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Armed Forces Call Many Men But Pass Very Few Of Them

Thirty Colored Men Out of Approximately 166 Called Are Placed in Pool

The armed services are calling goodly numbers of men to the various centers for pre-induction examinations, but so far comparatively few from this county are being accepted and made subject to induction, according to a review of the January and February call audits.

Approximately 166 colored men were called in this county in January and February, and so far only thirty are definitely known to have passed the physical examinations.

It is understood that eighteen failed to answer the January call, but most of them were included in the February call, which, incidentally, was eighteen short. Most of the second group of "delinquents" have been accounted for and they will answer the next call. It is understood that some of the cases are being turned over to the FBI for action.

The following men passed their physical examination on January 29 and are subject to call for Army service:

Phillip Peterson Barnes, Charlie Freeman, Jr., Melvin Langley, Jas. Thadges Modica, Willie Williams and George Roberson.

The following men, answering the same call, were transferred to other boards and it is reliably learned that they passed the physical and are subject to induction into the Army: Leon Vinnard Roberson, transferred to Washington, and Elmore Clemmons, transferred to Norfolk.

The following men passed the examination at the same time and are now subject to call by the Navy:

Haywood Bridges, William Vance Ormond, Jr., Lewis Harris, William Earl Ballance, and James Arthur Slade, the latter having been transferred to this county from Durham.

James Arthur Slade, Martin County registrant who was called in January and who was transferred to Norfolk, is understood to have passed the test and is now subject to call by the Navy.

The following men, called for the pre-induction examinations in January, were transferred to the boards designated, as follows:

Jesse Hyman and Curly Morris Rhodes to Norfolk; James Earl Hyman to Philadelphia; James Smith, Jr., to Washington, D. C., and Virrice Lee Perkins to Newport News. According to unofficial reports, Jesse Hyman, Rhodes, and Smith were rejected for physical reasons. No report has been heard from the other men who were transferred to other boards.

Bridgman Lloyd, transferred from Coatesville, Pa., is understood to have passed the test.

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Commerce Solicitor Conducting Canvass

A representative of the United States Chamber of Commerce arrived here this week to canvass for memberships and "beg" contributions for what has been described as one of the richest and most powerful lobbying organizations in the world. The representative could not be contacted; in fact, one has not been seen in the office of this paper since the late W. C. Manning chased a brazen young guy out about eight years ago.

The first report stating that a representative was around, came from Romulus Biggs, who declared the "gypsies are in town." Calling on Mr. Biggs, the representative received a rather cold or possibly a hot reception. Mr. Biggs explained that he can't understand why small businesses would support an organization that would turn around and advocate and work for a sales tax that the mighty might be relieved of taxes. "If I was that man I'd quit and look me another job," Mr. Biggs said, adding in a most emphatic way that he did not and would not consider membership in an organization that would tax the needy and relieve the greedy.

Make Last Appeal To Buy "E" Bonds

In a telegraphic appeal to County Chairman H. A. Bowen this morning, State officials of the Fourth War Bond drive urged a last-minute buying spurt for "E" bonds. While Martin County has reached and passed its goals, the State chairman points out that only \$38,700,000 of the \$44,000,000 "E" bond quota had been raised. Any one who possibly can do so is urged to buy another "E" bond between now and next Tuesday.

The bond drive is still making progress in this county, Chairman Bowen stating that several of the townships had reported additional sales, some in fairly sizable quantities, during the past few days. The drive ends next Tuesday, and the chairman hopes to have a detailed report by townships, ready for public release the following Friday.

Many County Men Subject To Call For Pre-Induction Tests

No official information could be had, but according to rumors that have been flying thick and fast here during the past two days, a large number of Martin County white men will be called about week after week to report for pre-induction examinations at a service center. Order numbers, ranging up to around 2,600 will be exhausted, it is understood, one registrant stating that he was subject to call and that his order number was in that bracket. At that rate the few remaining available men are to expect a call in a few more weeks.

It is understood that less than 100 men are being called to report for the pre-induction exams, but the number is so near one hundred that the difference can be counted on one's hands with some to spare.

