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## Draft Regulations Now Thought 'More Or Less Permanent'

### See No Calls for Men Thirty or Over

After jumping from one extreme to another for nearly four years, draft regulations of a "more or less" permanency have been adopted, according to official reports coming out of Washington. The story reads:

As a sequel to its recent order temporarily halting induction of men 26 and over, Selective Service announced last week a "permanent" set of draft rules for the nation, covering all men from 18 to 37 years of age, inclusive.

All men in this age group are now draftable except:

1. A few under 26 for whom 42A specialist deferments have been obtained or who are specifically exempted by the Director of Selective Service for such activities as the Merchant Marine, Army Transport Corps or students.
2. Men 26 to 29, inclusive, who are "necessary to and regularly engaged in" an activity in war production or in support of the national health, safety or interest.
3. Men 30 to 37, inclusive, "regularly engaged in and remaining in activities in war production or in support of the national health, safety, or interest."

**Indefinite Deferments**

Men in these categories, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service Director, said, can count on remaining civilians "for an indefinite period, subject to adjustment as the needs of the armed forces change."

Under the new rules, emphasis still will be on getting as many able-bodied men under 26 into the Army and Navy as possible, but all men 30 and over will be forced into essential industry.

It will be up to local draft boards to decide what is "essential industry," but in general, they will be the 35 essential activities on the War Manpower Commission's list. Local boards may go outside this list to exempt men if they see fit when the local employment situation is taken into account, General Hershey said.

Those who do not get into essential industry will be drafted and perhaps put into a special category for limited military service, General Hershey explained.

**Relation to Labor Draft**

Asked about the relationship between the new draft program and a proposal before Congress to draft both 4-F's and over-age men for limited service, General Hershey declared: "If this works without taking the 4-F's, fine. If we have to have that legislation, this will be getting ready for it."

The new draft orders are now effective, with their publication in the Federal Register.

Time will be given for most men to shift into essential work between now and the date they are called by the local board.

Answering criticisms that recent draft policy has been vacillating and unintelligible, General Hershey declared that "unless something materially changes the picture of the armed forces, this will stand."

**Hint to Farm Workers**

While the new rules apply only to men in industry, General Hershey hinted that Selective Service soon will begin to look to agriculture for more able-bodied men under 26. Recent lifting of meat rationing and other evidences of increased food supply have made it evident to local boards that the American people "at least aren't starving," General Hershey said. Weeding out of non-productive farm workers has already begun, state selective directors, in Washington for conferences last week, reported to General Hershey.

Indicating that the time has come for re-examination of the status of all farm workers, exempt from the draft under the Tydings Amendment, General Hershey declared: "The question as to whether a man is necessary to agriculture changes (Continued on page four)"

## Tobacco Transplanting Going Forward Slowly In the County

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Tobacco transplanting, delayed by deadly blue mold attacks during the past two weeks, is going forward slowly.

Reports stating that a few farmers in widely scattered areas had finished the task and that possibly fifty percent of the crop will have been transplanted by the latter part of this week.

There is little doubt but what the current transplanting season has offered more problems than any other during past years. Heavy rains all but drowned the plants and the blue mold finished wiping many of them out, creating a marked and costly shortage throughout the county. Farmers, rising to the occasion, have drawn heavily from surplus plants in South Carolina and along the border. Most farmers, however, have depended upon their own beds or those of their neighbors, transplanting having been advanced row by row from day to day. Dry weather

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has aggravated the shortage, many farmers declaring that the plants are dying in the fields in great numbers, ranging as high as fifty percent.

The importation of plants from the border is proving quite costly, one farmer stating that he spent about \$150 to get enough plants to set out eight acres. As a general rule, the cost is running around \$10 per acre.

The seriousness of the plant shortage in the county was brought to light last week when thieves entered a community bed in the Lilley's Hall area and stole a large quantity of plants. Farmers there had prepared possibly three-quarters of an acre for plants and the outlook was fairly encouraging. Last Thursday night, thieves entered there and virtually cleaned out Farmer Charlie Gurkin's bed, stealing a few from adjoining beds. Friday night, a second visit was made, the thieves stealing a large number from Farmer Miles Lilley's bed.

## TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

### A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau

**Draft Prospects Under New Rules**

Draft prospects of men in various age groups have been outlined by National Selective Service Headquarters in a recent statement of policy, subject to adjustment as needs of the armed forces change: Men 18 through 25—likely to see service unless irreplaceable in essential activity; men 26 through 29—likely to remain in civil life for the time being if found to be "necessary to and regularly engaged in" war production or in support of national health, safety and interest; men 30 through 37—likely to remain in civil life for an indefinite period, if "regularly engaged in" war production or in support of national health, safety and interest; men 38 through 44—not currently acceptable for induction by the armed forces.

