

## Williamston Tobacco Market Ready for Opening Monday

### More County Men Are Called By the Services

#### Thirty-Nine Youths Leave For Service Camp This Morning

#### Call Leaves About One Hundred White Men in County's Draft Pool

Thirty-nine young white men left the county this morning for final induction into the armed services at Fort Bragg, the call leaving about ninety-five white men in the county's reserve draft pool. Eight of the men are married and they leave seven children at home.

The ages of the group range from 18 to 25, inclusive, most of them falling in the 19-year group. Twenty-nine of the 39 called come from the farm.

Names and their registration and latest given addresses, follow: James Elton Smith, Robersonville and Newport News.

Edward L. Keel, RFD 2, Robersonville and Parmele.

Garland Clifton Tice, RFD 1, Williamston.

Joseph Dallas Peaks, Everetts and Portsmouth.

Jesse Earl Rawls, Jamesville and Wilmington, Del.

Leon Crafford Williams, Jamesville and Norfolk.

James Bernest Keel, RFD 1, Robersonville and Baltimore.

Roland Cecil Cherry, RFD 3, Williamston, and Jacksonville, Fla.

Martin Luther White, RFD 1, Hobbard and Oak City.

James William Manning, RFD 1, Williamston.

James Alphonso Everett, RFD 1, Palmyra.

Walter Wesley Brown, RFD 3, Williamston.

Dalton Edward Carroway, RFD 3, Williamston.

Louis Tyler Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston.

Oscar Leroy Robertson, RFD 3, Williamston.

Haywood Price, RFD 2, Williamston.

Albert Bullock, Jr., RFD 1, Oak City.

Jimmie Baker, RFD 1, Oak City.

Andrew Garland Smith, Robersonville and Baltimore, N. C.

Simon Claude Griffin, Williamston.

William Jennings Etheridge, RFD 1, Williamston.

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### Tires Are Allotted By Ration Board

Virtually exhausting the current month allotment, the county was allowed an additional 100 tires for distribution between now and September 1. No large truck tires are yet available and the issuance of small truck rations are limited.

Grade I tires were rationed to the following:

Z. D. Cox, Clyde Revels, Henry Oakley, Russell Knox, Almer King Riddick, R. T. Taylor, G. H. Manning, S. R. Biggs, Cleophas Leaters, Wier Furniture Co., Cleveland Manning, W. E. Manning, Bill Gay, A. P. Barnhill, W. D. Manning, Henry D. Harrison, Lester Bryant, Coy Griffin, W. G. Peel, John Edwin Manning, Mrs. Effie Rogers, Henry Dickens, C. U. Rogers, F. C. Stallings, J. H. Rogers, King Tobacco Co., Frank Bailey, J. C. Ross, Russell Griffin, F. S. Scott, G. H. Davenport, Larry Barnhill, W. L. Lee, Robert E. Modlin, C. M. James, Margarette Ricks, B. D. Adams, W. C. Wallace, W. C. Hale, Z. D. Cox, W. R. Banks, Jack Biggs, C. N. Russell, Mrs. P. M. Shearin, D. Roberson, Raymond H. Ace Tom Taylor, Woodard Foy.

B. H. Biggs, B. S. Courtney, William Fleming, Delbert Whitaker, Warren Riddick, Tullie Cherry Taylor, John G. Peel, Jasper Rollins, R. M. Quinn, Henry Bell, Raleigh Jones, Ernest Lee Lester, James Leathers, W. C. Slade, Walter Gainer, Reuben Hester, Mayo Simmons, Mrs. D. C. McLawhorn, Nora Cherry, Raymond Hodges, Charlie Bradley, Geo. D. Grimes, Jr., Alvis Curtis, Clyde M. Lassiter, Ada I. Price, Oscar Harrell, Johnny Brown, Lizzie Godard, G. R. Waters, James Briley, Mack Cherry, J. F. Flanagan, M. L. Robinson, Evan-Perry, L. E. Nelson, Wesley Jones, M. W. Copeland, Adolphus Cotten, Mrs. Tom Bailey, Augustus Griffin, Ben F. Roberson, James Outerbridge, Claude Bryant, Z. Cox, Ernest Best.

