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One Killed And Eight Hurt In Auto Accident

Colored Man Killed Instantly; Marine Loses His Left Arm

Six Other Marines Painfully But Not Seriously Hurt in Wreck Last Evening

Herbert Collins, 23-year-old colored man, was killed instantly and eight other persons were hurt, one seriously, in an automobile accident on Highway No. 125 about one and one-half miles north of here early last evening.

Pfc. C. C. Thompson, 26, of Silver Springs, Md., owner and driver of one of the cars figuring in the wreck, had his left arm almost torn off, making an amputation necessary between the elbow and shoulder. He was said to be getting along very well in the hospital here this morning.

Others injured: Sgt. N. W. Tibbetts, of Massachusetts, multiple lacerations on the head.

Sgt. W. Tringham, of New York City, severe lacerations on left hand and right knee.

Cpl. L. S. Vokes, of New York City, minor lacerations on face.

Cpl. F. X. Delongchamps, of Massachusetts, lacerations on right side of face.

Pvt. V. T. Gagliano, of New York State, lacerations on face and hand.

Booker T. Purvis, 23-year-old colored man of Oak City, internal injuries and head lacerations.

Joe Purvis, 24-year-old colored man of Oak City, internal injuries.

S/Sgt. M. J. Rowan, of New York City and the seventh man in Thompson's car, was not injured.

Five of the six Marines were discharged from the local hospital after receiving treatment. Booker T. and Joe Purvis were treated in a local doctor's office and were later removed to their homes in Oak City.

According to one story, the Marines were traveling north apparently at a fairly rapid speed and were meeting two cars near the J. B. Cherry farm when the old Mod-

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Last Call Is Issued For Bandage Room

A last call is being issued for volunteers to report to the bandage room on the third floor of the town hall to complete 3,600 bandages. The room will be closed indefinitely after the current supply of material is exhausted, and those in charge are anxious to finish the job and ship the completed dressings by the middle of next week.

The names of those volunteering since last Monday night:

Tuesday afternoon: Mesdames W. E. Warren, Frank Weaver, Joe Roebuck, A. E. Browder, G. W. Lewis, and H. L. Vaughn.

Tuesday night: Mrs. Bill Howell and Miss Bolton Cowen.

Wednesday afternoon: Mesdames T. B. Brandon, J. W. Watts, J. B. Taylor, C. C. Parker, J. G. Cheatham and J. V. Champion.

Wednesday night: Mesdames Audrey W. Carter, Anna S. Harrison, B. S. Courtney, L. T. Carrow, S. W. Manning, Jr., and Abner Brown, and Misses Mary E. Keel and Dorothy Manning.

Thursday afternoon: Mesdames Elbert Sherman, Cleis Griffin, Lena Manning, Eli Hoyt Manning, Frank Weaver and Misses Ann Wilson Price and Lola Griffin.

Thursday night: Mrs. Marion Cobb.

Order Two-Day Holiday For All Leaf Markets Next Week

A two-day holiday for all tobacco markets has been ordered for next week, reports stating that the acute labor shortage in some areas had completely choked the marketing system and warehouse and redrying plants were bulging with tobacco. The double holiday was ordered last Wednesday after frantic appeals had been directed to the governors of this state and Virginia, declaring that unless something was done prices would slump. Much tobacco is said to have damaged on warehouse floors and in the redrying plants where the leaf was left stacked in high piles for days.

While the glut here has not materially affected prices, some tobacco deteriorated and possibly resulted in losses, both for the farmer and the buyer.

MISSING



James Samuel Roebuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conner Roebuck, was reported missing in action in France on September 11. He is a nephew of Officer J. H. Roebuck of Williamston.

Reject Sixteen Men When They Report For Final Induction

Forty-nine Accepted by Army And Twenty-three by the Navy September 28

Out of approximately 200 Martin County white men reporting for pre-induction examinations some weeks ago, about 112 have been inducted into the services, according to a reliable estimate heard this week. Drawing from the reserve the latter part of last month, the services for the first time rejected a goodly number when 88 men reported for final induction. A few have failed to pass the second examination previously, but the number rejected on September 28 was the largest reported so far.

Of the 88 white men reporting for final induction last month, forty-nine were accepted by the Army and twenty-three by the Navy. The names of the rejectees could not be learned officially, but reports coming from those who were accepted state that the following failed to pass the final induction examination: William Cannon, Floyd Hardison, William Purvis, Clifton Cullipher, Rufus Manning, Fred Rogerson, William Council, Harold Ange, Mack Matthews, David Scott, Lawrence Coltrain, Asa Rawls, Joseph Martin, Robert Everett, Jesse Beach and Rupert Turner.

