

Thirty-One County Colored Men Leave For Pre-Induction

Twenty-Four of the Group To Get Call Are Just 18 Years of Age

Thirty-one Martin County colored men were called this week to report for their pre-induction examinations. Twenty-seven answered the call Monday and four were transferred to other draft boards. The call was the largest received by the draft board in this county in recent months.

Twenty-four of those called this week are only 18 years of age, the ages of the others ranging up to 30 years. Twenty-two were called from farms.

John D. Manning, Parnele and Baltimore. Robert Ermond Brown, Williamston Route 2 and Philadelphia, Pa. Hubert Walton Howard, Baltimore.

Lester Highsmith, Robersonville Route 2 and Baltimore.

Sam Moore, Robersonville Route No. 2.

Paul Daniels, Williamston, Route No. 3.

James Edward Williams, Williamston.

Jesse Lawrence Brown, Williamston Route 2.

James Lester Stokes, Williamston.

William Thurston Lawrence, Williamston Route 3.

Alex Junior Powell, Oak City Route 1.

Octavius Brown, Williamston Route 2.

Mose Junior Sheppard, Oak City Route 1.

James Dennis Williams, Oak City Route 1.

Arthur Hudgins, Williamston Route 3.

James Sheppard, Oak City Route No. 1.

Bermon Briley, Robersonville Route 1.

John Daniel Shaw, Robersonville Route 2.

Lester Jones, Oak City.

Roosevelt Andrews, Robersonville Route 2.

Earl Rogers, Williamston Route 3.

John Thomas Cloman, Robersonville Route 2.

Ernest Jenkins, jr., Robersonville Route 2.

James Henry Wiggins, Hamilton.

Jason Flowers, Palmyra Route 1.

Daniel Exum, Palmyra Route 1.

James Reuben Lee Jones, Everetts.

Bennie Frank Wallace, Everetts.

Joseph Hunter, Williamston.

Bennie Ruffin, Robersonville.

Jesse Lee Andrews.

Four men were transferred, as follows: John D. Manning to Baltimore, Robert Ermond Brown to Philadelphia, Hubert Walton Howard to Baltimore, and Lester Highsmith to Baltimore.

Place Truck Driver Under \$500.00 Bond

Charged with running down and seriously injuring Miss Elizabeth Holliday, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holliday at their home near Dardens several weeks ago, Kader Brown, colored truck driver, was bound over to the superior court under bond in the sum of \$500 by Justice J. L. Hassell at a preliminary hearing held here last evening.

The victim was not able to appear and testify, but Mrs. Holliday, John Allen Mizelle, James R. Mizelle, Walter Barnes and Patrolman W. E. Saunders were heard. The witnesses stated that the girl got off a passenger bus and was walking toward the house when the truck, allegedly traveling about 60 miles an hour, ran off the highway and struck her quite a little distance from the concrete highway.

After undergoing treatment for several weeks in various hospitals, the victim is gradually improving at her home and is able to be up part of time, and is walking some with the aid of others.

Lemuel Harrison Passes Suddenly

Lemuel Harrison, industrious young farmer of Bear Grass Township, died at his home there yesterday morning at 1 o'clock, following an illness of only a few hours. Apparently in his usual health, he was sitting up at a tobacco barn on the Gid Harrison farm Sunday night and died a short time later.

The son of the late William R. and Sallie Gurganus Harrison, he was born in Bear Grass Township thirty-four years ago and farmed all his life. He was a hard worker and was well known. He never married and is survived by four brothers, Messrs. Roy, Oliver, Elmer and Simon Harrison, and a sister, Mrs. Archie Wynne, all of the Bear Grass community.

Vernon E. Casper Killed In Action Near Okinawa, May 9

Fireman 1/c Vernon Everett Casper, Martin County youth, was killed in action in the Pacific theater of war, presumably in the Okinawa area, on or about May 9, 1945, according to a telegraphic message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waylon Weaver Casper, in Oak City last Sunday. Few details were offered in the message. The young man was on the U. S. destroyer "Luce," which was attacked and sunk near Okinawa on or about May 9. He was the fifty-second Martin County man reported to have been killed in all theaters of war to date, and the third from the county to make the supreme sacrifice during the month of May, 1945.



