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Captain Writes To His Parents Here From The Pacific

Dr. John Williams, Jr., Tells

Experience

Mrs. John W. Williams, here a few days ago, Captain John Williams. corps somewhere in the Pacific, tells in the gymnasium. of his first combat experience, as

"Well, I've seen my first combat. I hardly know how to begin to tell much attention, not only among 4-H liver the principal address which you about it. Let me say one thing, nothing they ever tried to teach us was used and the horror of it is all that people have said something I

never believed possible. "To begin-a few days ago part of our outfit hit an island somewhere in the Pacific to seize an airfield, this they did successfully little later and on my birthday to be exact, we landed. Two hours later my squadron was sent out to seize an intersection of a 'road' (tanks and bulldozers bogged down) if possible. We not only took it but pushed on what has been said to be the longest march ever made in the S. W. Pacific area and seized a beach. During this we did not have a great deal of opposition. Killed quite a few of the Japs, even caught some of them in bed. They ar'nt human, live like pigs in filth. That night we dug in against counter attack. When dark comes every one crawls in their hole (3 or 4 together). Lord help anything that moves before daylight. Our boys that night were trigger happy, and from the amount of shooting you'd have thought the whole Jap army was coming in. The devils are stupid. Just as soon as night comes you hear them start jabbering and they infiltrate your line and attempt to throw hand grenades in on you.

The majority seem doped 'cause
they walk right up to our fire and
we mow em down. We counted a morning. Goodness knows how The men were acting like it was afternoon the regiment moved up and they decided to move us across a bay to take an apparently deserted coconut plantation. 25 men went over first, we only had two Buffaloes to carry the men and for some reason or other they did not give us much artillery support. Well, these men landed, why the Japs knows get all my men over 'cause they before the end. needed weapons and men more so The daughter of the late Outland to participate in the invasion there.

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Special Meeting

A special meeting of all retail and wholesale merchants in this area the home. using motor transportation to make their deliveries will be held in the their deliveries will be held in the Martin County courthouse Thursday Pool Room Robbed avening of this week at 8 o'clock it was announced today.

The meeting is to familiarize private carriers with Amendment 3B requires every motor carrier to establish within the territory served by such carrier to establish carrier to establish within the territory served dence ball carried to pool room and by such carrier delivery areas or delivery routes that are neither duplicating or overlapping, and such carrier shall propose and such carrier shall propose and such day magning. duplicating or overlapping, and such day morning. Tearing the money carrier shall prepare and currently drawers from the two pool tables maintain an appropriate map showing the routes so established or the territorial limits of such delivery

No motor carrier shall perform wholesale or retail delivery service over any given route or within any given delivery area on any greater number of days in any calendar week than the maximum of wholesale or retail deliveries provided by Amendment 3B.

about any matter connected with the ment will be made later as to when for twenty-minutes to open the Office of Defense Transportation. it will be shown. Office of Defense Transportation. It will be shown,

Big Crowd Expected for Stock Showand Farm Bureau Meet

Thursday for the county's first in- the meal, one report stating that Andrew Griffin will cook twenty-

food supply will be more than ade-

to attend the stock show and meet-

Parents Advised Of

Death of Their Son

Few Details Could Be Learn-

ed About Death of Sgt.

Leamon Shaw

Sgt. Leamon Edward Shaw, Bear

received by his parents, Mr. and

Department late last Thursday. No

details about his death were reveal-

ed in the message, but it was stated

that a letter would follow. It is be-

lieved, however, that death was at-

tributable to natural causes. His par-

ents Sunday afternoon were anxious-

ly awaiting details, and even ex-

pressed the hope that some mistake

On Sunday, April 16, Mr. and Mrs.

that their son was dangerously ill

n the North African area, that he

was taken ill on April 2. The last

message stated that he died some-

In a letter to his sister, Sgt. Shaw

were about to fail him, and then in

he stated that he was getting along

very well but that his nerves were

1942. Just before he sailed for Eng-

land that month he made a quick

bye. Hiring a taxi in Rocky Mount,

then in Italy. According to his let-

once when a hig shell struck with-

Mrs. Lester Bland, of Muskogee,

Bullock, of Stokes, and, Misses

Clara, Daisy and Florence Shaw of

and Mrs. J. B. Gurkin, both of Green-

the music festival held in Greenville

last Friday evening under the au-spices of the Music Department of

the Eastern Carolina Teachers Col-

gram by invitation were Rocky Mount, Kinston, New Bern, Green-

W. P. Twaddell, Director of Music

in the Durham City Schools, made a

Williamston students under the

critical analysis of the performanc-

ville and Williamston.

