

The National Guard In War And Peace

Military Unit Is Manned And Made Up By Civilians

Plays A Vital Part In Meeting
Emergencies On
The Home Front

The National Guard is a military organization, but its members are civilians. They work on farms, in factories, in offices. They are students, engineers, mechanics, mine workers, lawyers, bookkeepers. They are employees and employers, bankers and small depositors, veterans and non-veterans. Some of them work for you. But whatever their civilian occupation, they give part of their time every week to train in defense of their community and their country. They are America's citizen-soldiers!

Each National Guard unit is a home-town organization, with local membership, support and spirit. But each of these local units is an integral part of the divisions, regiments, wings and squadrons that make up the Army and Air National Guard. In more than 2200 communities throughout the United States and its territories, these citizen-soldiers serve your best interests.

Today, America is spending billions for security in a troubled world. Many of these billions come from American businessmen and their businesses, you are providing your share. Some of this money, your money, is invested in the National Guard. Therefore, you have a very vital interest in it. It is your National Guard!

Facts and good business sense will show you the value of your National Guard. It serves you in both peace and war, yet its members, except when they actually bearing arms in defense of our country, are regular employees of American business. Operated like a successful business, the Guard is paying dividends in security for all American, at less cost to you.

The National Guard so bolsters our defense that a much smaller regular military establishment is required. It costs only a fraction

Funeral Held For Native Of County

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Springfield, West Virginia, last Tuesday for D. Alonza Cherry, native of this county, who died suddenly of a heart attack there on October 16. The Rev. Mr. Sawyer, Methodist minister, conducted the services, and interment was in the Springfield cemetery.

Mr. Cherry was born in Cross Roads Township, in this county, 71 years ago, the son of the late Mack Cherry and wife. He was married to Miss Ellie Knox of this county in 1908 and left in 1910 for Virginia, later locating in West Virginia. He made his last visit to his old home about fifteen years ago.

Surviving besides his widow are three sons, Alton and Ellis Cherry, both of VanNuys, Calif., and Philip A. Cherry, of Springfield; one daughter, Mrs. George Dennison of the home; two brothers, Dan Cherry of Gold Point, and Jesse Cherry of South Carolina.

Mrs. H. S. Hardy, a sister-in-law of Everetts, attended the last rites.

Lad Attacked On Street Corner Here Last Night

Larry Mims, twelve years old, was attacked and painfully hurt at the corner of Main and Elm Streets here about 9:30 o'clock last night. Details of the attack could not be learned, but the lad said two colored boys attacked him, one landing a blow on his head with a board. His head was sewed up and he was hospitalized overnight.

The boy was trying to catch a ride to his home in West End when he was attacked.

STORM APPEALS

Mrs. Cecile Chiddix, disaster relief chairman of the American Red Cross, will be in the office of the Martin County Chapter Thursday of this week from 9:00 a. m. to receive appeals from storm victims in the chapter. She plans to be in the Red Cross office in Robersonville that afternoon.

Those persons who need help and can qualify for relief are directed to contact the representative that day.

The office here is located on the second floor of the town hall.

Man Was Fatally Attacked Before Eaten By Swine

Funeral Held Sunday For
John Mason, Victim
Of Brutal Attack

John Mason, aged colored farmer of Bear Grass Township whose battered skeleton was found in a hog pasture a week ago, was fatally struck on the head before swine tore the meat from his bones, according to a preliminary report heard here following an autopsy performed by a Durham pathologist last Saturday afternoon.

Mason's remains, with some of the bones still missing, were buried Sunday.

Robert Everett, young colored man with a record who is believed connected with the brutal crime, is still missing along with Mason's 1942 model car and \$100 or more in cash.

The pathologist in his preliminary report said that while Mason's head was not fractured, he received a fatal blow on the back of his head, causing a hemorrhage of the brain. Mason is believed to have lived only a short time after the attack, but it is still possible that he was still alive when the swine attacked him. It was also explained that Mason's skull formation was such that it appeared to have been fractured. A blunt instrument, an automobile universal joint, was found in the pasture, and it is possible that Mason was fatally attacked in the pasture.

It was reliably learned that Mason was attacked by Everett late Sunday afternoon of October 17 on the Cedar Hill road, less than one mile from the Southerner on Highway 17. It is believed that Mason was carried to the hog pasture on the Bowen farm in Bear Grass Township a short time later.

Officers are looking for Everett but no trace of him has been found, reports stating that he was last seen with Mason on the afternoon of October 17.

Entertainment At County Fair

Nine colored amateur groups will take the stage tonight as the Martin County Fair moves toward the end of its second day. Last night's program featured the Melody Masters who were well received. On Wednesday afternoon and night, the Sunshine Boys will provide the entertainment, while Thursday night has been reserved for white amateur acts.

