

VOLUNTEERS MAY PICK OWN BRANCH

Army Recruiter Urges Men To Avoid Disappointment As Selectees

Men subject to call to the Army by their Selective Service boards, were urged yesterday to volunteer, and pick their branch of service, and period of training, by Lieut. N. G. Cottle, army recruiter.

technical training and is allowed allotments, for the entire period is in the Army, the recruiter said.

Eighteen Apply "Most men who enter the Army are going in through the voluntary recruiting service. During the past two days the station here has accepted the application of 18 men, the majority of whom are, or soon would be available for Selective Service," Cottle said.

TWELVE SCHOOLS START IN DERBY

Race For Best Onions Gets Off To Flying Start; Separate Prizes Offered

Carl Rehder fired the starting gun yesterday and 12 New Hanover county public schools left the post in the county's "Onion Derby."

The twelfth entrant, which led the mark just before race time, was Winter Park school, whose entry was announced yesterday by C. G. Berry, principal.

Separate Prizes According to the rules of the derby, each school will compete in the contest separate from other schools, and there will be no grand prize. The 10 pupils of each school who bring in the 10 best bunches of onions for that school will receive the prizes offered by Roudabush's, Cross's, and Wood's seed stores.

Rehder said yesterday that the derby will run from six to eight weeks, depending on the weather. The contestants' parents are getting "garden-minded" too, Rehder added.

Stores Swamped "They've been swamping the seed stores for vegetable and flower seeds ever since the children started in the derby," he said.

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WARRIOR DOG BACK ON OLD JOB



HOME FROM THE FIGHTING in India and Burma, "Sailor" relaxes on the McKenzie rug at Randolph, Mass., and lets his little owners Ann and Bob give him all the loving he missed for so long.

SPRING PROGRAMS PLANNED BY USO

Horseback Riding Will Be One Feature Offered To Visiting Soldiers

Diding horseback, through Wilmington's scenic paths, walking in Wilmington, attending church and various other activities, are in store for the young service men who visit the Second and Orange USO here.

At the regular monthly meeting of the club officials, presided over by Miss Vashti Gornito, new Junior hostesses were welcomed into the club, and the above program for the spring and coming summer months was outlined.

Special emphasis was placed on the phases of the program dealing with horseback riding through Wilmington's scenic paths, and going to church.

Miss Doris Marsolais said yesterday the young servicemen coming into town now are scheduled for plenty of the latter, as the Junior hostesses are being instructed fully along this phase of the program.

Packages Wrapped More than 24 packages of needed items were wrapped and prepared for mailing to Dutch families in Holland, after the business meeting.

Miss Maria Davis, secretary is in charge of the "bundles to the Dutch" project.

The next training program for Junior hostess, will be held the last Thursday in March. Miss Marsolais said all girls interested in the USO programs, and taking part in the various activities, should place their applications immediately, in order that they may be scheduled and get in on the advanced instructions.

Virginia Theological Honors Bishop Wright

The Right Rev. Thomas H. Wright, Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of eastern North Carolina, recently had the degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him by the Virginia Theological seminary of Alexandria, Va.

Bishop Frederick W. Goodwin of Virginia, in bestowing the degree, cited Bishop Wright's "outstanding achievement along administrative lines in the Episcopal church" as dean of Grace cathedral in San Francisco, Cal., 1943, and as rector of St. Mark's cathedral in San Antonio, Texas, 1945.

Obituaries

JAMES H. CUMMINGS James H. Cummings, 84, resident of Carolina Beach, died Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. after a long illness in James Walker Memorial hospital.

HUNTER Y. LEA WHITEVILLE, March 5—Hunter Y. Lea, 62, manager of Leas Tobacco warehouse in Whiteville, died in a hospital in Danville, Va., Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock of a heart attack.

Alpha Omega Fraternity Honors Lindsey Curtis At their regular meeting Monday night the Alpha Omega Fraternity elected Lindsey Curtis to the office of Vice-Grand Chancellor and Al-fred Bell and Bob Boyd were appointed to represent with representatives from another local frat-ernity in an attempt to reorganize the Inter Fraternal Council.

