Army Pre-Induction

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Frank Carstarphen Declares He Was Well Received by Fort Bragg Men

A large group of Martin County white men, reflecting the most serious mood of any to leave here since the war started, reported for preinduction examinations last weekend. Most of them had individual stories to tell about the trip, but for the most part each account held to a serious note.

Frank Carstarphen, popular and well-liked local young man, yesterday recalled a few of the high spots of his trip. He declared that he was well received by the Army men, that his fare was all right. The eats were good and sleeping quarters were very comfortable, but he admitted that he slept very little that Friday night before the examination the following morning.

Lost from the main Martin County contingent while in the "Baby Ray" examining room, Mr. Carstarphen was associated with a Lenoir County group. "The first thing we were told to do was 'Hurry Up', and we hurried up just to wait one hour or two hours in line.'

Taking his place in the "shakedown line," 'Starphener was hurried along, and just as he was nearing the end he saw that no red marks had been placed on his paper. "I told one of the doctors that I had a bad left ankle, and he wrote with ink across my belly, 'R. Ankle.' But that was only one red mark, and then I pointed out that I had a weak wrist and a bad knee, but I don't think that information was fully appreciated," the young man said, admitting that he had that cocked left eye working perfectly. Some of the boys declared he practiced with that eye all the way down to the Fort, but other observers declared he played fair in every way.

"The psychiatrist asked me about my health, and wanted to know if I ever heard voices when no one was around. I asked what he meant by 'voices,' and then I told him I thought I had heard someone call when no one was around," Carstarphener ex-

At the end of the line and with only one red mark on his paper, Carstarphen was told by the doctor that he had a bad right ankle. "No, sir. It is my left one," he explained. "The paper says it is your right one," the doctor said. And then Frank said, "I am sorry, sir, but it is my left anstood on one foot against the wall. but despite the most concentrated "Oh, you are all right," the doctor said, "and I knew I was in the Army," Frank said as he walked over to see his examination sheet. Af
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ate but little before the examination, that he almost made a circle out of the cafeteria line after the examination, but the young man declares he did not "slip" under the line railing more than three times.

Thirteen Cases Are Heard in County's **Court Last Monday**

Several Persons Convicted by Judge J. C. Smith for **Drunken Driving**

usual, the Martin County Recorder's last Monday clearing the docket, the proceedings attracting a fairly large crowd. Several defendants pleaded the lads carried a number of sou- den, \$5; F. E. Wynne, \$5; J. R. Leg- pointed by the chairman, Rev. John crowd. Several defendants pleaded Court was in session quite a while crowd. Several defendants pleaded guilty in the case charging them with drunken driving.

The thirteen cases called by Judge J. C. Smith and prosecuted by Solicitor E. S. Peel follow:

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost and the defendant's driver's license was revoked for ninety days in the case charging fashion and at the right spot. Henry Thomas Walston with speeding. He pleaded guilty.

a deadly weapon were nol prossed. Howard Cherry, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, failed to appear

when called. According to one report the man was confined to his bed by man, was nominated for the National

found guilty of driving on the wrong side of the road and was fined \$10 nominee will oppose the Democrats' with the costs to be added.

The case charging Kenneth Harrell with bastardy was continued until July 3. H. L. Blake was fined \$10 and

taxed with the cost in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly and with an assault.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Geo. Mobley was fined \$50 and the court recommended that his license to op-

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Center Last Friday Pass \$5,000.00 Mark Cases On Superior Court Trial Docket

Districts Are Not Yet

Available

chapter, Fund Chairman V. J. Spi-

necessity, curtailed.

business houses.

exceeding its quota by \$33.85.

will reach and pass the \$600 goal.

reaching its assigned quota.

