

Eleven White Men Left Last Wednesday For Final Induction

All of the Boys Are Single and Are 23 Years of Age Or Under

Eleven Martin County young white men left last Wednesday for Bragg for final induction into the armed forces. For the first time in many months, no married men were included in the call. The draft drew heavily, however, on youthful farmers, the records showing that eight of the eleven came from the farm. Eight of the eleven men are just eighteen years of age, some not having reached that milestone hardly more than two or three months ago. One is nineteen, another is twenty, and still another is 23 years old. As far as it could be learned, none of the boys had reported to the Army center previous to their pre-induction examination a short time ago.

Calls have been issued to approximately two dozen white men to report next Tuesday for pre-induction examinations. A pre-induction call for colored registrants is expected about the middle of this month, or just a few days after one for final induction is answered. The exact size of the calls could not be learned. The names and registration addresses of the white youths answering the call on Wednesday, May 30, follow:

Dennis Clayton Mobley, RFD 3, Williamston.
Lionel Long Etheridge, RFD 1, Oak City.
Hugh Burroughs Bennett, Jr., RFD 1, Palmyra.
Richard Myron Margolis, Williamston.
Oliver Harrison, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston.
Louis Franklin Barber, RFD 1, Williamston.
Carroll Wade Mobley, RFD 2, Williamston.
Harvey Sylvester Ray Leggett, RFD 1, Robersonville.
James Delbert Jones, RFD 1, Jamesville.
Dowell Guy Forbes, RFD 1, Robersonville.
William Lonnie Haislip, RFD 3, Williamston.

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Few Developments In War Bond Drive

According to estimates offered late yesterday, little progress is being made this week toward meeting the \$371,000 "E" bond quota in the current Seventh War Loan Drive. No figures could be had on the sales this week, but the special bond show at the Marco theater, arranged free by the management, was poorly attended. Last-minute sales were blocked Wednesday when the main issuing agents, including the banks and post office, enjoyed the day as a holiday and no provision was made by the chairman to handle sales at a special location. Possibly those who could not buy bonds in time to attend the show, will make their purchases now. The war isn't over and the casualty messages are still being received by anxious relatives right here in this county, the latest coming in yesterday to advise a mother and father that their only child, a mere youth, was missing some where in the broad expanse of the Pacific.

Accepting a part in the task, seniors of the Bear Grass High School conducted a drive there recently and accounted for \$123.65 in bonds and stamps. The sixth grade won the prize with the largest purchase, and Jack Williamson, 4-H club boy, was the No. 1 individual purchaser.

Children in other schools were quoted as saying they had not heard the Seventh War Loan Drive mentioned, and apparently little or nothing was done by most of them in stressing the importance and urgency of the drive.

W. Hardy Hardison Died Early Today

William Hardy Hardison, 59, died at his home in Griffins Township this morning at 2 o'clock, following a long period of declining health. His condition had been critical during his last illness lasting for more than a week.

He was a son of the late Stanley and Louisa Corey Hardison. He was married to Miss Eva Lee Hodges twenty-three years ago, and lived and farmed in Griffin all his life, or until his health failed. He had a jolly disposition and was well liked by all who knew him.

He is survived by his widow; three children, Mrs. Cecil Roberson of Plymouth, Evelyn and William Hardison of the home; two sisters, Mrs. W. N. Griffin and Miss Louisa Hardison; and three brothers, Claud, Dock and James Hardison, all of this county.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will follow in the Hardison family cemetery, near the home.

Health Service Bringing New Insecticide Spray Into County

The new and powerful pest and insect spray, DDT, was introduced into this county for the first time this week when representatives of the United States Public Health Service in cooperation with the State and county departments, sprayed about fifty homes in the Poplar Point section.

Two specialists, working out of Goldsboro, handled the task in about two days.

Manufactured on a limited scale, the spray, ranking among the important recent discoveries for the control of flies, mosquitoes and quite a few other insects and pests, is being used principally by the armed forces. Only small quantities are being released for civilian use, and it is yet to go on the market for general public use.

Very little persuasion was necessary in introducing the spray into the Poplar Point area, the people,

once they were advised of the possibilities, readily granting permission and cooperating in the task. No charge was made for the spray or the services rendered by the two young men.

