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Unfounded Rumors Had All **But Four of Big Group**

Out of approximately eighty-one Martin County white men reporting to Fort Bragg last week-end for preinduction examinations, at least thirty were accepted, twenty-nine outright and one for limited service, according to fairly reliable but admittedly unofficial information brought back by members of the contingent. Several men were detained for further examination, and while some of them have been heard from the outcome of the examinations for a few others is yet to be learned. No official information abut the group can be had until the authorities file with the local draft board an official "audit", and that is not to be expected within the next ten days or two

According to reports, gathered mainly from the draftees themselves, fifteen men were accepted by the Navy, fourteen by the Army and one by the Marine Corps. It is understood that 46 were rejected. Of the approximately ten men detained for further examination, several had not been heard from early today. It is understood that a few failed to report but their names could not be learned im-

cepted for limited military service despite a physical defect caused by a hand injury several years ago.

Rumors heard here last Saturday stating that all but two, four, six or seven of the group making the trip had been accepted for service were definitely determined for nearly every one heard a different one.

ersonville. John Clayton Davenport, Rober-

sonville Henry Stancill Manning, William-

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Prisoners of War

eyes of some, while other parts Jamesville, As

encorer followed thruzing Special guests, while unable to

by the eight-piece band.

Colonel Alexander brought the special detail here from the camp

County Colored Men Are Called By Army Chairman Thomas Gaylord to award the championship cups. Capt. Walters, a Jamesville boy, returned recently from the South Pacific where he flew over 45 missions against the enemy. Chairman Thomas Gaylord to award the championship cups. Capt. Walters, a Jamesville boy, returned recently from the South Pacific where he flew over 45 missions against the enemy.

Ten colored men left today for Fort Bragg for induction, the call all-around job as the official. almost exhausting the colored manpower reserve pool, built up in Janpicked by T. O. Hickman, Joseph for property owners to advance

Calls Here Samuel Commissioners remained in session
property and February for the draft

Holliday Thomas Caylord and Day uary and February for the draft. The names of the men reporting

LeRoy Smith, Williamston. Hermon Johnson, Williamston. Lenwood Willie Rhodes, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Leavester Peter Taylor, RFD 1, Robersonville. Willie Williams, Williamston,

John Douglas Lyons, RFD 1, Williamston and Edenton. Roosevelt Scott, Williamston.

liamston and New York. Thaddeus Newsom, III, RFD 3, Williamston.

Richard Clinton Davis, Oak City. Four of the group are fathers and leave behind seven children. Four of the group had been ruled non-essential by the County War Board, and four of the group had been prev iously rejected by the Army.

Funeral At Piney Grove Sunday For Infant Son

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Piney Grove Baptist Church in Griffins Township for Robert Tetterton, four months old, who died at the home of his parents in Plymouth last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Burial was in the Tice Community Cemetery. Rev. W. B. Harrington conduct-

ed the last rites. He was the son of Atwood and Jamie Roberson Tetterton, Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Margaret Ann Tetterton.

Thirty County Men Farmers Plan To Use Inmate Found Dead In Martin County's Some Single Men In Deferred In Martin County's County's County Men In Deferred In Martin County Men In Martin County Men In Deferred In Martin County Men In Ma Exam at Fort Bragg Prisoner of War Labor Jail Early Sunday

CONTEST

Several hundred Martin County school girls and boys submitted papers in the North Carolina Pulp Company pulpwood essay contest before the deadline last Friday night. The papers have been placed in the hands of the company's contest committee who will judge the papers and announce the winners.

