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Potential Manpower For Army Is Creatly Reduced in This County In Wartime By Reclassification Of Farmers

Latter Part Of May

Possible Present Regulations Will Be Altered By Act Of Congress

Potential manpower for the armup for classification only six were seed in the 1-A classification. And in some of those six cases it is quite made later in the week, the authori- required information, likely that appeals will be made with the possibility that the number will be further reduced.

draft board is proving sympathetic to the agricultural program and doing everything in its power to keep later. production up to the highest possible level. In those cases, however, where production does not measure up to reasonable expectations, 1-A classifications are being ordered.

Working for about three hours, the board handled only forty cases at the meeting here last night, but if the present trend is being maintained only about one out of every seven single farmers now in the county will be called. On that basis the supply of potential manpower for the armed services will be exhausted about April or May, meaning that married men can expect to be called the latter part of May or certainly by June. No married men, far, but they will be up for reclassithe March call can be filled from the filled possibly from the "stragglers" in all registrations, leaving the married front wide open along about May or June

ent regulations, and it is possible that the regulations will be changed. As it now stands, men are being counts. However, Congress is up in arms about the sweeping orders calling for married men. The lawmakers are proposing a plan that will re- William Henry Knight, 18-year-old ty's quota cannot be issued, however, verse-the present order and a plan that will take all single men regardless of occupation or dependency before the married manpower pool is tapped. For the present, the draft board is recognizing occupations as a basis for deferment or classification. While no married men have yet been called, it is because the pool of single men has not been drained. On the basis of occupation, principally farming, the following classifications were effected at the meeting last evening: Henry Outler Gurganus, w, RFD

2, Williamston, 3-C Booker T. Bradley, c, Hamilton

and Norfolk, 2-B Ollie Alonzer Bland, w, RFD 1, Williamston and Norfolk, 3-B

Dalmer Mobley, w, RFD 1, Wil-(Continued on page six)

Four Face Ration **Board Court Here**

Four Martin County persons charged with violating the pleasure driving ban or exceeding the 35-mile speed regulation, were before the men were called out a second time. rationing board sitting as a special Water, poured on the roof, froze beboard of inquiry in the agricultural fore it could reach the caves. Nod mbuilding last night.

Yo other cases were scheduled, but t was reliably learned that quite a few are pending, that OPA representatives are in this section at the present time investigating a reported increase in traffic.

Charged with pleasure driving on two counts, Roosevelt Coltrain, Williamston man and driver of the little yellow sport car, lost his A book for sixty days.

Cited by authorities in Sanford County, Virginia, Arthur Wallace Lilley, Jamesville youth, charged with pleasure driving, explained to the board that he was taking a relative to a doctor. The charge was dismissed after a warning was is-

Thomas Reginald Griffin, William ston school boy, charged with pleasure driving, had his A book clipped for sixty days.

Charged with exceeding the 35mile speed regulation, James Strawbridge, Williamston man, will have his case reviewed by the board in the county where his employer, the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, buys its gas. He was cited to the board by authorities in Norfolk County.

Married Men Likely Ration Book Registration To To Be Called About Be Held in All County Schools

ed services is being greatly reduced white and colored school houses on hand on November 28 and amount in this county as the reclassification throughout the county next week, of commercially canned food on hand of farmers continues, a report from dates and hours to be announced fol- on February 21 over and above five the draft board in session here last lowing the meeting of the principals cans per person. Home-canned foods evening stating that out of 40 men and rationing authorities on Wednes- are not to be counted. A facsimile day and Thursday.

Detailed announcements will be the lamily may cra sole would be done to make the reg- on each Ration Book 1 tablished standard of deferment, the tration are asking the general pub-

Tentative plans for the new regis- and simple.

Defintie plans will be furnished tration make it possible for one perby school principals meeting in the son to register for another outside courthouse this week with ration his immediate family as well as for board authorities for registering all members of his own family. However, before one may be registered he county citizens for War Ration Book will be required to fill out a "con-No. 2, it was announced today. The sumer declaration," showing how registration will be held in all the much coffee the family or person had appears in this paper. The head of

including names of the family a istration convenient for the citizens. child or a neighbor register for him. While adhering closely to an es- In return, those handling the regis- Everyone is asked to study the declaration sheet known as OPA Form lic to cooperate by observing the reg- No. R-1301 and fill in the required istration scheduled to be announced information with the assurance that the registration will be quite easy

