

The
FAMILY WASH
(All The News Hung Out To Dry)
— By —
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Being within the draft age and already "betwix and between"—between physical exam and induction—we would naturally take more interest in good bits of gossip coming our way having to do with the draft business. So it is that we pass the following little stories along to you with a grain of salt, but with absolute authority as to their authenticity.

The Roanoke Rapids lawyer who passed this one along to us happened to be an eyewitness. He told of the local draftee who, when he boarded the bus here for Raleigh, purchased a quantity of liquor. By the time the bus arrived in the capital city he was thoroughly "lit". In the long line of registrants being examined he was unusually talkative, carrying on a boisterous conversation which kept the group thoroughly amused. But when his turn came to be examined he became suddenly sober, looked the doctor in the eye, and said: "Doc, there's no use examining me. I'm 100 per cent". To which the doctor queried: "What do you mean, 100 per cent?" . . . "90 per cent booze, and 10 percent 7-Up", the local youth replied.

Note: The above was not intended as an advertisement for any beverage concern, locally or otherwise.

All of which reminds us of the story told us by another local attorney. It seems that a Negro down in Georgia was thoroughly in doubt as to his ability to serve in the armed forces, so when the letter came telling him to report to his local board for induction he took to the swamps. He remained there for six months, with Uncle Sam's agents scouring the country for him. Finally they got him and brought him in for induction. The doctor gave him the usual physical examination and upon its completion informed the draftee that he was physically O. K. "I might be physically O. K., doc," the negro responded, "but you sure ain't getting any hero!"

We, ourselves, will stand behind this one, because we knew the soldier in question. This particular soldier told us that he "served" in the first World War. It seems that he was sent to the front, and there became hysterical with fear, but not so much that he was able to figure out a scheme to shirk his battle duties and land in a hospital. He complained to his company doctor one morning, he said, telling the man of medicine that he had a "hurting" just above the temple, in his head. "That," our soldier friend said, "is the only place in the whole body that a doctor can't argue with you about". After thinking his story over, we doubt if the doctor did argue with him.

TIMELY TID-BITS: Speaking of the draft, we remember when the trains used to come through during the first World War picking up each town's contingent of soldiers. People would crowd the railway tracks to see the boys off. We remember one family in particular who crowded the railway tracks at our little "hog path" stop and bade their boy farewell. Just as the train was pulling out of the siding, a member of the family shouted: "John, there's some sweet potatoes in your lunch basket. You can divide them with the rest of the boys, if you want to!" Nowadays, however, the boys have to go back and forth to the induction centers for "screenings", physical examinations, deferment requests, appeals, etc., so many times that it finally becomes monotonous and loses its glamour, so that when the day finally comes for your big sendoff the family stays at home and you get away

the best you can. *******
Seriousness aside, though, we recall a little humorous incident that came out of Fort Jackson sometime ago. Possibly you have read it before, but anyway, a certain draftee wrote his mother that he had been detailed to KP. His mother immediately sat down and wrote: "Dear Son, I was thrilled to hear that you had been promoted to KP. But please, son, don't be too hard on those under you. Remember, you were just as low as they are before you got promoted."

HEARD AND SEEN: The old lady in the bus station at 9 o'clock the other ayem . . . Waiting . . . She was still there at 4:15 . . . still waiting . . . Pszzt! Did you see the headlines on last week's Herald? . . . They read, "Police Cars Crash", and in smaller type, "Traffic Signals Installed" . . . There was no connection between the two, if you please . . . A friend of ours writes: "Sorry you left Wallace, but am still keeping up with you, as a friend and buddy of mine named Cook, from Roanoke Rapids, gets the Herald." . . . The writer was Joe Bland of Wallace, stationed in Henry Ford's Naval school at Detroit.



Mrs. R. P. Morehead has returned home from a visit to her daughter in Suffolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Underwood of Greenville were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Wyche Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mabel Alston of Lillington spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alston, and had as her guest Miss Barbara Jean Blackman.

Mr. and Mrs. Stirling Hilliard of Washington, D. C., visited friends here over the week-end.

T. A. Chappell visited his mother, who is ill in Richmond, Va., Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Archer of New Bern is the guest of her brother, Harry Rawlings.

Miss Frances Oakes of A. C. College, Wilson, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Oakes.

Parker Moore has left for Norfolk, Va., where he has accepted a position.

Miss Susie Spruell Mohorn has returned to college in Greensboro after spending a week at her home here.

CLUB MEETS
The Thursday Afternoon Club met with Mrs. F. N. Rowe with Mrs. R. E. Vick presiding. The members of the club are putting forth a special effort in cooperating with the Red Cross by knitting, sewing and attending classes in Home Nursing.

