

## Number Men Leave For Service Center From Martin County

### Father of Seven Included in Group of Colored Men Leaving This Week

Approximately 52 Martin County colored men, mostly single men in their teen ages, left yesterday for a service center for pre-induction examinations. All but one man, Robert Williams, Robersonville, was accounted for at the county draft board headquarters. Included in the group was a married man, Robert Charlie Hyman of Palmyra and Suffolk, with seven children. The man is about 38 years of age and was called because he had been delinquent. He asked to be transferred to Suffolk and it could not be learned when he is to report for the preliminary examination.

There were only four married men in the group. Thirty-one come from the farm and about twenty-six were registered as non-farmers. The names of the men leaving and their registration and last given addresses follow:

- Robert Charlie Hyman of Palmyra and Norfolk.
- Louis Eborn, RFD 3, Williamston and RFD 3, Florence, S. C.
- John Henry Barfield, Hamilton.
- Joe Phillip Smith, Parmele.
- Orlander Perkins, Robersonville and Baltimore.
- Johnnie Gray Mayo, RFD 2, Williamston and New York.
- Lonnie Davis, RFD 1, Palmyra and Scotland Neck.
- Harvey B. Short, Parmele and Portsmouth, Va.
- Luther Perkins, RFD 3, Williamston.
- A. D. Richardson, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- Willis Williams, RFD 3, Williamston.
- James R. B. Biggs, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Thomas Eugene Staton, Robersonville.
- Carl Highsmith, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- Robert Williams, RFD 3, Williamston and Robersonville.
- Samuel Oscar Williams, RFD 1, Oak City.
- Columbus Williams, Williamston.
- Aaron Kerlew Wooten, RFD 1, Jamesville.
- John Wesley Andrews, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- Emanuel Stancill, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- James Earl Purvis, RFD 2, Robersonville.
- Jim Junior Outerbridge, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Willie Joe Bland, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Earl Cortez Roberson, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Charles H. Williams, RFD 3, Williamston and Baltimore.
- Russell Junior Andrews, RFD 1, Oak City.
- Raymond Fagan, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Vandy Griffin, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Willie Ray Davis, RFD 2, Robersonville.
- Henry Ephum, RFD 1, Hobgood.
- Durbit Ray Ebron, Robersonville.
- George Washington Broddie, RFD 2, Robersonville.

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## Mrs Hardy Whitford Dies At Home Here

Mrs. Hardy Whitford died at her home on West Main Street here last Sunday night at 10:05 o'clock following a long period of declining health. However, her condition was not considered critical until just a short time before the end.

The daughter of the late Edward and Nancy Moore Whitford, she was born in Vanceboro on February 17, 1880. She was married to Mr. Whitford on January 1, 1897, and a few years later located in New Bern where Mr. Whitford was prominently engaged in the mercantile business for about 25 years. The family moved to Tarboro about eleven years ago. Mr. Whitford engaged in farming operations and more recently in defense work. The latter part of last December, Mr. and Mrs. Whitford bought the Cunningham home on West Main Street and they had made their home here since that time.

Mrs. Whitford, the former Miss Minnie Whitford, was a member of the Episcopal Church in New Bern for many years and was held in high esteem. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Ed Belongia of New Bern and Mrs. Mayo Hardison of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Whitford of Williamston, Mrs. W. B. Smith of Vanceboro and Mrs. Horace Jackson of Reelsboro; two brothers, Mr. Charles Whitford of Portsmouth and Mr. John Whitford of Vanceboro, and two grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. B. T. Hurley, Methodist minister. The service was concluded at the graveside in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New Bern, by the Rev. Mr. Williams, Episcopal minister.

## Young Men Killed in Action Recently



Pfc. Cecil B. Bonds (left), young son of Mrs. Ella Allen Bonds and husband of Mrs. Mildred Bowen Bonds, both of RFD 2, Williamston, was killed in action somewhere in the South Central Pacific early in June. Lt. Jack O. Riley (center), a native of Wilson, was killed in action over in France on June 11, his wife, the former Miss Jessie Mae Anderson of Williamston, was notified a few days ago. Sgt. Edward S. Brown, young son of Mrs. Dare S. Brown, RFD 1, Jamesville, died in the Asiatic war theater on June 25 of wounds received a few days before.

## Sgt. Edward S. Brown Dies In North Burma

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Relatives in this county who are represented in the armed services, especially overseas, are cordially asked to assist the publishers in keeping The Enterprise going to the young men. The handling of just about 1,000 papers for the servicemen is proving a big task for a curtailed force in the office, and the delay in forwarding address changes is aggravating the problem. Relatives are asked to notify the publishers immediately of any change in address.

