

WAAC Recruiting  
Officer To Come  
Here For One Day

Young Women in County Asked to Meet with Lieut. Olga B. Taylor

Lt. Olga B. Taylor, of Fort Bragg, will establish the first Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps recruiting office in Williamston on Thursday of this week. She will be here for the one day, but during the brief stay she will answer questions relative to service in the WAACS. All young Martin County women interested in the service are invited to visit Lieutenant Taylor in the post office building during the day.

"The training of a member of the Corps for the specialized work the Army wants her to do is not simply a matter of teaching her to march and to wear her uniform properly," Lt. Taylor said. "There are hours spent in the classrooms under expert instructors, too—hours of acquiring technical abilities to fit herself to replace a soldier in a non-combatant duty."

The overall program of physical conditioning, military training and indoctrination, and specialized schooling, keeps a Waac busy from the moment she enrolls until the moment she steps into a soldier's place, she said.

"And the tasks she then assumes, so that this fighting man may go out and fight, keep her busy thereafter," Lt. Taylor added. "Of course there is time for recreation and for social life, but since the Army has opened many of its specialist schools to the Waacs, and with the Waacs' own schools now firmly established, there is opportunity for every woman to learn a great deal during her service with the Corps."

After the five weeks of basic training at a Waac training center, which every enrollee undertakes, individual Waacs are eligible for assignment to one of a number of specialist schools.

For example, the WAAC Administrative Specialist Schools, located at the Waac training centers and at selected colleges, have a term of six weeks, as do the Motor Transport School and the Bakers and Cooks School.

A thirteen-week course is offered at the Midland Radio and Television School in Kansas City, Mo., where some Waacs learn to be radio repair women and operators. Photographers, Laboratory Technicians are trained at the Army's famous photographic school at Lowry Field, Colo., taking a twelve-week course. Musicians of the four Waac bands can attend the Army Music School at Fort Myer Va.

"Every Waac has equal opportunity to be selected to attend an Officer Candidate School at one of the training centers," Lt. Taylor continued. "And after graduation there are excellent opportunities to attend one of the Army's famous service schools for additional training."

Some of the service schools open to Waac officers include the Quar-

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Bond Drive in Martin County  
Make Plans for \$328,800 War

Meeting in the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company building last evening, bankers and other interested citizens formulated plans for advancing a \$328,800 war bond drive in this county beginning next Monday, April 12.

The assignment is no small one, but the challenge has been extended and it must be met, the leaders of the drive declared. The government is calling for a thirteen billion dollar issue in the nation, the largest financial undertaking ever prescribed by any government in the world. The special issue will offer redeemable bonds bearing interest ranging from about 2 to 2 1/2 per cent. In addition to this sale, the county is asked to continue the purchase of Series "E" bonds, or those bonds that are bought now for full maturity ten years later. Recognizing the need for

supporting the issue and realizing the value of the investment, the county commissioners Monday arranged to buy \$25,000 worth of the war bonds. Other sizable purchases are anticipated, but in the final analysis the "little folks" will have to participate if this county is to reach its \$328,800 quota. North Carolina is being asked to buy \$112,000,000 worth of bonds during the next few days. The banks are being asked to buy fifty million dollars worth, leaving \$62,800,000 to be purchased by individuals.

Heading the drive as county chairman, Mr. D. V. Clayton, cashier of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, will have as his assistants, Messrs. D. R. Everett, Robersonville; Chas. Davenport, Jamesville; H. A. Bowen, Williamston; Nat Johnson, Oak City; Geo. Haislip, Hassell, and H. S. Johnson, Parmele.

MAKES SACRIFICE



Roland Moore, young son of Mr. Whit Moore, of RFD 3, Williamston, was recently reported drowned by Lt. Gen. T. Holcomb of the U. S. Marine Corps. No details of the man's supreme sacrifice have been received. Young Moore is one of eight Martin County men reported to have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of his country. Two other Martin County men are still listed as missing, and two others are reported held prisoners, one by the Japs and one by the Italians.

V-12 Examination

According to incomplete reports, quite a few Martin County youths took the special V-12 examinations given in the high schools last Friday. Sixteen took the tests in the local schools. Principal D. N. Hix said.

There is some doubt if very many of the youths will be accepted, one report stating that the plan is being advanced on a nation-wide scope, that only those of very special aptitudes will be considered for the special college training.

