

Irvin Griffin Impressed By

Friendliness of French

In North Africa

degree which, to doubt would have

supported a claim for a commission,

Irvin Griffin, young son of Farmer

scribes his trip to Africa .--- Ed.)

landed we were told where we were

going. Most of us had an idea that

we were coming to Africa when we

boarded the ship but we didn't know

exactly where we would strike

When we were told where we were

going to land, and when, a lot of

rumors were ended. Some of the ru-

mors were that we were going to

strike at Dakar and others had us go-

ing as far as India. Incidentally, the

day we landed happened to be my

birthday so it will be one that I will

remember for a long time. About a

day after we were told where we

were going to land, each of us was

given a short descriptive pamphlet of Africa. This pamphlet described

the larger cities of North Africa,

their industries, the customs of the

people and the products of the farms.

I will give a brief description of the

Gibraltar we began to feel a little

nearer real action. Our trip until this

time had been a quiet and unexcit-

ing one but we were sure we would

be spotted by enemy planes and sub-

marines as soon as we entered the

Mediterranean. We passed through

the Straits at night. Some of the boys

said they could make out the rock

but I was unable to see it. However,

I did see the lights of a town in Span-

ish Morocco. This was the first town

that I had seen with lights on since

We weres

"As we approached the Straits of

above in a later letter.

About five days before we

(Even though he held a college

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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, March 23, 1943.

TOWN - FARM



Deferment for One

Reason Or Another -

Indications Are That Farmers

Will Make Strong Effort

Working for more than four hours

ere last night, the Martin County

Draft Board brought its classification

work up to date, leaving the draft

blowing strong in the direction of

married men with children. Just

when the draft will start grabbing

registrants in that group cannot be

determined at this time. There are

my even the picture isn't very

The board at its last night's meet-

or another. Some were excused un-

til about May 1 or until the school

the two groups—that is, the groups

including single men with depend-

ents and married men without chil-

dren-were placed in 1-A excepting

those few who automatically re-

classified themselves by offering cer-

tain information that supported a

claim for deferment. Most of those

in this class were fathers who had

failed to report new dependents since

ed by the county medical examining

board when physical defects were

Ail the remaining registrants in

ew were M

For Big Production

ESTABLISHED 189

County Young Man Bonus for Farmers Who Sold Writes Of Trip To Oil-Peanuts To Government African War Zone According to an

any peanuts are held by the coopable information received in the erative, unofficial reports stating county this week, Martin farmers that the quantity stored in this are fairly ver ain to receive a sizable "county" is comparatively sugar com cash bonus on the sales of "cil" pea- pared with the number of bags stornuts delivered to the government ed during the "lean price" years

from the 1942 crop. Instead of re- Possibly 18,000 bags of the goobers ceiving three and one-half cents per were stored in this county with the pound, it is possible that the price government from the 1942 crop, will climb to about six and one-half meaning that possibly an additional cents. An official announcement i, \$50,000 will be released to peanut expected in due time, telling of the growers in this county.

and Mrs. S. Claude Griffin, chose to accept the events as offered by time disposition of the 1942 crop purchas- It is possible, however, that some and tide. When his number-mas called by the Feanut Growers' Coopera- of those estimated 18,000 bags will ed, he took his place in the ranks without complaint. Surely, he was tive, it was learned. be diverted into oil, and in that case The bonus will be delayed until little or no cash bonus is to be exnot over-anxious to leave home and shortly after planting time, the re-port received here stating that no the edible trade is so great that most friends, but today finds him with other millions braving dangers and sales would be made until the 1943 of the peanuts now in storage will hardships in the war zones, his letcrop is planted. Bids will be asked not be used for oil. It was pointed out ters being devoid of complaint. In for from all the cleaners, and dely-eries will be made to the highest when used as a food than they do greatly increased demands for fuel the following letter, addressed to The Enterprise, Cpl. Tech. Griffin de-

bidders. It could not be learned how when crushed into oil.

General Disorders

Night; Draftees Take

Over Town

in Norfolk and Wilmington, from

ole timer.

