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Local Young Man Has Responsible Job In New York

Darrell M. Price Heads U. S. War Department's Press Section

By Louise Greeley

Washington.—Perhaps the biggest public relations job any newspaperman has come across since the war is the work being done by Darrell Price, of Williamston, N. C., editor of the Press Section, Reorientation Branch of the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department.

This rather impressive-sounding title when uncovered reveals a group of newspaper people whose job it is to transmit to occupied areas in Europe factual information about Americans, our activities and institutions. The Washington branch is one of 13 which provides file material to be sent to editors in all occupied zones including Austria, Trieste, Korea, Japan and others.

Price's office is not concerned with blown-up propaganda and exaggerated news reports to send to Europe. Indeed, its purposes are the exact opposite of this stand. It is important that the people in the occupied zones learn truthfully and sincerely, how America really lives, culturally, socially and professionally, with a decided drop in the emphasis on the bright lights, "gold-paved streets" and other nonsense, Price said.

Every day the Press Section office located in the Pentagon receives countless requests from editors of small periodicals, newspapers and other publications in Europe asking for further information concerning news of wide and varied interests to their readers. All the materials published in the occupied zones are guided by American authorities but the editors are natives and can select and request materials which they believe will be of interest to the native readers.

When such a request is received, the Press Section delves into files, haunts libraries, checks up references and finally compiles as much information as can be had to be sent to the European publication. People in Germany and other occupied territories are extremely interested in industrial and scientific developments in America, Price said. They want to know what the American woman does with her spare time, what educational facilities are available for the city and rural youngsters and thousands of other items which Americans take for granted.

In providing such material for overseas publication, the Press Section serves a dual purpose in playing down exaggerated propaganda and helping the Europeans to develop an American attitude, or something as near to an American attitude as can be hoped for.

Having worked in Europe for four years with the Psychological Warfare Branch of the U. S. Army during which time he was editor of two newspapers printed by the Allies and also did publications work for distribution at various

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NO EDITION

In keeping with a custom of long standing, the publishers will not issue an edition of The Enterprise next Tuesday. The current edition is going to press two days ahead of schedule, making it possible for the force to enjoy their only vacation of the year.

The Enterprise will be back on schedule Thursday of next week.

Downward Trend In Legal Whiskey Sales

Total Of \$4,529,003 Spent For Liquor Since July In 1935

Legal Sales Last Quarter Smallest For Any Period In Three Years

Liquor sales reported by the four legal beverage stores in the county for three months of July, August and September of this year were the smallest for any quarter in three years and were hardly more than half those reported for the fourth quarter in 1946. While the sales last quarter were more than \$12,000 less than those recorded for the corresponding quarter in 1947, they were almost seven times larger than those recorded for the quarter ending September 30, 1935.

While there has been a gradual decline in legal liquor sales from the peak of \$279,578.90 reported in the fourth quarter of 1946, the decline last quarter was not as marked as the one reported in the second quarter of this year. While sales last quarter were \$12,628.65 less than those for the corresponding quarter in 1947, the second quarter sales this year were \$29,698.30 below those for the second quarter in 1947.

Despite the decline in sales, cash spent for legal liquor in this county will almost certainly exceed \$650,000.00. Add the cash being spent for illicit liquors, beers and wines and the total will push upward toward a cool million dollars.

Of the \$149,140.60 taken in by the four stores last quarter, \$109,222.33 went out of the county to the liquor barons, leaving a gross profit of \$39,918.27. Operating expenses amounted to \$6,280.52, leaving a net profit of \$33,637.75 plus \$197.33 gained in discounts.

At the end of last September the Alcoholic Beverage Control System had assets valued at \$101,598.97, including \$60,772.15 in cash, \$40,475.27 in receivables and \$351.55 in fixed assets. Liabilities were listed as follows: accounts payable, \$16,726.39; due towns and county, \$54,322.18; reserve for law enforcement, \$18,550.40; and surplus, \$12,000.