It was the policy of the paper not to discontinue any paper going overseas even at expiration date, but so many are going across now that the publishers find it next to impossible to maintain that practice. Those persons who have sons, brothers or others receiving the paper overseas are cordially asked to keep up with the paper expiration dates and renew them. The rate is still only \$1 a year for servicemen anywhere in the world.

## More Than Hundred Tires Are Allotted By Rationing Board

### Liberal Allotment of Grade I Tires Made For The Current Month

The Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night allotted one hundred and eighteen tires—109 Grade I's for autos and pick-up trucks and nine for trucks. A liberal quota has been given the county for the current month, the allotment including 341 Grade I tires for cars, 59 small and 10 large truck tires and two tires for tractors.

Grade I tires for cars were issued to the following:

- Rev. John L. Goff, Williamston, one.
- R. H. Clayton, Jr., Williamston, two.
- Alexander Dolberry, Hobgood, two.
- Archie Mizelle, RFD 2, Williamston, two.
- Thurman Bowen, RFD 2, Williamston, one.
- William Whitaker, RFD 2, Williamston, one.
- T. H. Council, Hobgood, one.
- G. W. Keel, Robersonville, one.
- Mrs. Lela A. Coburn, RFD 1, Robersonville, one.
- Henry F. Williams, RFD 1, Williamston, two.
- Columbus Wara, RFD 1, Bethel, one.

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### POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the local town commissioners scheduled to have been held last Monday evening was postponed at the last minute when, according to Mayor Hassell, commissioners N. C. Green, and G. H. Harrison were called out of town and Commissioner V. D. Godwin was unable to attend on account of illness.

According to the mayor, the meeting will be held next Monday evening when several matters of prime importance are scheduled to be aired before the authorities. It is also likely that the commissioners will study the new fiscal year budget figures.

## Jamesville Youth Wounded in Action 21st Of Last Month

### Son of Mrs. Dare Brown Was One of Four Brothers Already in Service

Sgt. Edward S. Brown, promising Martin County young man, died somewhere in the Asiatic theater of operations on June 25 of wounds received in action in North Burma on June 21, his mother, Mrs. Dare S. Brown, of RFD 1, Jamesville, was advised in a message from the Secretary of War late last evening. The message, conveying the regrets and deep sympathy of the Secretary of War, gave no details.

The family was notified by the War Department only last Sunday that the young man had been seriously wounded in the North Burma area, and since the message explained that his mailing address would be forwarded immediately, members of the family and his many friends anxiously hoped that he would survive his wounds. Stunned by the first message, his mother was forced to her bed and last evening medical aid was summoned for her.

The young man entered the service on December 15, 1942, and trained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He was on maneuvers in Tennessee for

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## Local Firemen Get Two Calls This Week

Local firemen were called out twice this week, once to the plant of the G and H Builders' Supply Company and to the town's disgraceful garbage dump near the river.

The building firm's property was threatened by a fire on Monday night and fired the shavings around a machine in the planing mill room. Using a small water hose, firemen brought the Monday afternoon fire under control without much damage other than that caused to the big 30-horse power motor.

Firemen Wednesday afternoon made their third visit within recent weeks to the town's trash pile on the river, and poured thousands of gallons of water on the fire before bringing it under control. The authorities have considered the problem created by the trash dump, but so far they have taken no definite action toward solving it.

## July Fourth Holiday Last Tuesday Quietly Observed Throughout This Part of the State

Independence day last Tuesday was quietly observed in this section of the State. No untimely deaths were reported during the long weekend holiday in this immediate area and the observance was marked by the absence of serious incidents.

For the most part, the day was just another holiday without any untoward fanfare or programs. Traffic during most of the period was unusually light, Mr. W. R. Banks, manager of the bus terminal here, stating that bus travel during the period was the lightest it had been at any time in the past two years. Patrolmen stated that few cars were seen on the highways up until late Tuesday night when the last-minute travelers formed a fairly large volume of traffic and rushed to get

## Little Business On Calendar This Week For Commissioners

### No Change Made in Proposed Budget; Tax Relief Orders Issued

With very little business on their calendar, the Martin County commissioners were in session only a short time last Monday. Various departmental reports were received, the proposed 1944-45 budget figures were left virtually unchanged and quite a few tax relief orders were issued, mostly to men in the armed services. Included in the order of business recorded in the minutes was a recommendation to the highway commission, petitioning that body to take over and maintain about one-quarter of a mile of road in Poplar Point Township leading to the residence of Willis Williams.

The annual county audit contract was awarded to Greathouse and Butler for \$425.