The subject for the afternoon was "Furniture". Mrs. W. J. Edwards read an introduction to the program, setting forth the general characteristics of furniture made by Chippendale, Hepplewhite Sheraton and showing how life and society in the eighteenth century effected the styles of furniture.

The hostess, assisted by Annie Lou Rowe, Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Seifert, served refreshments.

MRS. KING ENTERTAINS
Mrs. C. E. King delightfully entertained her bridge club and guests Wednesday afternoon. Early spring flowers and decorations were used, and an attractive Valentine motif in table appointments and refreshments was lovely. Mrs.

N. J. Shepherd was winner of the club prize, Mrs. J. S. Selden the guest prize, and Mrs. P. E. Ransome the floating prize.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Will Norman, served a salad course followed by a sweet course. Guests included Mesdames F. J. Bounds, R. T. Daniel, W. J. Edwards, T. H. Holmes, G. H. Nash, P. E. Ransome, N. J. Shepherd, W. L. Scott, C. S. Vinson, D. W. Seifert, J. S. Selden and Overton Suiter.

Negro Prisoners Transferred To Caledonia Farm

A shift of prisoners in the Perquimans County caps and at Caledonia Farm in Halifax was announced yesterday by Penal Director Oscar T. Pitts.

Inmates of the Perquimans unit, 134 Negro prisoners, have been brought to Caledonia, where they will work under the direction of J. M. Tolar, recently transferred to the Halifax camp from Perquimans. White prisoners, numbering 106 formerly at Caledonia, were transferred to the Perquimans Camp, of which K. B. Ewing, formerly located at Caledonia, is superintendent.

Thirty Indian prisoners confined to the Caledonia camp were left there, according to the announcement which made public the changes during the past week-end.

Want Men For Guard Duty In Marine Corps

The United States Marine Corps is now seeking thousands of men to release a similar number of enlisted men for combat duty. Those between the ages of 30 and 50, who are physically qualified, will be enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve Class IV.

These older men will be retained exclusively for guard duty in the various navy yards of the country. Those who are former Marines will be reenlisted and reappointed to the rank up to and including sergeant. Also former Army men will be reenlisted to the rank they held during World war I.

Since it has been realized that many of these men are married the Marine Corps will provide subsistence for the enlisted man and his family and will also provide funds for the transportation of his household effects to his permanent station.

Those who have not had any previous military experience will be sent to Parris Island, S. C., for a short instruction course. This training will primarily take up the duties and instructions that all

guards must be familiar with. Former Marines and Army men will be sent directly to some naval base of their choice without training at Parris Island.

Civilians interested in acting as guards at navy yards are urged to contact their nearest Marine Corps Recruiting Station for complete details and to secure application forms. Marine Corps Recruiting Stations are located in Asheville, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Rocky Mount and Raleigh.

Two Local Nurses Get Commissions In Medical Corps

Miss Pearl Howell, a member of the nursing staff at Roanoke Rapids hospital, has accepted a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Nursing Corps, it was learned today, and will report for active duty at one of the Army's Medical centers on March 1st.

Miss Dorothy Drake, another member of the staff at the hospital, has also accepted a commission in the Army and will report for duty about the first of April. Two other nurses on the local hospital staff have applied for commissions.

Miss Howell graduated from the hospital nursing school in August, 1941, and Miss Drake finished in September. Both are natives of Northampton county, and have been on the hospital nursing staff since graduation.

Mrs. Fred Shearin of Littleton was a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital this week.

Negro Injured In Auto Mishap

Shelton Singleton, 17-year-old Negro, was brought to Roanoke Rapids hospital Saturday night for treatment of head injuries which he sustained near Lawrenceville when the bicycle he was riding was struck by an automobile, throwing its rider to the pavement.

Examined at the local hospital, it was found that he suffered severe head injuries, not believed to be serious. He was still in the hospital late this week.

Complete details of the accident could not be learned.

There are four (4) Naval Training Stations where Naval recruits are trained before going aboard ship or entering one of the Trade Schools. They are at Newport, Rhode Island; Great Lakes, Illinois; Norfolk, Virginia; and San Diego, California.

The days of sleeping in the swinging hammock are over, as far as the majority of Uncle Sam's sailors are concerned. Most of the new ships are outfitted with steel bunks which, when not used, fold against the casemate, or wall.

Sailors in the United States Navy and Naval Reserve do not lack for reading facilities. Practically every ship is outfitted with a complete library where members of the crew can read for either relaxation or study.

Dick Burton of Fort Bragg has been transferred to Camp Blanding, Florida, and spent the week-end with his parents before leaving Monday for Florida.

To Remind You of the Fact that --

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