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Victim Of Assault Passes In Hospital

Fureral Service Tomorrow For Walter Wallace Bailey in Bear Grass

Walter Wallace Bailey, 18-yearold Bear Grass white boy, died in the local hospital this morning about 4 o'clock, the victim of an assault in Robersonville last Wednesday night. Suffering a six-inch fracture of the skull when struck over the head with a pole by an unknown assailant, the youth never regained consciousness.

Complete details of the attack have not yet been revealed and no formal arrest had been made in the case up until about noon today. Officers, including Robersonville police, the sheriff and highway patrolmen, are working on the case, and it was learned they had established a lead that is expected to result in an arrest shortly. Two have been questioned, but their stories were not revealed immediately.

According to first reports reach ing here, the young man was attending the community fair in Roberson ville with W. A. Bailey, Elbert Harris, Bill Rogers and possibly one or this morning that a grown colored boy brushed against Wallace and that Wallace cursed him. The colorwas in progress, Bailey pushed Rogand was caught a short distance new jobs. away. Walter Wallace Bailey threw him to the ground and was said to prisoners were made available to colored boy slipped up from behind serious labor shortage in the plant. and struck Bailey over the head with to Patrolman W. S. Saunders. Working with other officers, he questioned two colored youths yesterday but it could not be learned if the iden-

tity of the assailant was established The son of Mr. Walter Bailey and taken on the applications. the late Mrs. Mollie Whitehurst Bailey, the attack victim was born in Fire Destroys Tenant Bear Grass on September 30, 1925. He registered for the draft on October 9 and possibly would have been called for service in November or December. He had worked at various jobs as a youth, but had been on the farm most of the time in re-(Continued on page four)

No Fathers Included

In Group Answering

Current Draft Call

Almost Half of the Colored

- Profess Are in the

Teen-Age Group

Colored fathers, subject to the

draft in this county, had a narrow

call when inductees were "rounded-

up" for the current Army call. The

call, tapping only lightly the reserv-

oir of married manpower, centered

principally on the eighteen-year-

olds. Quite a few men were taken

from the 4-F group and are making

their second trip to the induction

More Martin County

Men Called By Army

Early This Morning Claims for Deferment County During Week

PEANUTS

With favorable weather prevailing, Martin County farmers are rapidly handling their peanut harvesting work, a report from the market today stating that the offerings are possibly exceeding five or six thousand bags daily. The crop movement is reliably stated to be the largest at this season of the year in the history of the market.

Prices are holding firm with the average ranging between 7.30 and \$7.50 with a few sales dropping to around six cents and a few going as high as \$7.60 per

Employ Prisoners In Industry Here

Completing the harvesting of the two other young men. Rogers said prisoners of war, possibly fifty or sixty, are now employed in the local plant of the Standard Fertilizer Co. ed boy, his name unknown to Rog- The prisoners were made available ers, drew back with a stick and start- when the number of workers droped to hit Bailey. Just as the swing ped to around twenty in the plant.

ers and he (Rogers) was struck on day last Tuesday, the prisoners were the forehead, the lick inflicting a provided with special masks to proone-inch gash. The colored boy ran tect them from the fertilizer dust. and Walter Wallace Bailey, W. A. Just as was the case with them in Bailey and Harris gave chase. The the peanut fields, the prisoners are colored boy ran from the fairground proving to be good workers in their

The arrangement whereby the

According to unofficial reports a pole and ran. The attack was not heard some few days ago, some of immediately reported to police, but the prisoners are anxious to return the victim was brought to the local to their native land now that Italy hospital where attendants reported has declared war on Germany and joined the Allies as a co-belligerent 2-A, deferred pending preparation

It is understood that several far- ployer. mers have applied for a few prisoners to help with the peanut threshing job, but so far no action has been

House On Keel Fo

Fire of undetermined origin de streyed a tenant house on the L. L Keel farm near Oak City last night. No one was at home and all the furniture was burned. No estimate as to the size of the loss could be had.

TOBACCO

Even though 95 per cent or

more of the crop has been sold

in this section, sales on the local

tobacco market continue to hold

up unusually well. It is now es-

timated that right at eight and

one-third million nounds have,

been sold here to date for one

of the highest averages in the

Prices are hardly up to the

peak for the season, but the market is still averaging around

42 and 43 cents a pound. Some of

the nondescript grades are not

as much in demand as they were

at one time, and the better qual-

ity grades seldom go over the 47-

to 50-cent mark.

