

With Our Area Servicemen

Army Pvt. James A. Caples, son of Mrs. Mary L. Caples, Lumberton, was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at

Fort Bragg, Oct. 26. Elements of the division are currently in the Dominion Republic serving as part of the inter-American Peace Force. An integral part of the Strategic Army Command, the 82nd maintains an immediate force for airborne deployment throughout the world. The 22-year-old soldier entered the Army last May and completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S. C. He attended J. H. Hayswood High School.



CAPLES

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C.—Marine Private First Class David E. Anderson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Anderson of 2020 Sunset Ave., Durham was meritoriously promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

His promotion recognized his outstanding performance of duties during recruit training. He will now report to Camp LeJeune, N. C., for four weeks of advanced infantry combat training, and four weeks of basic specialist training in his military occupational specialty.



ANDERSON

Army Pvt. Lee V. Wiggins, son of Mrs. Alma Wiggins, 506 1/2 East End Ave., Durham was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Oct. 29.

Wiggins entered the Army in May 1965 and received basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga. He was last stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. The 20-year-old soldier was graduated from Merrick-Moore High School in 1964 and was employed by Duke Hospital before entering the Army.



WIGGINS

Army Pvt. Herman E. Thomas, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas, Route 1, Box 23-A, Pelham, was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Oct. 29. Elements of the division are currently in the Dominican Republic serving as part of the Inter-American Peace Force. An integral part of the Strategic Army Command, the 82nd maintains an immediate force for airborne deployment throughout the world. Thomas last stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., entered



NEVER TO OLD TO LEARN—Mrs. Marie Vernon, adult basic education graduate, shows certificate to Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, President of Winston-Salem State College.

95 Receive Certificates at Adult Education Graduation Program

WINSTON-SALEM — It was graduation time last Wednesday in Fries Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State College.

No degrees were awarded but the graduates were as proud as if they were getting the highest degrees in the land. The occasion was the county's first adult basic education graduation.

Ninety-five enrollees in the program received certificates for completing the equivalent of a fourth grade education and five others received certificates for completing the equivalent of an eighth-grade education.

Many of the graduates were illiterate when the program was begun last June. Others could read and write a little but had dropped out of school before completing the eighth grade.

There are about 400 adults enrolled in the basic education classes. Several are held on the campus of the college while others are held at Strategic places in the city. The classes are financed by federal anti-poverty funds and are coordinated through the Forsyth County Technical Institute.

The average age of the graduates is 50, but their ages range from the late 20s to 88. All of the graduates give self-improvement as reasons for enrolling in the basic education program. For the younger ones, improvement means better jobs and better living conditions. For the older ones, it means being able to read the Bible and to speak in church without embarrassment.

N. C. Veterans To Receive Higher Benefit

WINSTON-SALEM — More than 38,866 North Carolina veterans with service-connected disabilities will receive higher compensation payments beginning in January 1966, Judson D. DeRamus, Manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office at Winston-Salem, said.

"The bill increasing compensation payments was signed into law October 31 by President Johnson who said, 'The Nation has no greater obligation than its debt to those nearly two million Americans who have been maimed in mind or body while in the service of their country.'"

The increase in payments will go into effect on December 1, 1965, and will appear first in the compensation checks to be mailed at the close of that month.

This is the second increase in compensation payments in three years. In 1962 the increase totaled approximately \$120 million.

The present increase is expected total \$176 million annually and will go to almost two million veterans.

Individual increases will range from \$1 a month for those who are classified 100 percent disabled.

Even more substantial increases are provided under the new law for more seriously disabled veterans (for example, those suffering multiple amputations, etc.) whose monthly compensation payment may total more than \$800.

For veterans whose disabilities are rated at 50 percent or more, the law also provides increases of approximately ten percent in the additional allowances provided because of dependents.

Other changes affecting dependents that are brought about by the bill increase from 21 to 23 years the age limit of a child attending school on whose behalf a dependency allowance may be paid. The additional allowance payable to the veteran-parent for these school children has been increased to a monthly maximum of \$40.

OFF TO WAR — Capt. Charles R. Summers, Greensboro, a 1958 graduate of A. and T. College, now a navigator-intelligence officer with the U.S. Air Force, last week left the country for combat duty with the Air Force Tactical Air Command in Southeast Asia.

With him and his wife, the former Miss Loretta Richmond of nearby, Sedalia, are their two children, Laurence Scott, 2, born in France, and Carla Elisa, 5.

DR. H. THURMAN TO SPEAK AT LIVINGSTONE

SALISBURY — Dr. Howard Thurman will visit the Livingstone College campus next weekend December 5-7 as guest of the college and speak in the regular Vespers on Sunday, December 5, at 5 P.M. On Monday at 10 A.M. he will address an All-College Assembly in the Varick Memorial Auditorium on the campus and in the evening at 6:30 he will be the guest of nearby Catawba College. Tuesday he will visit informally with the faculty and staff of the Hood Theological Seminary on the Livingstone campus.

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