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Largest Contingent Goes To Bragg

Officer Candidates To Be Among Draftees.

The following Stokes county men will answer call of the Stokes County Local Draft Board within the next few days, and among the contingent, which will be inducted at Fort Bragg, is Odell Neal, son of John H. Neal, member of the draft board:

Alonzo Southern.
Ernest Ralton Griffin.
Thomas Odell Neal.
Edgar Banner Tilley.
James David Hall.
Sam Hassel Wood.
Clarence Hamilton Flynt.
Paul Moore.
Robah Gaston Carroll.
James Hilary Chapman.
Harry Homer Heath.
James Shirrell Kiser.
William Harison Corn.
De Cleve Cromer.
John Neal Tucker.
George William Lovelace.
George Lipard Sawyer, Jr.
Ralph Mebane Hunt.
James Andrew Frazier.
Simpson Ward Garner.
Odell Frank Bowles.
Noel Dunivant.
Robert Ernest Martin.
Willie Brim.
James Monroe Bullin.
Bryce Harding Needham.
Hubert Melvin Flippin.
Burton Chester Boles.
Joe Glenn George.
Clyde Bolling Lawson.
Byron Stadler Hill.
Raymond Welch.
Walter Chaffin Beck.
Gordon Thomas Mabe.
Curtis Henry McHone.
Vester Fulp.
Sam Neal.
Lonie Lester Wright.
Luther Moir Hicks.
Otis Thomas Brown.
Ralph Edward Wood.
Hunter Joyce Bullins.
William Franklin Tilley.
Walter Thomas Hicks.
Thomas Moris Yarborough.
Frank Scales Smith.
Wilbur Maurice Smith.
Ralph Noah Moore.
Elmer Woodrow Newsum.
Paul Hardings Mabe.
Lonnie Leo Pulliam.
John William Collins.
Vestal Lee James.
B. H. Tilley.
Jonah Matthews Smith.
Jack Wagoner.
William Martin Johnson.
John Andrew Ward.
Robert Clay Walker.

These men are granted a 14-day furlough immediately after examination.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zametzer of Baltimore, Md. were week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Moorefield.

Folger Confers On Leaf Market Opening Issue

Washington.—The Federal Department of Agriculture has nothing to do with setting dates for opening of southern tobacco markets, Representative John H. Folger commented yesterday in connection with efforts of Piedmont warehousemen and tobacco growers to have moved up the schedule for old belt markets.

Folger went into the situation, conferring with department officials, after having been asked by the Winston-Salem Merchants Association to see what could be done.

The department explained it went no further than to make suggestions, if called upon, to the United States Tobacco Association, which sets the marketing dates. Folger had pointed out the fact tobacco was being cured two weeks ahead of the usual schedule and that the old belt opening had been moved back. The merchants association has asked the date be changed to September 22.

In another phase of the tobacco situation, that of gasoline for the growers to get their leaf to markets, Senator Bailey said he was bending "every effort to see that proper allowances are made." He said good crops and prices were assured.

Tar Heel leaders here recognize that adequate ration books for growers will be no good at all unless distributors have sufficient gasoline stocks to meet the marketing season demand.

Mrs. M. A. Knight Passes At Home

Mrs. Margaret Alta Knight, 80, widow of Elijah Knight, died at her home at the Hosten farm near Walnut Cove early yesterday morning. She has been ill for about two weeks.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Amos Rominger of Belews Creek; one brother, Thomas Neal of Walnut Cove.

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Walnut Cove Baptist Church with Rev. C. E. Parker in charge.

Burial will be in the Neal Cemetery near Belews Creek.

Revival Meeting At Presbyterian Church

A revival meeting is to begin at the Presbyterian Church here Monday night at 8:30 o'clock. The Rev. Frank S. Jones of the First Presbyterian Church of Rutherfordton, N. C., will do the preaching.

Late Opening Of Old Belt Leaf Markets Is Protested

Old Belt tobaccoists and growers alike are protesting strongly what they term "penalization" of the belt markets in the action of the United States Tobacco Association last week in which it set the opening date for Old Belt opening at October 1, two weeks later than last year.

Efforts are being made to appeal to the sales committee to have the date changed to September 22, the date originally asked for by the belt and the date which was believed to have been satisfactory to the tobacco interests.

Would Go Elsewhere

Obvious result of the date, which will hold off opening for two weeks after that of last year according to tobacco market leaders will take their tobacco to Middle Belt markets.

The grower's need for money alone about market time is always acute, it was pointed out, and with each day the market is delayed the need will become greater. This will be one reason for a trip to Middle Belt markets by those who have previously sold their tobacco in Old Belt market.

Tobacco is being cured a little earlier this early because of favorable spring weather and rains, it was learned, and growers will be afraid to keep their tobacco any longer than is necessary because of dangers of losing it because of bad weather conditions.

Spread Held Unequal

It is understood that the association in setting the opening dates attempted to spread them out because of labor shortages and other wartime factors. However, local and other Old Belt leaders are protesting that the spread is not equal. For instance, heretofore, the spread has been two weeks between the Border and Eastern belts, two weeks between the Eastern and Middle belts, and one week between the Middle and Old belts.

Where heretofore five selling days elapsed between the Middle and Old belts, now 13 more selling days elapse, eight more than last year. At the same time, the Eastern Belt is taking only three more than last year and the Middle Belt only four more.

Growers are disappointed over the late opening date, it was learned. Many are already now curing their tobacco, and are anxious to market it as soon as possible as they will run a risk storing it or three months until the opening date.

Bible School To Begin Monday

A Bible school under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Hall Randleman, will begin here Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the school building.