The location for applying the spray was determined following a study of malarial conditions in the county. However, there is some doubt as to whether the worst spot in the county has been reached. Others appealed to the health authorities, urging them to extend the service, but it was explained that the spray, while costing comparatively little, was limited to definite projects and was being used under strict government control.

Flies or mosquitoes lighting on the walls from four to six months after DDT is used die in a short time. The spray has great possibilities and no doubt will be used extensively as soon as it can be obtained in quantities.

WOUNDED



Sgt. H. Herman Rawls, radio operator on a B-17, was wounded in the right arm while in action over Czechoslovakia on April 25. He is the son of Mrs. Dora Rawls, RFD 1, Robersonville. His wife, the former Miss Delia Leggett, lives near Robersonville.

County Bookmobile Will Make Regular Schedule Next Week

New Books Added To Collection for Distribution In This County

Beginning Monday, June 4, the new schedule for the bookmobile will be followed until school reopens next fall. Special attention is called to the changes in hours and days. Wednesday's route will be made on Tuesday, and Friday's route will be made on Wednesday.

New books this month include another by a North Carolinian, "Sage Quarter," by Mrs. Bernice Kelly Harris, is a "novel of family life filled with youth and touching romance unfolded against a background of the Carolina countryside."

Another novel with a familiar setting is Ronald Kirkwood's "Winds, Blow Gently." This is the account of a Quaker family who moved from Pennsylvania to South Carolina to make their home in the early twentieth century. Here is a heart-warming story of love and devotion of a family transplanted into the Changing South.

George Ray Tweed is "Robinson Crusoe, U. S. N." He is the hero who, alone and unarmed, defied military powers on Jap-held Guam for over two years. It was a desperate game of hide and seek with his life at stake, but he survived and this is his story, full and authentic.

A book for the postwar traveler is Herbert C. Lank's "Highway To Alaska." The author made a 12,000-mile journey in an army jeep over the highway and through all Alaska. Thousands of photographs were taken and the best used to illustrate this unusual travel book.

Another gap has been filled in Lincoln literature. A full account of the U. S. foreign policy during the Civil War years has been written by Jay Monaghan in his recent book—"Diplomat In Carpet Slippers"; subtitled, Abraham Lincoln Deals with Foreign Affairs.

The new schedule follows:

Monday, June 4
10:00 a. m., Edward's Service Station; 10:30 a. m., Sherrod Farm; 11:00 a. m., Hamilton Bank; 1:00 p. m., Oak City; 2:30 p. m., Smith's Store, (Palmyra Road).

Tuesday, June 5
9:15 a. m. Everett; 10:15 a. m., (Continued on page six)

Two Violators Of Liquor Law Caught

Dave James, rheumatic, and Purney Moore, both colored of the Free Union section of Jamesville Township, were caught with a small quantity of illicit liquor in their possession, allegedly for sale, by Officers Roebuck and Roebuck and Roy Peel last Monday night. James had some over a gallon of the illicit brand on hand. Moore had six short quarts of the white lightning in his possession when the officers raided their homes. The two men are to appear in Judge Smith's court here next Monday for trial.

Raiding in Bear Grass Township later in the week. Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel found a liquor plant, but the still had been removed. They found and poured out three gallons of liquor and brought in a copper worm.

Recover Several Cases Of Dynamite From River

Believed to have been lost off a dredge boat working in Roanoke River above Hamilton, a large box of dynamite, containing nearly four hundred sticks of the latest type of the high explosive, was recovered by a fisherman from the stream near Jamesville Wednesday afternoon.

Authorities were notified and the explosives were removed to the highway prison camp for storage near here.

County Young Man Missing In Action In Pacific Theater

Vernon Everett Casper, first class fireman presumably on a destroyer, is missing in the Pacific Theater of War, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whalen W. Casper, in Oak City yesterday. Few details about the latest casualty involving a Martin County young man, could be learned immediately.

An only child, young Casper entered the service on June 2, 1943. He was twenty years old last February 2. After training at Bainbridge, Maryland, for six weeks he came home for his only leave, reporting to a station in the State of Washington where he remained until he was sent to the Pacific Theater of War about fifteen months ago.

It is thought that the young man was in the Okinawa area about the time he was missing.

His father was discharged following World War 1 on June 2, twenty-five years ago.

The young man was the one hundred and fifty-sixth casualty reported from this county in all theaters of war up to the present time.