DRIVERS A crop of new motor vehicle drivers in North Carolina is in the offing. But the law making it legal to license 15-year-olds may prove disappointing, because it does not permit the youths to operate a vehicle weighing in excess of 3,000 pounds. Only the smaller types of autos and trucks weigh less than 3,000 pounds, and the way the law is inter-preted it simply forbids the youths from driving the larger type cars or a 2,500-pound pickup truck with more than a 500pound load.

Getting wise to the law, local youths moved in on Safety Examiner McLeod in the town hall building here yesterday. One reported in a large car and when he got ready to take the driving test, he learned he could not qualify with it and went home and got another.

Licensed to operate a vehicle weighing 3,000 pounds or less, the 15-year-old youth is subject to lose that license if he operates a vehicle weighing in excess of that amount. A mess, to be sure, but it is one of them legislative acts.

leaving the States. The morning afcursing and shouting between gulps. ter we passed through the Straits was Food Cencervation Common decency was pushed out on deck in our shirt sleeves yet we Workshop Here Last could see snow caps on the mounout the women. tains in Spain. The captain of the ship said the mountains were between 60 and 70 miles away. The water was as smooth as a small lake and everyone was enjoying a Med-

Conservation Program In

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"B" BOOKS

Their "A" gas card rations re-

No action was taken on the ap-

While the "A" card holders

were making new applications

for "B" books, an estimated 200

other persons went to the office

to renew their applications for

"It isn't how much gas they can do without, but how much gas they can get, they are inter-ested in," an observer comment-

ed as the rush reminded him of

a New York subway push.

duced, Martin County motorists

rationing board office.

the "B" books.

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Married Men Lined Up For Nexf IN WARTIME Draft Call When Board Handles (A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news hureau) Claims for Deferment Last Night

Frozen

The sale of butter, margarine lard and other edible fats have been frozen for the current week, and will be rationed under the point system beginning next Monday. Easterners Get 6 Gallons of

Gas a Month

Autoists in 17 eastern states now will get only 6 gallons of gasoline a month, although they may use it for any kind of nonoccupational driving. The new order does not apply to other areas. A-books will still be good for 3 gallons in the 17 eastern states

but they must last for four months. greatly increased demands for fuel for farm machinery, caused the OPA

order, which became effective March

More Meat For Shortage Areas OPA has empowered regional ad-**Reported by Police** ninistrators to report to the food raioning division of OPA whenever Here Last Weekend an area has an acute meat shortage which endangers publicable -10/01-

ale, or the war effort. OPA will au-Ten Drunks Jailed Saturday civilian deliveries of controlled meats in such areas. Action was taken in 12 North Carolina counties this week

Plenty of Canning Supplies Nestled down between vast indus-Plenty of metal closures and rubtrial centers to the north and south ber jar rings will be available for and with armed camps to the west American housewives who will be and east, this little community threw doing an increased amount of canoff its quiet and peaceful mantle last ning this year. The War Production Board has removed all quota restric-Saturday night and went all out for a schedule followed by the pioneers tions on the manufacture of certain types of metal lids used to seal the in the '49 gold rush. Serving as a cross roads for all the outfits as they jars. Prohibition of the use of zinc is continued. traveled through from the shipyards

More Turkeys This Year Turkey growers plan to raise

the various bases and from the Army camps and induction centers, the about 37 million turkeys this year, town was literally thrown wide open according to February 1 returns from over 5,000 farmers throughout the for the haphazard entertainment of a people "gone wild," to quote an U.S. This would be the largest crop of turkeys ever produced in this

Draftees, traveling north from an country-12 per cent larger than the induction center, took over for a 1942 crop. Some difference between February indications and actual perwhile, and the orderly flow of trafformance is to be expected, dependfic was blocked by crap games staging on the supply and price of hatched in public places. Groups crowded into the beer camps, the individuals ing eggs, poultry prices, availability and cost of high protein feeds, and the willingness of growers to accept late hatched poults. hard liquor and song, mostly with- Modifications of Shoe Ration Order