Minister Makes Last  
Plea for USO Program

Contributions Are Needed To Carry On Work Locally

No Formal Drive Planned; Work Will Be Geared To Amount Contributed

Rev. John W. Hardy before leaving for the Army today made an earnest and last plea in behalf of the work handled by the USO locally. In addition to his full calendar of religious activities, the minister has served half a dozen organizations as chairman, treasurer or member. Aside from his regular work, the minister has possibly rendered the greatest service through the United Service Organizations. Considerable time was devoted to the entertainment program for British sailors, but that task was handled separately from the USO.

Several weeks ago, the funds in the local USO account began running low, but requests increased. The minister and chairman reached into his own pockets to meet the deficits, and while the account is just about balanced today, the need for an expanded work continues. Rev. Hardy is turning the job over to Dr. John D. Biggs and public support under Dr. Biggs' leadership is being urged by the former chairman. No formal drive for contributions is planned at this time, and the work that will be handled in the next few weeks will depend on the amount of money contributed voluntarily by local people.

Reviewing the work of the organization (Continued on page six)

TOWN FARM  
IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

The war department on March 31 stopped the discharging of men over 35 years old. Hereafter, such individuals will be transferred to an inactive status in the enlisted reserve corps, subject to the following conditions—

A. The man must request transfer to an inactive status to enter an essential industry, including agriculture, and accompany his request by a statement from the War Manpower Commission to the effect that his release is desired.

B. The man will be recalled to active duty upon request of the War Manpower Commission.

Wives of Service Men To Get Maternity Care

Maternity care for wives of service men and care for their infants will be available shortly for those who apply to state health departments, according to Katharine F. Lenroot, chief of the children's bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor. Following appropriation by Congress of \$1,200,000 to meet estimated need to July, plans are being rushed to extend such aid to women in the 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. The care will be available to the wife or infant of any "buck" private, private first class, corporal, or sergeant, in the Army, and comparable grades in the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard. It is not available to wives of men in higher ranks.

Examinations for Tuberculosis. Since the outbreak of war, the U. S. Public Health Service has given X-Ray examinations for tuberculosis to nearly a quarter of a million people. Slightly more than one in every 100 persons examined have significant tuberculosis of the lungs. From 55 to 60 per cent of the cases are in the early stage most amenable to treatment, usually without sanatorium care. From 35 to 45 per cent of the cases discovered by the Public Health Service are moderately advanced, and only three to four per cent far advanced.

Relief for Battery Shortage

Some relief is anticipated in the current farm radio battery shortage, the consumers durable goods division of WPB has announced. Lack of batteries has been acute in those farm areas where radio reception depends solely on battery sets. In some sections of these areas, reports have indicated that as many as one-third of the farm radios have been inoperative due to a lack of batteries.

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County Young Man  
Enjoys Enterprise

Despite one's cares and woes multiplied many fold by war and resulting uncertainties, there's a spark to bolster him along. From all over the world, appreciative notes have been received by the Enterprise publishers, the writers telling how much the paper is enjoyed. Admittedly it isn't much when measured against the important events, but there is consolation in knowing that as a whole the approximately 500 Martin County boys in the service throughout the world are getting some "comfort" in reading about friends and others back home as the events are chronicled in The Enterprise.

It was with that thought in mind that the management offered the paper to service men for \$1. The loss has been quite substantial, especially when the added work in wrapping each of the papers individually is concerned, but it is letters like the one just received from James Stator Whitehurst that repays one for his efforts and makes the task easier.

Writing under recent date from camp, the young man said: "When I was home I didn't realize how much comfort The Enterprise could give me, but when Uncle Sam invited me into his services, I really found out. Every Tuesday and Thursday (they are the days I get it) I enjoy the privilege of settling down and seeing what's going on at home, and believe me it really makes me feel good. So whatever you do, don't let it expire on me, because that is one thing I couldn't get along with out as long as it is available. Send me word as to when it expires.

"As I was reading today, I saw that quite a few of my friends were being introduced into the service. There is one thing N. C. can be proud of, and that is having so many boys represented in the Naval Air Service down here. It isn't very hard to find a Tar Heel because they are everywhere.

"There is one thing I'd like to say for myself and all the boys from N. C. Whenever you may have any visitors around you from Florida, give them a warm welcome because they are doing everything possible to make us feel at home.

No Oil Rations For Tobacco  
Curers Installed Since July

Farmers, using oil burners for curing tobacco, are asked to apply at their earliest convenience for rations. Form No. 1103 is being prepared for receiving the applications, it was announced by the county ration board office this week. While established users are almost certain to get all the fuel oil they need for curing tobacco, it was definitely pointed out that curers installed on or after last July 31 will not be serviced.