Contestants in this county have a chance to win four prizes. They are competing on a district basis for a \$25 war bond to be given by the company, and on a county-wide basis for three prizes with a total value of \$7.50. Offered by the Enterprise Publishing Co., the prizes will be award \$3 to the first, \$2.50 to the second and \$2.00 to the third winner within the county

Bear Grass And Jamesville Win **Tourney Finals**

Asa J. Manning, local boy, was ac- Farm Life Loses By Close Scores Before Record Crowd Here

The local high school gymnasium was "packed to the rafters" last Friday evening as hundreds of fans later declared unfounded. The viewed the finals of the Martin source of the reports could not be County High School Basketball Tournament, Bear Grass and Farm Life girls and the Jamesville and Unofficially the following men were accepted by the Army:

Pete Ellic Cherry, Williamston.
Ben Long Stevenson, RFD 2, Robert Championship cups after overcoming other county teams in the first and second round play on Wednesday and Thursday nights Thursday nights.

Farm Life clashed, Bear Grass win-Enjoy Stage Show lowest period score ever recorded form to the rules to allow a property of the final score the guard play for the final score, the guard play for both teams was excellent, and forwards seldom had time for set shots.

Where a circular wood saw.

Farmers explained that the prisoners could be used to an advantage oners could be used to an advantage.

Man Is Jailed Here were said to be nearing their quotas last night, Fund Drive Chairman V.

J. Spivev expressing the firm be-The several hundred Italian prisoners of war stationed in the camp oners of war stationed in the camp of war stationed in the camp oners of war stationed in the camp of war station to them last Sunday afternoon when Farm Life scoring was divided be- successfully in harvesting tobacco. an all-Italian cast staged a varied tween Roberson, N. Lilley and Man-

the program was greatly enjoyed.

The cast embraced several real artists who it is believed could well that an uniform rate should be fair to the farmer and to the governto the farmer and the governto the farmer and to the governto the farmer and the governto the farmer and the governto the farmer and the governto th tists, who, it is believed, could well doubt until the final whistle. At the ment. However, he pointed out that parts almost brought tears to the board showing 14-13 in favor of scales. The colonel called for expresin the girls' game.

ceived a big hand from the crowd

when presented by Tournament Chairman Thomas Gaylord to award

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County Girl Stationed

woman to join the WAVES.

AAA PAYMENTS

Soil conservation payments to

Martin County farmers cooper-

ating with the Triple A program

went over the \$100,000 mark last

week-end when 490 checks rep-

resenting 201 applications and

amounting to \$17,493.19 were dis-

To date, 3,114 checks amount-

ing to \$113,240.80 and repre-

senting 1,364 applications have been distributed to farmers in

this county under the 1943 con-

servation program. There are ap-

proximately 250 applications

pending, and in about 75 other

cases the farmers have yet to file

their claims for payment, it was stated by Miss Mary Carstar-phen in the farm agent's office

tributed to the owners.

yesterday.

the final contest.

County Farmers In Meeting with Army

Into Contract with Army For Workers

In a frank and open discussion, of war labor to help relieve the farm held in the courthouse here last Friday night.

The plan has possibilities and farm labor shortage, officials are of the sincere belief that much can be accomplished by using the war prisoners and cooperating with the program advanced by the War Department in handling war prisoners.

Briefly explaining the need for meeting over to Lt. Vincent A. Vehar who was born and reared on a problem now facing Martin County farmers and others in this section. and regulations governing the employment of prisoners of war. "The regulations may not exactly fit every situation, but we must remember that they were formulated by the Geneva Conference, that the same rules and regulations are applicable to American prisoners of war in other countries.

Lt. Vehar stated that the men were not supposed to work but eight hours a day, that ordinarily the men would be made available in groups of ten or more, and that the employer is to furnish transportation. Dinner is In the first game of the evening furnished the war prisoners by the the girls' teams from Bear Grass and Army and transportation must be safe and offer protection against the ning by a score of 14-12. Play was weather. It was pointed out that the close throughout the game, with Bear prisoners may be used for any type Grass maintaining a slight lead in of farm labor, but they are not to all quarters except the first, which handle dangerous details, Lt. Vehar ended in a 3-3 score, probably the explaining that it would hardly conlowest period score ever recorded form to the rules to allow a prisoner

Col. Pritchard, supervisor of the

ings, 4, and T. Martin 1. S. Hardison farmer," the army man said, adding the parts, were impressed and enjoyed the solos and special numbers by the eight-piece band.