Judge J. C. Smith Calls Nine Cases In The County's Court

Defendant Fined \$25 in Case Charging Him With Reckless Driving

With nine cases on the docket, a docket considerably larger than one about recent date but one about the usual or normal size, the county recorder's court was in session two hours last Monday. The proceedings attracted a fair-sized crowd, a few of the old regulars returning to the hard benches after missing several sessions.

The court activities were featured by the trial of John Lowry, white man charged with forcible trespass and attempted larceny. The spectators roared several times when the defendant offered to explain how he had left prison in the middle of a 20-year sentence to look for the warden's dog. After looking a year and a day in several states, Lowry regretfully admitted that he never found "that dog." The man was returned to prison from Texas to serve more time on the sentence meted out in the case in which he was charged with grand larceny. Lowry, pleading not guilty in the court last Monday, was adjudged guilty, and Judge Smith sentenced him to the roads for four months. Judge Smith, firmly convinced that something was wrong with the man, suspended the sentence, making it possible for Lowry to continue his search for "that dog."

The defendant was required to pay \$23 court costs and to get out and stay out of this county.

The case charging Laura Jenkins with violating the health laws was not continued.

A continuance was granted until May 8 in the case charging John D. Daniels with non-support.

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Traveler Dies In Car Here Tuesday

Traveling north from Florida, Mrs. Lottie Thompson, 612 South Orange Avenue, Newark, N. J., died of a heart attack in a car on the streets here early Tuesday evening before friends could locate a doctor for her. Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Galante and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Abrams on the return trip, Mrs. Thompson, 67, had dinner in New Bern early that evening and before reaching Williamston complained of having indigestion. It was first reported that she died of acute indigestion, but it is believed that she was struck by a heart attack. She was pronounced dead by Dr. J. S. Rhodes in front of his office on South Smithwick Street.

The body was turned over to the Biggs Funeral Home and was prepared for shipment to Newark the following morning for the last rites and burial in New Jersey.

Mrs. Thompson, it was learned, had not been feeling well for some time, and had been in Florida for her health. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Helen Cafona of the home, Mrs. Tessie Mills of Verona, N. J., and a son, Edward Thompson, of Irvington, N. J.

RATION TOKENS

Ration tokens will come into use by consumers next Monday, February 27, when a number of changes in the present rationing program become effective. As the new red and blue stamps become valid in rationing books, they will have a uniform value of 10 points each, while change will be made with the tokens, which have a value of 1 point each.

There will be two kinds of tokens, the only difference being in color, and the color matches that of the stamps with which they will be used. Blue stamps and blue tokens will be used for processed foods; red stamps and red tokens for meats and fats.

Young Man Tells Of Three Major Battles He Participated In

Luther Modlin is spending short time with relatives near Jamesville

Making a business call here yesterday afternoon, Luther Modlin, U. S. Navy, was cornered for a brief review of what is recognized as a noble record in the war to date for the young man. Modlin, an electrician, had to be almost coaxed for answers, and while he was very pleasant, he resolutely refused those answers with reservations.

Three stars on his chest had a story behind them. Then there was a bar denoting he was in the service before Pearl Harbor; in fact, he had been in the Navy almost two years when the Japs made their sneak attack on the Pacific base. It is a known fact that the young man was awarded the Purple Heart, but he did not have it on at the time.

Entering the service in February, 1940, the young man worked hard and in time got his rating. Those first two years were uneventful ones, but 1942 was hardly half gone before things began popping and snapping where he was traveling. And strange as it may seem, the young man was badly wounded but that was not one of the major engagements he participated in. His ship was torpedoed in the North Atlantic in August, 1942, and his head was "split open."

Months later, after recovering from his wound, he was transferred to another ship, and soon participated in the Sicilian invasion, earning his first star there.

Transferred to the Pacific area a short time later, he was with the raiding force when Wake Island was attacked, and gained his second star there. He was at Tarawa during the three days of bloody fighting there, and a short time later went to Bougainville where he was in the thick of the fight.

"We knocked out all enemy planes at Wake and it was a pretty quiet (Continued on page six)

Mrs. Salsbury Dies In Scotland Neck

Mrs. Estelle Johnson Salsbury, for many years a resident of Hamilton, died at her home early yesterday morning in Scotland Neck. She had been in declining health for several years.