Tax relief orders were issued as follows:

William H. Ange, of Jamesville Township, and Robert Briley, of Robersonville, each were relieved of \$2 tax since they are sanatorium patients. Relief orders were also issued in the following cases on account of death: Jim Staton Godard, of Williams Township, \$2; Herbert Harrison, Bear Grass, \$2; W. R. Ingram, \$3.62; C. Alex Nicholson, \$3.43 and W. E. Raynor, \$4.19, all of Williamston; Willie Joyner, of Cross Roads, \$2, and George Purvis, of Poplar Point, \$4.12. Unable to work, K. A. Edmondson was relieved of the payment of \$2 and listed in error, the \$2 tax against Lester Edmondson of Robersonville, was forgiven.

The following tax relief orders were issued in the designated amounts for Martin County young men in the armed services:

- J. W. Bedwell, \$13.16; G. H. Davener, \$4.26; T. J. Blount, \$6.24; S. A. Davis, \$3.20; Hubert Hardison, \$6.70; Edward Lee Martin, \$2.18; Russell T. Martin, \$10.16; Robert L. Stallings, \$2.30; Raymond Wallace, \$10.80; George Hooper, \$2.06; Hosea James, \$7.42; James Keys, \$3.06; Anderson, \$3.06.

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### PACIFIC REUNION

It was a happy time somewhere out in the Pacific theater recently when several Williamstonians got together for an impromptu exchange of greetings and a discussion of the home front and acquaintances.

Lieutenants (jg) Russell Roebuck and Charlie Bowers and Ensigns Jessie Mae Holloman and Billy Clark reported a happy meeting possibly at Honolulu.

## Judge Calvin Smith Calls Twelve Cases In the County Court

### Man Sentenced to Roads For Alleged Drunken Driving

Holding the regular meeting of the county court in session for hardly more than two hours, Judge J. Calvin Smith handled twelve cases last Monday before a medium-sized assemblage. Several cases were continued and the trial of eleven defendants, charged with speeding on the county highways, was delayed until July 17 for representatives of the defendants.

The case charging Isiah Hill with bastardy was continued until July 17th.

The case charging James Arthur Manning with bastardy was not pressed when the court learned that the defendant and the prosecuting witness had married. A defendant in a second case charging him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Manning was required to pay the court costs.

Adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence, Harold Asby was sentenced to thirty days on the roads for allegedly operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and the court costs, the court recommending that no operator's license be issued the defendant for one year.

The case charging Kenneth Harrell with bastardy was continued until July 10.

Charged with drunken and reckless driving and with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Russell Armstrong was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. His father, A. R. Armstrong, charged with allowing his car to be operated by a non-licensed driver, was fined \$10 and had his license revoked for fifteen days.

Luther Edward Nicholson and W. T. Spruill, playing the role of "Peeping Toms", were each fined \$15 and one-half the costs.

Pleading guilty in the case charging her with an assault with a deadly weapon, Mary Morris was sentenced to jail for sixty days, the court suspending all but two days of the jail sentence upon the payment of a \$10 fine and \$10 to Dr. E. E. Pittman for professional services.

Charged with non-support, Robt. B. Nelson had his case continued until the first Monday in December. Bond in the sum of \$300 was required by the court.

Sam Moore, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for three months. The term was suspended upon the payment of a \$30 fine and court costs. The defendant, the court warned, is to have no intoxicating beverages in his possession during the next twelve months.

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## Man Badly Hurt In Goose Nest Wreck

Thurston Spruill, 23-year-old colored man, was seriously injured when the car in which he was riding ran into a ditch just off of Highway 125 near Concho Church in Goose Nest Township late last Saturday night. Suffering a skull fracture, the victim was removed to a Tarboro hospital for treatment. No late report could be had immediately about his condition.

Russell Andrews, driving an old 1936 model Ford and accompanied by Spruill, was traveling toward Oak City when he tried to turn into a dirt road and missed. The car, crashing into a ditch, was damaged to the extent of about \$100. Officer Edmond Early and W. E. Saunders of the Highway Patrol, said after investigating the wreck.

Andrews, 19-year-old colored man, is to face the courts for allegedly failing to report the accident.

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## Combined Bond Sales Exceed County's Goal

### WOUNDED



Pvt. Thad L. Hodges, (top) of the paratroopers, was slightly wounded in France on June 8th, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. P. Hodges, of Bear Grass, were notified a few days ago. Pvt. Marvin E. Copeland (bottom), son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Copeland of Poplar Point Township, was wounded in France on June 12. Both young men are recovering in hospitals in England.

## Pfc. Leroy Godard Is Badly Wounded In French Invasion

### Young County Boy Might Lose His Right Foot, Mother Advised This Week

Pvt. Leroy Godard, young son of Mrs. Jenny Godard and the late Neal Godard, was seriously wounded in France on June 12, according to messages received during the past few days. A telegram sent to his mother on RFD 1, Williamston day before yesterday stated that he was seriously wounded, the message confirming individual reports received by relatives a few days previously.

