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## Jack Thrower, Gets Army Commission

John J. Thrower, Jr., graduated from the Engineer Officer Candidate school, Fort Belvoir, Va., on 1 Dec. 1945. He is now a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John J. Thrower. They live at 107, 2nd Street, N. E. Washington, D. C. He attended Red Springs high school and the University of North Carolina. He entered the army on 27 Oct. 43, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Before entering the service, he was employed by Aeronautical Chart Service as cartographic engineer.

## Capt. Archie Lovin

Archibald Lovin of Shannon, who is with the U. S. Army in the European theater of operations, was recently promoted to captain. Previously he was awarded the Certificate of Merit in recognition of conspicuous meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty, the citation reading: "1st Lt. Archibald K. Lovin, for meritorious achievement of service in connection with military operations. Lt Lovin during the period 1 Dec. 1944 to 1 May 1945 through his ability, initiative and continuous efforts, was personally responsible for the high standard of accuracy, exactness and promptness of all reports and records submitted by his organization. His records and reports contributed to a high degree to the successful supply operations conducted by Depot Q-180, the largest Quartermaster Depot in the ETO. His industry and perseverance in overcoming all operational difficulties reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States." The citation is signed by Brigadier General C. O. Thrasher.

## Aboard "Amuro" Ship

PEARL HARBOR—(Delayed)—Benjamin F. Powers, Sr., fireman, 1-c, USNR, Maxton, N. C., proved to be one of the inductibles aboard an indestructible cargo ship of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, newly released records of the Navy reveal. His vessel, the USS Formidant, attached to the huge service force, did what has been described as a "superlative job" in supplying bombardment and anti-aircraft ammunition to battlecraft engaged in supporting invasion troops at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Saipan and Okinawa. His ship came closest to death one night when a Jap bomber pilot dropped three eggs so close they sprayed water over the bridge. There were a few other close calls, including a hide-in-and-go-seek skirmish with a Jap task force during the first battle of the Savo Islands in the Solomons.

Charleston, S. C.—John H. Wilson, Yeoman, 2-c, of Maxton, N. C., has reported for duty to the Naval Separation center here from the receiving station at Lido Beach, N. Y. He will be used to help speed the mustering out process for thousands of enlisted men on their way back to civilian life. Before his entering the Navy in October, 1942, Wilson was a clerk with Metcalf and Eddy, in Maxton.

Lieut. James A. Hodge arrived in Maxton this week after serving 34 months in the ETO. He will be on terminal leave until February when he expects to receive his discharge.

Tommy Edward King, WT 3-c, for 40 months in the navy, with combat service in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres, was discharged at Charleston Sunday, and arrived at his home in Red Springs Sunday night.

Lt. (jg) Joe M. Cox, arrived in the states this week, after serving in the navy on Leyte for a year. Mrs. Cox and their two daughters, have made their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Taylor during his absence.

T-5 James B. Davis, son of Mrs. Anna Davis, and Sgt. Glen C. McMahon of Maxton are among the 1,100 high point army veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is to bring back home. They will be given discharges at their nearest separation center.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Campbell of Maxton have received word that their son, Sgt. John A. Campbell has sailed from Burma and is expected to reach New York the 19th. He has been overseas for a year.

Pfc. Bill Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart of Maxton, reached home Tuesday after 18 months service in the ETO. He expects to be discharged soon.

Sgt. and Mrs. Rex B. Swisher, who have made their home in Max-



LAWRENCE MORRIS, of Maxton Route One, who won first prize in the State for the 3-Acre Corn Production contest which was concluded last week by the 4-H clubs. His 80 bushels per acre yield won for him a \$100 Victory bond.



G. T. ASHFORD, general manager of the Liberty Manufacturing company, of Red Springs, who was elected president of the North Carolina Cotton Ginners' association, at the annual meeting held Monday at Raleigh.

## Program For Union At Raft Swamp Thursday, Dec. 27

The Union meeting of the Robeson Baptist Association will be held with the Raft Swamp Baptist church on Thursday, Dec. 27, 1945. Inspirational music will be by Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Robinson during the session of the union.

10:30 A. M.—Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Joel S. Johnson of Fairmont.

11:00 A. M.—Sunday School work in the Robeson Association during 1946, discussed by Dr. W. Earl Robinson of St. Pauls.

11:30 A. M.—Sermon by Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn of Lumberton.