Truck tires were issued to the following:

Everett and Williams Grocery Co., Robersonville; L. R. Everett, Hamilton; Standard Fertilizer Co., Williamston; C. L. Tyson, Oak City; L. W. Ange, Jamesville; Lindsay Ice Co., Williamston, and Williamston Package Manufacturing Co.

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

With the exception of a minor wreck of a more or less continuous nature, motorists traveled through another week on Martin County highways and streets without serious trouble during the period ending last Saturday. For several weeks now, no one has been badly hurt in an accident on the highways.

33rd Week Comparison			
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1944	1	0	\$ 150
1943	0	0	00
Comparison To Date			
1944	44	23	7850
1943	26	12	3575

### Montgomery Quoted As Saying the War in Europe About Over

#### Americans By-Pass Paris and Leave It For Patriots To Handle

Scoring a great victory over the Germans in northwestern France and driving rapidly up from the south, the Allied Armies have brought the end of the war in sight, according to General Bernard Montgomery. Predicting the end of the European struggle, Montgomery urged the Allied forces to push steadily forward and get the mess over with as quickly as possible.

The progress of the Allied forces has been so rapid in the past few days that reports offer nothing better than general information. The Americans are advancing their spearheads, leaving it to the French Patriots to clear up the muddle and settle with the Germans. Paris has been virtually circled and by-passed, and the Patriots are now mopping up there. After driving across the Seine north and south of Paris, General Patton's Army is now pushing toward the "rocket coast". In southern France, the French forces are fighting inside Toulon and the march on Marseille is progressing, the over-all progress being well in advance of the time schedule.

Since June 6th, the Germans are estimated to have lost half million men in killed, wounded and captured. The enemy is surrendering in waves, one report telling how 10,000 submitted yesterday in a solid block.

On the Eastern Front, the Russians have cracked heavy enemy defenses around Warsaw, but they have suffered reverses on the Baltic front and it is apparent that the position is mounting as the war is carried to German soil.

### Sideswipes Cars On Main Street Here

Driving into town last Saturday about 10:30 o'clock, Alexander Rogers, colored man, sideswiped three cars on West Main Street, doing about \$100 damage to his own and about \$50 damage to the others. His recklessness still unexplained, Rogers tore into Dick Taylor's Buick parked in front of the Taylor home and continued several blocks and sideswiped a Ford and Chevrolet parked across the street from the Biggs funeral home. Unable to get any farther, Rogers deserted his car and ran away. He was located by patrolmen later that night, one report stating that they could not rouse him from a deep sleep.

### LABOR HEARING

Contract prices for stacking peanuts will be established following a public labor hearing in the Martin County courthouse on Tuesday, September 5, it was announced by the office of the county agent this week. Farmers are invited to attend the hearing between 10 a. m. that morning and 4 o'clock that afternoon to present evidence. Workers are also invited and urged to attend the hearing and present their side of the case. The agreement, it is understood, will affect principally war prison labor and will be advanced on a task basis.

### Only Few Positions Vacant In County's Schools At Present

#### Most of the Vacancies Are in Faculty for School at Bear Grass

Despite a nation-wide teacher shortage there are only a few positions vacant in the various school facilities in this county at the present time, according to a report released this week by the office of the superintendent. Most of the vacancies are at Bear Grass, but the situation there is not as bad as the report would seem to indicate. Contracts are pending in several cases there, it was explained, that it will be difficult to fill every position in the county, but the outlook is fairly encouraging for a successful opening on September 18th.

Quite a few new teachers are included in the faculties this year, and a good number will come from the local communities. Several teachers are returning to the school room after an absence of several years and a few others are changing from one school to another within the county.