The War Front

Recent Far Eastern events indicate "The turning point in air operations has been reached and the Japanese are now more on the defensive whereas the American Air Forces are on the offensive," U. S. Army Air Forces Headquarters in China reported. U. S. submarines within two days sank or destroyed five Japanese Destroyers in the Aleutians, the Navy said. The War Department said American troops are now stationed at Port Moresby, allied base in New Guinea. The Department also announced that U. S. crews, manning American-made medium tanks, knocked out a number of German tanks in the battle of Libya in Mid-June without any losses of their own personnel. General MacArthur reported more allied raids on numerous enemy bases in the Southwest Pacific. The Navy announced the torpedoing by axis submarines of sixteen additional United Nations merchant vessels.

Pvt. John H. McHone Writes Reporter

Fort Jackson, N. C.
July 9, 1942

Dear Editor:

I just want to write and let the people in Stokes county know how I feel about this war we are fighting now. It was brought to my attention a few days ago about a certain party getting up a petition to get their son out of the army. Just for the simple reason that he had a strip of land that needed cultivation. I wonder if they could see things the way I do. What good would this land be if the Japs would come over? What good would anything be? Do they want the things to happen to their sisters and wives that happened to all of the other people that live in all of these small countries that the Japs have taken over? No, I know they don't, but they can't see it that way. I have two brothers in the service. How would I feel out at home and them over seas fighting. I wouldn't have a discharge from the service if they would give me one. We have just got to win this war. I would fight to the end for the people and country that I stand for, if it be God's will.

Pvt. JOHN H. McHONE
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Ft. Jackson, S. C.

Local Draft Board Reports Two More Delinquents

The Local Draft Board has reported to the Reporter that the undersigned men of Stokes county have failed to performed the duties imposed upon them by the Selective Service Act in that they have not reported for induction.

The two men are Matthew Raymond Tatum and Ben Brim, Col.

Local Board To Use Different Procedure In Drafting

State Headquarters of Selective Service has announced that all North Carolina local boards have been advised of the adoption by Congress of a policy which provides that registrants be separated into categories and that all registrants in each category be selected for induction before any registrant in the succeeding category is selected. The four broad categories are as follows:

Category one: Single men with no dependents.

Category two: Single men with dependents.

Category three: Married men who do not have children but who maintain a bona fide relationship in their homes, provided marriage took place prior to December 8, 1941, and at a time when selection was not imminent.

Local boards in North Carolina have all been advised that they should fill their July and subsequent calls in accordance with this policy, if possible. But the boards have also been advised that the national interest requires that all calls to meet the manpower requirements of the armed forces must be filled on schedule.

If any local board does not have a sufficient number of single 1-A men available to fill its call, it has been authorized to depart from the general rule of priority and use married men who ordinarily might be expected to be in category 3, if such departure is necessary to meet said call.

Annual Young Reunion At Salem Chapel Sunday, July 25th

The annual Young Family Reunion will be held at Salem Chapel Church, near Walnut Cove, the fourth Sunday in July, C. E. Davis, president, announced today. The family and friends are invited to come and bring a basket.

Special music and entertainment have been planned for the occasion.

H. L. Hartgrove, 74, Dies Wednesday At Rural Hall

Henry L. Hartgrove, 74, one of Stokes county's best known citizens, died at his home, Rural Hall, Star Route, about 8 o'clock. He was in ill health for a protracted period, but his condition became critical only three weeks ago.

Survivors include the widow, who before marriage was Miss Ada Baker; two daughters, Mrs. Wiley Tuttle, Germantown, Route 1, and Mrs. Roy S. Redding, Rural Hall; one sister; and one brother.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

BUY WAR BONDS and STAMPS

A. N. GORDY DIES AT KING

Jim Moore In Hospital—Marriage—Crop Looking Good At King.

King—If you will locate here you will laugh instead of frown.

King, July 16.—Anthony Nepoe Gordy, aged 80, died at his home on Depot street Friday following a lingering illness for two years or more. Surviving are three sons, James Anthony Gordy, Jr., of King; Charlie Gordy, of Jamestown; and Solomon Gordy, of Laurinburg. Three daughters also survive. They are Mrs. Lee Shouse of King; Mrs. Binson, of Donaha, and Mrs. Woodrow Johnson, of Mizpah. Several grandchildren also survive. Funeral and interment was conducted at Jefferson Church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

The following persons underwent tonsil removal operations here last week: Herman Franklin Wagoner, of Pinnacle; Mrs. Sanford Snider, of Tobaccoville; and Miss Doris Ann Jackson, of Walnut Cove.

Mrs. Roy McGee has returned from Durham where she spent a week with her husband who holds a defense position at Camp Butner.

Glen Moser of Knoxville is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Moser, on west Main street.

Johnny Newsum and Crow McGee have returned from Pinnacle where they spent a week with relatives.

Joe Moore who resides on north Depot street and who is quite sick has been removed to the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, for observation and treatment.

Dr. and Mrs. I. A. Booe, Mrs. Reid Jones, Bill Jones and Mary Anderson Booe spent the week-end in Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. William Rumley is confined to her home on Dan River street by illness her friends will regret to learn.

Master Junior Grabbs is spending a few days with relatives in Winston-Salem.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Edwin Campbell to Mrs. Clara Slate June 21st. They will reside in King.

The stork's report is light for last week. Here it is: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Martin, a son; and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Booth, a daughter.

Farmers say there is a big improvement in the tobacco crop in the last few days. Corn is looking extra good and points to a victory crop.

And that's the news for now.

R. L. Smith and County Agent Brumfield returned Wednesday from the convention of County Commissioners and County Accountants at Asheville.