A total of \$75 will be awarded both tonight and Thursday night to the amateur winners. Tonight's show will feature the following colored amateur groups and individuals:

The Silveraires, The Gospelaires, The Golden Stars, The Spiritual Travelers, The Harmonizing Kings, The Bells of Three, Mason's Clarinet Troupe, Mason's Trumpet Troupe, Lenora Slade.

Cowboy Copas and the Oklahoma Cowboys will provide the entertainment on Friday afternoon and night, and the fair will bring down the curtains on its free entertainment with a big TV Jam-boree on Saturday night.

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Unit Is Now Housed In Its
New \$100,000 Home On
Highways 17 And 64

In the fall of 1949 the idea of a National Guard unit for Williamston and Martin County was born. The idea had been advanced several times before but never before did it receive the necessary support of civic leaders and other interested people shown at this time.

The office of the Adjutant General for the State of North Carolina in Raleigh, notified local men a unit was available in the 150th AAA Gun Battalion which had headquarters in Wilmington. Captain Henry V. Reid, also of Wilmington, Adjutant of the 252d AAA Group, which controls the 150th AAA Gun Battalion, made numerous trips to Williamston during November and December 1949. During these visits much of the groundwork was laid and recruiting was begun for members of the local unit.

A group of local civic leaders who were interested in the project held meetings from time to time with Captain Reid. At one of these meetings it was decided that James D. Harris, who had seen much active service as a Captain in the Tank Corps during World War II, should be the battery commander of the new unit. At this time officials of the town of Williamston agreed to let the unit use part of the City Water Plant facilities as an Armory or meeting place until an Armory could be constructed from Federal and State funds.

Finally it was decided to hold the opening drill on Monday, January 26, 1950, at the Water Plant. Before this could be done it was necessary for the unit's officers to take a physical examination in Raleigh. At that time it was learned that Capt. Harris had a heart condition which would

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Tobacco Missing From Plant Here

Approximately eleven hundred pounds of tobacco were stolen from the plant of W. I. Skinner and Company here during the past week-end. The tobacco was just inside the receiving room, and was moved out through a door at the front of the factory. No report has been released, but it was estimated that the tobacco was worth more than \$500.

Bulluck's was robbed during the early hours of this morning. Forcing the back door, the robber stole between \$7 and \$8 in cash from the cash register, a gray tweed overcoat, a tan corduroy coat, three suede jackets and other articles, valued at about \$150. The robbery was discovered by Patrolman Perry shortly after 4:00 o'clock.

A side door to the Western Auto Store was found open early this morning, but nothing was missed.

Tobacco Sales Holding Up Well On The Market Here

Despite an early opening and a rush to complete the marketing, sales of the Williamston tobacco market continue to hold up well, according to official reports released today.

Yesterday, the market sold 106,382 pounds for an average of \$57.49 per hundred pounds, the average being among the highest recorded during the past ten days. A medium sale is in progress today with prices holding firm.

Up until today, the market here had sold 12,495,326 pounds for \$6,975,541, an average for the season to date of \$55.83. Already the market has sold more than one

million pounds in excess of the total handled all last season, and farmers have already received more than \$200,000 in excess of the 1953 receipts.

Farmers, coming here from several counties yesterday, reported individual averages, ranging right up to the 70-cent figure.

No closing date has been mentioned for the market here. It is fairly certain that sales will continue well into next week and longer if conditions warrant a later closing. Last year the market closed for the season on October 30, but just before the closing sales had dwindled to as low as 10,000 pounds on one or two days.

Several Wrecks On Highways In County Recently

Another Automobile Burned
Near Williamston
Late Sunday Evening

Several accidents were reported on the highways and streets in the county during the past few days. Two persons were injured, neither of them seriously, and property damage, estimated at \$2,750, resulted, according to reports coming from members of the State Highway Patrol and police officers.

In addition to the wrecks, one car, a 1951 Hudson driven by James Edward Graham of Williamston, caught fire and burned on the Tyner road about 10:00 o'clock Sunday night. Graham said he was driving along the road near Williamston, that he smelled smoke and got out and raised the hood. He saw no fire there and went back to examine the inside and was met by stifling smoke when he opened the door. Apparently the fire started under the dashboard.

Driving near the Pollard farm

Guard Works To Get Unit Up To Maximum Strength

The Williamston National Guard unit is currently authorized 106 enlisted men and now have on roll 68 men.

In a discussion of the strength of the unit, Captain E. S. Peel, Jr., expressed a desire to recruit the unit to full strength as soon as possible. He pointed out that as the unit becomes nearer full strength, it is more difficult for a new recruit to select the job he wants in the battery. As of now, each member is given the opportunity of selecting his job.

Young men between the ages of 17 and 35 with or without prior service are urged to come down to the Armory any Monday night and talk over advantages of enlisting in the Guard.

