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## About Eighty-Three Percent Of Farm Registrants Are Placed In "C" Classification by War Board

### Thirty-Five Out Of Nearly 200 Men Are Held Non-Essential

#### Those Registrants Who Are Not Fathers Subject To Call Soon

Receiving its second group of recommendations from the War Board this week, the Martin County Draft Board last Tuesday night in one of those long and hot sessions handled a large number of classifications for farm registrants, the board following the action of the farm representatives in nearly every case, if not in every case.

The Draft Board reviewed recommendations from War Boards in other counties where Martin registrants had located since they had registered. The board members, R. H. Goodmon, J. H. Ayers and Dr. Jesse Ward, also reviewed quite a number of farm work sheets for other farm registrants, placing all but 142 in the large group in "C" classes. The 142 cases will be turned over to the War Board for a detailed study. The names of those other men placed in "C" classifications will be released possibly next week.

Thirty-five men were ruled non-essential by the War Board, meaning that they will be placed in the 1-A classifications if they are single or married without children. They are subject to early call, but not in June, it is understood. The group below is the second one to be placed in the non-essential group. Their names are, as follows:

Herman A. Dixon, Henry Bullock, Robert Lee Pierce, William James Cordon, Leslie Elbert Godard, James Jackson, Wilson Williams, Lester Lee Knox, Delbert Davis, Jr., Fred James Callaway, Mack Landy Roberson, Currie Lee Mobley, William Kader Lilley, Hilliard Matthews, Nathaniel James, Chester Davis, Navin Baker, Rubin Harrison, Jesse A. Bell, C. W. Ward, William Oscar Clemmons, William H. Riddick, Paul L. Parker, Dalton Rogerson, Fred C. Howell, Charlie Elmer Bembridge, Dallas Bryant Evans, Thurston Wynn, Jr., Lenward C. Cowan, Walter Thomas Mendenhall, Tom Robert Keel, Gilliam Rogers, Jr., Ernest Roberson, David C. Pierce, James Marvin Bland.

Out of the second group of farmer registrants reviewed by the War Board, 163 were found to be essential to the war program on the home front. In other words only 17 percent of 198 registrants were ruled to be non-essential. The names of the 163 men declared essential and who are now in the "C" classification are, as follows:

Solomon Hyman, Willie Gray Lee, Joseph Benjamin Meeks, Naamon Knox, George Keel, Cecil Roberson, Needham Irving Hyman, Paul Irving Terry, John Marvin Smith, Marvin Thomas Winberry, Calvin Bullock, Leo Roberson, Delbert Ray Bryant, Simon Claude Griffin, Jr., Marcilla Simmons, Russell Aubrey Oakley, James Robert Brown, Elbert Davenport, Andrew G. Smith, C. L. Highsmith, Turner Parker, Jr., Arthur Purvis, William Cortez Hopkins, Roy Howard Edmondson, Jesse Delma Beach, William Asa Rawls, James Ed Andrews, Jesse Davis, Johnnie Hyman Ross, Napoleon Manning, Ernest Preston Capps, Eddie Mac Briley, James Oscar Manning, Russell Armstrong, Andrew

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### Local Laundry Is Meeting Emergency

Its interior partially wrecked in an early evening fire last Monday, Liley's Laundry is making every effort to successfully carry on operations during the emergency or until repairs to the building and equipment can be made. Clothes inventories are being checked, and patrons who lost their clothes in the fire are assured that every effort will be made in effecting equitable adjustments.

Forced to suspend operations a few weeks ago for various conditions traceable directly or indirectly to the war, the laundry plant at Plymouth has been leased temporarily by J. Eason Liley. Operations are going on night and day there and while delayed schedules will necessarily result, Mr. Liley hopes to be able to continue service for his laundry patrons.

Undamaged by the fire, the laundry's dry cleaning works have continued operation without interruption. It could not be learned how long before repairs could be made to the plant here, but remodeling work is to get underway as soon as possible, it was learned today.