VERNON E. CASPER

An only child, the youth, just 20 years old last February 2, entered the service two years ago, last June 2nd. After receiving his basic training at Bainbridge, Md., for six weeks he returned home for his first and last leave with relatives and friends. He then reported to a post of duty in the State of Washington and went overseas for service in the Pacific theater of war about 15 months ago. His father was a veteran of World War I, receiving his discharge 25 years ago the second of last month.

Building and Loan Associations' Assets Increase 32 Per Cent

Will Be Prepared To Finance Building Program in Post-War Years

During the three war years 1942-1944, savings and loan associations which are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Winston-Salem increased their assets by 32 per cent, O. K. LaRoque, president of the Winston-Salem Bank of the system, announced recently.

The combined resources of those 403 home financing institutions in the district totaled \$746,840,000 on December 31, 1944, as compared with \$564,156,000 at the end of 1941, Mr. LaRoque said.

Over the same period, he reported, government bonds and cash held by those associations rose from \$28,267,000 to \$202,825,000, with the result that their liquid assets now are equivalent to about 27 per cent of their total resources—an all-time record ratio.

"During the war years, excess funds of the public have flowed into saving and loan associations in high volume," said Mr. LaRoque. "Repayments on home loans have risen, and the proportion of withdrawals to new investments in the associations has dropped. At the same time the outlet for investments by the institutions in construction loans has narrowed sharply, because of necessary war-time restrictions on home building. Increasingly, associations have placed their surplus monies in government bonds, a relatively new form of investment for them."

"In consequence—as one by-product of our present economy—these associations will go into the post-war period prepared to finance a large share of the great number of homes that will be built in the years following the final defeat of Japan."

In addition to their purchases of government securities, these 403 member institutions of the bank system have sold War Bonds and stamps in the amount of \$130,000,000, making a total contribution of approximately \$330,000,000 to the U. S. Treasury's war financing program, he said.

Other three-year changes in the combined balance sheet for the associations included: A rise in mortgages held from \$513,175,000 to \$527,024,000; An increase in reserves and undivided profits to \$53,748,000, or by 47 per cent;

A decline in "real estate owned"—often a troublesome item for financial institutions in the early 'thirties—from \$3,643,000 to a nominal \$1,544,000.

Okinawa.—In the early days of the Okinawa campaign a Coast Guardsman from man LST anchored off the island was caught ashore overnight. He shared a fox hole with a former buddy, a soldier who had gone ashore from his Coast Guard vessel on D-Day.

The Story Of The One Hundred First Airborne Division

Brief Review of Daring Parts Handled by Daring Men In European Theater

The story below offers a review of the daring work handled by daring men in the U. S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. It will be read with interest by all Americans and especially by local people because Lt. Billy Biggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Biggs of Williamston, is a member of the outfit.

The first of the installments follows: "You have a rendezvous with destiny!"

With this, Maj. Gen. William C. Lee, the original commander, concluded his activation speech to the 101st Airborne Division. Screaming Eagles have found meaning and expression in these words. They kept that rendezvous with destiny. They kept it in Normandy by initiating the Allied assault on Hitler's Fortress Europe, June 6, 1944; by storming and capturing Carentan—initial proof of the division's strength in coordinated ground action.

They kept it in Holland by liberating the first Dutch city, Eindhoven, and blazing a path of liberation 20 miles northward in a campaign that kept them fighting 73 days without relief.

They kept it at Bastogne where against overwhelming odds they held tenaciously to doom von Rundstedt's December counter-offensive to failure.

Success of the division has been the result of a happy combination of brave men commanded by bold leaders. Mutual confidence of the 101st is exemplified by the remark of an Eagle soldier during the siege of Bastogne: "They've got us surrounded—the poor bastards."