**To Help Get Farm Supplies**

Dealers are required to give farmers preference in the purchase of about 300 listed items of farm supplies, under a recently revised War Production Board regulation. A farmer may buy these supplies upon his written certification that the supplies "are needed now and will be used for other than household purposes in the operation of a farm." New items added to the list include hay stacker cables, fire extinguishers, flashlights, funnels, tool sharpening grinders, harness repair tools, concrete mixers, metal fence posts, Portland cement and insulating materials.

**Reduces Heavy Hog Ceiling**

The ceiling price of live hogs weighing over 240 pounds has been reduced by 75 cents per hundredweight, effective May 15, the Office of Price Administration announces. The action was taken to discourage feeding of grain, especially corn, to heavyweight hogs and to encourage marketing of hogs before they reach 240 pounds.

## Announce Winners In District and County Pulpwood Contest

### After Carefully Examining Several Thousand Entries the North Carolina Pulp Company's Special Committee This Week Named the Winners in the District and County Contests

After carefully examining several thousand entries the North Carolina Pulp Company's special committee this week named the winners in the district and county contests. This county placed no winners in the district contest, but war stamp prizes are being mailed to three winners within the county today.

First county prize, \$3 in war savings stamps, goes to Sherru Taylor, Robersonville; second \$2.50 in stamps, to Hal Dickens, Williamston, and third, \$2 in stamps, to Joseph Wynne, Williamston. Several hundred papers, submitted by pupils in nearly every school in the county, were turned over to the company's special committee, and the district and county winners were determined by that committee.

Explaining that the committee had so many papers, Shep Brinkley, representing the company, said that the contest was conducted to encourage winners earlier. Mr. Brinkley expressed his great appreciation for the interest shown in the contest by the school student, and declared that the entries from Martin County, as a whole, compared very favorably with those received from other counties. "The essays are most commendable," Mr. Brinkley declared.

The district contest winners are: Ozeile Pipkin, Murfreesboro; Jacqueline Knott, Clayton; Mildred Griffin, Broadway; Gladys New, Leaksville; Clara E. Thompson, Nashville; Paul Faulk, Tabor City, and Amos Norwood, Oxford.

## Hundred Tires Are Allotted In County By Ration Board

### Applications Far Outnumber This County

With applications far exceeding the current allotment, the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board is finding tire rationing a greater problem than it was before holders of "B" gas coupons were ruled eligible for Grade I tires. Chairman C. C. Martin explained again this week that eligibility for Grade I tires is not a guarantee that such tires are available, that the demand is far greater than the quota. "Although the tire situation has improved considerably, there are still only enough tires for the most essential use," Mr. Martin added.

Mr. Martin also reminded car owners to retain their tire inspection records, which will have to be presented in order to purchase new tires. Some motorists, he said, had misinterpreted the recent order suspending compulsory tire inspections and had lost or discarded their inspection records.

The board in this county last Friday issued 74 Grade I tires, 17 Grade II's, and nine for trucks.

Grade I tires and tubes were issued to the following:

Mrs. Guy Napier, Jamesville, one tire.

E. R. Turner, Palmyra, one tire.

Arthur Ayers, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

R. C. Barber, Jamesville, one tire.

Gaston James, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.

Will Martin, Robersonville, one tire.

Redden Tyre, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.

Arrington Hale, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire and one tube.

R. G. Coburn, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes.

Justus B. Coltrain, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.

F. F. Pollard, Bethel, one tire and one tube.

Joe G. Modlin, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.

Mrs. Mary Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

E. D. Peele, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Better Chevrolet Co., Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

H. H. Corey, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and two tubes.

J. F. Martin, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes.

W. B. Beach, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Mrs. Sallie C. Kittrell, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

Mrs. Alice B. Tyson, RFD 1, Hobgood, one tire and one tube.

J. Howard Taylor, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Mrs. Effie G. Rogers, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Bruce Roebuck, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.

Henry Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Tommie Gaylor, RFD 1, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Brasco Knox, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

Frank Hopkins, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Jasper Whitfield, RFD 1, Hobgood, one tire and one tube.