Mrs. J. T. Price, \$5; Mrs. L. T. Fow-

bers, \$1; H. O. Handy, \$\$10; Daisy

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Raiding just off the old Green-

day morning, ABC Officer J. H. Roe-

a crude liquor plant and poured out

two barrels of molasses beer. The

plant was equipped with a gas drum

TRUCK GAS RATIONS

Beginning Monday, March 27,

owners and operators of trucks

will apply directly to the Mar-

tin County War Price and Rat-

ioning Board in the agricultural

building for their second quar-

ter gasoline rations. At one time

the rations were mailed to the

truck owners-operators, but the

plan did not prove very success-

ful, and distribution for the

second quarter wil be made in

person at the ration board office,

In most cases, the rations will be ready when called for, and

the applicant will only have to

it was explained.

sign his name.

Officers Wreck Liquor

pump pipe for a connection.

as follows

Three Districts In PROMOTED_ County Chapter Go



Ray Goodmon, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Goodmon, of Williamston, was recently promoted to lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. Navy Air Corps. He is stationed at Kingsville, Texas, at the pres-

Fifth Army Ejects **Enemy At Cassino** In Fierce Fighting

Forces On Southern Ukrainian Front

In a bloody and determined fight, the American Fifth Army under the command of Alexander, Clark and Company is pushing its way up Monastery Hill to clear the last blocade to the open valley through which Road 106 leads an almost direct line to Rome ninety miles away. While the fighting has been fierce and possibly costly to both sides, some observers look upon it as the prelude for increased action once the weather clears and the land dries out to

support traffic. The drive on the Cassino front followed a terrific bombing of the city, just about been cleared from the had raised \$118.00 of its \$150 quota. ville jail.

In the Ukrainian sector of the to a successful completion, possibly for alleged bastardy. Eastern Front, the Russians are mop- over the week-end. thousands. They have crossed the Jamesville, but there is no doubt but ping up the Germans by the tens of Bug River and are now less than 25 what the people of that township miles from Bessarabia. The Ger-The boys maintained that Frank mans are making a ragged retreat toward Bessarabia, and the thous-

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Kids Have Big Time In Supply Building spare.

Two kids, Joe Lewis, 8, and Lambert Brown, about the same age, were prowling around the premises of the Williamston Supply Company here last Sunday afternoon, and, ond in this county, but last Monday, finding an unlatched window, they Rev. E. C. Wilkie, the chairman, was went inside the building. It is quite quoted as saying that \$700 of the \$1,- Saturday evening, Mrs. I certain that the lads had no criminal 800 quota had been raised, and that Levin and Mrs. F. E. Weston. intent, but they played the part of the drive was progressing satisfacthe bull in a china shop. They play- torily. ed with the adding machines, weigh-With more cases on the docket than ed nails, scribbled with pen and ink and wandered aimlessly around for nothing else was missing. The lads were apprehended when they displayed the pencils at school.

Carried before Judge L. B. Wynne's juvenile court, the two boys told all about their escapade, and were released by Judge Wynne with a promise from their mothers that a paddle would be used after an appropriate

The cases charging Ivory Clark and Phillip Bond with assaults with Republicans Hold Convention Here and had a nail keg for a cap and pump pine for a connection

R. Clarence Dozier, Elizabeth City House of Representatives by First Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with drunken and reckless driving, Stanley Hollis was to courthouse here. The nomination Congressional District Republicans was without opposition, and the May 27th choice.

W. J. Manning, of Bethel, was named a delegate to the Republican National Convention to be held in Chicago next June, and Dozier wa named an alternate.

Dozier, Clarence Allen, Wheeler Martin and W. H. Evans were named to the Republican State Executive Committee.

The meeting was poorly attended, and it is understood that several of the counties in the district were not represented.

Judge C. E. Thompson Will Hold Term; To Draw Grand Jurymen

Over Their Quotas on the criminal docket to date for previously reported had been boost- out the county, Mr. Bower stated. The encouraging feature of the

Judge C. E. Thompson of Eliza-With three townships-Williams- beth City is scheduled to preside ovton, Bear Grass and Griffins— al- er the term which will hear criminal ready over the top and with other cases during the early part of next the annual Red Cross War Fund tively small number of civil cases port released soon after the drive was ed. Drive is nearing its goal in this during the second week.