Names of the men accepted by the Army: Ernest Hyman Johnson, William

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Consider Division In Roanoke Baptist Area

Meeting in Rocky Mount and Bethel this week, the Roanoke Baptist Association named a committee to study the advisability of dividing the territory into two districts. At the present time there are seventy-six churches in the association, and it is becoming a bit too "crowded."

After an all-day session in Rocky Mount Tuesday, the association repaired to Bethel for its remaining sessions Wednesday.

Mrs. W. J. Hodges, Miss Ethel Guest, Dr. W. R. Burrell and Mr. E. S. Courtney represented the local church at the meeting.

Discuss Proposals For A Lasting And An Enduring Peace

Dr. Burrell Leads Round Table At Woman's Club On Wednesday

Leading a round-table discussion, Dr. W. R. Burrell and members of the local Woman's Club reviewed at a regular meeting of the organization Wednesday proposals so far advanced for a lasting peace. Various groups wherever possible have been asked to discuss the proposals in order that they may express their opinions when the time comes to decide definitely as to the kind of a world order we are to have.

Dr. Burrell was asked to explain the underlying principles of the proposals so far advanced.

The speaker pointed out that there were quite a number of plans in the making but that there were only two that appeared to have any considerable amount of support either here or abroad. The first is the tentative outline prepared by the so-called Dumbarton Conference, recently held. This plan, briefly, suggests a sort of world parliament involving representation of all free governments in the civilized world.

At the heart of this somewhat large group would function a much smaller group to be composed of the representatives of the five major powers—the United States, Great Britain, France, Russia and China. The votes of this group to be divided into eleven in all. This group would be charged with the policing of the world, and would furnish the necessary forces to this end. For the present, at any rate their decisions will be final in any controversy that might lead to war.

The enormous difficulties confronting the successful working of such a scheme are at once apparent. But we must do something, and do it quickly, if we are to avoid another and even more disastrous war in the not distant future. The plan involves the control and complete overlordship of the defeated nations in the present war for probably a generation to come.

The other plan is the so-called Lippman plan, originated by Mr. Walter Lippman, the columnist. This plan involves the division of the world into communities. Viz: The Atlantic Community, The Russian Community, The China Community, The Moslem-Hindu Community, The Atlantic Ocean, North and South America, and extending out into the Pacific to cover the islands of that Sea including the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand. On the Atlantic side it would take in Spitzbergen, Iceland, Great Britain, Ireland, part of Scandinavia, France, Spain and Portugal and all islands and South Africa. The Russian Community would cover all of Russia, Poland, the Baltic states, and east to sphere of influence bordering on China. The China Community would cover all China including the border states near India and islands off the China coast. Then there would be a community based on religion, to be called the Moslem-Hindu community. This would include all peoples who accept either of these great faiths. Arabia, India, Syria, Turkey, all of North Africa, and all other "Native States" including Java, etc., who are Mohammedan or Hindu in faith. Each of these groups would hold in fee simple the sovereignty of their own group, would arrange and establish their own forms of government and be responsible for the keeping of the peace among their own peoples. The representatives of the groups would take over the control and administration of all the conquered countries of the present war until such time as in the judgment of all they will again be fit for self-government. They would also govern all unorganized communities.

The difficulties of this plan appear almost insuperable and cannot be intelligently discussed in the light of the present world situation.

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Call Firemen Out Twice Shortly After Midnight

In two tries, one shortly before 1 o'clock and the other about 2 o'clock this morning, local volunteer firemen were unable to find any fire at Sunny Side Inn. However, it was reported that there was a small fire in a small store, started possibly by a careless smoker. As far as it could be learned no damage resulted, and the dance in the old oyster bar was hardly interrupted. Both calls came during a heavy rain, but that did not stop the late travelers who were there fully dressed and ready to go.

Sheriff Roebuck Continues Quite Ill in Hospital Today

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BANDAGE ROOM

Once the current supply is prepared no more material for surgical dressings will be shipped to the Martin County Red Cross Chapter, or not right away released last night by Mrs. J. B. Taylor, production chairman.

Just why the project is being discontinued, temporarily at least, could not be learned, but it was indicated that the demand is now much greater for production in the sewing rooms. It was announced that Red Cross authorities are anxious for the bandage room volunteers to transfer to other projects, especially the sewing room, where a few faithful volunteers have held the room open for more than two years.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS

All of the churches here are cooperating with the ministerial association in taking a religious census of the entire area on Sunday afternoon between 1:30 and 3:30 o'clock. All persons are asked to please remain at home until the person assigned their territory has visited them. We hope everyone will readily and willingly cooperate in this simple request if at all possible, because this census is very important to the effective and progressive work of our churches.