Three modifications of shoe ration Ten crunks were jailed, the police Order '17 have been suthorized by hauling them down in groups of three OPA. They are (1) an additional ra-Week Was A Success hauling them down in groups of three and four. Others were advised to get off the streets and go home. The health protection in special work, heavily entrenched German artillery in advantageous mountain positions.

strong arm of the law was challeng- may be acquired from the local in advantageous mountain positions. Plans Outlined for Extending ed and fists flew thick and fast when board by any person who has spent one drunk boisterously disagreed his ration stamp 17, even though a

According to reliable information ing the order. The task was a diffi-received today, Martin County's cult one, however, one report stating white draft quota for March will that the draft officials scoured the be met. A general order from Se- registration list, from one end to the lective Service headquarters pro- other picking out eligible registrants hibits the publication of the names without stepping on the groups holdof the men called to report for in- ing claims to occupational deferduction "soon," and few details of the ments.

Quota for March Will Be Met

all are to be had. It was generally believed that a from the draft authorities, but accall are to be had. 30-day blanket deferment for all wording to instructions received by farm registrants would make it im-findividual registrants, the next possible for the draft board in this group of white draftees are to leave county to meet the current white the county next Monday. Orders, inquota, early estimates pointing to a structing them to report, were reshortage of approximately fifty per ceived last week-end. cent in the call requirements. As far The April call, described as one of several factors to be considered, but

as it could be learned no farm reg- the largest ever received in this? istrants are included in the call, but county for white draftees, is to be bright thorize slaughterers to increase their it is understood that several or at filled about the middle of the month, least six farm registrants have vol- it was learned from registrants ing deferred 70 men for one reason unteered their services and with this whose deferments are expiring unexpected power, the board is fill- shortly.

> **Allied Divisions Are** WARNING **Driving Forward To Trap Rommel Army** Paralleled Advances in Opposite Directions Continue centered around "lost" books. It may take weeks or even longer, but the drive to trap Rommel's Africa Corps in Tunisia is gaining thieves. In short, the unfortunmomentum as the British Eighth ate one will likely have to eat Army batters away at the Mareth

crow. line to the south and American forces continue their push toward Mrs. J. R. Mobley the Mediterranean further north. Aided by an effective air support. the British are said to have pierc-**Dies At Home Here** ed the Mareth line and gained a strong foothold. The Americans, Monday Afternoon AND PROPERTY OF THE PARTY AND THE PARTY AND within thirty miles of their objective as the crow flies or about fifty miles by the winding land route. The Funcral Services Being Held

This Afternoon for Aged Resident

the two groups were automatically placed in 1-A except those who sup-

.self-evident.

ported deferment claims. It is pos-Mrs. Eliza Bolton Mobley died at sible for quite a few of those who did the home of her daughter, Mrs. Her- not enter claims for deferment in real counterattack against the Amer- bert H. Cowen, here yesterday after- time for consideration by the board icans moving to cut him off from noon at 1:10 o'clock following a two last night to do so before they are northern Tunisia and force him into weeks illness. Enjoying fairly good called some time about the middle of a "last stand" at the Mareth fortifi- health despite her advanced age, May. And it is possible that some of cations. Either his armored forces Mrs. Mobley was taken ill about those who had claims in for considwere pinned down by the British three weeks ago with pneumonia, eration last night to present further and that with resulting heart trou- information and ask that their cases awaiting a better strategical moment ble and other complications caused be reopened. Or it is possible for them to appeal to the district appeal

term is completed. Most of the number were deferred on account of occupations they hold, the action being taken in accordance with the mandates of the Selective Service. Its supply of single men virtually xhausted, the draft board just a short time ago called out all married men without children for physical examination. Just prior to that time, all single men with dependents were called for physical examination. Out of the two groups, about 100 claims for deferment were filed. Seventy were granted deferments and twenty-eight were placed in the 1-A classification. All the rest of the men in