The daughter of the late Dr. Richard M. and Pattie Shields Johnson, she was born in Scotland Neck 64 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to Paul L. Salsbury and located in Hamilton where she lived until about ten years ago, returning at that time to Scotland Neck. Following her primary education in the Vine Hall Female Academy, Scotland Neck, Mrs. Salsbury attended Meredith College and was a member of the first graduating class there in 1902.

Mrs. Salsbury made many friends in this county. She was active in religious work and loyal in the support of the church, giving the seats for the new Baptist Church in Hamilton.

Besides her husband she leaves three children, Miss Martha Salsbury, of Scotland Neck; Paul Salsbury, Jr., of Raleigh, and Richard M. Salsbury, U. S. Army, stationed at Charleston, and a brother, Hugh Johnson, of Raleigh.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon in the Scotland Neck Baptist Church at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. W. E. Goode, her pastor, assisted by Rev. J. K. Henderson. Interment will follow in the church cemetery there.

Williamston Youth Tells About Exciting Times He Had During Months In Pacific

Finding a short breathing spell after weeks and weeks of hard work, Young Bill Holloman, petty officer 2-c, dared to explore a few of the bloody battlegrounds back from the coast on Guadalcanal island. Going inland about a mile, the young man ran across several Jap bodies on what the Army men called "Bloody Knoll." Holloman explained that he did not know how many Americans sacrificed their lives there, but the fight was costly for both sides. All the American bodies had been recovered and carefully laid to rest in the cemetery, but pressing duties in other sectors had made it impossible for the clean-up squads to dispose of all the Jap bodies.

A bit daring and anxious to collect souvenirs, Bill climbed into the clothes of the dead Japs after a matter-of-fact fashion. He admitted he had never had much respect for "the yellow scoundrels, he lost it all and was made fighting mad when he reached in the pocket of a dead Jap and pulled out ten American "dog" or identification tags. "I was infuriated and before I realized what I was doing, I twisted the head off, and a few minutes later I cut a leg

and shaking his head slightly as he recalled the act.

The tags were turned over to an Army intelligence officer, the act establishing the fate of ten American young men who had sacrificed their lives.

Holloman, while not at all certain, was of the opinion that the Jap had killed the ten men himself and that he was keeping the tags as souvenirs. It is possible, however, that he had gathered them from the persons of Americans killed by others.

Tearing a few buttons from the clothes of the dead Japs and recovering a few pieces of silver money, Holloman returned to his base proudly carrying the skull and leg bone. Already the young man had worked tirelessly shaping souvenirs from shell casings and knives from Jap bayonets, and the work had occupied his attention and mind during long hours when Jap planes and bursting bombs made sleep impos-

Expect Higher Peanut Prices In Answer to Farmers' Claim

Higher prices for the 1944 peanut crop were predicted this week as a result of a heated conference held in Washington last Thursday, according to late reports reaching here.

Prompted by a group of "mad" growers from several peanut producing areas, a special congressional delegation appeared before War Food Administrator Marvin Jones this week and advanced the claim for higher prices. It was declared following the meeting that the prospects for an increase in peanut prices for the 1944 crop were bright. It was also pointed out that the food administrator already had a recommendation on his desk for a price increase, but the size of the increase, if any, was not mentioned. There is some doubt if the demand for a boost to \$197.80 a ton in the price will be granted.

Among the delegation going before Jones was Herbert C. Bonner, congressman from the First North Carolina District. Jones was reported to be very sympathetic toward the claim.

The claim for an increase in peanut prices was heatedly advanced last Thursday when a large number of growers met in Washington and lambasted all opposition and declared that the \$150 floor price was not high enough.

Among the delegation from this county were Messrs. Jim Gray, E. G. Anderson, J. R. Winslow, of Robersonville, and Robt. L. Coburn of Williamston.

According to one report, farmers just recently adding peanut culture to their production schedules, were the most insistent in advancing the demand for a price increase.

Prominent Citizen Of County Dies At Home in Jamesville

Funeral This Afternoon in Jamesville Church For Mrs. Pattie Wallace

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the home at Jamesville for Mrs. Pattie Wallace, well known and greatly beloved county citizen who died at her home in Jamesville last Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Rev. Gilbert Davis, her pastor of Bellarthur, assisted by Rev. James M. Perry, of Robersonville, and Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Farmville, former pastors, is conducting the last rites. Interment will follow in the family burial plot on a high bluff overlooking the Roanoke, near the home.

