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Local Boy With One Of Most Active Fighter Units In War

Fifteenth Army Air Force-(De-|standing feats of the group. ayed)-Sergeant George L. Rober-

fighter groups in the war. Serving 102. with an Army Air Force P-40 War-

Friday Afternoon at 3

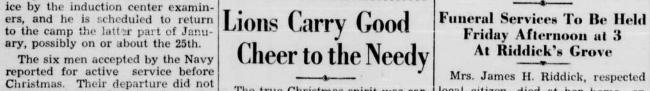
At Riddick's Grove

North Carolinians who have made such a formidable record.

New Year's day on Saturday will be observed as a limited holiday by a few business houses and offices, including the banks, post office, liquor store. No de-liveries will be made by the post office, and in order to effect de office, and in order to effect delivery without further delay, The Enterprise is issuing its last edition of the year a day ahead of schedule. Mrs. James Riddick

No holiday will be observed by the draft and rationing board or the county offices, it was announced. The banks and post office and the offices of the Virginia Electric and Power Company will be closed.

LIMITED HOLIDAY



Mrs. James H. Riddick, respected The true Christmas spirit was car-ried into the homes of ten blind and local citizen, died at her home or Beech Street Wednesday night at 23 needy or sick persons in the com-10:30 o'clock following a long period munity this Christmas when the loof declining health. Injured in an cal Lions Club sponsored its Christautomobile accident about eleven mas Cheer program. years ago, Mrs. Riddick had experi-

der normal conditions, several fa-thers all but had to break oway from their loved ones at the bus sta-tion as the large holiday crowds, re-tion as the large holiday crowds, re-tio assisted by several other members til Wednesday morning when she

On its 100th mission flown on the son, son of Mrs. Annie Roberson and 100th day of operations five victor the late Theodore Roberson, is a lies brought the group's total of enmember of one of the most active | emy aircraft destroyed in the air to

During the Pantellerian campaign hawk group in the Mediterranean the group made thirty-two raids on theater, young Roberson is a crew the island with twenty-eight of them chief, and is one of twenty-three performed in five days. Often as many as six raids a day were flown. On a fighter-bomber mission over

A record of having escorted more southern Sardinia, 25 enemy planes han 1100 medium bombers over attacked the group and 17 of the en-Pantellerian, Tunisian, Sicilian and emy planes were shot down. This Sardinian targets without the loss record was topped a few days later of a single bomber due to enemy when 20 Warhawks shot down 21 en-

aircraft action is only one of the out- emy planes.

MORE CHECKS

Dies at Home Here Additional checks, issued under the 1943 soil conservation Wednesday Evening program, were recently distributed to farmers in this county. **Representing 78 applications and** amounting to \$4,682.80, the 118 checks constitute the third distribution in this county to date. So far, 427 farmers representing 285 contracts have received

a total of \$15,745.81.

County Boy Writes Home From Italy tal, the to leave

Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Taylor, Pfc. Robert ports stating that he was not suffer-ing much pain from his head in jury also leaves besides her brother with Mrs. Sam E. Taylor, Pfc. Robert in the was not suffer-ing much pain from his head in jury also leaves besides her brother with Mrs. Sam E. Taylor, Pfc. Robert in the was not suffer-ing much pain from his head in jury also leaves besides her brother with Mrs. Sam E. Taylor, Pfc. Robert in the was not suffer-ing much pain from his head in jury also leaves besides her brother with Mrs. Sam E. Taylor, Pfc. Robert in the was not suffer-ing much pain from his head in jury also leaves besides her brother with but war bond sales were unusually "Dock" Taylor states he is some-

Series Of Highway Holiday Observance Is Wrecks Reported Without Incident Here During the Holiday

neelings

DRAFT CALL

According to unofficial in

formation received here this

week, Martin County will be

asked to send very few white

men to an Army induction cen-

ter in January. The call was said

to be the smallest received in

this county in many months. It

is quite likely, however, that a

few fathers will be included in

the list since only a very, very small number of eligible 18-

year-olds will be available when

the call is to be answered some

time during the latter part of the

Dies Near Dardens

The daughter of the late David and

25, 1876. Some time after her mar-

riage she made her home in Suffolk,

living there until about three years

ago when she went to live with her

month.