1:15 P. M.—Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. Paul Deaton of Parkton.

1:30 P. M.—Roll call of churches and other miscellaneous matters affecting the union.

2:00 P. M.—Christian education with its relationship to Wake Forest College. Discussed by Dr. Eugene Olive of Wake Forest.

## Red Springs Stores To Have Two Days For Christmas

Practically all the business houses of Red Springs will have Tuesday and Wednesday as holidays for the Christmas season, it was decided here today.

## Reuter To Present Organ Recital On Sunday Afternoon

Robert Reuter will be heard in the second of two pre-Advent recitals on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This recital will be given at the Red Springs Presbyterian church and all interested are invited to attend.

T. H. Webb won the cotton contest in Scotland county with 1,030 pounds of lint per acre, and Lawrence Morris was winner in the corn contest with 80 bushels.

Walter Bryan Coates, 4-H club boy from Johnston county, has been awarded a \$200 scholarship as one of four national winners in the Field Crops contest.

ton for 3 years, while Sgt. Swisher was stationed at the L-M AAB, will return this week to their home in Cumberland, Md. Sgt. Swisher will be discharged.

## Jim McCormac Hurts Back In Fall At Knoxville Job

Jim McCormac, who has recently resumed his position with the Balenger Construction company in Knoxville, Tenn., after receiving his discharge from the army, sustained severe back injury in a fall from a cement bin Tuesday. The extent of his injury is not definitely known as x-ray pictures have not been completed, but he is not paralyzed. He may, however, have to be hospitalized and in a cast for some time.

## Two Food Centers Open Saturday For UNRRA Aid

Lions Club Sponsors Collection  
Of Food In Red Springs.

Two receiving centers for cans of food to be sent to the starving people overseas will open Saturday this week in Red Springs, one at George Thrower's market and the other at Amos Furniture Store.

The local centers are sponsored by the Lions club, in cooperation with the Victory Collection of Canned food on behalf of UNRRA.

George Thrower is chairman of the committee in charge. The committee include Tommie Amos, Ben Jenkins, and L. E. Baldwin. "The situation overseas is so tragic," Mr. Thrower said today, "that in spite of everything generous Americans can do and are doing through other war relief channels, thousands, and probably scores of thousands of men, women and children will die of starvation this year and next.

"That is the reason for this new appeal. The slogan 'Give A Can and Save A Life' is literally true. I believe that every family in Red Springs will give one or more cans of food for the afflicted millions in Europe, the Philippines and China. We're asking every one to bring contributions to the center instead of waiting to be contacted by our committee.

## Maxton Flu Epidemic On The Decline

Dr. Robert D. Croom, Jr., Maxton health officer, states that the influenza epidemic is definitely on the decline. He has not seen any new cases for several days although there is still quite a lot of illness, due to complications resulting from influenza or pneumonia. Maxton schools resumed classes Monday and W. K. Cromartie, principal, reports that the attendance has increased each day. Only 10 percent were absent Wednesday, which is only about twice the normal absentee percentage he stated.

Presbyterian Junior College was fortunate in escaping the epidemic, although they had a number of cases several weeks ago. There is only one person in the infirmary this week.

Robeson County Training school, colored, has not closed during the epidemic, but quite a number of pupils have been absent due to colds or influenza during the past two weeks.

## Stop Sales Ordered On Hog Ration

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Discontinuance of all sales of "fat back hog ration" in North Carolina is announced by D. S. Coltrane, assistant agriculture commissioner.

In announcing that "stop sale" orders are being issued on all lots of this feed found on sale in this state, Coltrane said the action was taken because this brand of feed has been found to be "flagrantly mislabeled" as to the percentage of protein and fat and as to the ingredients employed in its manufacture.

Regarded as one of the popular hog feeds sold in Eastern and Southeastern North Carolina, "fat back hog ration" is manufactured by the Southern Milling company of Augusta, Ga., said Coltrane, and he pointed out that analyses of large quantities of this feed sampled at Zebulon, Goldsboro, Kinston, and other points, showed that it failed to contain various ingredients listed on the bags.

"In view of the shortage of commercial feeds, we naturally regret to take such drastic action as cancelling the registration of fat back hog ration. However, we believe our farmers will be better off if they are deprived of this than if they paid the current price for feed of the quality this appears to be," said Coltrane.