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Late last evening it was intimated in from scattered areas and the follow the announcer and interpret was outstanding for the losers, scor- that it is possible that workers will ent that the Army is anxious to do Capt. James Walters, USAAF, re-

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At Meeting Monday

Hack Gaylord refereed all rounds of the tournament, and did a fine tion and Review, the Martin County Commissioners remained in session

Holliday, Thomas Gaylord and Dav- their claims. Only five changes in values were The 1.226 acres of swamp land list- came that morning when a chim- Gardner, 25 cents; Minnie Bowen, ed by T. B. Slade in Hamilton Town- ney blazed out and threatened the \$1; Elva Williams, 50 cents; W. H. In Navy At New York ship was reduced from \$6 to \$3 an Episcopal rectory occupied by the Williams, Jr., 50 cents; Etheline Miss Thelma E. Haislip, daughter ber had been removed from the land. That afternoon a grass fire threat- Ova J. Burras, \$1; Willa Edmond-Miss Thelma E. Haisip, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Haisip, of Martin County, is now staling a claim for a reduction in acreage listings on the 146 acres the Mayo Hardisons, until recently Clary, 50 cents; Bobbie Ray Bailey, tioned in the Navy at New York, it of his oid residence was learned here this week. Volun- Hadley of Bear Grass was allowed a West Main Street. No damage was cents; Edith Harrison, 80 cents; Myr-William Clarence Bunche Will teering a short time ago, Miss Haireduction of from \$8 to \$6 on 20 done by the fires. if not the first Martin County young \$6 on 108 acres. The owner pointed out that the timber had been cut on

> the land. The valuation of 200 acres of woodland listed by A. S. Roberson in Hamilton Township was reduced from \$12 to \$6 an acre, the timber having been removed.

The valuation on a residence owned by R. L. Perry was increased from \$550 to \$800 to cover improvements. An increase of \$2,500 was added to the \$5,000 valuation placed on Brown's Community Hospital to cover improvements made to the plant.

Former Local Woman Is **Badly Injured In Fall**

Mrs. Harry Clinton James, the former Miss Nina Upton of Williamston, was badly hurt in a fall at her home in Roanoke, Va., last Friday. Reports reaching here stated she was almost paralyzed, but that her condition was gradually improving and yesterday she had use of most of her faculties.

Funeral Services Are Being **Held in Everetts Today**

Officers Last Week near Everetts, was found dead in the Martin County jail early Sunday morning, apparently the victim of Farm Bureau Plans To Enter an acute heart attack or apoplexy. When the man's body was found by Jailer Roy Peel, Coroner S. R. Biggs was called and he had a physician to his findings, it is believed that tentative plans for using prisoner the inmate died of a stroke. However, it is possible he ded of a heart

> that the man had not met with foul play in any way.

er and imbibed too freely of some kind of liquor. He wandered in and were drawn from the draft pool. out of several local places of business and finally made it to the bus station where he fell. Police were called and with their help he was able to walk to the car and make it making plans ahead of time, County in the world and seemed to be extremely happy, according to Chas. Moore and John Gurganus, the arranch and who appreciates the resting oficers. He was put to bed and a pillow was placed under his head and by the time they had clos-The officer briefly explained rules and regulations governing the employee the door he was sleeping. Jailer Roy Peel passed in the hall several times later in the evening and could have heard him call any time during the night, but the man apparently passed away in his sleep and without making any noise.

Coroner S. R. Biggs believed the

man died about or shortly before midnight. When he was carried to jail, Stalls had an empty Overholt bottle on his person, the fluid having Bear Grass Is Just leaked out on his clothes and it is possible that the bottle had been used by bootleggers as a container for illicit brands. He had two packages of headache powders on his person also.