The \$6,280.52 expenses were listed \$4,018.92 as direct store expenses and \$2,261.60 as administrative expenses. The direct store expenses were listed as follows: salaries and wages \$3,535.25; rent, \$579; store supplies, \$11.53; heat, light and water, \$75.29; unclassified, \$28.10. The administrative expenses were listed as follows: according to the audit recently released: salaries (warehouse, office and administrative) \$645; insurance premiums, \$36.29; safety bond premiums, \$685.37; stationery and office supplies, \$222.45; telephone and telegraph, \$22.05; travel and hotel, \$74.90; retirement, \$249.75;

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Lone Case Heard In Justice Court

Following a week-end of little activity on the crime front in this section, only one case found its way into the justice of peace courts here this week.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Bruce Coltrain was sentenced to the roads for thirty days by Justice R. T. Johnson. The road term was suspended for twelve months upon the payment of a \$15 fine and \$5.85 costs.

GREETINGS

Williamston merchants and other business operators are, in this issue of The Enterprise, extending best wishes for the Christmas season. While the greetings repeat many of the words used year after year, they carry a meaning which left unsaid would tend to make for an empty feeling at this, the season of the year.

Read the little messages with the assurance that the business operators are interested in the best for you and yours this Christmas time.

Predicting Close Check on Nation's 1948 Tax Returns

Revenue Bureau Will Use A Poll-Type Procedure To Check Reports

Trying to cheat on federal income tax payment will be riskier than ever when returns on 1948 income are filed after New Year's.

The Internal Revenue Bureau is going to use a poll-type procedure—despite the election upset—as a means of catching up with persons who try to cheat on taxes.

An official said today it would work this way:

Tax agents will pick at random a limited number of returns from each grouping of returns according to occupation, locality and income bracket.

The agents will examine each return chosen and, even if it looks all right, will ask the taxpayer to substantiate its accuracy.

If the process shows a tendency by specific occupational, geographic or income groups to file "bad" returns, the bureau will check other returns from the suspect group.

This sampling system of finding what groups to concentrate upon for investigation will supplement but not supplant, the tax checking methods hitherto used.

The old system is pretty much a matter of individual cases—checking up when a particular return "looked suspicious" but not looking for a group pattern.

Under the new system, there's a bigger chance for any taxpayer—no matter how honest his return looks—to get a call from an agent for an explanation of how he figured his tax.

He may be a "sample" case who isn't suspect at all, or merely in an occupation or locality that has produced an unusual proportion of bad returns.

There are some 55,000,000 returns a year these days. Only about one in 1000 may get an initial "sample" checking, but follow-ups will bring calls by agents on a much larger proportion.

Thirty-two Cases In County's Court Here On Monday

Fines and Forfeitures Total Almost \$1,000 In Long Session

Judge Chas. H. Manning, presiding over his second session of the Martin County Recorder's Court, called thirty-two cases on Monday of this week, collecting fines and forfeitures in the amount of \$960.

The court, attracting only a comparatively small number of spectators, was held in session until late in the afternoon.

Proceedings: Charged with careless and reckless driving, William Hess Manning was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging David Mayo with an assault was not prosed. Charged with assaulting his mother-in-law, Jas. Williams was adjudged not guilty.

The case charging Preston Spruill with bastardy was not prosed.

Raymond L. Phelps, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and had his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked for one year. He appealed to the higher courts.

Charged with aiding and abetting drunken driving, Grady T. Davis, Sr., was adjudged not guilty.

Charged with drunken driving, Hattie Parkhurst failed to answer when called.

Failing to answer when called on a drunken driving charge, Bill Vincent forfeited a \$200 bond.

Frank Cross, charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license, was sentenced to the roads for ninety days.

Charged with failing to give proper right of way, George Richardson was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging J. E. Perry with violating the liquor laws was not prosed.

Timothy Black, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$100, taxed with the costs and had his license revoked for one year.

Charged with non-support, Jos. Biggs was directed to pay the costs and \$12 a month for the support of his wife.

Failing to answer when called for drunken driving, Frank Jenkins forfeited a \$150 bond.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, L. D. Lanier was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs, the court recommending that his operator's license be revoked for one year.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without drivers' licenses, Willie Mayo Ange, Clyde Cowey, Willie James Melton and William E. Evans were each fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

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Few Marriages In The County

The marked decrease in the number of marriages among the white population in the county was reviewed as alarming by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger on Tuesday. "We have issued only three licenses to white couples so far this month, a record low for any pre-Christmas season on record," the register explained.

Sixteen licenses had been issued to colored couples during the first twenty days of the current month in this county.