### Presbyterians Plan Ordination Service Here Sunday Night

#### Service Is Second of Its Type To Be Held Here Within A Short Time

The local Presbyterian Church has announced that the ordination and installation service for Mr. Gower Crosswell, Jr., has been set for Sunday evening, June 6th, at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Crosswell, who was graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond a few weeks ago came here May 15th, to succeed Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, who recently entered the Army as a Chaplain.

The Albemarle Presbytery at a meeting in Greenville appointed the following commission for the ordination and installation service:

Rev. Hugh Powell, Washington, chairman; Rev. C. C. Crawford, Elizabeth City; Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, Greenville; Mr. J. L. Gossard, (Ruling Elder), Elizabeth City.

The Presbytery also appointed Rev. Peter Marshall, D. D., pastor of the New York Ave. Church, Washington, D. C., to preach the ordination sermon.

Dr. Marshall is known throughout the country as one of the outstanding preachers of the church. A native of Scotland, he came to this country in 1923 and after graduation from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, he went as pastor to the Presbyterian Church in Covington, Ga. He later served as pastor in the Westminster Church in Atlanta and for the last five years has done outstanding work in the New York Ave. Church in Washington. Dr. Marshall is already known to many here of all denominations and the Presbyterian Church extends a most cordial invitation to all who will to come and worship with them. This is a fine opportunity to hear one of our great preachers.

Dr. Marshall has chosen as his subject, "Trumpeters of God." The ordination service is the second of its kind here in the county.

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### Twelve County Men Draft Delinquents

Twelve Martin County draft registrants were reported as being delinquent as of June 2 by the Martin County Draft Board, the clerk, Marion Cobb, explaining that possibly none of the twelve could be rated as a draft dodger. The clerk explained that the men had moved and left no forwarding address, that they could not be contacted. It is understood that some of the names have already been turned over to the Federal authorities, that others would be submitted for action. Relatives or friends knowing the address of any of the men listed below will be doing the registrants a great favor if contact is established with a warning attached.

The men reported delinquent include one white and eleven colored men. Their names and last known addresses follow:

Andrew Lloyd, 197 W. White St., Williamston; James Gardner, RFD 1, Box 7, Williamston; Jessie James Stanback, Parmele; Joseph William Hardison, RFD 2, Plymouth; Jeff Whitehurst, Williamston; S. L. Godard, RFD 3, Williamston; David Jones, RFD 3, Box 11, Williamston; William Robert Johnson, RFD 1, Jamesville; Octvis Roberson, Jamesville; Willie B. Moore, RFD 2, Robersonville; Armand Lee Ward, Parmele; W. C. Williams, RFD 2, Williamston.

### OPA Group To Hold District Meet Here

Office of Price Administration representatives from Greenville, Washington, Swan Quarter, Windsor, Plymouth, Columbia and Ahoskie will hold a district meeting in the morning at 10 o'clock at the office of Irene Blount, of the local rationing office, announced yesterday.

H. L. Cowin, associate rationing board officer for the state, will attend the meeting and lead the review and study of provisions for the new stove rationing program and the distribution and rationing of fuel oil.

#### FIRST MONDAY

With little or no new business on their schedule, the Martin County commissioners are anticipating a quiet and uneventful session here next Monday. The meeting is the last in the old fiscal year, and while they may talk about budgets and tax valuations in general, the authorities are not expected to take any official action. It is possible that the commissioners will discuss possible court action in those cases where owners, for one cause or another, did not list their properties or poll for 1943 taxes.

### Crop Conditions in the County Reported Above The Average

Crop conditions, with some loss for the county, are reported to be far above the average, according to scattered reports reaching here today from farmers in about seven of the ten townships. The outlook, however, is not without its dark spots, but farmers, as a whole, are fairly optimistic as long as tobacco is holding up well and growing.

A trying period has been experienced on most farms these past few days. Delayed by heavy and frequent rains last week, the farmers faced an unusually hot season when they went to do battle with run-away grass. The battle has just about been won, and possibly that victory is keeping the farmers in high spirits. Mercury readings as high as 98 have been recorded during the past few days, and the unusually hot season has been tough on the man and beast, especially the victory gardeners who, it is said, have abandoned their plots

farmers still trying to reset tobacco, the crop as a whole is off to a good growing start and looking well. The peanut crop is spotted, many farmers stating they have poor stands, while, as a rule, the stand is fairly good in this immediate territory, but spotted west of Robersonville and especially so further to the west.