Local Pupils Sing

no early end to the war.

his way back five minutes later.

where in Italy three days later.

nad been made.

nual Farm Bureau meeting and the Macedonia Woman's Missionary barbecue. The stock show will be Society will cook several bushels of held in the Planters Warehouse be- corn meal and convert numbers of Writing to his parents, Dr. and ginning that morning, and the Farm cabbage into tacty slaw. Between Eureau meeting will get underway 800 and 1,000 Farm Bureau memin the high school at 5 o'clock, fol- bers are expected for the meeting, Jr., a doctor serving in the medical lewed immediately by the barbecue and those in charge declare that the

A comparatively large number of quate to handle the demand. exhibits are expected for the stock Dean I. O. Schaub of the State show, and the event is attracting College Extension Service will declub members and farmers but mer- will be timely, interesting and inchants, bankers and others also. formative. Other extension workers Liberal prizes are being offered, and and agriculturists along with reprethe auction that afternoon will be sentatives of packers are expected well attended.

Extensive preparations are being ing. The day promises to be a big made for the annual Farm Bureau one for the farmers of this section.

NO MEETINGS

As far as it could be learned here, no precinct meetings were held by the democrats in this county last Saturday, but the faithful party leaders and some few loyal members are expected to attend the county convention in the courthouse on Saturday of this week at 12 o'clock, All good democrats in good standing are invited to attend the convention and help perfect a new organization, elect delegates to the State meeting and handle any other business that might be placed before the

Asked why the convention has to be held at such an inconvenient hour, Elbert Peel, chairman of the executive committee, said that the meetings had been help at that hour for the past 150 years. And that was the only reason offered.

hundred piled up together the next Mrs. Elzena Mobley many more there were. We lost one man. We were feeling good. Died Sunday Night play and it was up to them. That after Long Illness

Conducted Today For Respected Citizen

Mrs. Elzena Mobley, highly respected citizen, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Mobley, in The young man volunteered for service in Nevember 1939 and was they did. pulled back into the Cross Roads Township Sunday night scrub and let the men get out-the at 11 o'clock following a lingering boat left and then they opened up, illness. The victim of a stroke nine snipers, machine guns and motars. years ago, she had been confined to The boys caunght hell but held on her bed since that time. She suffer- trip home to tell his people goodto an area about 50 yards square ed a second stroke last Thursday until the next 25 got over. When and her condition was considered their boat came back they said they critical, the end coming gradually. needed medical aid bad. I couldn't She was conscious until a short time

my Sgt. and I went over—filled our shirts full of morphine and band- born in Cross Roads Township 84 He was a member of a field artillery unit and saw action in Sicily and ages and that's all. We had our years ago and lived in that communhands full. There were about 24 ity all her life. In early womanhood ters he had several narrow escapes, wounded, scattered all over and the she was married to Dave Mobley snipers in the trees were giving us hell. We'd give them one half a Mobley was a member of Christian While he never complained, it is grain of morphine in the vein and Chapel Church for thirty-seven drag them back to wait for the years. She was faithful in her atboat. About 30 minutes later the tendance and was held in high rest of my men (9) got over with esteem by all who knew her. Allitters. In ten minutes I had two though she never walked a step visit home again, but he could see ances such as refrigerators, washleft-snipers just watched for the since her first stroke nine years ago, litters and picked them off. None she never complained and suffered was killed but all badly wounded. her affliction with marked forbear- personality and quite friendly, at mowers and plumbing . . . At pres-Suffice to say, we finally secured ance and a remarkable patience.