Congratulated For Great War Record

Among the 185,000 men and women of the Eighth Air Force congratulated on V-E Day by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who assumed command of the Eighth in January, 1944, were two Williamston boys.

Major Oscar S. Anderson, Jr., ordnance officer with Major General E. E. Partridge's Third Air Division, and Second Lieutenant Robert J. Levin, co-pilot on a bomber.

Excerpts taken from the congratulatory letter are as follows:

"I wish to extend my personal congratulations and my heartfelt appreciation to every one of you for the magnificent job you have done. Each of you," he continued, "may be proud of your part in the defeat of Germany. I am proud of you. The world is proud of you."

The Eighth Air Force was the world's mightiest strategic bombing force. Its personnel of 185,000 was the equivalent of twelve infantry divisions, and it could send 21,000 airmen in 2,000 four-engine bombers and 1,000 fighters over Germany at one time, a combat effort possible only through the support of tens of thousands of non-flying specialists.

Since August, 1942, when combat operations began, Liberators and Flying Fortresses of the Eighth dropped more than 700,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets. Fighter pilots shot down 5,250 Nazi planes and destroyed 4,250 others on the ground. Bomber gunners shot 6,000 German interceptors out of the air.

The Eighth dropped an average of a ton of bombs every minute of the last 12 months.

Airmen of the Eighth were the first Americans to attack Germany. The early crews flew a handful of unescorted bombers against the powerful Luftwaffe, and proved the feasibility of an American idea—precision daylight bombing over the Reich.

As the Eighth grew in strength, it was assigned the task of crushing the German Air Force, which had to be done before the Allies could invade France. Bombers of the Eighth smashed Nazi aircraft production centers. Its fighters destroyed thousands of enemy planes in the air and on the ground.

After beating the Luftwaffe into relative impotency, the Eighth threw its growing weight against Germany's rail system and vital sources of oil. These campaigns, in conjunction with the British Royal Air Force and the U. S. 15th Air Force, disorganized all transport in Germany, restricted German military operations in the air and on the ground, and paved the way for the march of Allied armies across Europe.

COMMISSIONERS

Scheduled to meet about the middle or latter part of this month to discuss budget figures and offer a tentative tax rate for 1945, the county commissioners will have very little special business to consider at their meeting next Monday, it was reported today.

The authorities are expected to appoint a member to the county alcoholic beverage control board. Only one application has been received, and that was filed by V. J. Spivey who has served as chairman since 1935. The position carries a \$125 monthly salary and is to be filled for a two-year term.

A recent law, making it possible for county employees to participate in a retirement fund system, will be discussed, in addition to routine matters.

Number Bogus Sugar Ration Coupons Reported in County

No official information could be had, but according to reliable reports reaching here this week, several towns in this county and other sections of the State are being flooded with bogus sugar ration coupons. One report intimated that one merchant with a working ration "capital" of less than 1,000 pounds had an accumulation of coupons equal to three or four thousand pounds. It was also reported that illicit liquor stills had been found with one merchant's name on empty bags and boxes.

In a second small town in the county, it was reported that bogus coupons had been offered for nearly 500 pounds of sugar.

The reports reaching here stated that about the only way the retailer could have received the bogus

coupons without deliberately or willfully violating the law would be to accept the coupons loose. However, there is apparently some evidence supporting the belief that the coupons were bought outright, making it possible for the retailer to increase his inventory and deliberately enter the black market.

No names could be learned, but it was claimed that at least one wholesaler had defused to make further sugar deliveries to one or more merchants in the county, possibly because efforts had been made to unload the bogus coupons on the dealer. It was not certain if the merchant had succeeded in disposing of the bogus coupons.

It could not be learned if the case had been or will be turned over to the proper authorities for investigation and possible prosecution.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Fourteen Cases In Recorder's Court

Defendant Fined \$250 And Sentenced to Roads for 15 Months In Liquor Case

Judge J. Calvin Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session until almost noon last Monday before clearing the docket of its fourteen cases. Several unusual cases were heard during the session and a fairly large crowd was present as spectators.

One defendant, Milton James, an invalid, was carried bodily into the court room in a chair to answer a charge of liquor law violation. It was the colored man's second trip into the court within the past two years. Facing a similar charge, the defendant at that time was fined \$500 and taxed with the costs. Last Monday, James pleaded not guilty of violating the liquor laws, claiming that he had approximately four gallons of white liquor on hand for a "work frolic".