Instructions received this week by the ration board office relative to fuel oil for tobacco curers, read:

"The eligibility unit informs that a strict attitude should be taken, with reference to the conversion of such facilities. Wood is a very satisfactory alternate fuel and is, as a matter of fact, by far the most widely used medium. Under no circum-

stances may oil be given to new oil burners. Equipment purchased since last July 31, regardless of whether the supply of wood is inadequate or not.

With reference to the conversion of tobacco curing facilities, we believe that few oil burning tobacco curers can be physically altered to use an alternate fuel. Such facilities which cannot be so physically altered to use an alternate fuel will be deemed non-convertible and a ration may be issued for their use."

According to those instructions, old oil users will possibly get their requirements.

The county board again pointed out this week that oil-rationed householders should preserve the identity stub of their heating rations as it will be required when next winter's rations are issued.

Town Commissioners  
In A Lengthy Meeting

To Hold Nominating Convention Here On Friday, April 16th

Pass Ordinance Banning Beer And Wine Sales on Sunday; Other Business

In one of their longest meetings in many months, the local town commissioners last night discussed a varied business docket ranging from politics to rates and mosquitoes. The program of action outlined at the session was the most pretentious of any advanced in several years, and it had little to do with finances.

In accordance with the town's charter mandate, the regular election for town commissioners and mayor will be held on Tuesday, May 4th. J. E. Pope was named registrar and J. T. Price and Henry S. Gurganus were appointed judges of election. The election, a very dry affair, will be preceded on Friday, April 16 by the nominating convention. The convention will be held at 8 o'clock on that date, and it'll be open to virtually all-comers. There has been little activity on the political front to date, but a joint announcement is expected from the official family within the next few days, present indications pointing to a solid bid by the group for the nomination and re-election.

Following the lead taken by the county commissioners earlier in the day, the board ordered a ban placed on beer and wine sales between the hours of 11:30 p. m. on Saturdays until 7:00 o'clock on Monday mornings. The order is effective as of Saturday May 8th.

The delinquent tax list, representing slightly more than 23 per cent of the 1942 levy of \$57,799.97, was ordered advertised in May for sale in June. It was pointed out that the tax collections are considerably ahead of those for past years.

Appearing before the board, Dr. (Continued on page six)

Youths Leave For  
Induction Center

Their seven days of grace spent, nineteen Martin County youths left at 8:15 this morning for an induction center. A twentieth young man, arriving too late to board the special bus, traveled out a short time later.

About fifty-five young Martin County men reported for their physical examination about a week ago. Twenty of them were accepted by the Army, three by the Marine Corps and two by the Navy. The Marines are to report for duty tomorrow, possibly at a station in South Carolina. It could not be learned when the Navy boys are to report, but it is thought they will go to Raleigh or Norfolk.

Notices have been sent directing a large group of Martin County young men to report for service on Tuesday, April 13. It is understood that the May call has been received, that it is another large one. Draft board officials, questioned today about the prospects for meeting the quota, declared they hardly knew what to say. The draft rules and regulations have been juggled so much and so often it is hard to tell who can expect a call. A special order has been issued directing 4-Fs and men 38 to 44 inclusive, to get essential jobs or fight. As far as it can be learned on 37 occupations have been listed so far as being in the non-essential class and there are comparatively few of those occupations in this county. Those in the non-essential occupations will be reclassified as rapidly as possible in the 18-37 group and after May 1 in the 38-44 age group.

Farmers recently placed in I-A, are reporting to the War Board in an effort to meet production requirements under the unit system, but no report on the activity could be had today.

ACTIVE

Unmindful of unusually cold weather and late frosts, Martin County farmers are doing a lot of turning and twisting on their lands these days. The schedule is from a week to ten days behind schedule, but the delay resulting from heavy rains week before last is not causing a great deal of worry, the farmers explaining that the lost time can be regained.

Darkened a bit by labor shortages and a small supply of equipment, the farm picture has its bright spots. More Irish potatoes are coming up in the county at the present time than in any other season in recent years. The frost last week-end caused no great damage, and the outlook is considered favorable. The supply of tobacco plants will, it is believed, prove adequate, one farmer in Cross Roads stating that there appear to be sufficient plants in his beds to transplant every crop in his township.

For the most part, the five per cent increase allowed in tobacco acreage will be planted, and as a whole more food and feed crops are being planted this year than last. Corn planting is already underway in some sections and most of the land is almost ready for planting.