the beachhead and dug in, got all | She is survived by two sons, Wilthe wounded and left the dead until liam Archie Mobley of Cross Roads, next day. Lord knows how many and Dewey Mobley of near Rober-Japs we got in those two hours but sonville; four daughters, Mrs. J. D. we honestly slaughtered them. It Mobley, Mrs. Charlie Mobley and causes while serving his country hold "fly" spray guns, housewives was surprising how they could take Mrs. Robert Whitehurst, all of Cross during the present war. Roads, and Mrs. Dave Manning, of Bethel. She was the last of seven children, all of whom experienced Shaw, of the home, and Bernis Shaw lingering illnesses prior to their

To Be Held Here ducted at her late home this after-Dennis Warren Davis. Interment will Oklahoma; Mrs. Clarence Manning, receive sugar rations in units of one noon at 4 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. follow in the family cemetery near of Robersonville; Mrs. George R. pound of sugar for each 36 meals

At Everetts Sunday ville.

and the nickelodian, the robbers stole between forty and fifty dollars. No other property was damag-

No lead in the case has been established, according to late reports. lege. Schools appearing on the pro-

Special Picture Is **Delayed Second Time**

The Union Service at the Pres-The representatives of the Office byterian Church Wednesday night es of the various schools, and diof Defense Transportation will be with the showing of the first film rected the combined festival chorus in Williamston until 2:00 p. m. on of the "Life of Saint Paul" has been in its stage appearance. April 28, in order to interview any called off due to a second delay in person that might wish to see them the arrival of the film. Announce- direction of Kathryn Mewborn sang

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

the OWI news bureau)

Combined Food Board Reports

Thanks to the food supplies the the United States and Canada, the diet available to her people is now barely adequate, although Ameribetter, according to the report issued the three countries were similar, the United Kingdom has been compelltein and fats, while the United States drunken driving. and Canada have fared better than Board, set up in 1942 to achieve maximum utilization of the food resources of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, includes a Developments Point member from each of these three countries. The report just issued is the most complete comparison yet To Explosive Action In Italy April 5th the most complete comparison yet made of civilian food supplies in

Tires for Small Trucks Small trucks delivering essential foods, laundry, drugs and medicinal supplies and dry-cleaning apparel, and trucks operated by medical or dental laboratories will be able to obtain new truck tires of eight or Grass Township youth, died in Italy less ply and all sizes of new passengon April 5th, according to a message er tires, OPA announced. Delivery trucks for beverages, ice cream, re-Mrs. Louis E. Shaw, from the War tail stores, confections and tobacco products, heretofore ineligible for any tires, will now be able to get used passenger tires, used truck tires smaller than 7.50-20 and obsolete

izes of new passenger tires. Counterfeit-Stolen Gas Coupons More than 90 per cent of American motorists have endorsed their gasoline coupons, OPA said in reporting the progress made in stamping out counterfeit and stolen gas Shaw received a message stating coupons. Since January 1st, 926 counterfeiters, peddlers and persons who had robbed local boards were arrested, and 611 motorists who bought gasoline illegally lost their rations. Also 20,061 filling stations had to said on March 19 that his nerves the illegal sale of more than four turn in valid coupons to make good a letter to his parents on March 29 million gallons of gasoline, and 1,right to buy or sell gasoline for periods varying up to the duration of

still troubling him. He also stated that he was still at the front and To Train Men for Sea Duty that he would appreciate a few days 10 weeks to be trained for service pre aboard merchant vessels, the War stationed at Fort Bragg until July Shipping Administration announced. Physically fit, honorably discharged veterans and men classified 4-F or 1-C, 17 1-2 years of age and bye. Hiring a taxi in Rocky Mount, he made the trip home and was on his way back five minutes later. Men with previous sea experience After a stay of several months in may apply for refresher courses, upgrade training or officer-candidate England he went to North Africa courses. Applicants may register at Maritime Service enrolling offices in major cities, or inquire directly of the U. S. Maritime Service, War Shipping Administraton, Washing-