Mrs. Wallace, member of a family prominent in the early history of this county and who for years held important positions in the civic, religious and political life of the section, had been in declining health for some time, but her condition was not considered serious until just a short time before her death.

The daughter of the late John R. and Emily Bates Mizell, Mrs. Wallace was born in Jamesville on December 6, 1861, and spent her entire life there, interesting herself in the affairs of the community and in the welfare of her fellowman.

Possessed of an humble Christian character, she was a devoted mother and grandmother, and enjoyed the friendship of everyone. While she maintained an interest in the affairs of the early period, the experiences of her early life during the reconstruction period made lasting impressions, and after a remarkable fashion she reviewed in detail not so long ago many happenings of that time. She was a good neighbor and a splendid citizen, but the infirmities of advanced age had confined her to the home during recent years.

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Last Rites Tuesday For Wm. B. Daniel

Last rites were conducted last Tuesday afternoon at the home on Biggs Street for Wm. Barclay Daniel, local chief of police, who died Monday morning following an illness of only a few hours.

Rev. B. T. Hurley, his pastor, assisted by Rev. John L. Goff, local minister, Rev. John Burckell, of Snow Hill, and Dr. W. R. Hurley, local Baptist minister, conducted the last rites.

Funeral services were administered by members of Skewarkey Lodge here at the grave.

Among those from out of town attending the services were, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Daniel and children, Beverly and Evelyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Daniel, of Norfolk; Mr. John Bobbitt, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Eula Carter, of Tarboro; Mrs. B. F. Barnes, Miss Alice Carter, Mrs. Frank Whitehurst, Mrs. Fannie Bowers and Miss Alice Davenport, all of Bethel, Mr. Edgar Daniel, a brother, returned to his home in Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday after attending to the funeral.

Discusses Ceiling Prices At Meeting

At a meeting held in the courtroom here last evening, a representative of the Office of Price Administration, Raleigh, outlined methods for determining ceiling prices for wearing apparel. According to one interpretation, a retailer is violating the rules and regulations if he sells an article, the same type and make of garment, at a price higher than the one he charged in March, 1942. The representative went on to explain how prices are to be determined where new lines of wearing apparel have been stocked for retail sale.

Quite a few merchants from Wind- sor and Robersonville were present, but only one Williamston merchant attended the meeting.

It is understood that new OPA price lists will be widely distributed to consumers within the next few days.

IN HOSPITAL

After seeing much action over in the European War theater, Pfc. Elmer Modlin returned to this county recently and is now undergoing treatment in a New York hospital. It is believed the young man was wounded, but particulars were withheld. In a telephone conversation with Mr. Chas. Davenport a few nights ago, the young man said he could not tell along all right but could not get why he was in the hospital. "He was so happy to be back in the States I could almost see him smiling in the telephone," Mr. Davenport said following the conversation with the soldier.

He is the son of Mr. Joe Gray Modlin of near Jamesville. Before leaving for the war zone months ago, the young man was quoted as saying that he hated to go, but that he would give 'em all he had when he got there and in battle. Apparently he did just that.

NO LIST, YET

A list, carrying the unit values of farm crops vital to the war, has not yet been received in this county, according to a report coming from Martin County Draft Board officials here shortly before noon today.

Already pressure is being brought by blocks of farmers through their organizations to have the 16-unit requirement reduced. It is almost impossible for some farmers to maintain their preferred draft classifications under the new plan, and it is thought that unit values will be shifted or altered so as to make it possible for honest-to-goodness farmers to meet the requirements. Until the list of unit values is received, the draft authorities in this county will not open any farm classification cases for review.

Little comment has been heard in this county so far, the farmers apparently choosing to wait until unit values are announced before commenting.

Jurymen Are Drawn For Superior Court

Names of Martin County citizens drawn for jury service during the regular two weeks term of superior court convening in March, are: Jamesville Township: Clarence Barber.

Griffins Township: B. Frank Lilley, N. Staton Roberson, Harrison Rogers and W. Rufus Hardison.

Bear Grass Township: R. L. Leggett, L. H. Taylor, Warner Bailey.

Williamston Township: Oswald D. Stalls, B. F. Baldree, J. H. Chesson, Ben D. Courtney, G. H. Harrison, Jr., Frank J. Margolis, John W. Gurkin, and V. J. Spivey.