Adjudged guilty, the defendant was sentenced to the road for fifteen months. All but the first four months of the term was suspended on condition that the defendant pay a \$250 fine and costs and have no intoxicating liquors of illicit origin in his possession during the next fifteen months. He appealed to the higher courts and his bond was fixed in the sum of \$250.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Lazarus Williams with assaulting a female.

Harry Andrew Davenport was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Lazarus Rivers was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year and the court ordered the defendant to surrender his liquor ration book.

Charged with speeding, John B. Roundtree was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost.

Prayer for judgment was continued until the first Monday in December upon the payment of the court costs in the case charging Francis Biggs Howard with larceny.

Prayer for judgment was continued until the first Monday in July in the case charging Mary Lee

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Finals In Local Schools Tonight

An address by Rev. Maness of Tarboro and the presentation of diplomas and special awards in the high school auditorium here this evening at 8:30 o'clock will mark the end of another term for the local schools which as a result of war and other hectic conditions, are closing possibly a mediocre year at the best.

Twenty-seven graduates are to receive their diplomas, and diplomas will be made available to three others who completed their work last summer. The names of this year's graduates are: J. D. Baldrée, Hal Dickens, Charles Hines, Wilbur Jackson, J. D. Lilley, Jr., William Earl Moore, Billy Myers, Jesse Rogers, Bruce Stalls, Al Ward, James Walton Ward, Madeleine Bailey, Millie Coltrane, Shirley Cowan, Frances Griffin, Alma Jones, Rose Leggett, Essie Mendenhall, Etles Mizelle, Pearl Newbern, Gladys Peele, Irene Peel, Gloria Robertson, Lucille Shaw, Ethel Taylor, Dora Twiddy and Helen Weaver. The names of the three graduates are: Cecil Harris, Parker Peele, Dewey VanLandingham.

Following the literary address, R. L. Coburn, committee chairman, will present the diplomas and Principal Sam D. Bundy will announce and present the special awards. Special music by the glee club.

Commencement marshals are: Louise Griffin, chief; Louise Hines and Elizabeth Manning, juniors; John Gurkin and Barbara Margolis, ninth grade. Class mascots are, Jimmie Bullock and Laura Frank Crawford.

WOUNDED



Pvt. Errol Johnson received multiple wounds in the left thigh and abdomen in Italy on April 27. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Johnson of Robersonville, and the 80th Martin County man to have been wounded in the war to date.

Special Service For County's War Dead

A union memorial service in honor of those who have given their lives for their country will be held in the Memorial Baptist church here Sunday night, June 3rd, at 8:30 o'clock with Honorable R. L. McMillan delivering the address.

Mr. McMillan is now the Civilian Defense chairman of North Carolina, is a former State commander of the American Legion, and also a past national vice commander of the Legion. He is regarded as a brilliant speaker.

Special music is being arranged by Miss Katherine Mewborn, head of the music department of the Williamston schools. The names of the young men from Martin County who died in World War II will be read.

The John W. Hassell Post of the American Legion is sponsoring the service. Dr. W. R. Burrell, chaplain of the Legion, will have charge of the devotional part of the service, and will be assisted by other ministers of Martin County.

The public is invited and requested to attend and show honor to the memory of those from Martin County who have given their lives for their country.

Gets Letter From Sister In Greece

Mr. and Mrs. George Sfetsos received a letter from Mr. Sfetsos' sister in Greece this week stating that she and other members of the family were getting along as well as conditions and circumstances would permit.

A letter to relatives in Greece, written by Mr. Sfetsos last November, was received last February, according to information given in the letter from his sister.

"Conditions are bad and it is next to impossible to secure clothing. In some instances we have had to repair and patch our clothing with paper for there was nothing else to get," Mr. Sfetsos' sister said.

PERMITS

Farmers and others slaughtering any meat for sale are advised that they must have special permits to carry on their business after the 30th of this month, according to an announcement made recently by the authorities. It is understood that farmers who kill meat only for their own consumption do not have to get the special permits, but if they sell as much as one ham or shoulder, they are supposed to register.

Permits may be had from the local offices of the Office of Price Administration.