Round-up in a few feet of him and again when WPB says: Many electrical and While he never complained, it is mechanical repair shops are not apparent that he experienced some taking advantage of a WPB regulatrying times and realized the task tion to aid them in obtaining parts ahead. He expressed a keen desire to and materials for domestic appliing machines, radios, clocks, sew-Sgt. Shaw, possessed of a pleasing ing machines, stoves, bicycles, lawn tended the Bear Grass School, and ent, there is no visible possibility of farmed up until the time he volun- resumption of passenger car producteered in the service of his country, tion until after the victory over ei-He is believed to be the first Martin ther Germany or Japan . . County youth to die of natural cause of the limited supply of houseshould take extraordinary care of

Besides his parents, he is survived the ones they now have. by two brothers, William Kenneth OPA says: Even though lard, shortening and salad and cooking who volunteered for cervice-in the oils have been made point free, re-U. S. Navy about six months ago; tail meat dealers will still pay two eight sisters, Mrs. R. L. Terry, of red points and four cents per pound Norfolk; Mrs. Thelma Manning and for all used kitchen fats turned in

. . Service men on furloughs will

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he home; a half-brother, Louis Shoots Self In Hand Arthur Shaw, of Williamston, and two half-sisters. Mrs. L. M. Bullock

Pfc. Wallace J. Hague, a member of the guard complement at the local prisoner of war camp, was painfully but not seriously hurt at the camp last Saturday morning when At Music Festival left hand while cleaning his gun left hand while cleaning his gun. He was removed to an Army hos-Glee club members of the Wil- pital at Camp Butner and is underliamston High School participated in stood to be getting along very well.

LITTLE ROUND-UP

Local and county officers, working on the crime front, had a little round-up last weekend. Only one person was arrested and jailed during the period. A young white man imbibed a bit too freely of the spirits and fell into the hands of the law.

Fewer arrests have been reported so far in the month of April than in any corresponding periods for months.

Find Over \$20,000 in Cash in Large Number Tires Drunken Driver's Auto Here Allotted In County

was selling high in Carolina, James wads of greenbacks and Sheriff C

bined Food Board of these three of officers. During the meantime, the some of the partnership money. countries. While the pre-war diets of land was sold for \$9,000 at a sale in ed during wartime to turn more to was arrested by Deputy Bill Hai- day-when, he is to face trial for grains and vegetables for her pro-slip and formally charged with drunken driving. Shortly before

the United Kingdom in animal fats made by Patrolman W. E. Saunders where it had been deposited yestercanvas bag. The officer batted his the return trip to Norfolk.

man, threw a canvas bag of cash were brought against the man, but money into his 1941 Chevrolet and the officers agreed that a man who United Kingdom has received from bid on the Brown tract of land in in his car was a fit subject for inleft Norfolk yesterday morning to would haul \$20,231 in cash around Hamilton Township. Taking the ad- vestigation. The FBI was contacted vantage of a day off from a flour- and it was soon learned that James bers of the Martin County War Price ishing beer garden and dance hall and his brother did a \$75,000 busicans and Canadians fare somewhat business at 625 Landing Street, Nor-ness in Norfolk last year, that they folk, James in bibed too freely of the paid about \$3,000 income tax, that Monday of this week by the Com- spirits and attracted the attention the man came to Carolina to invest

James was placed under bond in front of the courthouse, and James the sum of \$100 for his appearance raised the bid. A short time later he in the county court here next Monnoon today he was released. He with-A systematic search of the car was drew his cash money from the bank and fruits. The Combined Food and he found the cash in the old day, loaded it in his car and started

On Invasion Fronts

Allies Strike Daring Blow At Japs in Northern New Guinea Saturday

Recent developments on the diplomatic and war fronts are believed by many observers to be pointing to explosive action on the invasion fronts, some going so far as to say that the air attacks can be well recognized as the first phase of the invasion of Hitler's European fortress from the

These developments apparently pointing to startling action, center in air attacks directed against the invasion coast, the order limiting hunto military action, the cancellation of passports and diplomatic privileges ordinarily enjoyed by neutrals, and more recently a complete ban upon travel from Britain to points abroad. In addition to these developments officially announced, the Germans are saying that the Allies are gathering a great fleet around Britain.