Fifteen Registrants Are Classified 1-A By Board Last Night

Industry Supports Most of the Claims For Deferment Reviewed by Board

ed fifteen of forty-four men in the weather. 1-A classification and granted deferto the review of the forty-four cases, the Draft Board announced classifi-

classification, at least two regispeanut crop in this county, Italian According to one report the regis- run. He also explained that he bought authorities had warned against the practice, and while only two cases have been up for review, it is believ-After working in the plant the first violated the terms under which they were given preferred classifications. lasses beer. Classifications handled in forty-

four cases last night follow: Herman Hildon Reason, w, RFD 1, preparation of acceptance plan by ndustrial employer.

Homer Mizell Holliday, w, RFD 2, Jamesville, 2-A, deferred pending seen there or nearby. have been beating him when another the industry has greatly relieved a preparation of acceptance plan by industrial employer

Charles Edward Rogers, w, Williamston, 2-A, deferred pending industrial employer.

Carol Roy Cooper, w. Williamston of acceptance plan by industrial em-

William Clarence Bailey, w, Williamston, 2-A, deferred pending preparation of acceptance plan by industrial employer.

Malcolm T. Simpson, w, Williamston and Greenville, 2-A, deferred until Feb. 21st.

Hubert A. Satterfield, w, William ston, 1-A. James Epps Bullock, w, Williams

on, 1-A. Joseph George Godard, w, Wil iamston and Cherry Point, 2-A, deferred 6 months.

Jodie Gaynor, c, Williamston, 2-A deferred 6 months. William Degraffread, c. Jamesville

and Norlina, 1-A. James Thomas Uzzle, w, James ville and Greenville, 1-A. Acie Tom Edwards, w, Williamston and Greensboro, 2-A, deferred to be president of the organization 6 months.

John Theodore Gurganus, w, Williamston, 1-A. Raymond Floyd Wallace, w. Jamesville, 1-A. Jesse Allen Bell, c, Williamston

2-A, deferred until December 1, 1943. Sam Cummings Patrick, w, Williamston and Elizabeth City, 2-A, deferred until March 15, 1944. Milton Saunders Raynor, w, RFD 3

Williamston and Oak City, 1-A. Pete Ellic Cherry, w, Williamston

Walter Woodrow Tyson, W. Oal City, 2-A, deferred 6 months. William Henry Bland, w, Hassell

William Clay Brown, c, Williams ton, 1-A.

Frank Eshrick Weston, w, William ston, 2-A, deferred 6 months.

James Curtis Nicholson, RFD 3 Williamston and Wilmington, Del.

Attendance Figures

That the war and resulting abnormal conditions are having a marked effect on home front activities is evidenced in school attendance figures for the first month of the current term. The attendance reported by the ten white schools has gelist, Dr. R. H. Crossfield, will bring dropped 2,891 and the trend is downis 100 below the average daily attendance for the 1942-43 term. It the young people will come early was pointed out that attendance upon the white schools ordinarily holds to a high figure during the first month and dwindles as the term

The average daily attendance in the 23 colored schools for the 1942- Groups from as far as one hundred 43 term was reported at 2,725. The miles have attended. Members from figure dropped to 2,258 for the first almost every Christian Church in month of the current term, a decrease | Martin County have attended at one of nearly 500 pupils. However, the

progresses.

Lance Johnson, w, RFD 1, Rob-ersonville, 2-A, deferred 6 months. John Gray Taylor, w, Roberson-

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the list of men reporting to the induction center, and for the first time a registrant who had been previous-Here Sunday Night

The special services at the Williamston Christian Church continue to attract large crowds. The evana special message to young people ward. At the present time, the figure on Friday night using as his subject

and share in the song service. Dr. Crossfield will be heard in his last sermons on Sunday and it is hoped that many people who have not been able to attend will hear and be benefitted by these last messages. time or another The fine cooperation success of the meeting.