Nine grand jurymen are to be vey announced late last evening. chosen next Monday to serve for Seventy-One Tires While there has been no doubt about one year.

the success of the drive in the chap-The following cases have been ter's five townships, present indica- placed on the criminal docket: tions are that the goal will be pass-Charged with being drunk and dised by a considerable margin. It will orderly and damaging public propbe remembered that this chapter exerty, Elbert Whitehurst is scheduled ceeded its goal a year ago along with to appear before the court for the the entire nation, that had it not been fourth time within a year, the case for that surplus activities of the or- having been continued on three prevganization would have been, out of lous occasions.

The case charging Cortez Rogers Fund Chairman Spivey is anxious with carnal knowledge was continto complete the drive as soon as pos- ued at the December term.

The case charging Ernest Everett sible, and those districts where the compaign has not been completed are Staton with larceny comes up again asked to continue the work even for trial after having been continued hough their quotas may have been last December.

Much attention is likely to be cen-Williamston passed its \$3,650 goal | tered around the case charging Jas. early yesterday and the drive is still Garland Rogers with reckless drivbeing continued. To date, \$3,890.73 ing resulting in the death of Herhas been reported, and Chairman bert Harrison, young white man. Spivey believes it will be increased Harrison was fatally injured last to about \$4,500. One or two rural January 2 when the Rogers car went communities in the township are yet out of control near the Old Mill Inn Russians Mopping Up Nazi to report and the amounts raised on the Washington Highway and in the schools are to be included turned over. Rogers is at liberty unalong with a few contributions from der bond in the sum of \$500.

James Purvis is facing the court one or two residential streets and for allegedly stealing \$78 in cash "We have our quota," Mrs. Pete from Sam Congleton near Roberson-Mendenhall, chairman of the Bear ville last January 15th.

N. S. Nichols, young colored man, Grass drive, said in presenting Chairman V. J. Spivey with a bagful of is charged with breaking into and money yesterday. Announcing the robbing the Gulf filling station on drive complete there, Mrs. Menden- Washington Street here last Novemhall turned over \$533.85, the district ber 7. Nichols escaped and was apprehended by Edenton police a few Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, reporting for weeks ago.

Griffins Township, a short time la- Daniel Miles and Charles Fuller er said that her district was over are to answer for the alleged robthe top, but a final accounting was bery of \$12.50 from the person of D. delayed. "Every one cooperated D. Hill. Miles is serving a short term splendidly in the drive," Mrs. Lilley on the roads for being drunk and disorderly, and Fuller is in jail await-Mrs. R. J. Hardison, chairman of ing trial

the drive in Williams Township, was | Herbert Bunting is charged with

Claude Spruill is facing the court

over the week-end.

No report could be had from week, Alonzo Hardison is to face

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Little has been heard from the drive for \$800 among the colored U.S.O. Center Open population in the five townships, but they are said to be plugging away. To All Service Men and Charman Spivey is depending

on the contributions from that quarter and from Jamesville to put the Until officially affiliated with the drive safely across with some to national organization, the local USO center in the legion hut here on To date, a total of \$5,032.58 has Watts Street wil be open Friday and been reported and banked, leaving Saturday nights from 8:30 to 11:30, tire and one tube. the chapter to raise \$1,167.42 before and each Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock and in the evening. No late report could be had from

The senior hostesses for this weekthe Robersonville Chapter, the sec- end are, as follows: Friday evening: Mrs. C. G. Crocktt and Mrs. W. O. Griffin. Saturday evening, Mrs. M. M.

Sunday afternoon, Mrs. W. E. Dunn and Mrs. F. E. Weston. Williamston Township contributions not previously announced, are Langley and Mrs. J. B. Maddus.