Cross Roads Township: Walter Beach and Tom H. Wynne.

Robersonville Township: C. D. Carraway, M. E. Roberson, G. David Grimes, Jr., and H. B. Roberson.

Goose Nest Township: W. A. Coffield, L. A. Thompson and Henry L. Hopkins.

Second Week Jamesville Township: S. L. Ellis, J. H. Davenport and C. T. Gaines.

Griffins Township: J. C. Gurkin, J. Dawson Lilley, J. Arthur Corey, P. E. Gettings.

Bear Grass Township: George R. Taylor, A. L. Hardy and Leonard C. Bennett.

Williamston Township: W. Clyde Manning, J. F. Weaver, J. B. Taylor, J. A. Manning, Jr., Clyde Waters and Guy Robinson.

Robersonville Township: Jimmie L. Roberson and R. J. Langley.

IN EARNEST

Trailing in their production schedule for weeks, volunteers are rapidly advancing the work assigned the local Red Cross bandage room, according to reports coming from Mrs. J. B. Taylor, the chairman.

As many as thirty-five volunteers reported for work in a single night this week, and large numbers have been reported during other periods. It was stated that more dressings had been prepared so far this week than during an entire month heretofore.

Increased demands have been received by the Red Cross sewing room, and more volunteers are being asked to report there for duty.

Raids On Continent And In The Pacific Hold War Spotlight

Italian Situation Looks Some Better; Recent Attacks Are Thrown Back

While the participants on the Italian fronts are working feverishly in anticipation of the next move, the war rolls forward in high gear in the air over the Continent and in the South Central Pacific and on land in Russia. The forced withdrawal of Ramirez as head of the Argentine government last night and his replacement by pro-Axis leaders favors the activities on the diplomatic front with garlic.

One report early today maintained that the Italian beachhead is looking better for the Allies, that three German attacks, two against the American forces at Cisterna and one at Cassino had been turned back. It was evident, however, that Hitler is moving up a new division, the 362nd infantry, and preparing to launch another all-out drive on the beachhead. The Germans have put ten divisions in the fight there.

It has been revealed that the Germans lost 7,000 men in their second big attack in the beachhead last week, the work of the defenders scoring a new high record for Germans knocked out of the war in the Italian campaign.

While no startling developments have been reported on the Italian land fronts this week, the Allies are making history in the air over the Continent, their work being equalled only by daring sea and air attacks on the Japs in the Central Pacific.

Since last Sunday, the Allied air forces have dealt telling blows on aircraft manufacturing centers in Germany and Austria. Allied plane losses were fairly heavy, but the raids were highly effective.

In the mightiest assault yet directed against the perimeter of Jap defenses, the Allies this week attacked the Marianas, the Carolines and the Marshall Islands, the drive carrying the Allied forces to within 1,300 miles of Japan. The outcome of the raid on the Marianas has not been made public, but it is firmly believed that the Allies were chasing important units of the Jap fleet that fled from Truk last week.

In Russia, the Red Army has captured Dno and is driving toward Pskov, key point for a drive into Estonia. To the south, the Germans are retreating from Krivoi Rog toward the Bug River.

The full meaning of Ramirez' overthrow last night in Argentina is not yet known, but the new situation is not considered very favorable for the Allies.

To Hold Program At School Tuesday

Pupils of the Williamston Elementary School will present an entertainment in the high school auditorium, Tuesday night, February 29, at 8 o'clock. The special program will include a wide range of entertainment, including short plays, song dramatizations, readings, skits, and stunts. Pupils in grades one through seven will participate in the program which is being sponsored by the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association to secure funds to promote association activities.

"Mother Goose Helps Defense," presented by the first and second grades, will offer a timely theme on closer cooperation with the war effort. The toy orchestra composed of third grade children will play several numbers, and presentations by other elementary grades will round out an evening of wholesome entertainment.

Mrs. Harrell Everett, finance chairman of the P. T. A., and Miss Mary Benson, chairman of the teacher group, are in charge of the special program. Bakers' committees include Misses Baker, Crawford, Turnage, Katherine Bradley, Whitley, Manning, Mewborn, Talton and Mrs. Bunting.

The public is invited to attend the program.

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