When making the arrest, officers asked Stalls if he knew any one who would take him home. He said he had not been drunk in over a year, that he was ashamed of himself and

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entertainment program in the high school auditorium. Picked from war prisoners stationed at Camp Butter.

Col. Pritchard, supervisor of the camps, appeared before the meeting and explained that no wage had been when he was given a heaving by the outlook is encouragation. school auditorium. Picked from war prisoners stationed at Camp Butner, feated Farm Life by a score of 19 fixed, that he was of the opinion fixed, that he was of the opinion fore Justice J. L. Hassell in the case of the description of the case of the prisoners stationed at Camp Butner, fore Justice J. L. Hassell in the case of the prisoners and opinion fore Justice J. L. Hassell in the case of the prisoners and opinion fore Justice J. L. Hassell in the case of the prisoners are should be adoptyear-old mother and a recent comaway. She claimed that the defend-

qualify for prominent roles on the legitimate stage. Certain program parts almost brought tears to the leaves showing 14-13 in favor of the leaves almost brought tears to the leaves showing 14-13 in favor of the leaves almost brought tears to the leaves showing 14-13 in favor of the leaves almost brought tears to the leaves showing 14-13 in favor of the leaves almost brought tears to the leaves almost tear to the leaves tear to the leaves almost tear to the leaves almost tear to the leaves tear to the leav ed there and the \$800 subscription is 14 of Jamesville's 19 points, Stall- ible, if it will be satsfactory to the officers and Hardison's arrest follow- up until late yesterday afternoon ed a short time later. The defendant had raised \$3,309.98, leaving only

Late last evening it was intimated in from scattered areas and the by the husband that the woman had schools have not yet reported. had relations with the defendant on No late reports have come from previous occasions by mutual agree- the Robersonville Chapter where the ment. It was also stated that he people of the five other townships would not press charges in the case. in the county are being asked to raise The prosecuting witness apparently \$1,800. is a bit unbalanced.

vestigation today and the case is as follows: scheduled to reach the superior Clyde Ward, \$1.00; Maude Micourt next week.

Calls Here Saturday J. F. Weaver, \$2; Ethel Willard,

Local firemen answered two calls Rodgerson, \$1; G. P. Hughes, \$1; effected, and they were minor ones. here last Saturday. The first call Bernice Williams, 50 cents; Lula armies. acre, the owner explaining that tim- Bob Everetts on Haughton Street. Hines, 25 cents; Carrie Williams, \$1;

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Despite bad road conditions and rainy weather during much of last week, only one motor accident was reported on the highways of this county last week. No one was hurt, but the record so far this year continues to hold a big marginal lead over the figures for the corresponding period, a year ago.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time. 16th Week Comparison

collector for the State Department Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge of Revenue in this district. He will continue his headquarters here. 1943 Comparison To Date the Navy and quit his post here last

Robert Stalls, county farmer of near Everetts, was found dead in the Mortin County fail and Sunday No Pre-induction or Induction Recent Regulations Calls Received In This County

three weeks or just as soon as the the question. papers are cleared for those men

According to official information | While it is not likely, it is possi to make an examination. According gained here late yesterday no pre-in- ble that some of the white men passduction or final induction calls are ing examinations last week-end will not be called for final induction any now pending in this county, but it is time soon. It would appear that the manpower shortage in this county attack or even of some other ail- quite likely that a pre-induction call white fathers called for pre-inducwere advanced at a public meeting ment. It was definitely determined for colored men will come very tion exams in February and last shortly, and that instructions are to week-end were trapped, literally be expected ordering a few white speaking, between an exhausted An unusual character, Mr. Stalls men to report for final induction. draft list and the thawing out of the left home Saturday morning and af- The last call of any kind to be re- 18 to 26 age group of single men and while it hardly can be expected to ter a year's abstinence he broke ovthis morning when ten colored men the next pre-induction call for whites will be answered by the 18 At the present time there are twen- to 26 age group. If their call comes ty-one white men in the draft pool, reasonably early and the pool reseven of them being subject to call serve is not exhausted before they by the Navy and fourteen by the are placed in it, they are expected Army. Approximately thirty more to take their turns ahead of the fawhite men will be placed in the ther group. But will the calls come white pool within the next two or in time to save all the fathers? That's