The junior hostesses will be notified by mail by a committee ap-

comfortable chairs and other articles to make the hut more homelike, but there is still a need for cards and card tables, reading lamps Still Near Williamston ash trays, waste baskets, books and magazines for the reading room. All those interested in helping this worthy cause, are asked to contact ville Road near Williamston yester-Chairman Goff or any of the hostesses and they will make arrangebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked

ments to collect the articles. It is planned to keep a cookie jar full at all times, and any one adept Street and again yesterday afterat making those crisp-round ones or the other kind boys just go for, went out of control on the Godwin please do so, and get them to the hut over the week-ends.

The help of everyone is urgently needed to keep this organization active so that Williamston will be proud of its part in providing recreation for the servicemen.

Sgt. Walter Cooke Is In Hospital In Australia

Stf. Sgt. Walter Cooke is confined to a hospital in Australia, according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. John Cooke, here this week. The letter, the first to come from the young man in three months, offered little information and it is not known whether he was wounded or is resting from eighteen months of combat ervice in the Southwest Pacific.

Sergeant Cooke is a gunner in the Army Air Force.

Tells About Trip To Red Cross Donations Only Ten Criminal Late Report Shows War Bond Twenty-five Civil Cases On Superior Quota Exceeded by \$152,258

According to a late report just re-|completed. Recognizing these released by Chairman Herman A. Bow- ports, the chairman pointed out that en, Martin County exceeded its every township in the county reachfourth way bond quota by \$152.258.25. ed and passed its assigned quota. During the drive ending last month, Williams Township, trailing in the in the amount of \$881.258.25, Mr. scribed, and the remainder of the Only ten cases have been placed Bowen explaining that the total increase was fairly general through-

Court during the two weeks term ty bought and credited their pur- final report is the large amount of term of the Martin County Superdrive was completed.

ere subscribed in the county last report, shows \$15.712.50 sub

Complete Reports for All the opening here next Monday. With one chases to the county. One or two of "E" bonds purchased. Nearly half, for Court opening here next Monday. or two exceptions, the cases are not the purchases were made by tobac- or \$440,258.25 of the \$881,258.25, was In twelve of the cases, the plaintiffs expected to attract very much at- co companies but they were not re- invested in "E" bonds, \$441,000.00 are seeking divorces and basing their ported in time to be included in the having been invested in negotiables. claims on two years of separation. review made a few days after the Approximately \$54,000 had been in- For the most part, the calendar car-One or two other reports from leased on March 3. It was next to im- ance, and the civil proceedings are within the county were received late possible to prorate all the late pur- not likely to attract very much atsections continuing to make progress, week and then consider a compara- and were not included in the re- chases by townships, it was explain- tention.

Allotted in County By Rationing Board

Grade III Tires Are Hard To Find, Many Applicants **Explain To Officials**

Seventy-one tires-27 Grade I's, a dozen for tractors and trucks, and thirty-two Grade III's-were issued by the Martin County Rationing Board last Friday night.

Applicants are pointing out that they are experiencing difficulty in locating good Grade III tires, and others, asking for additional rations, explain that the best grades are not measuring up to expectations. Grade I tires and tubes for cars and pick-up trucks were released to the following:

J. Leroy Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.

Manning and Gurkin, Williamston, one tire and one tube. H. C. Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville,

wo tires and two tubes. Jesse Lee Hale, Palmyra, one tire. Herbert Little, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire and one tube.

J. B. Whitfield, Oak City, one tire and one tube.

and three tubes. and two tires.

W. E. Holliday, Jamesville, one

tire and one tube.

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tire and one tube. two tires and two tubes.

and one tube. Capt. Chas. L. Daniels, Jr., RFD 1

Williamston ,two tires. J. D. Price, RFD 2, Williamston,

one tire and one tube. J. C. Martin, Robersonville, one

J. L. Gibson, Sr., RFD 1, Williamston, one tube. C. W. Forbes, Robersonville, one

were rationed to the following: Jasper Everett, Robersonville, two

approval. Martin County Transfer Co., Rob-

tire and one tube. Johnson Milling Co., Robersonille, one twe and one tube. Roberson Slaughter House, Wil-

liamston, two tires and two tubes. A. C. Boyce, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

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Local volunteer firemen were called out twice this week, once late Tuesday when a roof fire threatened the home of Joe Ballard on Railroad noon at 2 o'clock when a grass fire

INDUCTION CALL

property on West Main Street.