Patrol Investigate **Fatal Car Accident** Reported in County

Believe Case Will Be Turned Over To Grand Jury For Possible Indictment

An automobile accident happening on the night of January 31 and costthat is no men married before Pearl ing the life of Cassie C. Sneed, 30-Harbor ,have been placed in 1-A so year-old colored woman, was uncovered by Highway Patrolmen Saunfication shortly. It is expected that ders and Hunt in this county yesterday. Apparently trying to cover up group of December registrants, that the accident, the parties involved they will be instructed to report for never reported it to the authorities, their first physical examinations in and it was through their regular early March. The April call will be work and investigations that the patrolmen picked up a lead in the case vesterday

No definite action has been taken, These estimates are based on pres-derway and it is understood that the case will be carried to the grand jury next month.

Details could not be learned imon N. C. Highway No. 11 and plow- announced today. highway, that Cassie Sneed, her sister, Lossie Bell Sneed, and a companion, Wheeler Council, begged stated that when Knight continued ed the door and in trying to jump out got caught and was dragged a long distance. She was said to have died n the way to a Tarboro hospital.

None of the occupants in the car as been questioned, patrolmen explaining that what little information that had been gotten so far was gained from unofficial but reliable

It was the first fatal accident re-(Continued on page six)

Firemen Called Twice To Home On Elm Street

Fire from a blazing chimney threatened the home of Fenner Respass on North Elm Street last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Volunteer firemen were called but their services were not needed. Twenty minutes later sparks fell on the roof and fired it in several places and the fireage was done.

NO INCENTIVE?

A call for a hundred million dollars to finance incentive payments for surplus food produc-tion, is echoing in Washington today after striking a stone wall constructed by a sub-group of the House Agriculture Committee. The group rejected the plan by about five to one. The proposal, sponsored by the Secretary of Agriculture and offering \$30 an acre for surplus peanuts, 50 cents a bushel for potatoes and so on, can be saved and the outlook is not as gloomy as the reports would have it ap-

It is firmly believed the incentive payments will be made available, or Congress will take drastic action to boost farm commodity prices to a point where the farmer would get more money than he would under the incentive payment plan.
It is still a good bet to plant
every seed for food possible.

NINE CENTS

Showing a fairly firm trend during the entire marketing season with the exception of a few minor fluctuations attributable for the most part to glutted markets, peanut prices climbed to a new high figure on the local market last week. The zooming market, reocgnized as the highest since World War I days, is reporting no large deliveries, but it was learned that approximately 2,000 bags of the goobers have been handled at that price here since the latter part of last week.

Some Machines Are No Longer Rationed greater than in November, said Geo. All Donald Nelson, chairman of WPB. It Baltimore

Purchase certificates may be issued to farmers by county rationing produce about twice as much muncommittees for certain types of itions as in 1942. equipment provided these items can Renew "B" and "C" Cards by Mail be found for sale by dealers, distribcalled more or less regardless of demediately, but the woman was said pendency or marital status. Their to have been killed when a speed-quotas have been established for sonally before local war price and to have been killed when a speeding car in which she was riding went these items, Mr. Jesse Crisp, chair- rationing boards. Same rules will out of control near Council's store man of the County USDA War Board apply to non-highway uses of gaso-

ed into a ditch. One report stated that | Certificates in excess of the councolored boy, was speeding down the for any items on which quotas have been established.

Types of machinery and equipment for which quotas have not horse hay balers; all types of farm he wild drive, Cassie Sneed open- well and pump equipment; metal milk cans and covers; barbed wire, poultry netting and flooring, and woven or welded wire hog and cattle poultry fence.

'A farmer with a purchase certificate may purchase any of these items whever he can find them, and the rationing committee may issue certificates provided applicants present a worthy cause and certify to the committee that they know where the articles can be obtained," the chairman said.

Quotas originally were established on immersion and surface tubular type farm milk coolers, but a recent announcement adds these items to the non-rationed group, and county quotas previously established may

disregarded, he declared. Farm machinery items which pre have been removed from the rationed list, include: one-row horse or tractor drawn listers with planting attachments; horse or tractor drawn fertilizer distributors; one-row horse or tractor drawn listers (middlebusters without planting attachments);

mounted ridgebusters. A purchase mander. certificate is no longer required to purchase any of these items, Chairman Crisp said.