According to one message, the young man was wounded in the leg, later report stating that it was probably his right foot. No other details were given, but the young man is now in a hospital in England. In one of his letters the young man expressed the hope that he soon could return home. He also stated that he had been to France, that he had done his bit for his country and was now back in England where he was receiving treatment in a hospital.

The young man landed in France on D day and apparently participated in the bloody fight there six days before he was wounded.

In his recent letters to the family, he expressed the hope that all were well and getting along all right.

Pfc. Godard entered the service only last September and after training at Camp VanDorn, Mississippi and Fort Dix, New Jersey, he is be-

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### URGENT CALL

Reopening following the delivery of more material, the Red Cross bandage room is now working over time in an effort to meet an urgent call for more bandages. The services are asking for 37,200 bandages before the end of this month, and to meet the demand more volunteers are needed and it will be necessary to keep the room open Saturdays and Sundays, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, the chairman, announced.

Since last Monday, about 3,420 bandages have been prepared. It is indeed evident that the task cannot be handled on time unless more women and young girls, too, report and help.

## Poplar Point And Hamilton Districts First Over the Top

### Public Again Urged To Boost "E" Bond Sales During Extended Period

The bond sale picture in Martin County had its bright and dark spots late last night when it was made on the basis of reports covering all sales—individual, towns, county and state. Over-all sales, now standing at \$998,136.75, are \$142,137.75 in excess of the over-all or combined "E" and negotiable bond purchases. That offers a striking picture and possibly that'll help ease the pain that might result on the "E" bond front. The total sales of "E" bonds up until late last night amounted to \$205,129.75, a figure just about \$80,000.00 short of the desired goal for that type of security.

Bond sales in this county are spotted. Hamilton and Poplar Point Townships have cleared both hurdles to set the pace for the county. Each of the districts met their "E" and over-all quotas with some to spare. The leaders of the drive and the people of this county take their hats off to the able leadership there and to those who met and passed their quotas.

"E" bond sales in the county total \$205,129.75 and the goal is approximately \$285,000.00. "E" bond sales were reported by townships, as follows: Jamesville, \$9,042.00; Williams, \$3,353.00; Griffins, \$14,924.50; Bear Grass, \$8,873.25; Williamston, \$80,148.75; Cross Roads, \$3,279.50; Robersonville, \$50,397.00; Poplar Point, \$4,959.25; Hamilton, \$22,377.75; Goose Nest, \$7,765.75.

Original over-all quotas and sales by townships follow:

Township	Quota	Sales
Jamesville	\$ 25,000	\$ 17,731.00
Williams	11,700	3,479.00
Griffins	46,800	31,521.00
Bear Grass	30,000	36,276.25
Williamston	361,000	484,376.25
Cross Roads	30,000	20,968.50
Robersonville	257,400	257,487.00
Poplar Point	12,000	16,085.25
Hamilton	52,500	59,755.75
Goose Nest	29,000	15,454.75

Totals \$856,000 \$998,136.75

A brief review of the township purchases shows:

Jamesville over in its "E" bond purchases, and these purchases, after all, are the most important. The district is not quite up with its overall quota. Williams, while making a dent in its "E" bond quota, is short in both columns. Griffins is just \$675.50 short of its "E" bond quota and its over-all quota is lagging by about \$15,000. Bear Grass is short on its "E" purchases but long—plenty long—on its over-all quota. Williamston has \$123,000 to spare on its over-all quota, but \$40,000 is yet to be raised in "E" bond sales if we are to keep faith with those who

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## Pvt. Thad Hodges Wounded in France

Pvt. Thad L. Hodges, young Martin County man, was slightly wounded in France on June 8, according to a report received from the War Department last week-end by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hodges, of Bear Grass. In a letter written the latter part of June, the young man stated that he was in a hospital in England and getting along fine. The nature of his wound was not disclosed.

Young Hodges volunteered for service back in 1939 in the regular U. S. Army. After completing his first enlistment, he signed up again in 1942 and joined the paratroops. It is believed that he was among the very first American troops to participate in the invasion, possibly landing in Normandy a short time before the land forces fought their way into the German defenses.

In his letter, Pvt. Hodges said, in part: "I sure would like to be home for the strawberries. I bet I could eat a quart of them at one time."

"I was over in France but did not stay but about five days. I sure was glad to get back to England, for it was a mess. (Part of the young man's letter was censored at this point). . . . but am getting along good now. I guess I will be back over there before too long. Dad, as sure as I am sitting here, yours and mother's prayers were answered. I found that I haven't forgotten to pray myself, for I sure did pray a few times while I was over there. When I got started after the first night, I felt a lot better knowing that you and the people back home were praying for me and the rest of the boys."

The young man concluded his letter, urging his parents not to work too hard and not to worry too much about him. "But, keep praying for me," he said.