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WAC's May Now Join Air Corps



Lt. Margaret Peagram, former faculty member of the high school here, will visit the city on Friday and Saturday of each week throughout the month of November in an effort to enlist recruits for the Wacs. The fact that women may now join the air corps of the Wacs, performing duties similar to the Wac shown in the above picture, has stimulated much interest among ladies intending to join the service, the Lt. said, and she hopes to secure several recruits locally.

Campaign Ends Within 80% Of Original Quota

FUNERAL FOR W. A. LEGGETT IS HELD TUE.

Merchant Is Laid To Rest At Home In Durham

Funeral services for W. A. Leggett, 50-year-old, Durham merchant who was vice-president of the large department store chain bearing his name, were held Tuesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church in Durham.

Mr. Leggett came to his untimely death at Lynchburg, Va., sometime last Saturday afternoon, where he had been visiting his brother, Harold Leggett, for about four months, during which time it is said he suffered ill health. He was last seen alive about noon Saturday, after leaving four suicide notes in his automobile parked near the James River at Lynchburg. The body was found in about 12-feet of water later Monday afternoon.

Mr. Leggett was a veteran of World War I, and had made his home with his mother in Durham. Besides his mother, he is survived by three brothers and two sisters. They are: Fred B., of Danville, Va., Harold G., of Lynchburg and Robert A. Leggett of South Boston, and Mrs. A. T. Grant of Staunton and Mrs. A. B. Taylor of Charlotte.

The merchant executive made regular visits to Roanoke Rapids following the establishment of his city business interest, Leggett's Department Store, here in August, 1931. He had enjoyed phenomenal success in the business world, and was highly respected by his associates.

35 Colored Men Sent From Enfield Draft Board

On Wednesday morning 22 colored men left the office of the local Draft Board in Enfield for induction into the armed services at Fort Bragg. In addition to the 22 men, 13 others were transferred to other boards for induction, making a total of 35 from this board.

Conduct Special Series Services At Presbyterian

Beginning Monday night, November 8 and continuing through Sunday night, November 14, there will be a series of special services at the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. J. M. Walker, pastor of the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church near Charlotte, will be the preacher. Dr. Walker is the father of the present pastor of the Presbyterian Church here. The Steele Creek Church which he serves is the largest rural church in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Services will begin at 7:30, and will be held every night during the week with the exception of Saturday. Dr. Walker will preach at both the morning and evening services Sunday, November 14. The citizens of this community are cordially invited to attend these services.

BOY KILLED WHEN THROWN FROM MULE

Student At Aurelian Springs Loses Life In Accident

Edward Allen Brewer 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest W. Brewer, of the Aurelian Springs section, was killed last Friday afternoon when he was thrown from a mule at his farm home.

The accident occurred about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. He was brought to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, where he died at 10:15 that night.

Funeral services for the youth, who was in his last year of school at Aurelian Springs, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. at Corinth Church, with Rev. Albert Sims, pastor of Bear Swamp, of which Brewer was a member, officiating. Burial followed in the Corinth Church Cemetery.

Besides his parents, the youth is survived by one brother, Walter H. Brewer, and five sisters, Miss Sarah Brewer of Baltimore; Miss Annie Brewer of Norfolk, and Misses Teenie, Alice and Mary Ernestine Brewer of the home.

WILL TRY TO RAISE QUOTA OF WAR FUND

War Bonds Sold And Proceeds Put In Chest Fund

The sixth annual Community Chest Drive, which was this year merged with the War Fund Drive, has been officially closed after reaching only 80% of its quota, according to announcement made today by Fr. Peter M. Denges, drive chairman, but the Community Chest Fund in its entirety has been raised and the committee has high hopes of reaching the 100% quota of the War Fund.

Providing ample funds to take care of the Community Chest budget for the ensuing year was accomplished only after selling war bonds the Chest had accumulated over a period of the past several years. This was done, and the proceeds turned into the general fund of the Community Chest, thus enabling them to operate on their proposed budget for next year, with only a small deficit, which it is felt may be made up if certain promises mature.

A meeting of Community Chest directors was held last night at the Armory, at which time reports and talks were made by various chairmen who had served during the current campaign. The meeting was presided over by H. B. Speight, president of the Community Chest, and was attended by leaders in the drive and Mayor Kelly Jenkins.

Alfred N. Martin was appointed chairman of a Ways and Means Committee to try to find some way to raise the balance of the sum needed for the Community Chest budget, and to try to raise the entire quota originally asked for the War Fund. Plans will doubtless be announced early next week as to the strategy which will be resorted to in order to accomplish this. It will in all probability take the form of a benefit show or dance, or some other money-making enterprise.

Chest officials were still firm in their resolve to raise the original quota of the war fund, though the campaign on a solicitorial basis has been formally closed.

1250 PEOPLE ATTEND VFW DANCE HERE

Attendance For Last Week Tops All Records Here

By BILL ALLIGOOD

Twelve hundred-and-fifty paid admissions toppled all records for any event ever held in the local Armory, when the Veterans of Foreign Wars held their biggest dance of the year last Saturday night, which incidentally was Hallowe'en night.

By counting the Veterans and their wives and members of the 30th. Engineers, who are stationed at the Armory, the crowd ran far above the 1250 people which broke the paid attendance at the dance. I got a great deal of satisfaction out of the fact that the paid attendance was over the 1200 mark. I had made a prediction earlier in the year that it would hit that mark or over before the end of 1943. Frank Kemp, who takes a great deal of pleasure in scoffing at my predictions, said "You paint beautiful pictures Bill, but it ain't gonna' happen." Well, it did, and the Veterans deserve a great deal of credit for really putting on a swell Hallowe'en dance for the people.

Prizes for the best costumes in the men's division went to Silas Baggot of Roanoke Rapids and Corp. R. K. McNeal of the 30th. Engineers. Prizes in the most beautiful costumes among the ladies went to Miss Ferguson who refused to give her first name and Miss Thelma Parks, both of which were really outstanding. Corp. Laycock of 30th. Engineers and Warren Boyd of the Norfolk Naval Training Station won the prizes for the best dancers. In the children's division, "Buzzy" Allsbrook and Larry Davis walked off with honors in the boys' contest, and Molly Jean Joyner and Josephine Draper won prizes in the girls' division.

The dance went off without a hitch. (Continued On Page 8-Sec. A)

Former Minister Of City Will Be Here On Sunday

Lt. Col. Leon M. Hall, Post Chaplain, Fort Dix, New Jersey, will preach in the First Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, Sunday Morning, Nov. 7 at 11:00. The Public is cordially invited to hear him.

2 LOCAL MEN SENTENCED FOR ASSAULT

"Buddy" Thompson And Sam Taylor Drew Time On Road

William, "Buddy" Thompson, and Sam Taylor, local white men, were tried at the criminal term of superior court last week by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn on charges that they did "feloniously assault one Doris West, a female under 16-years of age, with intent to carnally know her."

Both men plead not guilty. It was the judgment of the court that "Sam Taylor be confined for 6-months on the roads, the sentence suspended for 12-months on condition that he remains of good behavior, stays sober and does not visit the home of E. T. West, father of the girl, or molest Doris West in any way." Thompson drew a sentence of two years on the roads, which was suspended by the court for five years, provided he remain outside of Halifax County, during which time he is not to visit the county except in the case of the serious illness of his mother, or that he be called back by his local draft board to enter the armed services. He was given until November 1st to make arrangements to leave the county. It was also the decision of the court that he pay the costs of the case.

The alleged attack against the girl occurred in the downtown business section of the city during the latter part of August.