At Least Nine Persons Were Injured, Several of Them Seriously

At least nine persons were injured, several of them seriously, in a series of highway accidents in this trea during the Christmas holidays. The accident record for the period is possibly the worst reported in recent vears.

Driving a 1935 cloth-topped Ford sedan, Linwood Bland on Thursday December 23, at 10 p. m., ran down and critically injured Mrs. Irving

Roberson in front of the home of her father, Gus Williams, on the Robersonville-Stokes Highway. A second later, the car crashed into a tree, injuring the driver and five other per-

It could not be learned if a call A report from a Greenville hospi tal just before noon Thursday, De for colored selectees had been received. cember 30, stated that while Mrs Roberson's condition was still serious, Mrs. Clara Ayers she was improving at that time. She

suffered a broken thigh, a fracture of the left shoulder and internal injuries. Mrs. Roberson was thrown

possibly twenty or twenty-five feet when she was struck. Mrs. Clara Ayers, widow of O. T. Others riding with Bland and in-

Ayers, died at the home of her brothured in the accident: er, John Swinson, in the Dardens Linwood Bland, driver and own-

community at 1:15 o'clock last Monr of the car, broken foot. day morning following a lingering Mrs. Linwood Bland, three broken illness. While she had been in deibs, fractures of both hands and inclining health during the greater

ernal injuries part of three years, she was confin-Danford Bland, skull fracture and ed to her bed for only two days beroken leg. fore her death.

Mrs. Danford Bland, ribs broken nd hand fracture. Lucy Johnson Swinson, she was Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Haislip, of born in Martin County on March

tokes, cuts and bruises. Treated in the local hospital, Lin-

wood Bland was discharged that night. After two days in the hospi-tal, the two Mrs. Blands were able

Danford Brown continues in the

Serious Wreck Mars Holiday Season In **One Part Of County** Many Persons Ill with Colds And Influenza; Few

Arrests Made

The Christmas holiday season, reflecting the strain of war nerves and the absence of loved ones in the armed services, was quietly observed throughout this area. While the observance was without incident ocally, a serious auto accident in the Robersonville area marred the holiday season there. Sevreal deaths were reported in the county. There were two fires, only one serious. however, Few arrests were recorded and the general behavior of the holiday crowds was unusually good. A union religious service in the Presbyterian church was well attended for Christmas eve and considering the general prevalence of

colds and influenza. Locally, people possibly by the hundreds were held at home by common colds and influenza, and the shortage of doctors aggravated the situation. The local hospital was filled to capacity and quite a few victims of influenza went without medical attention. One or two business houses were almost forced to suspend activities when owners and clerks fell victims of influenza. The holiday business was good for he most part, but shopping habits were in marked contrast with those prevailing in past years. So many Christmas items were missing from She leaves one son, O. T. Ayers, ed to "fill in" with other articles. the shelves that shoppers were forc-

turning from their Christmas milled around. The men had been granted a delayed leave for Christmas, but even that consideration week. did not seem to relieve the tension as they made ready to start active duty with the Army. One of the men who was accepted with the group early in the month, chose not return home from the induction center at all, and he escaped the pangs of the delayed departure.

More Men From The

County Accepted By

The Armed Services

Departure Is One of the Most

Appealing Witnessed

In Many Months

Fourteen Martin County white

men, most of them married and with

children, were accepted for service

in either the Army or the Navy dur-

ing the month of December, it was

officially learned from an audit filed

with the draft board this week. A

fifteenth man, James Epps Bullock,

was placed in 1-A for limited serv-

attract very much attention, the

lone father leaving from Williams-

ton choosing to bid his wife and lit-

tle child good-bye at home. Last

Monday morning, a bleak time un-

der normal conditions, several fa-

Albert Roberson failed to report for induction earlier in the month, much. but he later appeared and is now booked to make the visit to the camp in January. ty fund, which is supported main-

It could not be learned officially, ly by the club-sponsored ball chewbut one of the boys returning home ing gum machines. Donations, infor the short leave between induccluding one for ten dollars sent from tion and the time to begin actual England by Lion Sgt. Fred M. Tayservice, stated that about twentyfive white men were rejected in lor, also help to support this fund. December from this county.