Distilleries In This

Enforcement Bureau Head Still Maintains Illicit Trade Is Under Control

buck, ABC enforcement head, main tains that the illegal liquor manufacturing business is well under con trol, that the trade amounts to hardly more than a drop in the bucket. With the enforcement head and his helpers doing an effective job Handling claims for deferment and and with the supply of legal brands effecting reclassifications for other gradually dwindling, dry times are egistrants, the Martin County Draft in store, in these parts, and the ref-Board in session here last night plac- erence is not concerned with the

Raiding in Robersonville Townments ranging from a few weeks to ship last Tuesday afternoon, Offisix months in other cases. In addition | cers Roebuck, Wm. Gray, W. S. Hun and Roy Peel wrecked a hot 100-gallon capacity tin kettle and nine fercation action in about 115 other cases. menters. They poured out 400 gal-Surrendering their "C" or farm lons of molasses beer and seven gallons of white lightning. Found at the and are now subject to induction ownership and explained to the ofentered other industry without per- by the officers, he is scheduled to apmission of the draft board. The draft pear before Judge J. C. Smith in the county court next Monday

and poured out fifty gallons of mo-

about 200 gallons of molasses beer. The plant was cold and no one was

in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township apparently, the officer stating that they found tracks to preparation of acceptance plan by still sites, but they could not catch up with the equipment.

Ninth District Hold

Addresses Group in High School Yesterday

Mr. C. W. Phillips, president of the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association and director of public relations of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, addressed a meeting of the Ninth District of the State P.T.A. in the audi torium of the Williamston High School on Thursday morning.

The speaker, who is the first man in this state, reviewed for the seventy-seven delegates present the history of P. T.A. and its contribution to child welfare since its organization twenty-five years ago. Although the speaker mentioned the importance of material contributions, he emphasized the fact that the goal of the P.T.A. is to be an interpreter of the school program and a builder of public opinion for a better community and better young people.

The local organization was hostess to the delegates from the eleven wanties represented Mr. Mitter Levin is president of the local organ-

At the afternoon session Mrs. May on Parker, of Ahoskie, director o the ninth district, presided. She introduced Mrs. J. R. Futrell, of Hertford, as leader of a symposium on "Protecting Children." Participants in the symposium were as follows: Miss Gertrude M. Turner, of the North Carolina State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, who discuss ed the position of children in military districts; Mrs. Gladys Straughn Thomas, member of the staff of the Distribution Administration, advised the delegation of the plan to provide nourishing food for the children of the state; Rev. John H. Bonner, Jr., of Ahoskie, spoke of the important position of the church in the protection of children; Mr. Lester A. Kerkendall, representing the Venereal Disease Education Institute, suggested the immediate need of schools to participate in a social hygiene program.

Officers elected for the following vear are as follows: Mrs. Emmett Winslow, of Hertford, director; Mrs.

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Guardians Named For Aged County Resident

Guardians were named for Mrs. attendance is expected to increase from the local churches has been of following the completion of the fall inestimable werth and value to the month and has been confined to her two or three more weeks. Mrs. Williams and Herbert Leville in the completion of the fall inestimable werth and value to the month and has been confined to her two or three more weeks. bed since that time.

Draft Board Receives Officers Wreck Two Plans Completed For Handling United War Fund Drive In the County Starting Next Monday

While there is an apparent effort being made to revive it, J. H. Roe- Allied Advance In **Italy Slowed Down** In Past Few Days

Red Army Aggravates Situation For Germans in Southern Part of Russia

Slowed down by rains and mud and a stiffening enemy resistance, the Allied advance in Italy is offering no optimistic reports today, and it is now generally admitted that hope for an early conquest of Rome is fading. General Clark's Fifth Army has pushed forward twentyone miles during the past twenty trants were placed in the 1-A group, still, Alec Williams admitted its one days, and at that rate Rome wil hardly be reached until some time possibly in November or December. ficers that he was making his first next January. However, it is important to note that attention is switch trants in question quit the farm and the plant second hand. Recognized ing to the Balkan area where a threepronged Allied attack is expected by the Germans. The combined attack could strike at the west coast of Yu-Wednesday morning, the officers goslavia or through Albania while visited Bear Grass Township and a combined British-Russian attack ed that other "C" registrants have found and wrecked a partial plant could launch an offensive through the Black Sea against Rumania and Bulgaria. Hitler is rushing large That afternoon they were in the numbers of troops from France across Flat Swamp section of Robersonville Italy into the Balkan territory, and Rawls and William John Andrews. Township where they wrecked a 50- it is believed that renewed fighting Jamesville, 2-A, deferred pending gallon capacity gas drum still and by Yugoslav guerrillas was not nine fermenters. They poured out launched possibly as a prelude to concerted attacks.