A British Corps Commander near the end of the Holland campaign told Screaming Eagle soldiers: "I have commanded four Corps during my army career, but the 101st Airborne Division is the fightingest outfit I have ever had under my command."

Maj. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe (then Brig. Gen.) voiced the opinion of division officers for their men when he said at Bastogne: "With the type of soldier I had under my command, possessing such fighting spirit, all that I had to do was to make a few basic decisions—my men did the rest."

His words pay tribute to the gallant fighting Eagle Division men, who kept their "rendezvous with destiny" in Normandy, Holland, and Belgium.

Normandy, 1st Rendezvous With Destiny June 6, 1944: The echoing rifle fire of a 101st A/B Div. "baggy-pants" paratrooper heralded the greatest military operation of its kind. The invasion of Europe for which an anxious world waited had begun—born in hedge-row-lined fields, in apple orchards and in the country lanes of Normandy where paratroopers and glider fighters of Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor's Eagle Division had dropped behind German troops manning beach defenses.

As daylight melted into dusk June 6, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower circulated among 101st troops at England's departure fields to wish them Godspeed, good luck. Cocky fighters, armed to the hilt and assigned the mission of striking the first blow at Hitler's Fortress Europe, wisecracked as they boarded C-47's. Less than four hours later in Normandy, these Airborne soldiers wrote the first pages of their glorious story with blood and courage.

They penned the lines of a combat diary with a phrase in French and a hand grenade at Pouppeville, with German dead stacked in roadside ditches on the march to St. Come du Mont, with a blinding bayonet dash across the swampy approaches to Carentan.

From 0015 in the darkness of June 6, 1944, when Capt. Frank L. Lillyman, Skaneateles, N. Y., leader of the Pathfinder group, became the

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Ship Makes Round Trip In Short Time

Boston (Special).—Only seventeen days after she shoved off from Boston, the Coast Guard-manned troop transport "Wakefield" returned crammed with 5,000 battle-weary veterans of the European theater of operation. Among the number were men who had been repatriated, wounded, and soldiers due for honorable discharge.

The Coast Guard ship set a new round-trip record for itself for crossing the Atlantic. During the European war days the "Wakefield" traveled without convoy from the States to Europe. It covered the course through the sub-infested waters on a zig-zagging pattern—in a 21-day period.

In peacetime the former luxury liner had as its record round-trip time 28 days. To the men at Commonwealth Pier who helped dock the Atlantic Express, it seemed as though the clock of the ship's last arrival were still ringing in their ears. One sailor snickered, "When I turn my back she's gone and before I have a chance to digest my lunch, the 'Wakefield' is back waiting to be docked again."

Father and Young Son Drown in Edenton Bay

Father Surrendered His Life in Effort To Save Young Son

Three Others Barely Escape When Boat Capsized Near Shore

Floyd E. Bufflap, faithful and highly esteemed employee of the Enterprise Publishing Company, and his nine-year-old son, Floyd (Eddie) Bufflap, drowned and three others, W. C. Manning and his young son and J. Edwin Bufflap, father and grandfather of the two victims, barely escaped with their lives last Saturday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock, when a small boat in which they were riding capsized in Edenton Bay near the oil docks and hardly more than 75 feet from shore.

The father and son and the Mannings went to Edenton early that afternoon to attend to business, and while there they joined the elder Bufflap and planned to go to a nearby creek to fish a short time. The party got in the boat and planned to move along the shore until they reached the creek. Just as they made ready to turn a wave washed into the boat and drowned out the motor. A second wave caused the boat to capsize. The water was very rough, and the party was separated, the father catching the two boys while the others were washed in almost opposite directions.

The young Mr. Bufflap and the boys were swimming along very well until they became excited apparently and started swimming away from shore. The senior Mr. Bufflap called for help, and Mr. Conger, Texas oil representative, and a young man, Lionel Cabiness, took a boat and went to the rescue. In the meantime, a sailor whose name could not be learned, pulled W. C. Manning, sr., out of the water, and the senior Mr. Bufflap, clinging to the overturned boat, drifted helplessly down the bay but toward shore. The rescue boat reached the Manning youth just as he was about to go down either for the third or fourth time. They threw him a life belt, but he was too weak to grab it and Cabiness jumped overboard and lifted him unconscious into the boat. The father and son, undetected until that time by the rescue party, were seen to go down a short distance away.