Thus, while Allied planes kept up an incessant pre-invasion bombardment and while Axis radio broadcasts indicated a hardening German belief that D Day will come by this on Allied preparations to open the

western front. It was indicated that those who want to go to Britain, by the limited travel means remaining, may land. But only those who can show that their business is of the most urgent importance to the Allied war effort will be permitted to leave.

German spy raiders started yesterday to make frequent appearances over the southern and western coasts of England, seeking information on the concentration of Allied troops, ships and landing craft which German broadcasts have reported massing.

Starting before dawn the German planes darted back and forth, drop-

ping flares. Air raids are being maintained numbers of Allied planes. The British dealt heavy blows against the enemy last night, but the RAF lost thirty planes. Yesterday, American planes blasted Friedrichshafen and pagged 103 German planes. The Americans are back over Germany today in numbers.

In Italy the Allies made some gains last week-end when they 1918. He spent some time in the hoslaunched their neaviest attack in a month in the Anzio beachhead. Led by tanks they smashed a wedge into the German lines south of Cisterna and attained their "limited" objectives.

For the most part, action on the Russian front is still centered around Sevastopol where the Russian Air Force is playing a big part in the final phase of the siege of that great Black Sea base. There is some and action at scattered points along the 2,000-mile front, but the lull is be-While Cleaning Gun lieved to be the quiet before a mad

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To Show "Battle Of slightly wounded in action on the officially learned that one of two states of states of slightly wounded in action on the officially learned that one of two cases had been settled by agreement, but no judgments have yet been en-Russia" In Hamilton | yesterday by the War Department. No details were given, but it is be-

"The Battle of Russia," an unusual picture showing the happenings on Roy H. Bland, volunteered for serv-Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, it was announced by S. Sgt. C. G. Lehner of the Norfolk Fighter Wing. No admission fee will be charged and the public in the Hamilton area is cordially invited to see it.

The picture was made principally for military use and study, but by Hamilton Observation Post.

BLUE MOLD

Blue mold, another one of 'them things" that plagues the tobacco grower, is spreading rapidly in this county, according to reports received here yesterday and today. In some areas, the mold is parching up the plants, leaving only the bud in many instances.

Plants have been growing rapidly during recent days and quite a few farmers were planning to start transplanting the latter part of this week, but the blue mold is almost certain to upset the time table, and little transplanting is likely before the early part of May.

Believe Joe Warren dreds of miles of British coast line Drowned In River Near Here Sunday

Local Man Has Not Been Seen Since He Went To His **Fishing Machines**

Joe Warren, local man, disappeared on Roanoke River late last Sunday afternoon and it is believed that he drowned at "Frying Pan" about five miles up the river that evening Men 26 years of age and over are impenetrable wall around itself to or night. Extensive searches have Men 26 years of age and over are impenetrable wall around itself to been made but no trace of him or provent the leakage of information vent the leakage of information his body has been found. His boat was found shortly before midnight lodged in a fallen tree top. His rifle was there and the motor had not been troubled. The pull-rope to the motor was missing and some believe he possibly lost his balance while trying to start the motor, fell out of the boat and drowned. It was also suggested that since he was subject to heart attacks he could have been stricken and fell out of the

He was last seen about five o'clock on the river. He told friends at that time that some one had been stealing fish from his machine and that he planned to watch for the thieves. His friends suggested that he return home with them, but he decided to stay with his machines. That night when he failed to reover the invasion coast and on turn, parties started a search and one tire and one tube. German targets by ever-increasing found his boat but found no trace of the man.

Mr. Warren was born in Pitt county 57 years ago. He spent his early life on the farm and entered the service on September 20, 1917. He served overseas from May 12, 1819 until April 11, 1919, and was wounded or shell shocked in the battle for the Albert Canal on September 29, pital overseas and had been a pa-

tient in government hospital in this country for fairly long periods. Prior to his entry into the war, he as married to Miss Charity Davenport of Pitt County. One son, David

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Sgt. Jng. T. Bland

lightly wounded in action on the officially learned that one or two Mrs. J. T. Bland, was notified here lieved the young man is getting landowned in the upper part of the along all right.