No more War Ration Books Nos. 1 and 2 will be issued to replace those lost, stolen or mutilated, the county rationing board office announced this week at the direction of the Office of Price Administration. In

Martin County's White Draft Seventy Men Given

some instances, rackets have What are the unfortunate ones going to do? A bit like they do when cold cash is lost among

der of our trip was p saw a few enemy bombers but they were always alone. I had expected to see the sky full of them but I guess we must have had too much protection for them.

iterranean cruise at the expense of

Uncle Sam. Fortunately, the remain-

"A few days before we were to land each of us was given a small cessful. The first day was for all American flag to sew on our sleeve, trained Home Economics workers, When we were told where to sew white and colored, in the county. The them one of the sergeants said that second day was for community and the flag would cover the stripes of sector leaders. Both days were dethe non-coms. One of the officers voted to demonstrations by Miss asked him which he had rather be Maybel Lacey, of the Vocational wearing, the stripes in our flag or Home Economics Department, in the stripes of a non-com. There was canning, drying and brining of vegno more questions about where the etables and fruits, and to perfecting flag would be sewed. We realized an organization in which the prowhat the flag was for after we landgram might be carried to every one ed. Although there was some resistin the county. Mr. Hugh Horton, L. ance from the French, one could al- Bruce Wynne, James Manning, repmost feel that they were forced to resenting OCD, Miss Mary Taylor, do this to cover the French politicians of the Welfare Department, and of Vichy. After the Armistice was Miss Mary Taylor, of the Health Designed the French gave us wine. partment, attended in the afternoon champagne and fruit, and as we passto assist with suggestions on how the program might best be carried to all

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Another Gas Ration cording to townships, and there will **Denied for Duration** be leaders from each township who will assist the trained leaders in car-

Paul Daniel, Martin County colorthat the month of May be given to ed man, lost his gasoline ration book carrying out the program and seeing for the duration as a result of action that every woman in the county retaken by the Martin County Rationceive instruction either in a private ing Board sitting as a board of indemonstration or in a group meetquiry in the county agricultural building Monday night. Rations for

Paul's brother, Cleophus, were denied for thirty days. Cleophus lost his book for a month when he admitted that he was caught using his brother's book. The drastic action was taken against Paul when it was admitted that he had applied for a second book when he had not lost the first one as claimed.

According to one member of the board of inquiry many irregularities in the gas rationing program could be eliminated if the filling station operators would only cooperate. The irregularities traced to the Daniels were brought out when a station operator examined the ration book and noticed that it was made out for one type of car and was being used for another.

D. O. Bowen, charged with violating the ban on pleasure driving, got under the wire only because the ban had been lifted after the alleged violation was reported. The alleged offense was charged against future claims for tire rations.

The case charging Perlie Thomas with violating the 35-mile speed reg-ulation was referred to the board in Chowan County where the ration was issued.

Every County Home with the cops.

The two-day food conservation workshop held in the Home Economics Department of the local high school last week-end was quite suc-

place.

were moving toward the jail when one of the peace breakers broke and ran. He was later arrested and jail-

About the time the draftees were had been kidnapped. The mother had placed the teen-month-old tot on the floor and in the course of a general good time, the parent lost track of the tot and let out one yell after another. The baby, tiring of all the tom-foolery going on in a mad world, had crawled into a small box and

was found sleeping soundly a short the families in the county. Miss Lora E. Sleeper was appointed as chairtime later. Motorists, beating the government man of the County Nutrition Comorder lifting the ban on pleasure mittee. The county was divided ac driving, had their traffic jams. And

every one had a good time after a wild and woolly fashion. rying out the program. It was agreed **Local Boy Writes** From Miami Beach

A member of the 412 Technical School Squadron, Flight No. 1, A. A. F. T. T. C., No. 4, Mami Beach, Bob

Levin, local boy who was called from his studies in Chapel Hill a few weeks ago, writes of the training pro-

gram there, as follows: "Just a note from vacation land

made a run on the rationing board here yesterday, clamoring for "B" books. It was estimated n the sun and in a beautiful hotel. that between fifty and 100 ap-plications were filed during the biggest rush of the season at the lications, a report stating that the applicants will be asked to report to the board in person and support their claims for-"B" books.