Marriage License Issuance Holding To Average Rate

Twenty-seven Licenses Issued In This County During November

Twenty-seven marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the issuance holding to about an average figure for the particular period. While the number of marriages last month is more than double the count in November, 1931, it is still far behind the record of 44 reported in the same month of 1933. In November of last year there were 25 marriages in this county. It is fairly evident that the peace-time draft has not materially influenced business at the marriage license bureau.

Licenses were issued last month, sixteen to white and eleven to colored couples, as follows:

White
Jonas Lee Warren of Parmele and Bettie Faye Blake of Bethel. Edgar Taylor and Sue Grimes, both of Williamston.

James Perry Russell of Washington, D. C., and Susie Edna Page of Robersonville.

Loma E. Peal of Plymouth and Florence Elizabeth Holliday of RFD 1, Jamesville.

Eli H. Manning, Jr., and Lorene Rogerson, both of Williamston.

Davis VanNorthwick and Harriett Elizabeth Coburn, both of Robersonville.

Tommy L. Roberson, Jr., and Joyce S. Taylor, both of Williamston.

William Forrest Waters of Greenville and Christine Lilley of Williamston.

Hardy Grady Woolard and Mary Virginia Hodges, both of RFD 2, Williamston.

Samuel Rogerson and Rachel Gurkin, both of Williamston.

Eugene Gabriel Boney, Jr., and Betty Rogers, both of Williamston.

Archie Lee Perry of Williamston and Nellie Renae Gardner of Jamesville.

Joseph H. Thigpen of Davidson and Ellen Hines Taylor of Hamilton.

B. Frank Lilley, Jr., and Melba Revels, both of RFD, Williamston.

Slade Peal Revels and Sarah Margaret Roberson, both of RFD, Williamston.

Jesse Gray Coltrain and Ruth Pierce, both of RFD 1, Williamston.

Simon A. Perry, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston, and Deisy Maude Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston.

Colored
William Reed Sargent of Macon, Ga., and Barbara J. and Barbara Beach, both of RFD 2, Robersonville.

Henry C. Moore, RFD 2, Williamston, and Verna Mae Rodgers, RFD 1, Williamston.

Lester Dolberry and Marlene Brown, both of Oak City.

James Doffer Matthews, RFD 2, Robersonville, and Hattie Morning, RFD 1, Robersonville.

William Henry Saunders and Bernestine Moore, both of Robersonville.

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Farmer Reports Large Corn Crop

One of the largest corn yields reported in the county in 1948 was grown by Vance E. Bennett, veteran trainee who is attending classes in Robersonville.

Using Dixie 17 seed, the farmer planted the seed eighteen inches in the drill in four-foot rows, and used 500 pounds of a 4-10-6 fertilizer and 400 pounds of soda. Cultivation was limited to the use of a peanut weeder and he killed it with a turning plow.

He harvested 119 1-2 bushels per acre.

Dedicate Friendship Train In The County

Special Service Held At Station Tuesday Morning

Contrary to a previous announcement, Williamston stores are remaining open on a Saturday schedule for the remaining days of this week with a few holding their doors open until 9:00 o'clock each evening.

It was first announced that the stores would remain open until 9:00 each evening, but the later schedule calls for closing at 7:00 o'clock.

The stores will observe next Monday, December 27, as a holiday and remain open on New Year's Day, January 1.

Speedsters Have Another Day In Court This Week

Ten Defendants Are Fined Total of \$150 In Court Monday

Speedsters, moving south in a hurry, were temporarily detained by Judge Chas. H. Manning in the Martin County Recorder's Court this week. Carried before his honor on Monday of this week, ten alleged speedsters were fined a total of \$150.

John Wesley Lynch of Greenville was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Joseph D. Woodburn, 74, of Chau Tauqua, New York, was running from a twenty-inch snow in New York and was clocked at 68 miles an hour when he was detained and carried into court. He was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with exceeding the 55-mile an hour limit, Geo. H. Brooks of RFD 1, Grasmere, New Hampshire, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Johnnie C. Simpson, truck driver of Concord, New York, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Sailing along at eighty miles an hour, Michael Gimish of Paw, Rhode Island, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Murray Lane, of Long Island, New York, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Found guilty of speeding, Leon Lazaroff of Launcelton, New York, was fined \$15 plus costs.