## Robeson Attains Only 40 Percent Its E Bond Goal

The first official closing date on the Victory Loan drive, according to figures from the Federal Reserve bank of Richmond, Va., through Dec. 7, found Robeson county only 40 percent of the way toward achievement of its E bond quota of \$655,000. Sales of Series E, F and G bonds will count, however, through Dec. 31, so that there is still a possibility that the county will reach its goal, points out Robeson Chairman W. C. Watts of the War Finance committee, as he reminds that gifts of bonds are most appropriate and worthwhile Christmas gifts.

The county has almost reached its overall quota of \$1,305,000 with a total of \$1,031,107. Chief work needs to be concentrated on the E bonds, of which only \$291,067.50 have been sold to date.

Thus far Red Springs remains the only community that has exceeded both E and overall quotas. The last report from Dr. C. T. Johnson, Red Springs WFC chairman, was that citizens of that section had purchased \$74,193.75 in E bonds with a quota of \$52,400 and \$175,869.25 of all types, against a goal of \$104,400.

Pembroke, through its chairman, J. H. Hood, reports that it has reached \$24,975 of its \$39,300 quota—\$49,875 of its \$78,300 overall goal. E. G. Pophal, chairman, reports that community as close to its E quota of \$39,300 and overall of \$78,300. Other sections have not made reports to Chairman Watts within recent days, he says.

With just 3 weeks remaining before the final ending of the drive, the county needs to sell more than \$355,000 worth of E bonds.

## 1946 Listtakers Are Appointed

County Manager E. K. Butler as tax supervisor, has appointed the following listtakers for 1946, for the 28 townships, which were approved by the Robeson County Board of Commissioners at their meeting here Monday. Listing will begin January 1:

Alfordsville—Alex D. McLean; Back Swamp—A. A. Howell; Britts—Okey Stephens; Burnt Swamp—Russell Locklear; Fairmont—D. R. Mitchell; Gaddy—J. O. McArthur; Howellsville—Talmadge Graham; Lumber Bridge—A. F. Tolar; Lumberton—County manager's office; Maxton—C. H. Whitlock; Orum—Mrs. Alice Warlick; Parkton—E. K. Campbell; Pembroke—M. N. Folger; Philadelphia—Mrs. J. B. Humphrey; Raft Swamp—H. F. Townsend; Red Springs—Mrs. Z. V. McMillan; Renner—Charlie Tolar; Rowland—Mrs. W. E. Lynch; Saddletree—Mrs. W. P. Humphrey; Shannon—B. B. Currie; Smiths—Mrs. Dan McArthur; Smyrna—Mrs. J. D. Britt; Sterlings—Mrs. W. C. McEachern; Thompson—Mrs. Bland P. Brown; Union—Mrs. W. L. Price; White House—W. T. Janrette; Wisharts—Mrs. J. C. Stansel.

## A. D. Gore Elected To District Bar Post

Arthur D. Gore of Raeford was elected vice-president of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Bar association at the annual meeting held Monday at the Bleggs cabin near Lumberton.

W. C. Downing of Fayetteville, was elected president of the association, and Henry L. Anderson, also of Fayetteville, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was addressed by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle on the history of the bar and its relation to the bench. The ninth circuit includes Bladen, Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson counties.

## Fertilizer Sales Show Decrease This Year

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Pointing out that tag sales indicate only 63,291 tons of fertilizer were sold in November as against 106,068 tons for November a year ago, D. S. Coltrane, assistant agriculture commissioner, urged farmers recently to place their fertilizer orders without further delay.

He explained that all war prisoners will be withdrawn from fertilizer plants on December 31 and expressed the opinion that the labor shortage in these plants will be virtually as critical next spring as in February and March of this year.

## Wellons Speaks To Methodist Men

Dr. Ralph Wellons, president of Pembroke college, was the guest speaker at the Men's Fellowship of Trinity Methodist church, Red Springs, on the night of December 5. In a most challenging way, he reviewed the history of lay activities in the Methodist church.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, James McDonald; vice-president, William R. Graham, Jr.; sec-treas, David Liles; chairman of program committee, W. L. McRae.