William Whitaker, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

J. R. Williams, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.

H. R. Speight, Parmele, one tire and one tube.

H. B. Smith, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.

J. H. Hopkins, Oak City, two tires and one tube.

Elbert McGowan, RFD 2, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

H. W. Modlin, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.

Z. D. Cox, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire.

W. S. Rogerson, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

L. A. Bullock, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

L. J. Davenport, Oak City, one tire and one tube.

C. F. Modlin, Jamesville, one tire (Continued on page four)

## LEADER

### Over Two Hundred Boy Scouts To Hold Big Camporee Here



Rudolph Hardy, of Everetts, is one of the leaders in the University of North Carolina Pharmacy School. The young man is president of the class and of Kappa Psi.—Cut Courtesy of Durham Herald-Sun.

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### Youths Expected Here Early Friday Afternoon From Five Counties

Plans were announced complete today by local Boy Scout Officials for holding a big Scout camporee on the high school grounds here this week-end. Between 200 and 250 youths from five counties are expected here to take part in the annual event.

The following program was announced today:

3:00 p. m. Opening of Camporee headquarters. Registering of troops by patrols. Assignment to sites. Patrols have only one hour to set up camp from time of assignment to site. Notify headquarters immediately upon completion. Patrols may then take 1-2 hour to clean up and prepare for pack and uniform inspection. Packs must be open and in line on patrol site. Scouts in clean uniform.

6:00 to 7:45 p. m. Supper and cleanup.

8:00 Retreat.

8:00 to 8:30 "A Scout is Friendly." Meet the other fellows. Keep at least one Scout on your patrol site at all times. (Divide up this responsibility).

8:30 to 10:00 p. m. Big Mass Campfire. Fellows, its going to be swell.

10:00 p. m. Call to quarters. Taps 15 minutes later.

Saturday

6:30 a. m. Reveille.

7:00 a. m. Assembly. To the colors.

7:15 to 9:30 Breakfast and cleanup. (Continued on page four)

## Allies Are Nearing Hitler Defense Line In Italian Campaign

### Germans Expecting Invasion Attack Inland Behind The "Atlantic Wall"

Launching a determined offensive last Thursday night, Allied armies, including Americans, French and British and others, today had shattered sections of the enemy's Gustav line, taking about 70 square miles of new territory in Italy and driving to the outer defenses of the little Hitler line, the last formidable barrier to the march on Rome.

Fanning out through 70 square miles of rugged tableland and flat river valleys which they controlled after fierce fighting since the new drive was launched, Fifth and Eighth Army troops slugged forward doggedly toward new objectives.

Penetration of the Gustav Line developed into what was reported officially as a "significant breach", but beyond it and up the Liri Valley leading to the Hitler Line the way is studded with anti-tank positions and the Germans still hold commanding ground north of the valley.

The Free French, under General Alphonse Juin, have been leading in the drive against the enemy, capturing about 1,000 of the 2,000 prisoners taken so far.

The air attack on the continent apparently has subsided a bit today after 31 days of devastating poundings.

But despite the let-up in the air war, gloomy predictions were heard in Germany. The German people were warned yesterday by the Berlin radio that not merely the "Atlantic Wall", but points inland would fall under Allied attack in the very first phase of invasion.

It was predicted by the enemy that "When the battle starts, fighting will not be limited to divisions on the 'Atlantic Wall' or to points under the main attack, but small waves will reach far beyond them. Then Germany will be called upon to stand her greatest and most dangerous test."

German pre-invasion tension is said to be mounting steadily, and that the time set for opening the Western Front is near, and that the first blow might come in the form of a giant airborne operation in which several Allied divisions would land behind German fronts.

In the Pacific, the Allies are still pounding enemy bases, including Wake Island, from the air.

In Hainan Province, the Chinese, aided by American forces have started a counter-drive against the Japs in an effort to join General Stilwell's forces, 150 miles away in Northern Burma.

## County Serviceman Killed In Georgia

### Leo R. Wilson, Martin County colored man, was killed in a bus accident at Fort Benning, Georgia, last Saturday, according to incomplete information received by relatives and friends here yesterday. It was reported today that the body is being shipped to Williamston for burial, but final funeral arrangements are being delayed pending its arrival.

A native of Everetts, Wilson was about thirty years of age. Inducted at New York, he had been in the service for about three years. No service record could be had here immediately.

Besides an aged father, Lonnie Wilson, of near Everetts, he is survived by a brother, Van Wilson, U. S. Army, and a sister, in New York. He also leaves several aunts and cousins in Williamston.

Several years ago, he worked in a local pressing club, later going to New York. He is the first colored man from this county to lose his life while in the service of his country, and the eighteenth Martin County man either killed or reported dead of natural causes.