Farmers Ready To Quit Defense Work

Despite all the talk about high wages and short hours, numbers of farmers who quit the farms some months ago are ready to return to the plow, according to direct information coming from one defense

All the details are not known, but Henry A. Johnson and Jim Gray were reported yesterday to have the names of quite a few former farmers who are ready to take their families and return to farming. Any farmer needing labor to operate his farm this year can get full particulars by writing or contacting Messrs. Johnson and Gray, Box 31 Robert

"We will make no charge for the service," Mr. Johnson said.

Town-Farm

(A weekly news digest from the OWI news bureau)

Living Costs Rise 1-2 Per Cent Living costs on Dec. 15, 1942, were -2 of one per cent higher than on Nov. 15, the Department of Labor reported. Total rise for America's first war year was 9 per cent, and the total increase since the outbreak of war in Europe is 22.1 per cent, as compared with almost 35 per cent in the same period of the last war. Prices under OPA control rose .3 per cent during the month, prices under control of other Government agencies did not rise at all, and prices not under any control rose 2 per cent. Silk Stockings For War

Silk and nylon stockings- 232, 168 pounds of them—were donated by American women during the month of Dec. 15 to Jan. 15, for two representing about 7,500,000 pairs of stockings. Powder bags for big war products are made from silk and nylon reclaimed from old stockings. Federal Employment

The smallest net monthly change in civilian employment in the Federal Government was recorded during November, when 2.3 per cent more employees were added, said Civil Service Commission. At the end of November total civilian employment in Federal service totalled 2,750,101 as compared with 2,687, 093 a month before and 1,545,131 a year before.

War Expenditures

Expenditures for munitions and war construction — planes, tanks, ships, guns, ammunition, etc.—will total about \$157,000,000,000 from June 1940 through the end of 1943, and Passaic, N. J. if prices are held at present levels. That will be about \$78 billion less than these goods would cost if prices were not controlled and were allowed to follow the inflationary pattern of World War I in 1914.

More Munitions

Planes, tanks, guns, and other military equipment and supplies that Williamston and Norfolk rolled off American assembly lines in December, 1942, was 14 per cent Norlina greater than in November, said was the greatest volume ever produced by U. S. factories in one menth. During 1943 it is planned to

Holders of "B" and "C" gasoline line, such as that for farm machinery and industrial equipment.

Priorities on Underwear "priority list" of heavyweight

worked out, is being prepared by Knight to slow down. It was also been established include: stationary OPA. The list will comprise kinds erett farm in Goose Nest Township reports stating that he, badly upset of underwear considered most es-1 sential for civilian use.

Must Keep "Wartime"

"Wartime" undoubtedly has caused some difficulties and inconvenences, but we will have to keep it for the duration, in the opinion of Donald M. Nelson, chairman of WPB. Mr. Nelson feels that wartime has resulted in savings which are highly important to the war effort. Release 879 Trucks

A total of 879 trucks were released inder the truck rationing program during the week ending January 30, the Automotive Division of WPB has

Soldiers Family Allowance If a soldier's family is not getting their allowance under the Service men's Dependents Allowance Act, i may be because the soldier has fail viously were rationed, but which ed to file a formal application for t. Many soldiers declared their intention to file such an application last summer - before application blanks were available-but have not filed the actual application. The official War Dept. A.G.O. Form No. 625 must be made out by the soldier

Parents-Teachers Will Discuss Victory Garden

Meeting in the grammar school tonorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the placed on the delinquent list when Williamston Parent-Teacher association will have for its discussion naires. opic, "Victory Gardens." All parents and other patrons of the school ar urged to be present.

ROUND-UP

Charged with drunkenness in most cases, six persons were rounded up and lodged in the county jail last week-end, the number of arrests falling slightly below the common average for the past few months. Other than drunkenness, one person was arrested and jailed for not complying with a court judgment.

Two of the six arrested were white youths in their teens, and no one in the entire group was over 30 years of age.

More Martin County Mon Called By Army

Several Of Colored **Group Making Their** Second Trip to Camp

Men Reporting to Induction Center "Soon" May Enter Army, Navy, Marines

Answering the February draft all, quite a large number of colored draftees will leave "soon" for an Army induction center from this county. Included in the group are quite a few men who have reported to the induction center previously and were rejected on account of remedial physical defects or ail

subject to selection either by the Little Girls atally Navy, Army, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, but it is fairly certain that the Army will E " successfully pass the physical exam ailments and low literacy standards will claim a majority of the group, judging from recent averages record- Funeral Service Held Sunday ed at the induction center

The names of the colored men just recently instructed to report are, as follows:

Lavughn Carraway, Robersonville and Baltimore

Whit Jones, Jr., Hamilton and Nor-Augustus Lee Rogers, RFD 2, Wil-

iamston and Annapolis, Md. Raymond Powell, RFD 1, Oak City Willie Clifton Heyward, Williams-

James Andrew Moses, Williamston LeRoy Lloyd, Williamston and

Herbert Feddarough Cherry, RFD Robersonville. Elmore Williams, RFD 1, Oak City

James Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonille and Portsmouth William Elcama Hodges, RFD 2,

Henry Edwards, Jamesville Geo. Allen Smith, Williamston and

Willie Lawrence Gorham, William-

James Daniel Webster, RFD

Thurman Lee Little, RFD 1, Rob-(Continued on page six)

Dangerously Shot

Few details could be learned here, but according to reliable reports, a of the truck driver. indergarments, for which standard colored tenant farmer by the name specifications and prices are being of Savage was dangerously shot by Jesse Warren, white man, on the Ev- tim and carried her to the hospital, asst Saturday afternoon. The attack had not been reported to the sheriff's office here early today.

Said to have been given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate J. H. Hopkins in Oak City, Warren was placed under bond in the sum of

started when the tenant farmer farm to get a mule. Warren advised him not to take the mule. The colored man then tied the mule to a tree and went home and got his gun. As he was returning, Warren was said to have fired upon him, the load of shot striking the man in the face and

Report Four Martin Youths Delinquent rites.

Four young Martin County draft registrants were reported delinquent as of last Saturday by the local board. They are Julius Braddy, white, General Delivery, Jamesville; Elvernon Louis Macre, colored, Box 14 ersonville; Chester Lee Crocker, white, RFD 1, Robersonville, and Arthur James Sutton, colored, Robersonville.

The youths were said to have regstered only last December and were they failed to return their question-

Navy Recruiter Will Be Here Three Days

U. S. Navy Recruiter, D. R. Tay lor, will be stationed at the post of fice in Williamston, February 19 20 and 21st, to interview persons seeking information concerning the U. S. Navy.

All men and women seeking in formation concerning the Navy Waves or Spars are cordially invited to come to the post office between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 6:00 p m. for an interview with the recruit r on the above dates.

Mr. Taylor is a former Martin County man.

MORE CHECKS

More soil conservation payments are being made to farmers in this county, a report coming from the effice of the farm agent this week stating that 589 checks had already been delivered amounting to \$21,186.96 and representing 308 applications.

It is estimated that about onefifth of the payments have been made, and on that basis, the total payments will approximate \$100,000 in the county for 1942. About 100 applications are still pending in the office of the county agent at the present time.

The checks are being mailed direct to the farmers from a sub office of the AAA in Richmond.

Injured In Accident ination. In all probability, physical on Haughton Street infantry, artillery and dive bombers in great force the action clearly in

Afternoon for Nora Mae Cherry

Nora Mae Cherry, eight years old, was fatally injured when she was struck by a pick-up truck on North Haughton Street, a short distance from the Pentecostal Holiness Church emy, a gruesome story telling how here last Friday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock. Her skull fractured and bruised on other parts of her body, the little girl died in the local hospital Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock without regaining conscious-

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilseveral children. Operating a pickup truck loaded with hogs, Edgar Davis, young Hamilton white man, was driving into town. As he neared the spot beside the road where the children were watching the fire, the little Cherry girl darted into the road. Davis applied the brakes and swerved to the right in an effort to miss the child. Just as she reached the right side of the road or about the time she stopped on the dirt, the tor and bumper for about 20 steps soft shoulder and came to a stop.

Witnesses to the accident stated that the truck was not traveling over 22 or 25 miles an hour, that the accident was unavoidable on the part

His truck stuck in the ditch, Davis stopped another, picked up the vicby the tragedy, readily accepted the costs and stood by to render what aid he could.

The little girl, unusually bright in her studies and polite to everyone, seldom ran into or played in the street. Her mother, dangerously ill it her home, was unable to go to the One report stated that the trouble child or attend the last rites which were held Sunday afternoon at 4:00 started to the stables on the Everett o'clock in the Holiness church by the

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Funeral Held Saturday In Jamesville For Infant

Funeral services were conducted for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Long at the graveside in Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. W. B. Harrington conducted the last

The child, seven days old, died in local hospital of pneumonia last Friday afternoon.

-- KAID WARNING

to effect tomorrow ,it is believed that an air raid alarm will follow shortly; just when, no one knows.