The faculty line-up for the ten white schools follows:

Williamston: E. G. Bourne, principal; Mrs. A. R. White, Miss Ann Golden, Miss Verna B. Lowery of Trenton, Miss Evelyn Baker, and Miss Mildred Watson; Elementary school: Mrs. Evelyn H. Manning, Mrs. C. B. Hassell, Mrs. Ruby Malone Rejuvny, Mrs. Elizabeth Eagles, Miss Lucille Bell of Nashville, Mrs. Velma H. Coburn, Miss Katherine Bradley, Miss Margaret Elliott, Miss Ruth Manning, Miss Leta Brantley of Spring Hope, Miss Estelle Crawford, Mrs. Mary Benson Carstarphen, Miss Lima Baker, Miss Grace Talton, Miss Frances Turnage, and Miss Kathryn Mewborn, music. One position, that of English teacher in the high school, is yet to be filled.

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### Resident Of County Passes In Hospital

Mrs. Theodore Coker of near Williamston died in a Richmond hospital Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She was a victim of an unusual kidney ailment, reports from the hospital stating that hers was the first case ever observed there. In declining health for about two years, she had been confined to her bed during most of the past year, and underwent an operation about two weeks ago. Apparently she was getting along very well early last Saturday evening when she suffered a relapse, death following a few hours later.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hedgepeth, she was born near Tarboro on August 20, 1914. She was married to Mr. Coker about twelve years ago, and after spending several years in Halifax County, they moved to this county where Mr. Coker has been employed by the county school garage for about four years.

Besides her husband and parents she is survived by two children, Randolph and Naomi, several brothers and sisters, two of whom are in the armed services.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her parents in Rocky Mount yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock by the pastor of the Baptist church. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery, Tarboro.

## Mayor John L. Hassell Extends A Cordial Invitation To All To Visit In Williamston

By John L. Hassell, Mayor. As we approach another tobacco market opening for the Bright Leaf Belt it must give us pause when we stop and reflect that the history of tobacco culture in North Carolina reads like a romance.

The discovery which was destined to give North Carolina the primacy in the tobacco industry was in 1852 where in Caswell County Eli and Elisha Slade grew the first bright leaf tobacco.

The lemon yellow leaf that received immediate recognition took its abnormal color and quality from the nature of the soil. Since that time the world came to know North Carolina for its tobacco products and as in Colonial days the growers of tobacco were known as the tobacco aristocracy so in these modern times by improved methods of farming and the inventive genius of man tobacco is the aristocratic crop in this section. Cotton has long since yielded his crown to the Golden Weed King.

### Heads Airborne



ALL AMERICAN and British paratroop and glider forces in the European theatre have been consolidated to make up the first airborne army in history. The new army will be under the command of Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Jr. (International)

### MARTIN COUNTY IN WORLD WAR I

(Reviewed from old Enterprise files twenty-seven years ago)

November 23, 1917.

J. W. Anderson has received a message from his son, Leroy, who is in training at Fort Oglethorpe, stating that he had been commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the regular army. He probably was in the list of men between the ages of 21 and 27, who were to be sent to the regular army for further training, as provided by the War Department.

According to authority given by Governor T. W. Bickett, fifty men were chosen in Martin County to form the Home Guards, and these with only a few exceptions reported here Monday afternoon at the Court House. W. C. Manning, chairman of the Martin County Council of Defense presided over the meeting.

After necessary proceedings the company was formed and formally mustered into service by Col. William Lamb, a member of the Martin County Council of Defense. The company then proceeded to elect its officers with the following result: Captain, W. C. Manning; 1st Lieut., K. B. Crawford; 2nd Lieut., H. A. Gray, Chaplain and Drill Master, W. R. Burrell.

At a public meeting at the Masonic Hall, Dr. John D. Biggs, temporary chairman, presiding, the Williamston Red Cross Chapter was formed on Friday last. Mrs. Roma Biggs was made temporary secretary. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. Charles H. Godwin; vice chairman, Mrs. Warren Biggs; secretary, Mrs. John D. Biggs; treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Hassell.

### Oak City Boy Promoted To Technician-Fifth Grade

Fort Bragg—Promotion of Pfc. William H. Johnson, of Reception Center, to the rank of Technician-Fifth Grade, was announced today by Brigadier General John T. Kennedy, Commanding General of Fort Bragg.

Corporal Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Johnson, of Oak City.