If it is necessary for some member of the family or household to be away, it would be very helpful if they would leave the following information to be given to the visitor: Name, age, whether a church member and if so where, whether attend Sunday school and where, denominational preference, and local church preference.

Bitter Fight Raging As Enemy Tries To Retake Aachen Area

Mighty Attack Made On Jap Island Of Formosa Wednesday

A bloody climax to the fierce fight at Aachen these past few days was expected momentarily today as the enemy hastily formed reportedly large tank reserves and one or more infantry divisions for an apparent attempt to retake lost territory in and around the battered old city of nearly 150,000 people. American defenders were said to be without full air support on account of weather conditions, but the Allied Command was ready to ignore other areas on the Western Front in preparation for the expected counterattack.

After circling the city, the Americans arranged a truce to give the enemy a chance to surrender and save the ancient city. The ultimatum was ignored and today 85 per cent of the city is in ruins and the officer who rejected the surrender offer is a prisoner.

There is little the Germans can regain in the way of military advantages by counterattacking, but it is apparent that a pattern is being cut for the continued defense of German territory. If Aachen can hold out, other cities can do the same, the Germans seem to figure, ignoring the frightful property damage and loss in human life.

The all-out artillery and air attack on Aachen had its sorrowful notes. Thousands of civilians, anxious to save their city, placed white flags on the roofs of their homes. The peaceful gesture was made in vain.

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Goals Set and Organizations Are Perfected for the Annual United War Fund Drive In Martin County

Missionary Relates Experiences in Jap Internment Camp

Miss Pearl Johnson in China Twenty-two Months After War Declaration

Speaking to a fair-sized group in the Baptist Church here last Tuesday, Miss Pearl Johnson, 29 years a missionary to China, recalled her experiences during 22 months she was held a prisoner of the Japs in and near Shanghai. Returning home on the Gripsholm last November, Miss Johnson has been telling of the missionary work in China and relating her experiences since the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. She led a Bible study for the women of the church that afternoon and was special guest at a supper in the church that evening.

Apparently those acquainted with conditions in the Far East had expected an outbreak of some kind, and Miss Johnson declared she was not greatly surprised when she woke up that fateful morning and heard the Japs were bombing ships in the harbor. "A British ship fought back and it was sunk," Miss Johnson said, adding that she did not know what became of the crew. An American ship, apparently unarmed, surrendered, it was explained.

Shanghai was in the hands of the Japs and the missionaries and others expected to be interned immediately. They packed and made ready to go to concentration camps, but no order came immediately. "We were questioned and were warned to remain quiet and obey all Japanese orders and regulations," she said.

For fourteen months, the missionaries, while confined to the city itself, were allowed to go and come and carry on their work unmolested. "Our Chinese friends were anxious about our fate, for they expected that since we were enemies of the Japs we would suffer as the Chinese had been made to suffer. The Chinese proved very loyal friends, dividing their little earthly possessions freely and most willingly with us."

"We continued our schools during the winter and spring, but in the summer we limited our activities to our homes, receiving special visitors from time to time.

"Things began to tighten up in the fall of 1942. We anxiously awaited the arrival of the exchange ship. But it did not come. We were required to wear 'wolf' hats when we moved in the streets. On December 5, 350 men from several different countries were interned without advance notice. We felt that our time to go into camp was near, and we packed. It was not until February 10, 1943, that we were interned, and then not until we had received 10 days notice."

"The camp was primarily for women and children but there were a few men, or a combined total of 1,056. We were housed in two buildings that were once used by an old Chinese university. About thirty persons were crowded into each of the larger rooms and twelve were housed in smaller rooms. A common kitchen was used and everyone worked, the men doing much of the cooking."

"We had cracked wheat for breakfast and that was the best meal of the day. For dinner we had stew made of sorry vegetables and the meat was as tough as that of the buffalo. For a while we had fish. Soup was on the evening meal menu. There was a definite lack of whole some food and on an average each person lost 20 pounds during the internment, some losing as many as 40 pounds."

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PACKAGES

More than 1,000 packages — 1,076 to be exact — had been mailed at the local post office up until this morning for the boys overseas. Mailings have been fairly regular up until yesterday when business jumped to a record figure, the office receiving 135 packages for overseas distribution. Heavy mailings during the past day or two have just about exhausted the supply of the regulation packing boxes, but the shortage was met after a fashion and another busy day is in the making at the office today.

The time for mailing packages has been extended by a late order, making it possible to send packages to the boys up until six o'clock next Monday.