Irish potatoes, certain to be harvested later than usual, are still an unknown quantity. A favorable season during the next few days could mean much to the crop. At the present time, farmers report plentiful tops but precious few potatoes.

Hot weather is pushing cotton forward. Despite the hot weather, there is no marked moisture shortage at the present time, but farmers are agreed that a shower or two would help.

### Victory Over Allies Is Abandoned By Hitler

#### ROUND-UP

Increased activity on the local crime front was reported last week-end when eight persons were arrested and jailed. Heretofore, cases charging public drunkenness dominated the police blotter almost in its entirety, but other types of alleged crimes are well represented in the record for the period. Defendants are faced with charges of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving and speeding and reckless driving.

Five of the persons arrested and jailed were colored.

### "Missing" Soldier Is Held A Prisoner By German Authorities

#### Eli Clayton Rogers Wounded in Action in European War Zone Last April

Reported missing on May 1 following action in the European War zone, Technical Sergeant Eli Clayton Rogers is now being held prisoner of the German government, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rogers, of near Williamston, this week. The message, coming through the International Red Cross and forwarded to the young man's parents by the Adjutant General, Washington City, also stated that the soldier had been wounded, but the nature and extent of his wounds were not revealed.

The message, carrying a Washington, D. C. June 1, 1943, date line, read: "Report just received through the International Red Cross states that your son, Technical Sergeant Eli C. Rogers, is a prisoner of war of the German government. Report further states that he was wounded, but nature and degree of wound not revealed. Letter of information follows from provost marshal general (Signed) Adjutant General."

A member of a bomb squad, young Rogers was a gunner, and it is possible he fell while over Germany or conquered territory and was captured. However, it could not be learned how he was taken prisoner or where he is being held.

The young man volunteered his services at Norfolk on September 24, 1941, and was first stationed at Camp Lee, Va.

The technical sergeant is the seventh Martin County young man to have been wounded in the service, as far as it can be learned, and he is the first from this county known to have fallen into the hands of the Germans. Marvin Melvin Whitfield remains as a prisoner of the Italians.

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### Cars And Bicycles Rationed by Board

Two automobiles and one bicycle were rationed by the Martin County Board in session a few days ago. The demand for bicycles has dropped considerably in the county during recent months, and rationing will be handled without definite quotas in the future, it was learned. Most anyone is eligible for a bicycle except for pleasure uses.

Thurman Terry, of RFD 1, Robersonville, was allotted a bicycle for use in riding to and from market.

The first new auto to go to an applicant whose claim was based strictly on farming was rationed to Tom Henry Wynn, of RFD 3, Williamston.

### Numbers of Requests Carried Over For Consideration At a Later Meeting

Issuance of new tires and tubes by the Martin County Rationing Board tire panel this week was limited almost entirely to those for passenger cars. The board allotted twenty-nine new passenger car and pick-up truck tires, nine for large trucks and one for a tractor.

The May allotment of tires was exhausted, the board carrying over a goodly number of requests for consideration at a later meeting.

Passenger car and pick-up truck tires and tubes were allotted to the following:

R. B. Edmondson, RFD, Bethel, two tubes.

Garfield Mobley, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tube.

J. E. Copeland and Sons, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tube.

O. S. Cowan, RFD 3, Williamston, one tube.

David Wallace, Everetts, one tube.

George Sumars, Williamston, one tube.

C. F. Harris, RFD 2, Williamston, one tube.

Julian H. Harrell, Williamston, one tube.

J. J. Bennett, Everetts, one tire.

John B. Roberson, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.

J. D. Wynn, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tire.

Gaston Savage, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires.

Harvey Warren, Robersonville, one tire.

David Griffin, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire.

Mayo Harrell, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire.

Jos. A. Haislip, Hassell, one tire.

Mrs. Pitt Roberson, Robersonville, three tires.

G. A. Peel, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

James O. Keel, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.