Groups Almost Certain To Get

Pre-Induction Call Next Month

During the meantime, a call for who were accepted at the Army cen- men from the white pool is expected momentarily from the Navy

Report Nearly \$4,000 For Red Cross To Date

\$10 Short of Quota; \$3,309 Raised Here

Weather and Roads Delay **Red Cross War Fund Drive In Others**

Two of the five townships in the Martin County Red Cross Chapter Alonza Hardison, colored man, have delayed the drive in Jamesery section of the chapter. No report Americans Turn Back Mass has been submitted by the leaders

tle Speller, \$1; Alice Dunning, \$10;

Clerk, \$1; Emma Vaughan, \$1; Alma

Gray, 50 cents; Cetie Wynne, 50

cents; Nannie Carter, 50 cents; Mary

Godwin, \$1; Arlene Harrison, \$2;

Blonnie Bell Jackson, \$1.25; Dulah

Pate, \$1; Frankie Brown, \$1; Victor,

Jr., and Carlyle Brown, 25 cents

Kathleen P. Sherman, \$10; E. L.

Sherman, \$10; Minnie M. Price, \$1;

J. T. Price, \$1; Ann Wilson Price, 50

cents, Annie Roebuck, \$1; Jennie

Stinnette, 25 cents; W. T. Stinnette 25 cents; Nettie M. Cowen, \$2.50

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Mr. George Green, of Weldon, has

Overby was called for service in

succeeded Roy Overby as deputy

Deputy Tax Collector

Succeeds Overby As

ROUND-UP

Local and county law enforcement officers had a fairly busy time last week-end when they rounded up and jailed six persons. Several have been tried in the courts, one or two are booked for trial later, but in one case the charges were settled by

Four of the six arrested and jailed were white. Four of the six were charged with public drunkenness, one with drunken driving and one with assault.

Russians Threaten German Positions In Black Sea Area the Washington highwall last Sunday afternoon.

Suicide Attack by Japs On Bougainville

ian Army are now threatening the positions of the Germans on the Black Sea and promise to make possibie new and far-reaching developta. A few reports are still to come ments in the Balkan area. The Russians are aiming at Czechoslovakia where the underground is believed to be making ready to burst into overt action against the Nazis. The Black Sea port of Kherson has been captured and today the Russians are driving toward the great Contributions made in Williamss a bit unbalanced.

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Contributions made in WilliamsBlack Sea port of Odessa. The
Germans are said to be fleeing in wild disorder before Stalin's troops, late reports stating that the Nazis County Young Man zelle, \$1; Gladys Martin, 50 cents; R. C. Martin, 50 cents; Virginia hurry that they are leaving behind fire, artillery and flame-throwers. A Jumps from Bomber Simpson, 50 cents; Martha Ward, \$1; Ruth Wheeler, \$1; Sadie Speight, \$5; Odessa, the German's are making available every boat possible in an Edgar M. Taylor, young Martin \$2.50; E. H. Willard, \$2.50; Bertha effort to save the remnants of their County man reported missing over

been knocked out in that area, one safety, according to information report maintaining that most of contained in a letter received by them had been killed.

on American positions on Bougain- ate by the name of Shirley. Annie Laurie Lewis, \$1; Betsy Har-rell, \$1; Sylvia L. Margolis, \$3; Susie er a good thousand had been killed. They met concentrated machine gun

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BANDAGE ROOM

Volunteers reporting in increasing numbers last week made it possible to complete the March Red Cross Bandage Room project considerably ahead of schedule, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, the chairman, announced. The material was exhausted late last Thursday afternoon.