Allied airmen are increasing their activities in the Mediterranean area The illicit business is on the run and have pounded German transportation lines north of Rome and visited strategic centers in Yugoslavia.

The Russians are driving forward in the Dnieper River loop and are threatening Krivoi Rog, industrial center. The meaning of the drive in that area takes on more importance Parents-Teachers Of that area takes on more importance when it is pointed out that the Red Army of half a million men has thrust southwestward through the bend to flank in a matter of days, the German defense network woven into Annual Session Here the Southern Ukraine during more than two years of unchallenged Nazi occupation. As the half million Rus-State Association President sians roll forward Germans are falling in mass murder

Gen. von Mannstein's German forces now face the same position as that of the French Army after the steel and concrete Maginot Line had been breached at its weakest sector. He may decide on a do-or-die stand to hold his virtually untenable Dnieper bend positions, thereby risking the annihilation of thousands of German troops; or he may order fighting withdrawal from the entire Southern Ukraine and Crimea.

Further successes there would, is believed, open perspectives which can only mean disaster for the German Army, completely eclipsing Stalingrad.

Around Kiev, the Russians and Germans are locked in a death battle. Melitopol has fallen to the Russians with the exception of one small corner, and the enemy is be-

ing annihilated there. In the Pacific, the Allied land forces are having a terrible fight with the Japs on New Guinea around Finschaffen. Mountbatten has returned to India after-centerences in Chungking and is expected to con-

Machinery Rationed By Board This Week

tinue plans for action in Burma.

Several farm machines and spec ial equipment were rationed by the Martin County Farm Machinery Rationing Board in session Wednesday afternoon. Quite a few items have been removed from the ration list, and comparatively few applications are now pending, it is understood." Purchase permits for various item

were issued to the following: Joe Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston Hugh Bennett, RFD 1, Palmyra

water system. R. E. Turner, Oak City, water sys Mack D. Leggett, RFD 2, William

ston, water system J. Clayton Keel, Robersonville,

Recovering from Major Operation in Hospital

Undergoing a major operation in Durham hospital early this week, Sallie Jane Leggett here yesterday tion early this afternoon, he stated costs and agreed that no bond would following a competency hearing held he was feeling fairly well, that he be necessary if the defendant would before Judge L. B. Wynne. Mrs. Leg- had taken a little orange juice today return and finish harvesting his crop gett, about 90 years of age, fell and for the first time since the operation. in peace. Clark is expected home tomorrow.

NO ROUND-UP

For the first time in many, many months not a single person was arrested and placed in the county jail last week-end for public drunkenness. It would appear that prohibition resulting from scarcity is having its ef-

Liquor sales have just about reached a new low point in this county, and representatives of the ABC system are of the opinion that the situation will be little relieved if any during the immediate future

Rule Three Farmers Are Non-Essential

Three Martin County farmers, all colored, were ruled non-essential to the war agricultural program by the Martin War Board in session last tive committee and other interested Wednesday night. The names of those who, in the opinion of the board, did not qualify for farm deferment, are: Charlie Watts Fagan, James Robert

In addition to handling the classifications, the War Board passed on and that the drive for \$3,550 would several applications for equipment, building permits and electrical connections, as follows:

rubber tractor tires was granted J C. Williams. Permits for the construction

farm dwellings were granted to: M L. Robinson, Dunn and Perry, Mrs. W. D. Corey and Clyde H. Modlin. Permits were granted the follow ing to connect with light and power lines; Mrs. Lewis H. Peel, W. A

Manning and J. R. P. Griffin. A peanut picker was rationed to William S. White.

Visits Courthouse For

First Time In Years Mr. J. W. Andrews, local resident and A. C. L. Railroad agent at Parmele, was called to the county courthouse here this week as a witness. Appearing a bit lost in the surround- \$1,000. ings, Mr. Andrews was asked how long it had been since he visited the the meeting last Tuesday evening, old hall of justice. "Just about twenty years," was the answer.