According to unofficial information, the approximately seven white men in the Navy's draft pool in this county can expect a call for induction the early part of week after next. It is believed that the reserve will be exhausted at that time. The re-serve, however, will be built up again shortly or soon as the men reporting for pre-induction ex-aminations last week are placed in the pool.

The men to be called for in-duction the latter part of this month had their pre-induction examinations on February 22.

TEACHERS MEET

A half holiday was declared in the schools of the county today for the teachers to attend a county-wide meeting in the high school here, beginning at 2 o'clock. A large attendance was anticipated this morning by Supt. J. C. Manning.

Dr. Chas. Spencer of the State Department of Education, and Miss Moore, teacher of health and physical education at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, are addressing the teachers. The meeting is to last until about 4:30 p. m.

Jesse B. Barfield Passes In Hassell After Long Illness

Funeral Services for Highly Respected Citizen To Be **Held There Tomorrow**

Jesse B. Barfield, highly respected citizen and retired farmer and law-enforcement officer, died at his W. L. Brown, Jamesville, two tires home in Hassell last evening at six o'clock following a long period of de-T. T. Adams, Parmele, two tubes clining health. Suffering a stroke three years ago, he had been an in-Leland Coburn, Robersonville, one valid since that time. About two weeks ago he suffered a second J. M. Perry, RFD 1, Jamesville, stroke and never regained consciousness. An humble Christian, he suf-H. G. Norman, Robersonville, one fered his affliction without complaint and was patient until the end.

The son of Ephriam and Fannie Vick Barfield, he was born in Hali-Z. S. Cowin, RFD 2, Williamston, fax 79 years ago. When a young man, one tire and one tube.

H. L. Hopkins, RFD !, Oak City, Miss Bettie Brown, of Hamilton, locating in the Hassell section. William R. Jones, Jamesville, one Mr. Barfield farmed all his life, and was unusually active in civic

I. L. Alexander, Jamesville, one and religious affairs in his community. He had been a faithful servant G. E. Dixon, Robersonville, one as Hassell police officer and a county deputy sheriff for a number of M. E. Roberson, Robersonville, years. His work was handled impartially, and while he never compro-H. U. Peel, Williamston, one tire mised with transgressions, he made

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Seven Cases Heard By Justice Hassell

Justice J. L. Hassell heard seven cases in his court here during the Truck and tractor tires and tubes past few days, the charges centering around minor infractions of the law. Tank Bennett and J. D. Ward, tractor tires, issued subject to final charged with disorderly conduct, were taxed with \$8.50 costs each.

Lollie Williams, facing a similar ersonville, four tires and four tubes. charge, was sentenced to jail for Lindsley Ice Co., Williamston, one thirty days, the court suspending the minters ofer 12 nenther pon-the pay ment of \$8.50 cost and with the unbehavior during the suspension per-

> Charged with disorderly conduct, Robert Slade was sentenced to jail for thirty days. The jail sentence was suspended, the defendant to pay \$6.50 costs and stay away from Buck's

> John Henry White was required to pay \$7.50 costs and Freeman Bazemore was taxed \$6.50 costs in the case charging them with disorderly

Capt. Jas. Walters Addresses P. T. A.

Addressing the Jamesville Par-Walters, just back from eighteen School, 1 p. m.; Everetts White months spent in the Southwest Pa- School, 3 p. m. cific, gave an interesting geographi- March 21: Oak City High School, cal sketch of New Guinea and Aus- 9:15 a. m.; Oak City Colored School, tralia. He told about the natives of 11 a. m.; Hamilton White School, New Guinea and recalled their cus- 1 p. m.; Hamilton Colored School,

that Allied forces controlled hard- 11 a. m.; Farm Life, 1 p. m.; Bear ly half of the island of New Guinea, Grass High School, 3 p. m. that the remaining half was still in bornly holding on there.