Big Bombers Carry War To Osaka, Japs Second Largest City

Okinawa Campaign Nearing End as Americans Score Gains; Crisis in Syria

The task of knocking out Japanese industrial centers continues with increasing speed and power, late reports stating that 600 Superfortresses carried the war to Asaka, the Japs' second largest city, today with telling effect. Approximately 3,000 tons of bombs were dropped, the airmen leaving several square miles of the city in flames. Opposition was weak, but the Japs quickly claimed that twenty-four B-29's were lost. A follow-up survey shows that damage to Yokohama earlier in the week was even greater than first reported.

Throwing two new Marine divisions into the fight, the Okinawa campaign is now believed nearing an end. More than 100,000 Americans are moving to wipe out the enemy whose strength there is estimated at 20,000. The American divisions have just about surrounded Shuri and are threatening the Japs' entire central defense position. Nearly 62,000 Jap dead have already been counted on Okinawa to date. No recent report on American losses there has been released, but total casualties in all theaters now exceed one million.

Tension has eased in Syria where imperialism offered to start another war before the World Conference could end its work at San Francisco. The French are said to have ceased firing on Damascus and withdrawn to their barracks. The British are moving forces in to prevent bloodshed. The Levante had been declared free about two years ago, but the French, claiming a place along with the ranking powers, moves now to protect the routes to its foreign possessions.

Little news is coming from Europe, but the Americans, especially the officers, are enjoying themselves.

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One Hundred Tires Allotted by Board

One hundred tires—37 for cars and 13 for trucks—were allotted by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday.

Grade I tires were issued to the following:

Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Mary W. Taylor, S. A. Roberson, W. R. Banks, Edwin Corcoran, John A. Ward, Jr., C. C. Fleming, J. L. Wynn, R. S. Everett, A. L. Williams, G. L. Cooper, G. M. Cargile, Bessie Malone, John Gray Taylor, J. W. Grimes, Dr. R. G. Hicks, G. W. Hardison, H. R. Purvis, Arthur Peel, J. Eason Lilley, Clifton Powell, Slade Rhodes Co., Ernest Beach, Standard Fertilizer Co., Archie T. Roberson, J. H. Coburn, T. M. Tisdale, Jr., H. L. Barnhill, Herman Moore, William Asa Rawls, Charlie Dugger, James R. Mizelle, Joe L. Coltrane, J. H. Jackson, J. H. James, R. S. Price, Dalmar Gurkin, Joe Cowan, R. H. Barnhill, Garland Bailey, Z. N. Beddard, L. T. Harney, Elmo Bullock, Noah Browning, Wiley Waters, John E. Manning, Joe Bunting, R. M. Quinn, Henry D. Harrison, Guilford Brown, McKinley Powell, Perlie Thomas, James Pitt, Edward Matthews, W. H. Williams, Sr., James Pitt, W. E. Rawls, Melton Ayers, L. E. Gaynor, H. E. Daniel, W. F. Canady, Jr., A. T. Gurkin, Mrs. W. H. Gurganus, Fred Silverthorne, Raymond Harrison, R. T. Chance, Zeno Council, Burrace F. Ange, M. J. Norton, S. D. Roberson, R. L. Stevenson, Harry Gurkin, Dan Fagan, Alpha Cleaners, Joe Ball.

Truck tires were issued to the following:

Ayers Electric Co., E. C. Edmondson, Public Oil Co., W. T. Hurst, Martin County Transfer Co., Williams-Town Supply Co., J. B. Cherry, Harvey Warren.

Fountain Succeeds Solicitor Gilliam

George M. Fountain, Tarboro attorney and World War II veteran, was appointed by Governor R. G. Cherry Wednesday to succeed Donnell Gilliam as solicitor of this, the second judicial district.

Since the solicitorship had been in Tarboro for about thirty years, the appointment caught the prognosticators off guard. However, the appointee is recognized as a promising young attorney, and no doubt, will make the district an able solicitor.

Donnell Gilliam, for 22 years solicitor for this district, resigned to accept a federal judgeship. He was sworn in at a special ceremony in Tarboro Wednesday. In accepting the new and important commission, Solicitor Gilliam was quoted as saying, "I hope I can measure up to the trust."

Solicitor Fountain, a practicing attorney in Tarboro since 1935, will prosecute the docket in this county week after next.