Manning and his young son were treated immediately after they were taken from the water and later carried to a doctor's office, returning home that evening.

The father's body was recovered just before 7 o'clock, and the son's body was taken from the water a short time later. Volunteer searchers, headed by Chief of Police Tanner, recovered the bodies, just before a special detail was moving in from the U. S. Coast Guard Station near Elizabeth City to join in the search.

The father, it was said, unselfishly gave his life in an attempt to save his son's life.

Over Hundred Tires Allotted By Board

More than one hundred passenger-car tires and about 13 for trucks were allotted in this county last Friday by the War Price and Rationing Board.

Grade I tires were issued to the following: J. R. Overton, Rufus J. Corey, V. G. Taylor, Jeremiah Fulford, Everett and Williams Grocery, Lindsley Ice Co., J. Bynum Roberson, M. T. Gardner, R. A. Haislip, Joe Everett, Overton and Oscar James, Luther M. Craft, F. B. Birmingham, I. F. Keel, Hyman Clark, Urnee Bunting, Eli Rodgers, A. D. Griffin, jr., James E. Griffin, A. B. Ayers, John A. Ward, J. D. Holliday, John L. Hassell, Julian Fagan, F. S. Barrett, A. B. Ayers, jr., H. G. DeMary, W. Robert Taylor, G. W. Coltrane, M. H. Leggett, W. A. Rogers, A. B. Ores, William Bowen, Annie L. Roberson, J. G. Everett, C. L. Tyson, D. G. Modlin, R. L. Bryant, Charles R. Gray, Jasper Everett, Jim Davis, P. C. Edmondson, John H. Everett, S. J. Williams, J. M. Andrews, J. H. Gray, jr., W. F. Thomas, J. E. Copeiland, sr., W. L. Whitaker, W. B. Cannon, M. C. House, John Mobley, jr., J. H. Bell, J. C. Johnson, W. A. Bailey, Mark Chesson, H. L. Swain, David Mizelle, M. D. Davis, S. L. Andrews, O. S. Green, Emma W. Powell, W. J. Ward, Mrs. Dora C. Rawls, W. C. House, Eva P. Jones, J. B. Whitfield, Luther Lee Whitfield, Mrs. Elizabeth Eure, William Roberson, W. I. Watkins, William J. Cordon, Tom Letchworth, Mrs. K. A. White, Earnie Cowin Shelton, Joseph D. Hodges, Levi McGowan, jr., Charlie Hoell, Bettie L. Bullock, W. J. Miller, W. H. Williams, J. D. Throver.

Truck tires were issued to the following: Town of Williamston, H. L. Roberson, J. S. Ayers, sr., Taylor Mill & Gin Company, G. W. Barrett, Williamson Lumber Co.

Officers Installed by Lions Club Recently

The local Lions Club recently installed its new officers for the 1945-46 fiscal year, which began on July 1st. John Henry Edwards, local auto dealer and a member of the county board of commissioners, succeeded Roy L. Ward as president. Frank E. Weston and R. E. Tarkington moved up to the post of first and second vice presidents, respectively, while K. D. Worrell is the new third vice president.

Lion Gene Rice, the perennial tail twister, succeeded himself, as did Ernest Mears as Lion tamer. D. V. Clayton entered his sixth year as treasurer and Wheeler Manning began his third year as secretary. Two new directors were installed for a two-year term, they being Lions W. M. Baker and W. Clyde Griffin. Lion A. P. Hassell continues as song leader. The two other directors, with another year to serve, are H. P. Mobley and E. T. Walker.