Fort Bragg officials stated that his promotion was based on his ability and attention to duty.

## Progressive And Widely-Known Firms Will Operate Four Large Warehouses Here This Season

### Red Cross Bandage Room Calling More Volunteer Workers

#### Only Thirty-three Registered For Service Since Last Thursday Afternoon

The Red Cross Bandage Room after working ten days on its current surgical dressings quota reports comparatively little progress during the past few days. Only thirty-three persons found time to visit the room from last Thursday night until last night, a late check showing that less than one-tenth of the current task had been completed. No report has been received from centers at Jamesville and Bear Grass, but it is only reasonable to believe that those who generally volunteer their services have been and are still busy with other tasks just now have not been able to visit the rooms as much as they would like to.

Various club members, circles and individuals are earnestly urged to schedule as many hours as they possibly can and help handle the task. The need for the dressings has been described as urgent, and those in charge of the project are being asked to ship the finished dressings as soon as possible.

The room is open each afternoon from 2 to 5:30 and each evening from 8 to 10 o'clock, including Saturdays and Sundays.

The names of those who found time to lend a helping hand since last Thursday night follow:

Friday afternoon: Messdames Geo. Thorpe, J. D. Page, Dean Speight, T. C. Kitchin, R. H. Clayton, Jr., J. Frank Weaver and John R. Peel.

Friday night: Messdames Samuel Zemon, B. S. Courtney, Anna S.

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### Nineteen Colored Men Are Accepted

Nineteen of the thirty-three Martin County colored men scheduled to report to a service center on August 9 passed their pre-induction examinations, and are now subject to call for final induction possibly some time before November 9th.

One of the thirty-three called, Ernest Daniel, failed to report. Samuel Haywood Scott's acceptance is still pending, and Robert L. Roberson was transferred to Philadelphia.

Names of those passing the examination follow:

William Stalon, Jr., Frank Bell, Jr., Southey James Lacy, Elijah Whitehurst, Charles Gable Slade, John Daniel Slade, Willie Herbert Whitfield, Paul Lawrence Slade, Milton Baines, Walter Thompson, Arber Lee Fields, Willie Lee Rogers, Van Lansley Griffin, William Clarence, Dallas Hopkins, Roscoe Harris, Jesse Aulander Griffin and Henry Brown, Jr.

Of the approximately 48 young white men reporting for the pre-induction examination last Wednesday, it was unofficially stated that about twenty-two number passed.

### SMALL BREAK

Present indications point to a small break of tobacco on the Bright Belt Marketing opening next Monday, reports from many sections stating that few farmers have had time to grade and prepare any tobacco for the first sales. The crop is unusually late and in quite a large number of cases the growers are hardly half through with the harvest.

In some sections of the county a few farmers have started grading their lugs, but if there is to be a full-day sale next Monday the work will have to be increased considerably between now and then.

### Varied Historical Subjects Reviewed In Tobacco Edition

#### Sources of Information and Aid of Volunteer Workers Acknowledged

The Enterprise is offering its seventeenth annual tobacco edition to its more than 3,000 readers today after many trials and tribulations experienced more or less directly as a result of the uncertainties characteristic of the times. We are not offering any apologies and we are not complaining, but it is only fair to point out that the ups and downs were numerous, that possibly without Mr. Warren H. Biggs as one big source of information and the help of Miss Doris Leach, former teacher in the local schools, and Mr. C. E. Hassell, our townsman, we would have been forced to skip the edition.

After straining with the usual work, members of the force tackled the extra work at night over a period of many weeks, and they did a pretty good job, considering. There are quite a few things that are not quite just right. We are sincerely sorry, but we earnestly hope that our readers, including the more than 1,000 servicemen in all parts of the world, will find the pages entertaining and interesting. We solicitously call attention to the various advertisements which, we believe, give a fairly complete current picture of the business of the town and community.