The names of those men accepted by the Army out of the December Hamilton Youth call, follow:

John Theodore Gurganus, Raymond Floyd Wallacer Waters, John Doyle Keel, James Edward Taylor, Franklin Burrace Ange, James Allison Harden, and

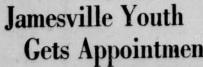
Joshua Lawrence Williams. Men accepted from the same call

Milton Saunders Raynor, Thomas James Blount, Sr., Ralph Edward was stricken with appendicitis. By Franklin Casper. resulted.

Five men were transferred to other boards from this county, as fol-Manseau, he was born in Gates Coun-Manseau, he was born in Gates Coun lows:

James Thomas Uzzle to Green- his parents to Hamilton a few years ville, Kennth George Curtis to ago, and was working for Mr. Asa Miami, David Graham Ball to Ral- Johnson when he was taken ill. eigh, John Reginald Pierce to Plymouth and James Albert Smithwick to at the home in Hamilton Monday af-Elizabeth City. It was learned that ternoon by Rev. T. H. House, Meth-Jim Uzzle, former principal of the odist minister. Burial was in the say that life over here is quite dif-Jamesville Schools, had been ac- Hamilton Cemetery.

cepted, but no report could be had



Cadet Stallings has an excellent "I want to assure you that the boys record prior to his appointment. At of this Battalion are doing their share Jamesville high school, before his over here, and are not suffering by graduation in 1941, he was an honor the lack of any material comforts. day morning and evening, using the student, and he made the honor roll at Oak Ridge both semesters of last year. At present, he is enrolled in the aeronautical school at State Col-back to their foved ones safe and lege. sound in 1944." subject, "Seeking the Good Life" at subject, "Seeking the Good Life" at the 11 o'clock service, and "A New Year Resolution" that evening. "Let us begin the new year by go-in gto church, the pastor urges.

of the club, investigated and deter- suffered a stroke and her condition mined the needs of most of the var- was recognized as critical. ious families during the first of last

visited the different homes and de-the 13th of last May. When a young written in six weeks. ivered the gifts, which consisted of girl she moved with her parents to

plankets, sheets, groceries, fruits, this county, locating near Williamscandy, fuel, cash money and miscel-laneous articles. These gifts were the Mr. Riddick, for many years one of esult of an expenditure of \$167.38, the leading justices of the peace in but the appreciation displayed by the this county. She lived in Williams recipients was several times that Township until about ten years ago

when she moved with her son to Wil-The money for this project was taken from the club's blind and char-Grove Baptist Church and was its oldest member, remaining faithful permitted.

Besides her son, N. S. Riddick, with whom she made her home, she leaves two children, Mrs. Leo Roberson, of near Williamston, and Mrs. Ottis Hardison, of Jamesville. She also leaves two step-children, C. B. Dies In Hospital Riddick, of Everetts, and Mrs. Hubert Roberson, of Williams Township, and two brothers, Sam and Four Cases Are Heard

Robert Jones, of Williamston. Wallace Reid Manseau, well-liked Funeral services are being conand respected Hamilton youth, died ducted in Riddick's Grove Baptist in a Rocky Mount hospital at 2:39 Church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock o'clock last Sunday morning. Taken by Rev. W. B. Harrington and Dr

by the Navy include the folowing: ill with influenza just a short time W. R. Burrell. Interment will folago, he developed pneumonia and low in the church yard.

