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Sixty Martin County Colored Men Called For Induction Exam

Call Is Largest Received for Colored Men in County In Several Months

Sixty Martin County colored men were called to report for their pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg Tuesday. The call is the largest processed by the draft board in this county during the past several months.

- Names and addresses of the men called are, as follows: William Keel, Robersonville. Geo. Berfield, Williamston and RFD 1, Robersonville. Vernon Lee Staton, Everetts and Norfolk. Heber Lanier, RFD 1, Oak City. Jesse Thompson, RFD 1, Oak City and Washington, N. C. Joseph Price, RFD 3, Williamston and Baltimore. Walter Jones, Robersonville. Grover Henry Dixon, RFD 1, Robersonville. Walter Henry Biggs, RFD 3, Williamston and Norfolk. William Augusta Ewell, Everetts and Williamston. Fred Jones, RFD 1, Jamesville. Arthur James, RFD 1, Williamston, and 308 Pearl Street, Williamston. William Henry Dempsey, RFD 1, Williamston and New York. Rufus Collins, Hamilton and Parmele. Noran Earl Sherrad, Oak City and West Palm Beach. Sammy Thomas Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonville and Stokes. Elmer Lee Griffin, RFD 3, Williamston. Quinton Durwood Jones, Parmele. Willie James Purvis, RFD 3, Williamston. James Edward Stokes, Williamston and RFD 4, Louisburg. James Elmon Arthur Baker, RFD 3, Williamston. Berlie Baker, Williamston. James Willis Williams, RFD 2, Williamston and Norfolk. John Willis Woolard, RFD 1, Jamesville. William Alonza Harris, Jr., RFD 1, Robersonville. George Perry, RFD 1, Williamston. William Spencer Council, Oak City.

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County Youth Gets Citation In Italy

Pfc. James Ellis Wynne, county young man and son of Mrs. J. Henry Peele was cited along with five other men for meritorious service over in Italy recently. The citation reads:

"For their meritorious devotion to duty and respect for their obligations to the service of their country. The men of the following squad of the 362nd Infantry, 91st Division, are hereby cited. From the date of the division's entrance into combat on July 12, 1944 to January 10, 1945, no men of this squad have discredited their squad by being absent without leave. Such an accomplishment reflects their conscientiousness and outstanding character both as individuals and as a fighting team. Through the tremendous hardships of the drive to the Arno River and the bitter and bloody battles of the Apennines Mountains, these men have never allowed themselves to shirk their responsibilities either to their comrades or to their organization. It is in men of this fine caliber that have brought about the great achievement by which the 91st Infantry Division is recognized."

Ten County Youths Pass Examinations

Of the fifteen Martin County white men reporting for pre-induction examinations at an Army center on April 4, ten passed the tests and are now subject to call for final induction.

The names of the youths passing the examinations are: Joe Aaron Whitfield, Blythe Delbert Pierce, Jesse Gray Lilley, Carroll Wade Mobley, Harvey Sylvester R. Leggett, Jesse Herbert Rogers, Evan Beacham, James Delbert Jones, Dowell Guy Forbes, William Lonnie Haislip.

The names of the men rejected at that time could not be officially learned, but the following men were understood to have made the trip with the ten accepted: Donald R. Andrews, Claude Vick, Jr., Charlie Curtis Leggett, James Staton Leggett, and Harold Aubrey Pierce, and it is assumed they were rejected.

Unusually Big Demand For Canning Sugar in the County

An unusually large demand for canning sugar was recorded in this county last Tuesday and Wednesday when an estimated 3,200 families entered applications for special allotments and many others were turned back when the supply of application forms was exhausted. The demand has created a serious problem for rationing authorities, and while no specific charges can be made it is fairly apparent that far more sugar is being demanded than will be used for preserving fruits and berries. At the same time, those who have preserved on a fairly large scale, it is believed, will find it difficult to get enough sugar to meet legitimate requirements.

Approximately 22,000 application forms were sent to this county, the allotment being based on past records and studies. An additional 1,200, rushed here from other counties early Wednesday, were exhausted, and hundreds of people were turned

away because no other forms could be had immediately. On the basis of the county registration, there is a demand for 320,000 pounds of sugar for canning. Ration board officials would not comment on the demand, other than to point out that it exceeds all expectations, that if the demand is as large in other counties throughout the country, the supply of sugar will not be adequate enough to meet it.

Those persons who could not register this week may register their needs at the rationing board office in the agricultural building in Williamston on and after April 30th.

The applications received this week will be reviewed by community panels. The requests will be checked against the 1944 records and then reviewed by the county board before ration certificates are issued. The rations will be broken down in two allotments, the second to follow only after proof that the first has been properly used for canning.