Turning into the first few of the 36 pages, the reader will find a story about a native author and her books. On the same page there is a little skit about a cat fight, the few lines clearly showing that the lads of long ago had a bit of devilment in them too. The story is one related by Warren Biggs and that he had a prominent part is more or less accepted as a fact. Then there are quite a few accounts about tobacco and smoking, one telling how the smoking habit had its beginning nearly 400 years ago. Many of the facts and in some cases, we admit, the stories were

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### Jamesville Opens Cannery To Public

The Jamesville cannery will be open for use by community members each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. For those who wish to use cans the management has a supply on hand in quart and pint sizes. Fruits, vegetables and meats may be canned at the cannery. No matter how large or small the amount may be, members of the community are welcomed to use the cannery facilities.

### DELIVERIES

No big rush is expected in the delivery of tobacco to the markets before the latter part of this week, although some houses will be open after tomorrow. No record opening is expected on account of the late harvest, and it is believed that the deliveries can be easily handled on Friday and Saturday.

The apparently unnecessary delivery of tobacco on Sunday has about gone out of style, and most of the leaf to be offered for sale next Monday will be unloaded on Saturday.

### Successful Season Predicted for the Williamston Mart

#### Griffin, Taylor, Barnhill and Lilley, Gurkin, Langley and Manning, Props.

Announcing the opening next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, two able and widely-known firms predicted a successful period of operation for the Williamston Tobacco Market this season. Everything is in readiness for the opening, the 43rd in the history of the local market.

Messrs. S. Claude Griffin, Jimmie Taylor and Leman Barnhill with Jule James as assistant sales manager will jointly operate the Roanoke-Dixie and Farmers warehouses. Francis Hicks is returning as auctioneer and John R. Peel will head the bookkeeping department. The partnership, recognized as one of the strongest ever to head the joint operation of the two houses, has an able corps of assistants all the way down the line.

Messrs. Sylvester Lilley, Carlyle Langley, Johnny Gurkin and John A. Manning are continuing at the helm for the joint operation of the New Carolina and Planters Warehouses. They, too, have an able corps of assistants, guaranteeing the market patrons every advantage for marketing tobacco. Jackie Taylor is returning as auctioneer for the two houses.

Urbain and Rossell Rogers have again been named as sales supervisors for the market. Their close connection with the farmer and their experience gained as supervisors in the past especially fit them for the job.

The selling arrangements on the market will be similar to those followed last season, a spokesman for the market announcing that every effort will be made to cooperate with the buying companies and farmers for the orderly marketing crop. Sales will be limited to three and one-half hours, beginning at 9 a. m. and ending at 12:30 p. m., and will be limited to 360 piles per hour. While it is quite possible to exceed that count, the spokesman pointed out that sales in excess of that schedule will over-run the redrying plants and influence prices. With this in mind, the market operators plan to place about one day's sale in a warehouse, giving the grower a fairly definite idea when his tobacco

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### Ens. Bernard Hurley Now On Cargo Ship

Writing to The Enterprise under fairly recent date, Ensign Bernard Hurley, son of Rev. and Mrs. B. P. Hurley, and who is somewhere in the South Pacific, said:

I have received several copies of The Enterprise and have thoroughly enjoyed each one. It is most interesting to learn where one's friends in the service are and what they are doing. I also enjoy learning what the people there at home are doing. The Enterprise is doing a splendid job in relating that information to its readers. I am extremely proud of the contributions Williamston is rendering toward the war efforts, both in the giving of her sons and in the work on the home front.

Since leaving the States in March my experiences have been varied and interesting. Up until a month ago I was in the States.

The good fortune to be transferred to a large cargo ship. My present duty is, in my estimation, one of the best to be had. We have very comfortable quarters, good food (including ice cream every day), and we have a movie on board the ship every night we are in port. On top of all that I am seeing quite a bit of the Southern Pacific and occasionally hit a good liberty port. Since censorship regulations strictly forbid the divulging of information pertaining to ship's movements, I cannot tell you about any of the places I have been. However, I can assure you I will have some fine tales to tell when I get back.

If any of you Williamston boys who are out in this area should see the Cossiopeia sail in some day, be sure and come out to see me. So far I haven't seen very many people from North Carolina and none from Williamston.

I have the officer of the deck watch for the next four hours, so must close now.