## Employment Services To Open Office Here

### To Handle Releases, Transfers and Other War Manpower Jobs

#### Mrs. Alvis Jordan To Be in Charge of Office Third Floor of City Hall

The United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission is opening an office on the third floor of the town hall here today, according to an official announcement released by R. T. McKeithan, manager of the employment office in Washington. The local office will be maintained and operated under the supervision of the Washington headquarters, Mr. McKeithan pointing out that the unit will offer all the services and function on about the same pattern followed at district headquarters.

The office here will handle job releases, issue transfers and review compliance under the war manpower regulations, hold interviews, consider unemployment claims, and render every possible service to returning war veterans, it was explained.

Here for the informal opening of the office today is Mr. P. B. Pollock, area manpower director, under whose supervision all offices in the northeastern area of North Carolina operate. Mr. Pollock said that he was very glad to be able to open the office here, that it would help bring the War Manpower Commission's program closer to employers and employees in this section. The expansion plan is in keeping with War Manpower Commission's national policy of decentralization, "and we feel that we can offer much more efficient service to the public through the plan," Mr. Pollock explained.

Mrs. Alvis Jordan, formerly an interviewer in the Wilson, United States Employment Service, will be in charge of the local office, it was announced. Mrs. Jordan is well qualified for the new post as a result of varied experience and splendid training received in Wilson, stated Mr. McKeithan under whose supervision this office will operate.

The public is cordially invited and urged to make full use of all the facilities and services offered by the office located on the third floor of the town hall in Williamston. The office will be open each week day from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., including Saturdays.

For the past several months, persons doing business with the office had to go to near-by towns.

## COMMISSIONED



Bill Ballard, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ballard of Williamston, was recently commissioned an ensign at the Corpus Christi, Texas, airfield.

## Elementary School To Present Special Program Tuesday

### Cast for "Hansel and Gretel" Operetta Announced By School Principal

Pupils of the Williamston Elementary School will present the famous operetta "Hansel and Gretel" in the high school auditorium next Tuesday evening, May 23, at 8:30. The cast includes the following from grades one through eight:

Hansel, Ronald Levin; Gretel, Rachel Chesson; Father, Bobby Taylor; Mother, Mary Lou Coltrain; Witch, Margaret Ward;

Sandmen, Turner Manning, Elva Clair Modlin, Peter Cullipher, Dick Manning, Douglas Peele, Frankie Peele;

Witches, Gene Bonds, Jean McLawhorn, Doris Andrews, Rose Hatten, Louise Corey, Betty Rhodes Taylor, Jean Bailey;

Dew Fairies, Patricia Harrison, Barbara Edwards, Melba Lee Wynne, Janice Manning, Betty Helen Mobley, Sandra Harrison, Martha Kimball, Anne Gresham;

Cookie Children, Bobby Goff, Ernest Taylor, Jerry Nicholson, Jerry Savage, Jimmy Page, Harrell Everett, Sybil Goddard, Mary Anne Manning, Jane Gray Sullivan, Donette Bailey, Patricia Taylor, Pauline Lilly;

Angels, Lee Handy, Mary Edwards Doherty, Harriet Ward, Marie Griffin, Rhoda Faye Peele, Helen Chesson, Betsy Horton, Betty Sue Clark, Dickie Anne Woolard, Barbara Jackson, Betty Sue Gurganus, Harriett Peele, Mary Caroline Leggett, Elizabeth Taylor.

The choral music will be rendered. (Continued on page four)

## Officers Wreck Two County Distilleries

### Raiding in the Bear Grass section of the county last Friday, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel wrecked a partial distillery and poured out 100 gallons of molasses beer. The still had been moved and could not be located.

The following morning, the officers raided in Cross Roads Township, near Everetts, and wrecked a 40-gallon capacity tin still and blasted five 50-gallon capacity fermenters. The plant had just been located there and no beer was found.

## Miss Nicholson Dies Near Here

### Miss Myrtle Nicholson died at the home of her brother, Grover R. Nicholson, near here last Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock following an illness of more than eighteen months. Her condition had been critical for some weeks and the end was not unexpected.

The daughter of the late Joseph F. and Martha L. Keel Nicholson, she was born near Williamston on September 9, 1882, spending all her life in the community of her birth. She never married and was content in handling the duties in and around the home and sharing the friendship of her neighbors.