A project quota for April has not been assigned, but the material is expected to reach here possibly within the next ten days or two weeks. For the first time in recent months, the local Red Cross Chapter is up with its bandage room work, and the volunteers are asked to continue the work when the next ma-

Virtually Rule Out **Farmer Deferments**

Single Men and Non-Fathers In 18 to 26 Age Group Are Being Reclassified

A clarification order received ovr the week-end from Selective Service made it quite clear that with ew exceptions, and mighty, mighty ew, all single and non-father registrants in the 18 to 25 age group, inclusive, are now subject to draft irrespective of their occupations or ocations. It now appears that the Selective Authorities knew that few farmers could not qualify under the recent regulations requiring 16 farm production units in support of deerment claims, which means that the recent order is little more than a blanket call for all single men and non-father registrants between the iges of 18 and 25 years, inclusive.

The reclassification of this age group is going forward after an auomatic fashion now, and those men r quite a few of them can reasonbly expect a call for pre-induction middle of April.

The clarification order just recentreceived reads, in part, as follows: It is fairly apparent that the liberality of the provisions of the Tyding Amendment and the regulations issued thereunder pertaining to farm deferments and the subsequent tightening of industrial occupational deferments have resulted in an unbalanced distribution of manpower, as illustrated by the fact that as of December 31, 1943 in the State of North Carolina there were 31,000 single men deferred in Classes 2-C and 3-C as against 7,600 deferred in Classes 2-A and 2-B. Furthermore, the Commander in Chief has stated

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Minor Auto-Bus Wreck Near Here

No one was hurt and very little damage done when a large passenger bus and an old model car crashed on the Washington highway near here

Both vehicles were traveling toward Williamston and Marion Andrews, Bear Grass colored man, started to pass the bus with his car when he ran off the hard surface. His car skidded and turned completely around stopping right in the DEPENDENT OF THE

saw the car go out of control and almost brought the bus to a stop befre crashing into the left side of the automobile. The vehicles were locked and had to be snatched apart. Damage to the bus was estimated

at \$100 while at least \$75 will be needed to repair the wrecked car. Passengers in the bus held to their seats and a small child slept through the incident, it was reported by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who

Germany on February 22, parachut-An estimated 75,000 Germans have ed from a big bomber apparently to his mother, Mrs. Monroe Taylor, Over in the Pacific, a Jap attack from Young Taylor's friend, a priv-

ville Island was turned into a mass | Riding in a plane near the one in slip, of Martin County, is now stationed in the Navy at New York, it of his old residence tract, W. P. the property of the Cunninghams on 24 cents; Ova Dallas Whitaker, 24 least 4000 Least tried and a which Taylor was a member of the least 4,000 Japs tried to storm the crew, Pvt. Shirley stated in his letbeaches under the cover of shell ter to Mrs. Taylor that the Taylor fire, but they were driven tack att. plane had two of its motors shot out, er a good thousand had been killed, and that eight of the crew bailed out. It is possible that the pilot and copilot escaped later. Pvt. Shirley stated that he saw the eight chutes open and the men float to safety. The big bombers were going in over their target when the Taylor plane

Pvt. Shirley is from Harrodsburg, Ky., and is expected to return home soon on a furlough, it was stated.

Respected Colored Man Dies at His Home Here

John Clemons, respected colored citizen and an able craftsman, died at his home here last Friday morning at 12:50 o'clock. He had been ill for about nine months.

Funeral services were conducted at the Sand Point Primitive Baptist Church here Sunday afternoon by Elders John Charles, Oscar Little and Joe Knight. Burial was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery here. Besides his wife and one daughter, he leaves three brothers, Roscoe, Bithe and George Clemons,

terial is received.