DIES IN NEW GUINEA



Cpl. Arthur T. Brown, son of Elijah Brown, local merchant, died in New Guinea on October 2, relatives here were notified a few days later. No further information about the youth's untimely death has been received.

Two County Boys Slightly Wounded In Italian Theater

Pfc. Marvin B. Manning Has Been Slightly Wounded Twice, Message Says

Two Martin County young men, Pvt. Daniel Leo Andrews, RFD 1, Williamston, and Pfc. Marvin Brent Manning, Williamston RFD 3, were slightly wounded in action over in Italy last month, according to messages received by relatives near here this week. Neither of the messages offered any details.

It was the second time that Pfc. Manning had been slightly wounded, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Manning having received a message from the War Department last June stating that he had been slightly wounded in Italy presumably in late May or early June. In a letter written in August and just received by the young man stated that he had sprained his ankle and was out of active duty at the time. Apparently he recovered from his first wounds and returned to combat, later to be injured by a sprained ankle and still later able to return to the front.

The young man has been in service about two years, spending much of the time overseas. According to the message received by his parents yesterday, he was slightly wounded the last time in Italy.

Suits For Alimony And Divorce Filed In Court

Two suits for alimony without divorce and two actions for divorce were filed in the superior court of this county during the past few days. Bettie Outerbridge is suing Jim Outerbridge and Bettie Ann Green is suing Askew Green for alimony without a divorce. Adell James is suing for divorce, the action being based on two years of separation. The divorce action brought by L. E. Hyman against Ada Hyman alleged adultery.

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Registration Books Will Open Saturday for Coming Election

Registration books for the general election on November 7 will open in this county tomorrow, the registrars to hold them open each Saturday through the 28th at their respective polling places or announced location. The books are open for the registration of new electors, election officials pointing out that those whose names are already on the books will not find it necessary to register again.

A new registration was held in this county in May, 1940. If one has not registered since that time, he will find it necessary to register on one of the designated days if he would vote in the general election next month.

The registration books are being opened principally for those persons who moved into the state a year ago, next November 7, or more, for those attaining their 21st birthday and for those who have moved from

Ask People To Give \$9,537 In The Drive To Start On Monday

Chairman N. C. Green Hopes Campaign Can Be Completed In A Short Time

With goals set and canvass organizations perfected, plans were announced virtually completed this morning for launching the 1944 annual United War Fund Drive in Martin County next Monday, October 16, County Chairman N. C. Green stating that he was confident the challenge would be met, that the \$9,537.02 quota would be reached and passed. Spending much time in planning the campaign and contacting those willing volunteers who will head the drive in their respective townships or districts, Mr. Green declared that he was well pleased with the response he had received from the workers, that everyone had pledged his or her best efforts in successfully meeting the challenge.

Its activities increased in response to greater demands, the National War Fund increased the over-all quota for the county this year. However, the county over-subscribed the 1943 quota by \$2,514.98 and credit was given for that amount on the quota this year. In other words, the 1944 quota originally was \$12,052.00. The amounts may seem a bit large, but the \$9,537.02 has been accepted by the several townships, as follows:

Jamesville, \$650; Williams, \$150; Griffins, \$450; Bear Grass, \$450; Williamston, \$4,227.02; Cross Roads, \$350; Robersonville, \$1,500; Poplar Point, \$135; Hamilton, \$375; Goose Nest, \$300, making a total of \$8,637.02. In addition to that amount, the colored citizens of Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston accepted a quota of \$900.

Mrs. Camile Fleming Turner and (Continued on page four)

Thirty-three Negro Men Enter Services

Of the thirty-four Martin County colored men reporting for final induction on October 3, only one was rejected. Many in the original group called several weeks ago had been rejected when they reported for their pre-induction examinations.

The name of the lone rejectee at final induction was not disclosed.

Names of the colored men accepted by the Army:

Columbus Williams, Willie Roy Davis, William David Brown, William Redie Bryant, Leo Whitfield, Robert Andrews, Jr., Robert James Reddick, Hodge Black, Henry Williams, George Bonds, Jr., Joseph Arthur Cherry, Jr., Leroy Saunders, Jr., Robert Henry Short, William Station, Jr., Samuel Haywood Scott, Charles Gable Slade, John Daniel Slade, Willie Herbert Whitfield, Paul Lawrence Slade, Walter Thompson, William Marvin Wallace.

Names of the colored men accepted by the Navy:

Charles Richard Williams, Henry Gurganus Spruill, Frederick Douglas Lanier, William Robert Willis, Luther Jesmore Cordon, Jr., Frank Bell, Jr., Southey James Lacy, Elijah Whitehurst, Milton Baines, Willie Lee Fields, Van Lindsay Griffin, Haywood Clark.

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