plus exercise and guard duty. gaining weight and turning very prown. (We have to shave every lay.) Also, our hotel rooms must be spotless or we go to bed at 8 o'clock. As it is, I am sound asleep by nine every night and up at 5. By 7:30 we are on the field and start a long day. yesterday afternoon by the sudden

ome college to get about four!

member of his family has an unspent stamp. (2) Sandals which can be

"A call came from a public station, urging the police to take a drunk insold ration-free are re-defined to to custody. Despite a hurried answer include all sandals with an open to the call, the police found that the back and a heel height of 1 1-8 particular drunk had moved out, but inches or less, regardless of the maanother one had moved in to take his terial used in the upper. (3) Certain

shoes with soles made principally of Two officers, handling four drunks, rope, wood, or other non-strategic materials may be sold ration-free, regardless of the material used in the upper.

Extra Food for Temporary Workers An employer who temporarily moving up and down the streets and hires workmen for periods of less when the drunks started staggering than 30 days may obtain rationed around, a report came from East foods for them by applying to his Main Street declaring a colored baby local War Price and Ration Board. mers who hire labor during the employers of construction workers on

tors, and other seasonal employers. **Ceilings** on Corn

Permanent maximum prices on corn - America's top-ranking farm

crop in point of size and value-have been fixed by OPA. The ceilings apply from the time the corn leaves the ilar stand. It is estimated that the been prominent in the early develfarmer's hand until it is sold by retail dealers. Recognizing seasonal little coastal strip in Tunisia and it father was a cavalry officer in the price variations and carrying charges the new OPA order sets peak prices ed out without loss to the Allies. Yes- the local Baptist Church for almost for all varieties and types of corn terday, the Germans lost 26 planes half a century. Possessed of a retirsold by farmers, truckers, local ele- to 7 for the Allies, and it can be said ing manner, she enjoyed the quietvator and terminal market opera-

tors and retail dealers. Typical peak under the new maximum price regu-

lation No. 346 (corn) is \$1.02 per Oratorical Contest 56-pound bushel of No. 2 yellow corn at Chicago-key point in the country's grain exchange and marketing

Called To Fayetteville

By Death Of Her Father

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where I am spending about a month

There is just one catch to it. In return for government kindness we must drill five hours daily or somethree hours with two for lectures. Our basic training down here is exactly like the infantry except for one point, we must learn in four weeks what they learn in thirteen weeks. You can see the job. All this a hard training schedule.

"I really like it down here. I am

"From here we will be shipped to death of her father. a furlough. That means I'll be home the last rites will be held tomorrow ning a clear decision in the tryouts some time in August. Some wait?" or Thursday in Albany, Ga.

assault from the south or he was to strike back. her death.

In any event, Lieut, Gen, George S. Patton, Jr.,'s American heavily-Bolton and wife, Lavenia McDaniel tion and according to last reports his Northampton County 78 years ago

In Russia Today

Rommel has not yet mounted a

slowed down.

Late reports state that a prong of the late Professor Picot in Woodland. 1-A and they have been notified to Montgomery's army had made a 100- Following their marriage in 1882, mile swing around the southern end they moved to Martin County and ever, that they must perfect their of the Mareth line and was within lived on the old Greenville Road, This is of special importance to far- 30 miles of the seaport town of Ga- near Williamston, while Mr. Mobley bes, that the Americans had taken was connected with a lumber complanting and harvesting season, to Maknassy. Current reports coming pany as surveyor. Later Mr. Mobley from Tunisia today, while devoid of bought a part of the old Watts farm temporary jobs, lumber camp opera- details, are encouraging. However, near Skewarkey, and they lived there a cautious note is being sounded, and until 1904 when he was appointed some fierce fighting is to be expect- postmaster and moved to Williams-

ed. Hitler has reminded his Tunisian ton. Since that time she had made army of the stand to the last man at her home with her daughter.