USED CLOTHING

Believing that a second town-wide canvass will materially aid the drive for used clothing, Chairman K. D. Worrell has arranged with the Boy Scouts—white and colored—to visit all homes in the town Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the second time. The collection to date is a bit disappointing, and it is believed that the second town-wide canvass will receive better support.

Scoutmaster Leo Slade explained that his colored Scouts made a canvass last Sunday, but that it did not meet with any success. Since then quite a few garments have been donated by colored citizens, and the drive Sunday is expected to bring in others. There is a special call for bed clothing.

Colored Men Leave County This Week For Armed Service

Most of the Seventeen Men Called Are in Their Late Teens

Fifteen Martin County colored men left here yesterday afternoon for final induction into the armed forces. Two others included in the call were transferred, William Columbus Parker to Baltimore and Archie Willie Teel to New York City.

Fifteen of the seventeen called are either nineteen years of age or are in their early twenties, and as far as draft board records show, not one of them is married.

Eleven of the seventeen were listed as non-farmers. The names of the men leaving yesterday for the induction center and their addresses follow: William Columbus Parker, Oak City and Baltimore. Archie Willie Teel, Robersonville and New York City. Booker T. Williams, RFD 1, Robersonville and Norfolk. William Lawrence Everett, RFD 1, Oak City. Walter Barfield, RFD 1, Oak City. Leon Lyons, RFD 1, Williamston. John Davis Staton, RFD 1, Jamesville. George Henry Lyons, Jr., RFD 1, Williamston. John Lee James, RFD 1, Jamesville.

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Goldsboro Doctor Faces New Charge

After receiving in the Wayne courts last week what appeared to some to be a license to perform illegal operations, Dr. H. M. Person is now facing similar charges in at least one other case, according to unofficial reports reaching here this week.

Solicitor Jack Hooks was quoted this week as saying that bills of indictment had been drawn charging the doctor with abortion. Mrs. Carrie Wiley with assisting with abortion, and Margaret Phillips with conspiracy to commit abortion.

The Goldsboro physician, charged with performing an illegal operation resulting in the death of Beulah Brown, Martin County young woman, was found not guilty in the Wayne Superior Court last Saturday. Just what happened in that case could not be learned here immediately. The case was called and the trial completed without some of the State witnesses being called to testify, it was learned.

Members Of Motor Transport Service Have Narrow Calls

Williamston Boy Drove Truck With 8,000 Gallons of Gas To the Front

While war centers around the action on the front lines, there are exciting times back of the lines, too. Cpl. William B. Moore, Williamston boy, was one of the men in the Motor Transport Service driving trucks carrying 8,000 gallons of gas to the front. A story just recently released tells about the service:

With the Motor Transport Service in Europe—hauling 125 million gallons of motor and aviation gasoline to combat units through artillery fire, enemy planes and snipers has been the job of a number of bulk tank truck companies since June 26, D plus 20.

Traveling between 10 and 750 miles one way to make their deliveries, the drivers of the 2000-gallon tankers, with trailer tanks of equal capacity behind, are the last link between combat units and sources of supply.

Currently driving from the end of a pipeline to army dumps, their strenuous life now differs from the unsettled, uncertain existence of the first months of fighting.

In the early phases of the assault, the drivers were under constant air attack. Once the unit left a bivouac area just an hour before enemy planes bombed it. Another time when camped between ammunition and fuel dumps, they endured a period of firework and shellfire after a bomb hit the ammunition.

After the breakthrough at St. Lo on July 25 the trucks raced after General Patton's armored columns with the fuel to keep them going. They often stopped alongside armor with empty gas tanks and made direct "transfusions."

German fighters strafed and bombed the roads at night and forced the convoys to pull over to the sides for safety. When delivering fuel to the Third Army, they ran into enemy pockets, and received generous bursts of machine-gun and automatic rifle fire.

With speed of delivery an urgent requirement in their job, they went through towns still burning from bombing and shelling. The situation when streaking across France was so fluid that fuel dumps were necessarily placed within a few miles of the forward elements. Several convoys narrowly missed disaster by luckily unloading and leaving before the arrival of bombers.

Pvt. Robert M. Lynch, RFD 1, Manchester, New Hampshire, did not have the luck to leave from one dump before the arrival of planes. He had no idea of their presence until he saw the first burst of anti-aircraft fire. He pulled his truck under a protective hedge and found cover for himself. His truck received holes in three tires, 50 caliber slugs through the radiator, cab and windshield and several chunks of shrapnel in the body of the vehicle. He spent more than half of the next day fixing tires and plugging holes in the crippled truck, but he came through unharmed.