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NEW HANOVER HIGH YOUTH IN FINALS

Lon E. Ussery Qualifies For State-Wide Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Test

Lon E. Ussery, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ussery, Sr., 11 Keaton avenue, a senior and member of the National Honor society at New Hanover High school, has entered the state finals of the annual Pepsi-Cola scholarships competition, T. T. Hamilton, principal of New Hanover High announced yesterday.

Decision Later Winners of the two scholarships allotted North Carolina will be announced shortly after April 2, Hamilton was advised by letter today.

Young Ussery, who will be 18 years of age on March 21, was one of 13 qualified New Hanover seniors who took the Pepsi-Cola scholarship aptitude examination here on Feb. 15. The exam was conducted by the High school's College Entrance board.

Eligibility for the competition requires that the prospective competitor be in the upper five per cent of his class, scholastically, and possess a well-rounded record of school activities. Both boys and girls are eligible.

Col. Gillette, Hewitt In Manteo For Hearing Colonel George W. Gillette, district engineer of U. S. Army engineers here, and T. J. Hewitt, his assistant, left Wilmington yesterday to attend a public hearing in Manteo concerning modification of channels from Manteo to Oregon inlet and from Pamlico sound to Mill creek.

Police Holding Negroes In Assault, Robbery Case Floyd McKoy and William Moore, Negroes, are being held under \$2000 bond charged with the assault and robbery of Sam McNeil, Negro, on March 2.

CHURCH MEETING The Dorcas society of St. Paul's Lutheran church will meet Thursday at 4 p.m. in the church par-ish house, Sixth and Princess streets.

NEW BULLETINS OUT The new bulletins for the month of March have been mailed to Junior hostess and other members of the USO club.

MINISTER IMPROVES The Rev. W. R. Noe, Episcopal minister, is recovering from a recent serious illness at his home, 1311 Chestnut street.

CAROLINA BEACH PTA A meeting of the Carolina Beach Parent-Teacher association will be held Friday night at 7:30.

SHIPYARD TO START Today the North Carolina Shipbuilding company will begin its 1946 National Red Cross Fund campaign and will continue through March 16, headed by Paul Wilson and assisted by other yard committees.

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NON-SUIT MOTION DENIED DAVENPORT IN FRAUD HEARING

GREENVILLE, March 5.—(P)— Judge J. Paul Frizzelle Tuesday overruled a defense motion for a non-suit in the case of Roderick Davenport, former New Bern produce dealer and loans broker, and defense counsel began arguments to the jury.

Defense counsel offered to submit the case to the jury without arguments, but Solicitor D. M. Clark objected. Clark said he felt it was his duty to "submit the facts to the jury and refresh the jurors' memories" on evidence in the trial, which is now in its fifth week.

Judge Frizzelle sustained a defense motion to strike from the record that part of the testimony given by special Agent Willard I. Gatling, of the State Bureau of Investigation, which corroborated testimony relating to confessions of three of the original co-defendants in the trial. These co-defendants turned state's evidence.

NAVY OFFICE HERE WILL RECRUIT QUOTA OF 75 MEN MONTHLY

The recruiting quota of the local Navy recruiting station has been raised, effective March 1, CCS. J. G. Paradise, Navy recruiter said yesterday afternoon.

The new quota is 75 recruits per month, exceeding by 25 the usual month's quota as directed by the Raleigh office.

Through yesterday, the office had recruited and accepted the applications of 16 men this week, Paradise said.

Lt. Margaret Mitchell Takes Over New Duties Lt. Margaret Marshall, Waves, has succeeded Lt. Katharine Ashe, Waves, as communications officer for the Wilmington Port Director, effective March 2. Lt. H. C. Best, Port Director, announced yesterday.

Lt. Marshall, whose home is in Atlanta, Ga., has served in port directors' offices in Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., since April, 1943.

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