Roebuck, John Marshall Cherry, the time he could be removed to a Franklin Pierce Raynor, and Jesse hospital last Friday, peritonitis had Martin County Man

ty on August 6, 1927. He moved with Writing from somewhere in Eng-

land, Gradie B. Hardy, Martin Coun-Funeral services were conducted

immediately as to the outcome of their visit to Fori Bragg. Greetings Received

From Pacific Area

Gets Appointment Cadet Leighton Ray Stallings, young son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stallings, Sr., cf Jamesville, was re-"As the commanding officer of their son, J. B. Taylor, Jr.: "As the commanding officer of their son, J. B. Taylor, Jr.: "As the commanding officer of their son source and the commanding officer of their son source and the commanding officer of their son source and the commanding officer of the commanding officer officer of the commanding officer of the commanding of cently notified of his appointment to the U. S. Militery Academy, West Point, N. Y.

Dr. W. R. Burrell will preach Sun-

but that the leg fracture would keep where in Italy and getting along all him in bed for some time. right.

He went on to assure them that bus families during the first of last veek. On Christmas morning these Lions icited the different homes and de he went on to admit that he hadn't highway. Mrs. Roberson came out of father's car which had broken down "I haven't seen much of Italy, but so far it is O. K. Just give me time a short distance away. Just as she and I will be able to tell every turn approached the car from the yard walk, Bland rounded the curve and in most of the roads.

drove between the Roberson car and "You asked me for a picture of myself. You hardly need one of me the yard hedge, striking Mrs. Roberson and later crashing into a tree because I'm just as bad looking as I

damage could be had.

accident, it was learned.

Improvement In School

were closed for Christmas.

ever was." The young man went on to say about draft calls and how some boys in its service as long as her health are deferred, "but if they can do that, more power to 'em," he said.

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas, the young soldier concluded by saying, "Don't worry about old Dock, because he is doing all right for himself."

Taylor has been in foreign service about eighteen months.

Only four cases were heard by Justice J. L. Hassell in his court fol-

lowing the holidays. Geo. Watson and Hubert Whitakbankment, injuring no one and causing very little damage. That evening at 10 o'clock, C. L. er, charged with being drunk and disorderly, were each fined \$3 and Whitaker, colored of Norfolk, wrap-

taxed with the costs. Willie Hassell and Charlie Williams, charged with being drunk and of Robersonville, breaking the pole iness section in Windsor.

Navy Recruiter Will Be Here January 4 and 5

ty young man, briefly reviews hi Navy Recruiter D. R. Taylor, of army life over there. "The censor is tion, will be located at the Post Orfice Building in Williamston on Janget a pass and go to the village you uary 4th and 5th, to accept applicacan hardly tell when you get there for everything is blacked out. We iation), SRU's, and general service have to use a torch or flashlight to in the Navy open to 17-year-old and Patroiman Whit Saunders estiyoung men.

TOKENS

tion of tokens as a part of the rationing system, the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board is urging all retailers to file applications for the "coins". Blanks are to be had at either the banks or the ration-ing board office and must be file ! oy January 8th, it was an-

The token will be distributed to the retailers about the middle of February, but it is not definitity known when they will be put into use.

whom she made her home three sisters, Mrs. S. F. Davis, of Dardens; available durable goods exceeded Driving toward Stokes, Mr. Irv-

brother.

the house to give him the keys to her from the late home Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Lee A. Phillips, Plymouth Baptist minister. Burial was in the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suffolk. Mrs. Ayers was a faithful

member of the Baptist church Suffolk for a number of years.

Two Holiday Fires Several ambulances were called and much time was required in cleaning up the wreck. Corporal Bill Hunt stated that the damage to the Bland car would approximate \$500 or a total loss. Bland just did strike the Roberson car and the damage to it

Roberson car and the damage to it was slight. No action has been taken son came and went without serious

in the case, but it is understood that property loss by fire locally. Bland will be charged with reckless Its origin unknown, fire spread driving. Reports state that he was not under the influence of liquor.