In the same raid, Cpl. William J. Conlin, 88 Perry St., New York City, caught a dud in his tank. He had not unloaded his tank when the Jerries arrived. The dud hit and pierced the side of the tank, but did not go through, apparently stopped by the weight of the gasoline. The corporal did not know his vehicle had been struck, and for two weeks was puzzled by the rattle in the rear. A colonel told him that it was probably a piece of flak, but after an investigation he found the unexploded dud.

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Lt. Stuart Critcher Writes of Travels In Nazi Territory

"War Can't Last Over Month More," Local Boy Says in Letter To His Mother

In a letter dated March 14, Lt. Stuart Critcher, local young man, described to his mother, Mrs. T. S. Critcher, his travels through Luxembourg and into Germany. His letter with a prediction that the war can't last "over a month more," follows, in part:

"From France we traveled into Luxembourg; then across into Germany. The entire way has been without much excitement, other than just seeing new country. Of course, there are a few abandoned vehicles all along the roads, and bomb craters, but for that it all seems a long way off."

"Since we left the original tent camp we have been living in houses. In France we asked and the government paid for the use of buildings; in Luxembourg it was somewhat the same. Now we just walk into a town and take the buildings we want. Everything is free, even our PX rations. But we also get no pay while we are in this country. And it's a good thing because we have no place to spend it and carrying money around is always a problem."

"Mail for the past few days hasn't caught up with us, and you can see why. We are moving pretty fast."

"The country here is rather hilly and quite pretty. The hills are covered with fir trees and green pines, and all the valleys are green with grass. That's somewhat different from France; there the land is almost barren. There are few trees in France and somehow it doesn't look as prosperous. In fact, it isn't. The French are a long way behind the Germans and the people of Luxembourg, too."

"In France the children were small, undernourished, hungry and poorly schooled. Here the children have almost as much as ours do in the States. Many of them are blond with fair skin and blue eyes, and are undeniably beautiful. It's a pity the elders warp their minds so with all that they teach them. The French children are altogether different. They are not attractive and are poorly developed. The people just don't have the background, wealth and blood that the Germans have. It's a pity, but it's true. The French do have, however, a wonderful spirit, and a true love for us, plus a great hatred for their neighbor, Germany."

"Lately there have naturally been a lot of German prisoners coming back past us. We have even picked up a few while we were living in these many towns. Most of them come to us and just turn themselves in, and most of them are sad-sacks."

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New Firm Opening For Business Here

The Thrower Appliance Company, a newly organized firm, will open for business on Washington Street here tomorrow morning, the manager, Mr. Joe David Thrower, announced yesterday.

Purchasing the modern building constructed and occupied by Paul Auto Supply Company up until a short time ago, the new firm will handle a general line of hardware, auto parts and accessories, Goodyear tires and tubes, Lowe Brothers Paints, sporting goods and equipment and General Electric products, to mention a few of the main items in a carefully selected stock of merchandise.

Mr. Thrower is being assisted in the operation of the store by Johnnie Rawls who is experienced in the business.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Martin County motorists broke into the accident record's death column last week for the first time this year. While there was no accident during the week, Jeremiah Brown, victim of an accident the middle of last month, died Friday night. The record so far this year is not as good as it was a year ago, and that's something else to think about.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Week, Accidents, Inj'd Killed Dam'ge. Rows for 1945, 1944, and Comparison To Date.

Plans Arranged for Fat Stock Show April 27th

Eighteen 4-H Club Members to Exhibit Stock Here Friday

Keen Competition Predicted by Assistant County Agent Claude J. Goodman

Meeting here last Wednesday evening with Assistant Farm Agent C. J. Goodman, directors of the Martin County Livestock Development Association completed plans for the second annual Fat Stock Show in the county. The directors are, V. G. Taylor of the County Farm Bureau, Wheeler Martin of the Williamston Kiwanis Club, C. Abram Roberson of the Robersonville Rotary Club, K. P. Lindsley of the Williamston Lions Club, and G. W. Barrett of the Oak City Ruritan Club. The Farm Bureau and county civic clubs are sponsoring the show which is certain to attract even more attention than the first which was successfully held here last year.

The show on April 27 will be held in the Planters Warehouse in Williamston and is sponsored in an effort to bring livestock to its rightful place in the county's agriculture.

Eighteen 4-H club members will participate in the show. Two young ladies will enter exhibits, and Assistant Agent Goodman is predicting some keen competition for the prizes. In addition to the club members, independent farmers will participate and compete for special prizes.

