by assisting with the hot lunches at school.

The major project for the day was a discussion of the Home Food supply. Included under this was the Food Standard for a North Carolina family, which included the daily food needs of one person from which each member will work out the needs for her family.

Mrs. Wheeler made special stress on planting new orchards and the necessity of pruning and spraying old orchards to get the best results from trees.

W. O. Davis, Halifax, Farm Agent, gave a helpful talk and demonstration at the last club meeting, "How to prune and

spray trees, and the kind of spray to use".

Mrs. Clayton P. Bounds presided over the business meeting. "God Bless America" was used as an opening song.

Books were circulated among the club members by the club librarian, Mrs. Cecil Lucas. Recreation consisted of a contest on the U. S. Flag. Refreshments were served by the hostess and assisted by Mrs. J. C. Pittman. Those present were Mesdames Wheeler, C. P. Bounds, Jr., J. C. Pittman, A. L. Garner, M. L. Shearin, James Frazier, M. C. Garner, Lucius Barns, Spence, Mathew Walker, W. C. Moseley, Cecil Lucas, and Mrs. Dan B. Trueblood.

SOCIETY MEETING

The Missionary Society of Smiths Church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. T. B. Turner in South Rosemary Wednesday night, Feb. 19. The members were entertained prior to the business part of the meeting by a colored quartet, consisting of children. The pastor, Rev. Hinson, was a guest at the meeting. After the program and business was finished, Mrs. Turner served an attractive salad plate. The members attending the meeting were: Mrs. Raymond Garner, Mrs. A. L. Garner, Mrs. Sam Powell, Mrs. E. R. Hawkins, Mrs. Eugene Etheridge, Mrs. Leonard Allen, Mrs. Lillian Smallwood, Mrs. G. M. Garriss, Mrs. Ellwyn Garner, Mrs. Claud Garner, Miss Mildred Powell, and Mrs. T. B. Turner.

Take Child To Clinic At Tarboro

The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club, through its Boys and Girls Work Committee, took Evelyn Moore, cripple child here, to the Orthopaedic Clinic, sponsored by the Rotary Club, in Tarboro last Monday.

The physicians examined the crippled foot and advised the Lions to take the child to Duke Hospital and have an artificial foot made for her. The club may take the obligation of supplying the child with the artificial foot, as it wears out, over a period of years.

The Lions also took George Jenkins who suffered from the effects of an infantile paralysis attack several years ago. Physicians advised that he too be taken to Duke for treatment. The Lions will probably not have that case under their care.

Members of the Lions committee for the Boys and Girls Work are Carlton Cannon, Chairman; Cranford Hoyle, Rev. Edmund Berkely, Gene Shell, Chester Chase, L. B. Brown, Clarence Coburn, E. W. Smith, Tommie Adams, Thurman Bullock, T. R. Wilson.

Aged Citizen Buried Here

W. G. Gibson died at his home on Hamilton Street Monday, February 24. He was 67 years of age, and had made his home here since 1915. Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Rev. Gordon Price officiating. Burial was in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Minnie T. Gibson; four daughters, Mrs. Annie Evans, Misses Eva, Edith and Beulah Gibson; and five sons, Lonnie, Eddie, Charlie, Lewis and Rudolph Gibson; one brother, Bud Gibson of Macon; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: B. Mincher, R. J. Hatchell, Jesse Baird, Bud Langston, Leon Barnett, Lee Nixon.

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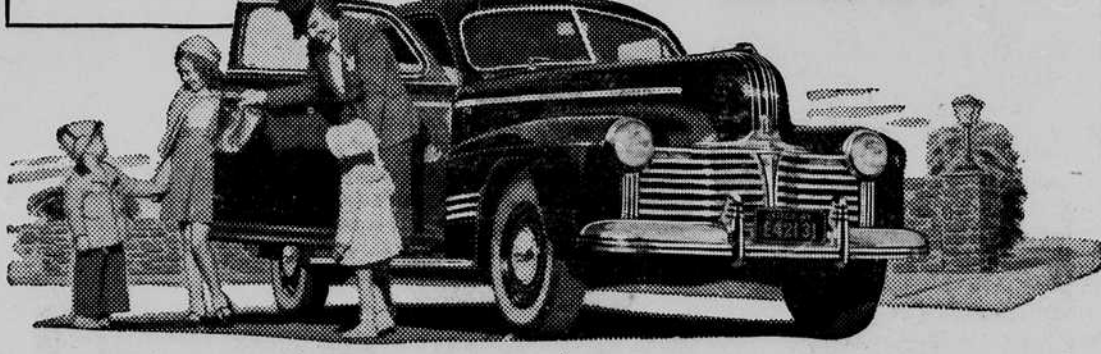
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