D. L. James, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.

H. L. Roberson, Robersonville, two tires and certificates for recapping two truck tires.

Mrs. Cylabert Rogers, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Claude L. Nelson, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire and one tube.

W. K. Ward, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

W. B. Teel, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. James, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Dr. E. T. Walker, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Fernando F. Pollard, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

W. T. Hurst, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

Carroll Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Truck tires and tubes were issued to the following:

Royal Baking Company, Raleigh, one tire and one tube.

George Moore, Williamston, one tube.

R. S. Crlcher, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

D. L. Howell, RFD 1, Hobgood, one tire and one tube.

Martin County Transfer Co., Robersonville, six tires and six tubes.

One tractor tire and tube were allotted to Roberson and Peel, Williamston.

### Allies Are Pushing Invasion Program In Mediterranean Area

Reports coming out of Sweden this morning and yet unconfirmed by any other source, declared that high authorities in Germany had virtually abandoned hope for a war victory over the Allies. Nothing was revealed that would support the report, but it is believed that costly reverses in Africa and in Russia coupled with the invasion program that is being pushed by the Allies in the Mediterranean area at the present time are sufficient to dampen the once-ardent hopes of Adolf Hitler and ranking members of the "master race."

The report is drawing little comment from official Allied quarters, and even though the Nazis may have abandoned hope for victory, the fighting is not over by a long shot, some observers point out. Even after the turning point in the first World War, the most bitter and costly fighting was to follow in the long months ahead. What the Germans are claimed to have admitted just now, has been known to the Allies for some time. Hitler's withdrawal from the offensive to the defense was taken to mean weeks ago that hope of successful world conquest had been abandoned. Just how long the German people can hold up now that the ambitious plans of Hitler and his gang are said to have been abandoned is problematical. However, there is the possibility that the report is just another unfounded rumor, and one that calls for even more pressure against the murderers rather than a relaxing of the war push.

Invasion of the islands in the Mediterranean appears imminent, the reports stating that Pantelleria has been pounded to a pulp from the air and more recently supported by British warships. Sardinia has not been overlooked, and Sicily is included in the program, the Allies giving due attention to Naples and other Italian mainland objectives.

Fitting closely into the over-all Allied war picture is the fighting on the Eastern front where one of the greatest air battles of the war took place over Kursk last Wednesday. Approximately 163 German planes were shot out of the sky during the ten-hour battle, the Russians stating that it was a great defeat for Hitler.

The meaning of the battle is not quite clear. One line of thought pictured the battle as a prelude to a renewed German offensive in Russia. Others believe Hitler saw the Russians making ready to synchronize a drive from Kursk with invasion plans of the Allies in the west, and that he tried to block such a move. In addition to the activity at Kursk, the Russians are engaging the enemy all along the long eastern line, and spirited fighting is underway in the Caucasus east of Novorossisk. The Russians have been doing much air attacking themselves during the

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### Service Men Make Many Stops Here Each Week

Young men going to and from induction centers and regular members of the armed forces handling transport service on a more or less regular schedule through this section are making it a point to arrive here near meal time. Geo. Sfetos has made many friends among the service men and draftees who have made a special point to stop at his cafe for meals. Yesterday, the cafe handled about seventy draftees moving out of Bertie, Camden, Dare, Pasquotank and Chowan Counties.

### New Car And Truck Tires Are Allotted By Rationing Board

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Fairly liberal tire allotments, including more than one hundred of the Grade III type, are expected in this county during the current month.

It is fairly apparent now that the transportation system to some extent, will have to look to Grade III tires or those tires surrendered as extras by motorists over a year ago if it is to maintain its pace. However, few Grade III tires are to be had in this section at the present time.

The Home Demonstration Agents of the district met in the offices of the local home agent last Tuesday. The morning session was conducted by Miss Pauline Gordon, N. C. Specialist in House Furnishings and Home Management. She gave a valuable talk on "Safety in the Home." The afternoon demonstration was given by Miss Virginia Wilson, N. C. Specialist in Foods and Nutrition. "Busy Day Meals" were discussed, and Miss Wilson prepared three delicious dishes. "Scalloped Soup Mixture," Vegetable Salad, and "Fruit Cobbler."

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