Rules formulated by the committee and governing the show follow:

- 1. The show and sale shall be for fat cattle and fat hogs of meat breeding, or mixed breeding. 2. Any person living in Martin County, N. C., is eligible to enter animals in the show and sale. 3. All animals will be judged on conformation and market condition. 4. Hogs are eligible to compete in only one class and shall weigh between 180 and 250 pounds each. 5. Each exhibitor or buyer must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his stock. 6. Each animal entered in the sale must be sold unless the bid is rejected at the time of the sale. 7. All animals must be in place by 8 p. m. on Thursday, April 26, 1945. 8. Judging will start at 10 a. m. on Friday, April 27th. 9. Sale at 3 p. m. Friday, April 27. 10. Each person entering animals in the show will be responsible for furnishing feed, feeding and showing the animals.

Cash prizes in the sum of \$75 are being offered by the sponsors, and the exhibitors are almost certain to hold an advantage at the auction sale to be held immediately following the show.

Swine Department

Class I—For 4-H and F. F. A. Club members: Pen of three fat hogs, weighing from 180 to 250 pounds: 1st, \$4; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2; 4th, \$1.

Class II—For 4-H and F. F. A. Club members: One hog weighing from 180 to 250 pounds: 1st, \$4; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2; 4th, \$1.

Class III—For Adult farmers: Pen of three fat hogs weighing from 180 to 250 pounds: 1st, \$4; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2; 4th, \$1. Champion pen: Ribbon. Reserve Champion pen: Ribbon.

Class I—For 4-H and F. F. A. Club members: Individual Fat Steer shown at halter: Calves will be placed in four groups: 1st group, \$7; 2nd group, \$5; 3rd group, \$3.50; 4th group, \$2.50.

Class II—For Adult farmers: Individual Fat Steer shown at halter: 1st, \$7; 2nd, \$5; 3rd, \$3; 4th, \$2. Champion Steer: \$10 and Ribbon. Reserve Champion Steer: \$5 and Ribbon.

Judging contest: For 4-H and F. F. A. club members. Prizes will be given for judging and weight estimating of a class of four fat steers.

Showmanship and fitting contest: For 4-H and F. F. A. club members. Twenty-one baby beef steers will be exhibited, eighteen by the following club members: George Ayers, Jr., Margaret Ayers, Bill Gurganus, Johnny Gurkin, Furney James, Thomas James, Bobby Lilley, Matt Mills, Rudolph Rogerson, Edward and Marion Smith, Doris Stevenson, Jack Williams, Billy Worsley and Burnell White, and three by R. G. Slade, T. L. House and Fate Gurganus, independent farmers. Three club members, Jack Williamson, C. D. Griffin and Edwin S. Ellis, will exhibit hogs. Farmers T. L. House and V. G. Taylor will also exhibit hogs.

In connection with the annual fat stock show, the Martin County Farm Bureau is holding its annual meeting and barbecue supper, and many of the members are expected to attend both. The Farm Bureau meeting will be held at the high school.

WOUNDED



Sgt. Macon B. Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Barber, of Jamesville, was badly but not seriously wounded in Southern France on March 27. His wife, the former Miss Elaine Jackson, of Jamesville and Williamston, was recently advised that he suffered a broken leg and head wounds, that he was able to sit up an hour or two each day in the hospital where he is undergoing treatment.

The young man entered the service in 1942 and trained as a machine gunner, going overseas last November.

County Boy Fights With the Infantry Before Po Valley

Jas. Wynne's 362 Regiment Broke Through Gothic Line in Strong Sector

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Pfc. James E. Wynne, RFD 2, Williamston, N. C. is fighting in Italy's Apennines before the Po Valley with the 362nd Infantry Regiment, which broke through the Gothic Line in one of its highest and best defended sectors. The 362nd is part of the 91st "Powder River" Division with the Fifth Army.

His regiment broke across the Sieve River in the strongly defended line and attained the top of Mount Calvi, 2225-foot-high mountain in which the Germans had emplaced artillery in tunnels running 50 feet underground in rock.

At the entrance of one of these there had been seven enemy guns emplaced. The outfit captured 400 Germans and killed and wounded many others within 11 days during this part of the drive.

The regiment advanced on the direct Florence-Bologna route, Highway 65, through bleak mountains whose peaks often were hidden in rain clouds and fought in rain, mud and icy winds.

The 362nd's third battalion, fighting alone and out of communication with division and regiment, was one of the Fifth Army units that took Futa Pass, a feat that won the battalion a division citation.