District Canvassers Accept Challenge to Raise \$10,481 Quota

Public Urged To Cooperate And Help Bring Drive To Close In One Week

Plans were announced complete early this afternoon by Mr. N. C. Green, chairman, for advancing the United War Fund drive in this district beginning next Monday. Final arrangements were made this morning when Canvass Chairman V. J. discussed the canvass in Williamston Township with members of the two women's clubs and other volunteer workers. A general plan of procedure was outlined and township quotas were agreed upon at a meeting of District I canvass leaders, members of the District I execucitizens in the courthouse last Tuesday evening

A report from District No. 2-Robersonville, Cross Roads, Hamilton, Poplar Point and Goose Nest-states that Canvass Chairman J. M. Perry had already named his canvassers be launched the early part of next week. Township quotas for District No. 2 have not yet been announced, A request to change from steel to but County Chairman N. C. Green is convinced by past performances that the people will accept the chal-

lenge and go over the top. All donations in District No. 1-Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston-will be handled under the direction of Chairmen Spivey and Manning. All those in District No. 2 will be handled under the direction of Chairman Perry

The five townships in District No. I have accepted the challenge to raise \$6,931.00 quota, as follows: Jamesville, \$650; Williams, \$150; Griffins, \$400; Bear Grass, \$500, and Williamston, \$4,221. In addition to township quotas, Professor E. J. Hayes and Supervisor Mary Gray expressed the sincere belief that the colored citizens of the five townships in Disirict No. 1 could and would raise

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Register For Rations In County Next Week

WARNING

Those draft registrants who are delinquent in any way in their obligations to the draft board are subjecting themselves to immediate call, R. H. Goodmon, chairman of the Martin County Draft Board, warned yesterday. Effective the first of next

month, any registrant, regardless of age, will be placed in the 1-A classification if he is delinquent, meaning that if he has not kept the board posted of changes of address or met other draft requirements, will be made subject to call. A registrant may be ruled delinquent if he changes his status without permission or without notifying the draft board, it was also pointed out.

Two Minor Cases In Mayor's Court Here

Had it not been for two cases carried over from the early part of the week, Justice J. L. Hassell would not have opened his court last week-end For the first time in recent months no cases charging public drunkenness were on the mayor's court docket.

Farmer C. C. Rawls appeared in court to sue for peace after Mayo Simmons had allegedly threatened to do serious bodily harm to the Mr. C. B. Clark, local druggist, was complainant. The case was amicareported to be getting along very bly settled when Mr. Rawls advancwell today. In a telephone conserva- ed the money to pay the \$6.50 case

> Charged with an affray, Charlie each taxed with \$6.50 costs.

Registrations Will Be Held In Schools October 25 To 28th

Public Urged To Observe Few Simple Kules and Schedules

Registrations for "A" Gas and Food Ration Books will be held in the schools of this county next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons during designated hours. The public is earnestly urged to observe a few simple rules and the registration hours. It was pointed out by Mrs. Irene Blount, representative of the Martin County War and Price Rationing Board ,that the observance of the rules by the public will expedite the registrations and reduce inconveniences to a minimum.

Food Ration Book No. 4 will be made available in all the schools. white and colored. To get the No. 4 book, the application must present his No. 3 Food Ration Book. No person under eighteen years of age may apply. If a person has never received his No. 3 book or if he has lost the book, he is directed to apply to the county rationing board office. No No. 4 book will be issued unless the

applicant presents his No. 3 book. The basic "A" gasoline ration book will be made available in the white schools only. The colored citizen will register for his No. 4 Food Ration Book in his respective school district, and ir he has an automobile he will report to his nearest white school and register for his "A" gas book. White citizens owning cars will register at their respective schools for the Food and Gas ration books at the same time and place.
To get a basic "A" gas book, the

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Wm. Arthur Green, Williamston (Continued on page four)

center. There are only six married men in the group. For the first time, several delinquents are included in ly inducted into the service and later discharged is being returned. Names of the Martin County colored men answering the October call follow Lorenza Council, Jr., RFD 1, Beth el and Newport News. Booker T. Bradley, Hamilton an Ordele Little, Robersonville. Kelly Purvis. Robersonville. Oliver Fields, Wiliamston. Colsie Lynch, Williamston. Tem Council, RFD 1, Bethel. Noah S. Nichols, RFD 1, Williams

Eddie Biggs, Williamston. Arline Council, RFD 1, Bethel. Harvey Lee Manning, RFD 1, Rob-Felton Keys, RFD 1, Jamesville. Lee Andrew Griffin, RFD 1, Wil-