

Deadline Set For Recruiting

January 31 Set As Deadline For Veterans To Re-Enlist And Still Retain The Grade That They Previously Held

The War Department has announced that January 31 is the last day for men now in the Army to retain their present grades by re-enlisting, states Lt. J. H. Bani of the Wilmington Recruiting Office.

Men now in the Army who reenlist before Feb. 1 will be re-enlisted in their present grade. Men honorably discharged can re-enlist within 20-day after discharge in the grade they held at the time of discharge, provided they reenlist before Feb. 1, 1946.

In addition to free food, lodging, clothing and medical care, the Regular Army offers good pay with 20 percent increase for service overseas, plus 50 percent if member of flying crews, parachutist, etc., plus 5 percent increase in pay for each 3 years of service. Few civilian jobs offer as good wages.

Enlistment periods are for 1 1/2, 2 or 3 years. With the 3 year enlistment you may choose the branch of service and the overseas theater. Enlistment ages from 17 to 34, inclusive, except for men now in the Army, who may reenlist at any age. Reenlistment bonus of \$50 for each year of active service, up to 90 days furlough, depending on length of service with furlough travel paid to home and return are given men now in the Army who enlist.

Other advantages offered are: Family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist before July 1, 1946, option to retire at half pay for life after 20 years service, mustering out pay, a 30 day furlough every year at full pay, and the opportunity to learn one or more of 200 skills and trends.

For complete information on reenlistment write or visit the Army Recruiting Office, 203 Post Office Bldg., Wilmington, N. C., or see the Recruiting Sgt. when he visits your town.



Alma Elkins

READING FOR FUN

DEAR GENTLE READERS: So you won't write poetry! Or, worse still, you do write poetry—charming poetry—but you prefer to hide it away, along with those old love letters in the attic trunk!

In a former column, I promised that if my invitation for original verse fell by the wayside, we would pass on as if nothing had

SELLERS DISCHARGED
Junior Sellers of Whiteville has received his discharge from the U. S. Coast Guard and has returned to his home here.

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ever been said—which would have been the lady-like thing to do. But I find myself unable to follow so virtuous and dull a course. I admit right out in print that my fond idea expired in a really remarkable state of neglect.

So here I am with another idea: How would you like to help me conduct an occasional open-forum or question-answer type of column, for the purpose of discussing things literary? If there is some question that baffles you—such as a quotation that haunts you because you cannot remember all of it—or a poem or story that remains in your memory intact, but the authors' name missing—or some famous work that contains a key passage which mystifies and eludes you—or any other appropriate question—why not address your query to this column, or to me, for publication?

Now don't think I propose to answer these questions myself—no, indeed—but I will gladly pass them on to the readers, and maybe, from among us all, answers will be forthcoming. At least, interesting discussions may arise which should point toward solutions.

For instance, there is that quotation from Lowell (including the words "Truth forever on the scaffold") which was printed a few months ago in The News Reporter, and quoted a few days before that from the Baptist pulpit; but I cannot remember, now, the name of the poem from which it

is taken, and my attempt to look it up proved unsuccessful. Can you tell me the name of the poem?

For instance, again, there is a poem named "Fisherman Jim," by Stevenson (or, if not by Stevenson, then by whom?) which used to hold for me a fascination which was almost an obsession. As a small child I used to read it often, and shed tears each time I read it. Now, in my Stevenson volumes, it is conspicuously absent. I should love to get a copy. Do you have it?

And this one really bothers me. Among Conrad Aiken's psychological short stories, there is a lovely one named "Silent Snow, Secret Snow." My idea of real parlor entertainment should be to find a sensitive person who had lately read this story, and ask for a candid explanation of its ending. I have read it a dozen times and evolved as many unsatisfactory explanations—only to feel that I have persistently overlooked a significant shade of meaning. I still believe there must be some solution which will bear scrutiny in the light of human experience. I'm no student of psychiatry, but I can cope with "Silent Snow, Secret Snow" up to the last paragraph. Then I'm lost. My warmest gratitude to anyone who tell me what the thing means!

If you'd like to help me with these problems—or if you'd like to put forth some of your own—will you please do so between now and the end of February? If this suggestion does NOT fall by the wayside, you will see an open-discussion column early in March.

Obediently yours, etc.

NEW BUSINESS HOUSE GOING UP AT TABOR

TABOR CITY.—Construction of a modern brick building on a lot 60 by 80 feet on the vacant lot next to Carolina warehouse here was begun recently by Buck Peay.

Although it is understood that the building has been leased by Mr. Peay the name of the firm to occupy it not the nature of its business has not been revealed. It is expected the building will be ready for occupancy by June 1.

Shalotte Boy Back At Home

John H. Gore Has Returned To His Home At Shalotte With An Honorable Discharge From Army Air Corps

Aviation Ordnance Gunner John H. Gore, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Gore, is at home at Shalotte with an honorable discharge from the Army Air Force. He was in the service three years, two years of this time being spent overseas in the Pacific.

His brother, Edward V. Gore, will also receive his discharge in February and will return home. He has been in the Navy about four years. A third son of Mr. and Mrs. Gore met with a tragic death at Charleston several months ago, just after being discharged from the service. He was in the employ of a bus company, for whom he had just started to work. A negro passenger, said to have been drinking, got on the bus, rode a short distance and then demanded his money back. As the money had already been rung up as fare young Gore explained he could not make a refund and the negro drew a gun and shot him to death before he could rise from the driver's seat.

Re-Elected To PCA Board Of Directors

At the annual meeting of the Whiteville Production Credit Association meeting Saturday, P. C. White of Chadbourne and M. S. Turner of Fair Bluff, whose terms had expired, were re-elected to the board of directors. Other directors are W. C. Cox,



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Radio Station Site Purchased

Construction Will Begin At Earliest Possible Date; May Be On Air By May 1st

Purchase of a 16 acre tract of land between Whiteville and South Whiteville on which to construct the Whiteville Broadcasting Company's radio transmitter and studios has been announced here.

J. A. Maultsby, president of the corporation, said that construction will begin at the earliest possible date. Broadcasting will begin as soon as the station is completed and equipment installed. If everything goes according to plan, the station may be on the air by May 1, Mr. Maultsby said.

of Tabor City; J. C. Hooks, Jr., of Whiteville, and A. E. Waller, of Fair Bluff. The directors will meet Friday for the annual election of officers.

A full report of the Saturday meeting will appear in Thursday's paper.



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