Stalingrad, and a virtual order has Mrs. Mobley was the last member been given Rommel to make a sim- of her family, her forebears having Germans have 250,000 men in the opment of Northampton County. Her is quite likely they cannot be clear- Confederacy. She was a member of

ness of her home and seldom partici-(Continued on page six) pated in outside activities.

She leaves besides her daughter with whom she made her home, three grandchildren, H. H. Cowen,

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WANT RECRUITS

An urgent call for volunteers in the WAACS and Waves is being directed to young women in this county, according to Assistant Postmaster F. E. Wynne in Williamston. Mr. Wynne has been asked to distribute as many as fifteen application blanks to young women interested in joining the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps, and the Waves are urging interested young women to write the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Raleigh, N. C. for information on enlisting in that branch

of the service. The WAAC application blanks with information folders are available at the Williamston post office, Mr. Wynne stating that a WAAC recruiting party would visit the county soon ad discuss the openings for young women in the service.

The daughter of the late James board

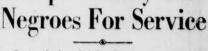
Below is a list of the claims for dearmored columns are ready for ac- Bolton, Mrs. Mobley was born in ferment that was reviewed by the board last night. It should be rememmarch toward the sea had not been last September 2. She met J. Robert bered that all others in the two Mobley while he was studying under groups up for reclassification are in that effect. They are reminded, howclaims for deferment and file them with the board before they are notified to report for induction, The classifications follow:

Andrew Claiborne Summerlin, Williamston, 1-A

Franklin Burrace Ange, Jamesville, 1-A

Herman Burros Daniels, RFD 1, (Continued on page six)

Accept Twenty-Two



Out of the fairly large number of colored men reported for induction from this county, the armed services kept only twenty-two, unofficial re-

ports indicating that the percentage retained was larger than it was in the previous month. By special order from Selective Service Headquarters, the names of rejectees are not to be disclosed.

The names of the colored men reporting to an induction center and who were accepted are:

Lester Saunders, John A. Bennett, James Gray, Lewis Augustus Brown, Willie Sherrod, Sylvester Cherry, Joseph Scott, Clevon Moore, Gordon Frank Williams, Nathaniel McCoy Hardison, Solomon Hodges, David Wallace, Jr., Wm. Mayo Land, Grady James, Ernest Turner, Jr., Walton Daniel Biggs, Cheldon Octavious Lanier, Iziah Shepherd, Leslie Thomas Land, Clarence Biggs Rogers, Charles Lester Lee, Walter Alex Jones. The last named four were accepted by the Navy, the others by ne Army.

At least two of the group of men instructed to report for examination James Spencer Pippins and William Jones, failed to report.

It is understood that more than half of the number rejected were below mental or literacy standards, that most of the remaining ones were physically unfit for service and one had a criminal record.

Commission In California can Legion-sponsored oratorical contest here next Monday night at 8:00 Stationed at Camp Callan, Calio'clock. The local post, recognizing fornia, Euris Vanderford, Martin

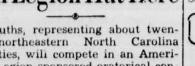
the honor in entertaining the dis-County young man, was recently trict contest, is making extensive promoted to the rank of sergeant in arrangements, it was learned. the U.S. Army. The sergeant in a

Prior to the orations, the hosts recent letter stated that he was getwill serve a rock fish supper, and a general invitation is being extendting along all right, that he was working unusually hard. He is an ed all Legionnaires to attend the supinstructor in gunnery and figures in per.

> The meeting is expected to be one of the largest held by the county post in many months, and all Legionnaires are urged to be present and welcome he visitors.

Miss Mary W. Taylor, Martin Leland Hardison, of Robersonville County Welfare Department superwill represent this county in the disintendent, was called to Fayetteville trict contest, the winner of which will go into the State finals.

Robersonville, the only school in Funeral arrangements had not the county to enter the contest, had nonths of pre-flight training. Then been announced this morning, but several contestants, Hardison win-



Youths, representing about tweny northeastern North Carolina counties, will compete in an Ameri-

In Legion Hut Here