## Three Veterans Join PJC Staff Of Instructors

Three members of Presbyterian Junior College faculty have recently been discharged from the



army. They are Joseph Brown, Evans who returned from service as a bombardier navigator in a B-26 group from 1942-45, operating from India, China, and the Mariannas with missions over Formosa, Manchuria, Singapore, Bangkok, Georgetown, and 23 missions over Japan. Lt. Evans received the air medal with four clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He graduated from PJC in 1933, and from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., in 1937. In 1938 he did post-graduate work at the University of North Carolina, and taught in Wake county from 1938 to 1942, when he entered the service. He is now serving as business manager and professor of mathematics at Presbyterian Junior College.



Charles M. Castevens, Jr., who served over three years with the engineering and statistical departments of the army air forces in Fort Wayne, Ind., and at the Army Air base at Maxton. As a student in high school, he took part in soccer, basketball, baseball and track and for four years in college played all major sports. He has served as athletic instructor. (Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Eugene Neighbors, Miss Cherry and Miss Mary Conolly, and Miss Brown Morrison attended the meeting of teachers of education in North Carolina Colleges and Universities Friday evening in Chapel Hill. They were accompanied by Tucker Bedinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thomas spent the week end at Monroe, where Mr. Thomas took the 40 and 8 degree of the American Legion.

Mrs. Douglas Currie, Misses Margaret McPhaul, Annie Neat Currie and Sara Currie spent Tuesday in Charlotte.

## Roland A. Brown Dies Of Cerebral Attack Today

Funeral Services For Assistant  
Postmaster Of Red Springs On  
Friday Afternoon.

Funeral services for Roland A. Brown, who died at his home here early this morning, will be held at the Red Springs Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon. The Rev. H. G. Bedinger, Dr. C. G. Vardell and the Rev. Allen C. Lee will conduct the services. Burial will be in the family plot in the cemetery at Philadelphia Presbyterian church.

Active pallbearers will be J. M. Townsend, D. M. McMillan, Archie Byrne, Dougald Cox, Ben Stanton, and Murphy Singleton. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Lions club.

Mr. Brown, a member of the postoffice staff here since 1917 and assistant postmaster for a number of years, was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Brown. He was educated at Davidson and Maryville colleges, and had made his home in Red Springs since his college days. A musician of merit for a number of years, he gave his services as organist for the local Presbyterian church. He was a charter member of the Red Springs Lions club and one of the town's most civic-minded citizens, he contributed liberally by his means and his services to every worthy cause connected with his church and community interests.

He is survived by one sister, Miss Mae Brown, with whom he made his home.

## A. B. Williamson, 77 Dies At Parkton

Funeral Services Monday For  
Former Mail Carrier

Alexander B. Williamson, 77, died at his home at Parkton Sunday. Funeral services were held from the Parkton church Monday afternoon.

Mr. Williamson was a former Cumberland and Robeson counties. He was a rural mail carrier for 32 years and was a member of the Parkton Methodist church and the Masonic order. He was a son of the late James and Martha Johnson Williamson of Cumberland county.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Williamson; two daughters, Mrs. W. R. Presson of Kannapolis and Mrs. A. W. Hampton of Laurinburg; and one son, E. F. Williamson of Washington.

## FMC News

Miss Ethel Bateman represented the Flora Macdonald college faculty at a recent meeting of the recreation association at Woman's college in Greensboro.

Faculty and student representatives from all colleges in the state were present, and recreation problems were discussed and practical demonstrations held. Miss Bateman was accompanied by Irene Baldwin, president of the FMC student athletic association.

Miss Bateman was guest conductor at the teachers' meeting held in Clarkton last week, when the subject of the meeting was physical education. Mr. Latham, superintendent of the Clarkton school, presided.

Pre-Christmas activities in the conservatory included a very lovely program by the 76 members of the college glee club on last Monday evening, with Dean Robert Reuter conducting.

Mrs. Bartram Robeson, Miss Clara Bailey, and Dean Robert Reuter were to present a program of music at a meeting of the Fairmont Music club, to be held at the home of Mrs. Paul Thompson this evening.

## C. M. Castevens, Jr. Buys Rice's Gift Shop

Charles M. Castevens, Jr., who has recently returned from overseas and been given his discharge, has purchased Rice's Gift shop in Maxton. It will be operated under the name of Casteven's Jewelry Store after the first of the year.

## Maxton Stores Will Take Two Days

The Maxton stores will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26th, in observation of the Christmas holidays. The Selective Service Board will be closed from the 22nd through the 26th and will be closed the 31st and New Years Day.