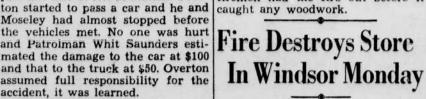
of Jonah Bryant, retired colored The second wreck in this area was school teacher, on the little-used reported by Patrolman Whit Saun-street running from the Washington Native Of County

ders at 10 o'clock Christmas morn- Highway to Cox's Antique Shop, by fustice J. L. Hassell ing when Robert Wiley Wilkerson about dark Christmas Eve. Most of of Newport News drove his Dodge the contents were lost, and no offioff the river fill. The car jumped the cial estimate on the loss could be

guard rail and went over the em- had. Tuesday afternoon, the firemen off Main and Sycamore Streets. Local firemen were called to Windped his 1937 Chevrolet around a telesor early Monday afternoon when fire threatened a portion of the bus- the man never knew what happenphone pole on the western approach

Another fire call was received Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock when a gallon jug, partly filled with Last Sunday afternoon, December

tis Woodrow Moseley of Roancke pers and a fruit jar case on the back Rapids and a Ford pick-up truck porch of the F. M. Mannings' home the New Bern Navy Recruiting Sta- driven by James Haywood Overton on North Smithwick Street. Some smoke filtered into the house, but firemen had the fire out before it



Attendance Is Reported After reaching an all-time low for of the time, Williamston volunteers all of Plymouth, and five sons, Grohe term just before the Christmas holidays, attendance figures were

However, there were 101 absences, O. center. 82 in the elementary and 19 in the high school on Wednesday as comwere being poured on the fire, but Mrs. Henry Rawls, of Robersonville, pared with 155 on the day the schools it was not brought under control and a half sister, Mrs. Bessie Davis, until part of the roof had caved in. of Williamston.

posts and normal operations were in War Prison camp in Windsor aided delayed pending word from the son order the first day. In Texas.

general expectations despite higher prices in many instances. For the first time in the memory

of the old-time residents less than a dozen fire crackers were heard, and they were fired well outside the business districts.

Four persons, caught imbibing a little too freely, were arrested and jailed Christmas eve, but by Christmas night the hoosegow was empty and up until late Wednesday it was still without patrons.

Heavy industry came to a full stop at noon the day before Christmas, Are Reported Here at noon the day before Christmas and after limited activities the following Monday resumed full-scale operations along with general busimess following a three-day holiday. While the holiday spirit was in

evidence, indicating that there'll alway be a Christmas, it was for many quickly and burned down the home the first real war-time Christmas

Killed By Train

Samuel Mobley, native of this were called to a small grass fire just farmer of Washington County, was county but for five years a resident killed instantly near Plymouth last Monday afternoon when a train ran over him. His head and legs severed,

ed. He was last seen about 3:30 that afternoon, and the decapitated and badly mangled body was found cleaning fluid, exploded and fired folk-Southern tracks on the edge about two hours later along the Nor-26, a 1938 Chevrolet driven by Cur- several magazines, a few newspa- of Plymouth. No details of the acciient could be had here.

The son of the late J. S. and Louise Clark Mobley, he was born in the Cross Roads section of this county 59 years ago. He married Miss Millie Coburn of this county on July 16, 1910. Some time ago the family moved to the Jamesville section, and five years later located in Washington County. He was a member of the Cross Roads Christian Church

for about 35 years. Besides his wife, he leaves sever Williamston firemen for two hours daughters, Mrs. Veatrice Crumpler, early last Monday afternoon aided of Hampton, Va.; Mrs. Thelma Sawin battling a stubborn store fire over yer, Mrs. Annie Sawyer, Euzellia, poured tens of thousands of gallons ver, Biscoe, Clee Elvert, of Plym-

of water on the two-story building outh; Thurman Mobley, stationed said to have reflected a marked im-provement when the local school re-building, owned by a Mrs. White, as, and McLean Mobley, of Jamesopened on Wednesday of this week. was used in recent months as a U.S. ville. He also leaves two brothers, Ed Mobley, of Everetts, and Claude

At one time, six streams of water | Mobley, of Jamesville, and a sister,

All teachers returned to their Personnel and some prisoners of the Funeral arrangements are being

of Windsor crashed on Highway 64 just this side of No. 90 station. Over-Moseley had almost stopped before the vehicles met. No one was hurt mated the damage to the car at \$100 and that to the truck at \$50. Overton assumed full responsibility for the

Preparatory to the introduc-

nounced

see how to get around. "There are plenty of beautiful wo-

men over here and they seem to go for the American soldier. In fact,