Sgt. Bland and his brother, Sgt. fight the Russians have carried on ed last month went overseas last ice seven years ago. The one woundsince June, 1941, will be shown in December. Roy has been in the thick day hearing evidence in the \$1,500 the Hamilton School auditorium of the fight for fifteen months, tak- damage suit brought by Critcher ing part in the campaigns in Africa, Brothers against J. S. Whitley as a Sicily and Italy. He is getting along result of a truck wreck near Wil-

Firemen Called Out

Very little damage v as done when

By Rationing Roard

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Tires Rationed at Meeting Last Friday

Holding their regular meeting last Friday evening, memand Rationing Board and the panels issued 110 tires. The number was the largest released by the officials in months. Seventy-six were grade Is, thirteen were Grade III's, and twenty-one were for trucks.

Grade I tires and tubes were issued to the following: Sgt. Wm. C. Haislip, Brookley

Field, Ala., one tube. Reuben A. Edmondson, Hamilton,

M. L. Peel, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Dr. Jas. S. Rhodes, Williamston

Dr. R. G. Hicks, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.

E. R. Turner, Palmyra, one tire. Howard Taylor, Williamston, two tires and two tubes. N. W. Johnson, Oak City, one tire.

W. S. White, RFD 3, Williamston, Hubert Roberson, Robersonville,

ne tire and one tube. Elbert McGowan, RFD 2, Roberonville, one tire. L. H. Matthews, Parmele, one tire and one tube.

Joseph Modlin, RFD 3, Williams-J. L. Whitfield, Robersonville, one

ire and one tube. Hyman Clark, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube J. E. Parrisher, Robersonville, one

tire and one tube Joe T. Bullock, Robersonville, one

Mrs. Alice B. Tyson, Hobgood, one ire and two tubes. Charlie Ward, RFD 2, Roberson-

W. J. Johnson, Oak City, one tire Dennis Holliday, Oak City, one

Grover Knox, Hassell, one tire. Bill McNeal, Hassell, one tire. W. C. Ange, Jamesville, one tire. Eula M. Coburn, Jamesville, one ire and one tube Leslie Simpson, Robersonville, one

Joseph Coburn, RFD 2, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Whit Moore, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube

Willis Williams, RFD 3, Williamton, one tire and one tube Ben Harrell, Palmyra, one tire and

Johnnie T. Moore, Palmyra, one tire and one tube. Mrs. W. T. Thomas, Hamilton, one

Kenneth H. Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

Henry Pitt, Oak City, one tire and John Robert Jones, RFD 3, Wil-

liamston, one tire Jasper Jones, RFD 1, Williamston one tire and one tube Claude Keel, Robersonville, one

tire and one tube John Edwin Manning, Jamesville one tire.

A. T. Whitley, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube W. A. Burnett, RFD 1, Palmyra

William R. James, RFD 1, James ville, one tire and one tube J. A. Roebuck, RFD 1, Oak City one tire and one tube. Mrs. W. R. L. Purvis, Bethel, one

C. M. Edmondson, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube. P. C. Edmondson, Hassell, one tire. W. T. Hyman, Robersonville, two ires and two tubes.

Charlie Warren, Hobgood, one H. E. Daniel, Jamesville, one tire

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Warren, of Newport News survives No Cases Cleared In Superior Court

Wing he first use yesterday wounded in Italy morning, the special term of Martin County Superior Court up until noon today had not cleared its first Staff Sergeant John D. Bland was case from the calendar. It was unbut no judgments have yet been entered. The court is planning to hear the several damage suits brought by county agains: the Coast Line Railroad Company, the plaintiffs alleging that the defendant's agents fired and damaged their timberlands.

The court worked all day yesterliamston about a year ago. The lawyers argued the issue before the jury until after 11 o'clock this morning and Judge R. D. Dixon, presid-Last Friday Afternoon ing, was making ready to charge the

jury just before neon. The first week of the scheduled special arrangement Sgt. Lehner is fire broke out in the office of the two weeks term of the court was bringing the picture to this county R. L. Ward Coal and Wood Yard called off last week, and it is now at the invitation of Mr. LeRoy on Pearl Street here last Friday fairly apparent that the tribunal will Everett, chief observer of the afternoon. Firemen soon had the fold its tent late this afternoon or tomorrow for the term.