Fire Here Today

Fire, starting from a burning trash pile, damaged a store room and threatened the store of Margolis Brothers in the town's main business district this morning at 11:25 o'clock. Making a hurried answer to the call, volunteer firemen used a hose direct from the fire engine and brought the fire under control before it could spread or do much damage to the store room and contents. The room was filled mostly with empty cardboard boxes and a few of them were burned.

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Beer And Wine Sales  
Prohibited On Sunday

MEETS QUOTA

The April draft quota, described as the largest ever assigned Martin County, will be met, according to unofficial information heard here over the week-end. Pouncing on married men without children, the draft board is understood to have exhausted that list down to two men, meaning that the May quota will include at least a duet from the ranks of married men. Another record-sized call is expected for May, meaning that unless youths are snatched from war plants and from the farms, married men with children will be included in the call. However, it is possible for the quota to go unfilled.

Martin County Boys  
Earn Army Promotions

Martin County young men continue to march in the "promotion parade." Many have climbed to high ranking positions, and it is estimated that the county is represented by ten times more officers, both non-commissioned and commissioned, in this war than in the last.

Under date of March 9, an official note coming from some place in the South Pacific tells that Mack G. Wynn, son of Mrs. Flossie Wynn, of Williamston RFD 3, had been promoted to Technician, 5th Grade. The young man has been in the Army since 1941.

War News Is In The  
Air With the Enemy  
Reeling Under Fire

After Fighting in Caucasus and Russians Holding at Other Eastern Points

While there is a lull in land fighting on nearly all fronts, Hitler and his gang are reeling and rocking under extensive bombardments from the air. Striking vital centers in Germany, France, Belgium and Italy during the past four days and carrying the air fight to the Mediterranean yesterday, Allied airmen are giving the Axis much to worry and think about.

Following a devastating raid on Sardinia by 100 flying fortresses last week, the Allied Air Forces have been pounding strategic objectives near Paris, and at Kiel, Antwerp, and Naples. The round-the-clock bombing schedule is now in its fourth day, the latest attacks being centered on German shipping in the English Channel today with good results. Undergoing a second raid in two days, Naples is in foul shape, one report stating that conditions there are so bad that the Italians have already started a mass evacuation. The American fortresses also paid a big tractor factory near Paris a visit over the week-end and ruined it. Another raid devastated a huge airplane engine factory in Belgium. The Naples raid accounted for the destruction of or considerable damage to 24 ships and a large number of planes. The last raid was described as four times heavier than any of the previous attacks.

Over the Mediterranean, the Allied Air Forces shot down thirty-three enemy planes, including 18 transports and fifteen fighters. A German destroyer was sunk and several enemy merchant ships were struck and damaged.

In the Pacific, Kiska in the Aleutians has been bombed again, and in Burma over the week-end a huge oil refinery just completed and placed in operation by the Japs was struck and destroyed.

The war news has been in the air for the past few days, and late reports seem to indicate that it is still in the air.

Extensive preparations are underway for fierce land fighting, however and meaningful action is expected on many fronts ere long. A showdown is coming soon in Tunisia. Rommel and Arnim are either going to fight it out or try a "Dunkirk." Recent air activities have cast long shadows over evacuation attempts, but it must be remembered that the Italians still have a formidable fleet and a battle of the Mediterranean is not unlikely. Numerous British battleships, holding close to Gibraltar for quite a while, are said to have pulled out for an unannounced destination or rendezvous, causing some observers to believe that naval activity will follow in due time.

On the Tunisian land front, activity today is limited more or less, to patrol work with the American forces gradually pushing on toward the sea and a main junction with the British Eighth Army. Fresh U. S. troops are believed to have been landed in Africa recently, and it is likely that the Allies are making ready for a final showdown, late next week.

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Miss Lora Sleeper  
Leaving County as  
Home Agent May 1

Commissioners To Invest Big Amount of Sinking Fund In War Bonds

The sale of wines and beer between the hours of 11:30 p. m. Saturday and 7:00 o'clock the following Monday morning was banned in this county by an order passed by the board of commissioners in regular session here yesterday. No delegation appeared before the board in support of the action, but several reports were considered, it was learned. The ban, created by motion of Commissioner C. A. Roberson and seconded by Commissioner Joshua L. Coltrane, was passed by an unanimous vote and becomes effective May 8th as provided by beverage control act of 1943 and as passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in its recent session.

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, for more than sixteen years home agent in this county, tendered her resignation for consideration by the board. Accepted, the resignation becomes effective May 1st. The formal resignation advanced no supporting cause for the action, but Miss Sleeper through the district agent, Miss Pauline Smith, explained that she wanted to be nearer home. The commission (Continued on page six)