Cases on Calendar In Superior Court

About Half the Cases Are Brought By Plaintiffs Seeking Divorces

Twenty-five cases have been placed on the civil calendar for trial dur-The encouraging feature of this ing the second week of a two weeks' vested since the last report was re- ries few cases of any great import-

Most of the twelve divorce cases were booked for colored litigants. In a few instances, the plaintiffs contemplate duty in the armed services and do not "relish" the idea of supporting allotments for their estranged wives. Ordinarily there are very few divorce cases brought by members of the colored race, and the number on the calendar for trial week after next approaches an all-

time record, it is believed. The calendar is briefly reviewed. as follows:

Standard Fertilizer Co. is suing Carter and Monk for an account. Robert Nelson is asking \$125 damages of D. M. Roberson as a result of a motor vehicle wreck on the Hamilton Highway on August 23,

The case of Critcher Brothers against J. S. Whitley is again on the docket, the plaintiffs seeking to recover \$1,500 damages alleged to have resulted when their truck collided with the defendant's on the Hamilton Highway on April 8, 1943. The case was tried last November, the judge setting aside the verdict allowing the plaintiffs \$750. The court, it is understood, held that if the defendant's agent was negligent the full amount should have been allow-

Will Roberson is seeking to recover \$345 from the Farm Bureau Insurance Company allegedly due him as result of a truck fire.

Roberson's Slaughter House is askng \$400 damages of the Maxwell Company as a result of a wreck on West Main Street on August 17, 1943. Lennie Manning is suing J. C. Ruffin, Jr., for \$274 to cover damages

April of last year between here and Fannie M. Peel, administratrix, is suing Stanley Ayers to recover rent

sustained in an auto accident in

for certain property. Clarence Williams is suing P. T. Edmondson for \$371.78, the amount of an account plaintiff claims is due

James Gray is suing C. C. Fleming for \$228.30, the amount of an account the plaintiff alleges is due him. Clayton Hoard is suing J. H. Ches-

on for \$179.24. Joseph Keys is seeking to recover \$88.60 from Robert Boston. In the case of Hattie Ruffin against Alfred Boston, the plaintiff brought

suit to recover rental fees. The Lindsley Ice Company brought

suit against Willie Posten to support (Continued on page six)

Tuberculin Exams Planned for Pupils In County Schools

Special Pictures To Be Shown In County Beginning **Next Monday**

Every school child over twelve ears of age in the county will be given an opportunity of a scientific examination for tuberculosis. This derstanding that we is to be of good examination will include a tubercuim skin test and if mecessary an X-ray film will be made of the chest to be studied by specialists at the State Sanatorium, according to an announcement coming from the county health department.

The educational part of the program will begin March 20. Pictures will be shown at the school according to the schedule below. The titles of the four films to be shown are: "Goodbye, Mr. Germ", "Let My Peo-Shadow" and "Role of the Public Health Publicly drunk, Rufus Taylor was Nurse". After the pictures are shown, literature will be furnished each child and the teachers will see that the facts about the disease are studied. The following is the

vited to hear representatives of the State and County Tuberculosis Associations speak: March 20: Robersonville High ents and Teachers Association last School, 9:15 a. m.; Robersonville Col-Tuesday evening, Captain Jas. D. ored School 11 a. m.; Parmele High

schedule to which the public is in-

He referred briefly to the war in March 22: Jamesville High School, that part of the world, and declared 9:15 a. m.; Jamesville Colored School

March 23: Williamston Colored the hands of the Japs who are stub- School, 9 a. m.; Whilliamston White High School, 11 a. m.; Williamston The talk proved very interesting. White Elementary School, 1 p. m.