The chairmen and members of the various committees appointed by the president were announced at the last meeting of the club, at which time they were urged to do their best during the new year.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Table with 3 columns: Year, Accidents, Inj'd Killed Dam'ge. Rows for 1945, 1944, and Comparison To Date.

Funeral Yesterday For Floyd Bufflap And His Young Son

Double Rites Held at Home On Marshall Avenue; Interment in Rocky Mount

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Marshall Avenue here yesterday morning at 10 o'clock for Floyd E. Bufflap and his young son, Floyd Edwin Bufflap, jr., who lost their lives by drowning in the Edenton Bay shortly after 3 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. The Rev. B. T. Hurley, local Methodist minister and family pastor, conducted the service, and he was assisted by the Rev. H. F. Surratt, of Edenton, and the Rev. R. E. L. Moser, of Rocky Mount. Interment followed in the Rocky Mount cemetery.

Double Rites Held at Home On Marshall Avenue; Interment in Rocky Mount

The double funeral, climaxing the tragedy, was one of the few ever held in this county and the first since the young Misses Mendenhall were buried near here about one year ago. The last rites were largely attended, and the floral offering was extensive.

Master Eddie Bufflap was born in Rocky Mount nine years ago, the son of Floyd E. and Eunice Felton Bufflap. He moved with his parents to Williamston in August, 1937, and as he grew to young boyhood he became known as one of the best and most polite little fellows in the community. Often he would drop by The Enterprise office to say hello to his dad. A question, asked just for an always polite answer would bring a "yes, sir," or "no, sir," packed with a pleasing and friendly smile. The little fellow always spoke with reverence, and he was a favorite among his school chums and friends in the neighborhood.

The son of Editor and Mrs. J. Edwin Bufflap, of Edenton, Floyd Bufflap was born in York, Pa., 31 years ago last April. When he was six years old he moved with his parents to Elizabeth City, locating three years later in Edenton, where he attended school and was graduated. He attended Louisville College and then accepted a position in Rocky Mount, where he met and married the former Miss Eunice Felton. After a residence there of a year or two he accepted a position with the Independent in Elizabeth City, coming to Williamston eight years ago to accept a position with the Enterprise Publishing Company.

Jolly and friendly, the young man had a cordial greeting for everyone, and a large friendship circle was cherished and enjoyed by him. During the eight years he was with The Enterprise, he took a keen interest in its operation. He was a willing worker and a capable and efficient journeyman, giving freely of his time as mechanical superintendent in handling extra duties and responsibilities resulting when three of the company's employees answered the call of their country. He accepted the challenge and worked long hours week in and week out. Only last week he worked every night until 11:30 or 12 o'clock at night, trying to help catch up with the work.

The young man was a member of the Methodist church. If he ever held a hate for anyone, it was never expressed, and few persons ever lived a more unselfish life than the one led by him.

Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by a daughter, Sondra; a sister, Miss Dorothy Bufflap, of Edenton; and a brother, Lance Bufflap, U. S. Naval Reserve, now stationed somewhere in the European area.

Mrs. Noah Beacham Dies Near Jamesville

Mrs. Fannie Beacham, widow of Noah Beacham, died at her home in Jamesville Township Sunday night at 10 o'clock. She had been in declining health for some years, but was able to be up until just a few hours before her death.

She was born in Jamesville Township 82 years ago, the 10th of last month, the daughter of the late Jack Lilley and wife, Christine Rogers Lilley. She was a member of the church at Old Ford for a long number of years.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. H. Jackson with home she made her home near Jamesville, and two sons, Tommie Beacham of Beaufort County and Clayton Beacham of RFD 1, Jamesville, and a number of grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the graveside near Old Ford Church in Beaufort County yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. F. A. Lilley of Washington. Interment followed in the family cemetery not far from the church.

Undergoes Successful Operation in Rochester

George Harrison, jr., troubled several years with a bad knee injury received in an automobile accident, underwent a successful operation in a Rochester, Minnesota, hospital last Thursday, reports stating that permanent relief is almost assured. The young man will continue in the hospital for about four weeks, according to reports reaching here.