Citizens will remember that the blackout starts when the fire siren is sounded for two minutes straight. Traffic and pedestrians may continue, but when a series of blasts of the siren are heard, all traffic stops and all lights are out. The all-clear will not follow, but the district will return to the alert stage where some lights are permitted. The all-clear will be given by turning on all street lights and pos-

Rules and regulations for govdetermined at a meeting of the tion will be in accordance with

German Tanks Drive Twenty-mile Wedge meo American lime

Russian Tidal Wave Sweeps Germans Back Toward **Dnieper River**

Fleeing ahead of the British 8th Army, Rommel's forces have driven twentymile wedge in American ines to mark the first major fightng between United States land roops and the Nazi hordes in cenral Tunisia. Locked in violent comoat with the enemy, United States troops were said to be counter-attacking fiercely this morning after losing their key base at Gafsa. Heavy losses were reported on both sides with the tide of battle still in doubt. General Montgomery's Army is about 200 miles away, but Allied air forces were pulled into the ight and are pounding the Germans

The Germans started their attack unday morning at 7 c'clock just west of Faid Pass with what appearway. The enemy attacked with tanks, in great force, the action clearly indiceting that a major drive is underway. However, some observers are doubtful if Rommel can develop a major battle because the old desert fox cannot afford the losses with the

as they try to push forward in two

British moving in behind him Digging in west of Gafsa, the Americans got a toehold and advanced a ounter-attack eight miles. Going into battle for the first time, the Americans are not running from the enthree soldiers held their positions around an anti-aircraft battery until they were blown to pieces. Dive bombers caused most of the casualties, but eleven of the Stukas were downed.

Few details have been released on the fighting in Tunisia, but there is liam Cherry, the child left her home reason to believe that the Germans on Rhodes Street and ran across the are going to taste some bitter fightcemetery and the north end of the ing when the Allied armies get ready street to a small grass fire started by to march. It'll be no easy task, to be sure, but with a break in the weather telling action by the Allies is to be expected.

German supply lines are being pounded continually, one report stating that one-third of all the Axis shipping in the Mediterranean had been sunk during the past thirty days and that Axis ports and bases

were under almost constant attack Incomplete but the first news of that running fight over in the Southtruck hit her. She was not knocked west Pacific has been received, Secclear, but was carried on the radia- retary Knox announcing today that the heavy cruiser, "Chicago" and an before the machine plowed into the unnamed destroyer were lost to the January 29 and February 4. Loss of life was small. The Japs lost two destroyers and thirteen others were

either sunk or damaged.

Russia's tidal wave continues to roll forward, pushing the Germans back. Rostov fell Sunday and a salient has been driven into the German defenses at Kharkov. The invaders are believed to be moving back toward the Dnieper River, but large numbers will never reach there as the Russian move to trap them in the Rostov area is advancing rapidly. Increased pressure is being applied by the Russians all along the Eastern front, and already the invaders have fallen back to points far behind the line maintained by them

Relentless bombing attacks are beng directed by the Allies in the Pacific area and on the continent, including the German sub base at Lor-

Four French warships, including the battleship, "Richlieu", reached Atlantic Coast ports last week and are being repaired and refitted for action against the submarine menthe Long Cemetery in Jamesville last ace. They will be commanded by the

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Several Martin Men Return From Army

According to the best information vailable, at least six Martin Couny men have received honorable disharges from the Army most on account of "advanced" ages. Two men, Asa Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, and Jeffrey L. Taylor, of Robersonville, were discharged following fairly recent medical examinations, Taylor having returned only last week. One, Robert J. Staton, of RFD 2, Robersonville, was released on account of dependency.

The three men who were over 38 years of age and who were released for that reason were, Isaac Mizelle and William Garland Perry, of RFD 2, Williamston, and Joseph D. Jones, of Williamston.

Men over 38 years old will be discharged from the Army according to these rules and requirements: 1. He must be at least 38 years old; 2. Enlisted or inducted on or before Feb. 28, 1943; 3. Has submitted voluntary request for discharge to his commanding officer; 4. Has submitted statement from responsible person showing that he will be employed in ssential industry, including agriculture; 5. Release of soldier must not seriously affect the efficiency of his unit.

With new regulations going in

sibly by sounding bells.

erning the blackout here will be civilian defense group, but ac-Army instructions. If one is not certain of the procedure, he will find it advisable to black out everything on the first signal and remain in the dark until he is absolutely certain the raid is ov-