She leaves five brothers, Grover R., Luther, Will, Joe and Eli Nicholson, all of this county, and one sister, Mrs. Effie N. Gardner, also of this county.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home by Rev. John L. Goff. Interment was in the family cemetery on the home farm.

## Bandage Room

Closed for several weeks on account of a material shortage, the Martin County Red Cross Bandage Room will be reopened here tomorrow, it was announced today by Mrs. Elbert Sherman, co-chairman.

A hurried call has been received for 18,000 4x4 and 7,200 4x8 bandages, and all workers and other volunteers, too, are earnestly requested to report for work Wednesday afternoon. The room, located on the second floor of the building next to the Guaranty Bank, will be open each afternoon from 2 to 4:30 and each evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

The order is a fairly sizeable one, but with sufficient volunteers it can be easily handled and in a very short time.

## Farm Life School Finals Announced

### The commencement exercises of the Farm Life School here will be released by Tommie Gaylor, principal.

On Sunday, May 21, at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Christian Church in Williamston, will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the school auditorium.

The graduation exercises will be given Friday, May 26, at 8:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. The valedictorian of the class is Thelma Hardison and salutatorian is Simon Lilley, Jr. The following students will receive diplomas this year: Della Margaret Griffin, Tillie Grey Griffin, Thelma Hardison, Cairo Lilley, Mildred Lilley, Simon Lilley, Jr., Doris Peele and Noah Roberson.

At the regular meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association Thursday, May 18, at 8:30 o'clock in the school auditorium the first, second, third and fourth grades with the assistance of their teachers, Mrs. J. D. Mason and Mrs. Nancy G. Dunn, will present the program. Everyone is cordially invited to attend all the exercises.

## Almost Loses Nose In Fight Saturday Night

### According to reports reaching here from Oak City, Ernest Johnson, young Goose Nest farmer, had his nose bitten nearly off in a ferocious or cannibalistic fight there last Saturday night. A group of young men were said to have started to a dance when trouble broke out.

Very little activity was reported on the crime front in this community over the week-end. Only two persons were arrested and jailed for alleged infractions of the law, but a third man, reporting at the direction of the court, was locked up to serve a two-day sentence in jail.

Both the two new defendants arrested and jailed were booked for being drunk and an affray. All three of the men, languishing in the jail during the period, were colored.

## Mrs. J. L. Williams Dies At Gold Point

### Mrs. J. L. Williams, highly esteemed citizen of this county, died at her home in Gold Point last Saturday morning at 8 o'clock following a period of declining health. Pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of her death.

The daughter of the late Joseph John and Harriett Underhill Leahy Pender, she was born in Gold Point 66 years ago, living there all her life. When a young woman she was married to Mr. Williams and he survives with seven children: four sons, Jos. E., of this county, Elbridge A. of Goldsboro, Lt. Staton P. Williams of the U. S. Navy, and Morris W. Williams of the Army; three daughters, Mrs. W. A. Hines, Mrs. J. E. Parrisher and Mrs. Irvin James, all of Gold Point. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Williams of Scotland Neck, and Mrs. T. M. Lawrence of Sanford, and a brother, Joe Pender, of Williamston.

She was a member of the Gold Point Christian Church and her pastor, Rev. Jack Purvis, assisted by Rev. J. M. Perry, conducted the last rites at the home Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment was in the family cemetery at Gold Point.

## LAST MEETING

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will hold its last meeting of the school year Wednesday afternoon, May 17, at 3:30 in the grammar school auditorium. The meeting will be devoted largely to the consideration of business matters and the installation of new officers.

Rev. Gower Crosswell, Cubmaster, and Gilbert Woolard, Denmaster, will present special awards and certificates to members of the Cubpack at the beginning of the program.

Members of the association are asked to bring to the meeting any serviceable old clothes and old shoes which may be donated to the Russian Relief drive.

## No Developments In Robbery Cases

According to reports coming from the sheriff's office today there have been no definite developments in the series of filling station and store robberies taking place in the county last week.

In working on the robberies in this county, officers solved a cigarette theft ring in Plymouth. Buck Raynor, Martin County youth is being held in \$500 bond for Washington County authorities. According to reports reaching here, Raynor, operator of a filling station in Plymouth, had made arrangements with employees of a filling station there to slip him cigarettes when they made regular deliveries. About 196 cartons—45 Raleighs, 57 Chesterfields, 38 Luckies, 18 Philip Morris's, 7 old Golds, 8 Camels, 12 Kools and 1 Avalon—of cigarettes were found under the young man's bed in this county along with a few boxes of chewing tobacco.