Driving along at seventy miles an hour, Barbara L. Norton was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

William Reed Sargent of Macon, Ga., and Everett W. Fayban of New York were each fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

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Reports Large Postal Business

The local post office is reporting possibly its largest volume of pre-holiday business in its history. However, all is not encouraging at the office, reports stating that many cash on delivery packages are going back to the manufacturers and mail order houses. The delayed peanut harvest is playing havoc with the business, it was explained.

The office is handling what is recognized as a record number of greeting cards and first class mail.

Several extra workers have been employed at the office to assist in handling the record volume of mail.

Remembers Bear Grass Church and Friends In Will

Henry D. Peel Leaves \$200 To Primitive Baptist Church in Bear Grass

In a briefly worded will, Henry D. Peel, late prominent county citizen, remembered the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Grass, his friends and relatives. Dated January 25, 1947, the will names Herman A. Bowen and Dillon Peel, nephews, and Herbert O. Peel executors. He directed the executors to pay all his debts, to sell real property if necessary to meet any debts and pay all expenses of his funeral.

The Bear Grass church, given first place in the will, was left \$200. Mr. Peel was not a member there but he attended its service regularly over a period of years. The special award characterizes his acts advanced for so many good causes.

All of his twenty-nine nieces and sister were remembered, and \$400 was left to each of the following nephews and nieces of his late wife: Mary Harris Lilley, J. Alton Harris, Edmond D. Harris, Euzelia Harris Cherry, Susie Gray Bowen, Hubert Harris and Elsie Bailey.

Inez P. Jackson, Walter and Melba Wynne were given \$500 each. A sister, Mrs. Minnie P. Bowen, the only member of the family of children, received \$500.

The following were left \$200 each, Viola Harrison, Ruby Barnhill, Thessie J. Barnhill, Bessie J. Ross, Eloise M. Bennett and H. O. Peel.

The household and kitchen furniture is to be divided equally among Minnie P. Bowen, Inez P. Jackson and Melba W. Wynne "as they see fit and agree."

The remainder of the property of every kind, both real and personal, he left to his nephews and nieces to "share and share alike."

No value was placed on the estate.

The will was filed for probate this week in the office of the clerk of superior court.

We pause for a moment and find our hearts filled with thankfulness, because God has so abundantly blessed us here in the United States with every thing we need and some to spare. It is this spirit of gratitude to Almighty God that causes us to want to share with our hungry brothers across the seas.

Christ said "do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and if it were not for the unspeakable mysteries of God's grace, this condition might be in the United States instead of Europe and Asia, and no doubt but God hears their cries, and is saying to all of us, give ye them to eat, and in so doing Christ says we will be doing something for

We ask the question, "what effect will this have on them over there?" Jesus taught us while on earth that the way for man to get back to God was the way of kindness. Often times he healed their physical bodies and gave them material food to prepare them for the Bread of Life which is our greatest need. If the peoples of the world are ever brought back to God, so peace and security can take the place of fear and unrest, the Christian Nations of the world will have to take the lead in feeding them with both material and Spiritual Bread.

We are all of us vitally interested in making this world a better place to live in, and Christ is the Answer to every problem that confronts the human family, in all the world, and only the Church has the Message if lived and witnessed, both in words and deeds by its people, can help this world substitute love for hate, and cause people to live and put into practice the principles and teachings of Jesus. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and then we will have peace, then Prophecy will be fulfilled, then

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Special Service Held At Station Tuesday Morning

Rev. W. B. Harrington Reads Message In Presence of Small Group

The Friendship Train car, loaded with thousands of pounds of farm products, was dedicated at a special service held at the Williamston railroad station Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Only a few persons were present and heard Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister, read the message. Other minister participated in the program which was very impressive.

The Rev. Mr. Harrington said: We, the people of Martin County, give and dedicate this car load of food, in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to be gathered together with other car loads of food from our State, and twenty-three other states taking part in this great cause. It is for the purpose of feeding hungry and starving multitudes across the seas who have lost all they had because of the tragedy of war. The spirit of sharing our blessings with those who have not, comes to us through the life and teaching of our Lord who went about always doing good, and when hungry multitudes were standing around Him and his Disciples, his command to them was, "give ye them to eat," and his command to us today is the same, and at this season of the year, when all of our hearts are filled with the Christmas Spirit.

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Inventory Of The Friendship Train

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