The regiment was activated at Camp White, Oregon, August 15th, 1942, with a cadre from the 1st Cavalry Division. The men trained intensively for a month at their first overseas station, Oran, Algeria, and

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Former Local Boy Killed In Germany

Pfc. Robert Clement, nephew of Mrs. K. B. Crawford and a student in the local high school during the 1942-43 term, was killed in Germany on March 24, relatives here were notified last week-end. The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clement, of Detroit, was first reported missing, later reports stating that he made the supreme sacrifice when he went into action with an airborne division across the Rhine.

Entering the service last summer, the young man trained at Camp Croft, South Carolina, and a short time later went to Fort Benning, Ga., to train as a paratrooper. After spending last Christmas at home with his parents, he went overseas in early January.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Kenneth Newman, of Detroit.

Pfc. Clement visited his aunt here often and made many friends during those visits and while he attended the local schools.

Red Army Drives To Within Eight Miles Of The Nazi Capital

Western Armies Pause For Supplies; Drive Launched On Okinawa

Nine Russian Armies, numbering over two and one-half million men, are bearing down on Berlin, late reports placing the Red Forces within eight miles of the Nazi capital. Reports indicate that the battle on the approaches to Berlin is a bloody one. For all military purposes, Berlin is of little value now, but the fall of the capital is certain to have some psychological effect. Observers are of the opinion that the once great capital will be just about obliterated in the current drive, large portions of the city already having been wrecked by Allied bombs over a period of two years.

While there is much action on the Western Front, several of the American Armies are pausing for supplies to catch up with them before continuing their all-out attacks. The business of rounding up the enemy goes forward, however. Patton's Third Army yesterday taking 25,000 prisoners in the push into Czechoslovakia. The Ruhr pocket has just about been liquidated, after netting well over 300,000 prisoners.

Leipzig has fallen, and the First Army has captured the important transportation center of Halle, northwest of Leipzig. Seventh Army troops have driven to the center of Nuremberg and are pushing on toward Munich.

In Italy, the British Eighth has broken through enemy defenses in the Argenta Gap and are moving on toward Ferrara while the American Fifth is meeting a stubborn resistance in their drive toward Bologna, seven miles away.

The last material remnant of German culture in her big cities is being obliterated as Adolf Hitler and his gangster leaders hover around at Berchtesgaden for the celebration of his 56th birthday today.

In the Pacific, the American Tenth Army has launched an all-out drive for Naha, capital of Okinawa. The enemy claims that the Americans attempted a landing south of the capital, but were beaten back. The report is without confirmation. A new landing has been made on Mindanao Island, and Americans are pushing on toward Borneo, the late dispatches telling of the successful landing on Talabac Island, 45 miles from the rich oil territory.

Fifty-Four Tires Allotted By Board

Fifty-four tires—44 for cars and 10 for trucks—were allotted by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night.

Certificates for the purchase of car tires were issued to the following:

- James Bailey, J. C. Rawls, Wendell Griffin, H. S. Johnson, Mrs. Hesia Rogers, J. T. Allen, Jay Revels, Vester Coltraine, Henry D. Harrison, C. Wagstaff, Charlie Ward, Dr. Edward Early, M. E. Hyman, Dr. E. T. Walker, Mrs. P. C. Blount, Jr., Charlie Fowler, Johnnie Griffin, C. H. Beach, Mary Henry Kirkman, Williamston Package Manufacturing Company, L. A. Clark, Elmer R. Edmondson, Irvin James, Louis Barber, Marvin L. Roberson, R. L. Walters, L. R. Hale, Elbert A. Heath, J. B. Wynne, J. D. Mason, Kelly Hardison, Zack Ore, J. C. Jones, H. R. Highsmith, Biggs Funeral Home, R. C. Griffin, Minton Beach, H. L. Purvis, J. F. Bailey, W. O. Peele.

Truck tires were issued to the following: H. W. Barber, Alton Grimes, Williamston Lumber Co., John A. Manning, John Gurkin.

Eleven Men Taken By Armed Forces

Eleven of the fourteen Martin County men reporting to an Army center for pre-induction examinations on last March 27 passed the tests and are now subject to call for final induction, it was learned this week following the receipt of the pre-induction audit which arrived too late to include any of the group in the final induction call to be answered the latter part of this month.

The names of the men passing the examination are: Leonard Tilton Harney, Carlton L. Edmondson, Lionel Long Etheridge, Hugh Burroughs Bennett, Jr., Richard Myron Margolis, Wilbur Eugene Cannon, Oliver Harrison, Jr., Louis Franklin Barber, Calvin Lafayette Warren, Joseph Hubert Daniels, Dennis Clayton Mobley.

Howell Warren was rejected and two failed to answer the call. Joe Daniel chose not to return home for his days of grace. He is now at Camp Blanding, longing to return home, it is understood.