The National Guard offers: (1) Regular Army pay for each drill night, (2) Full regular army pay

Mrs. Sadie Davis Dies At Her Home Near Jamesville

Funeral Held Monday In
Poplar Chapel Commu-
nity by the Rev. Davis

Mrs. Sadie Hardison Davis, prominent leader of the Poplar Chapel community of Jamesville Township, died at her home there at 7:00 o'clock last Saturday evening. She had been in declining health for several years and critically ill for about two weeks.

The daughter of the late Joseph and Sarah Jane Waters Hardison, she was born eighty-three years ago on December 11, 1867, in Jamesville Township and spent all her life there. In early womanhood she was married to Sylvester Davis who died in 1937.

Mrs. Davis was a faithful member of the church at Poplar Chapel for many years, and was held in high esteem.

Surviving are one son, Joseph H. Davis; one daughter, Mrs. Ione Holliday, both of Jamesville; two brothers, Samuel Hardison of Washington and Arthur Hardison

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Robbery At Maola Plant Here Last Saturday Evening

Truck Loaded With Milk
Found Near Windsor;
Some Cash Recovered

The local plant of the Maola Milk and Ice Cream Company on South Haughton Street was robbed between 8:00 and 9:00 o'clock last Saturday evening, the robber carrying away approximately \$2,300 in checks and cash. He made his get-away in a milk truck, loaded with several hundred quarts of milk and other dairy products.

The truck, its cargo intact, was found near Windsor late Sunday afternoon. It was reported that the robber left an undetermined amount of cash, all of it in silver, and the checks in the truck.

Several of the drivers checked in their receipts for the day shortly after 8:00 o'clock that evening and they were placed in the money drawer while Manager J. H. Black who was at supper and who was to return and deposit the money in a night depository at a local bank. When Mr. Black returned he found the money missing along with the truck and a side door open.

An investigation was started immediately. It is believed the robber secreted himself in the plant until the manager and drivers left. Apparently acquainted with the operations of the plant, the robber got keys to the office and money box, and let himself out the side door.

The truck was seen traveling out Washington Street, but no attention was given it at the time. Apparently the robber drove to Skewarkey and switched north on the new Highway 17 bypass.

It was said that a Windsor taxi driver picked up a fare, believed to have been the robber, and carried him to Norfolk, reaching the Virginia city a short time before midnight.

Home Destroyed By Fire Sunday

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the four-room home of Glendora Williams on White Street about 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening. The fire, believed to have started in the kitchen, was burning rapidly when neighbors discovered it. The smoke was seen a quarter-mile or more away before an alarm was sounded.

No one was at home at the time, according to Fire Chief G. P. Hall who estimated the loss on the house at \$2,500. No estimate on the loss experience on the contents could be had immediately.

The owner of the house, D. V. Clayton, was quoted as saying that the house was insured for \$2,000, but it could not be learned if the contents were insured.

The fire chief said that firemen encountered their worst traffic jam in years. The curious actually dodged in and out of traffic, heading off several firemen, and the truck was blocked at one corner. Dust was flying so thick and fast that firemen had to feel their way to the nearest hydrant.

Fair Opens To Large Crowd Last Evening

PEANUT MARKET

While a few scattered sales were recorded last week, the peanut market opened here with a spurt yesterday as the threshing operations got under way on a fairly large scale, especially in the upper parts of the county.

Deliveries to the market here are still limited, but with favorable weather prevailing a few more days, the market is expected to handle capacity deliveries.

Prices yesterday, holding pretty close to support levels, ranged from around 10 cents to 13.52 cents per pound. The Williamston Peanut Company is placing its large plant here in operation this afternoon.

Starting Blood Testing Program In This County

Health Department Urging
All Citizens To Take
The Free Tests

The Martin County Health Department, in cooperation with the North Carolina State Board of Health, is starting a blood-testing program in this county on November 2, it was announced by Dr. Sam Graham, health officer. H. M. Mauldin and G. T. Moore, representatives of the State Board of Health were in the county last week making arrangements for the program.

As a part of a project to control syphilis, the tests will be given free, and the work will be handled locally by four trained technicians, including Frank Silver and James Lee and the two young men who were here last

The testing stations are being opened in convenient locations, and the public is invited to patronize them or report directly to the County Health Clinic in Williamston to make the tests.

The first of the stations will be opened in Jamesville at the Hardison Farm Supply store at 9:00 o'clock, November 2. Other clinics scheduled for November 2 include: Gordon's store in Free Union at 1:30 p. m., Eason Lilley's store in Griffins at 9:00 a. m., and Terry's store in Bear Grass at 1:30 p. m.

The schedule for Wednesday, November 3 follows: Gold Point at 1:30 p. m., Hardy's store in Everetts at 9:00 a. m., Roebuck's store in Parnelle at 9:00 a. m., and Eubanks' store in Hassell at 1:30 p. m.

The schedule for Thursday, November 4 follows: (Continued on Page Eight)

Few Register In County Recently

Hardly a dozen new names were added to the registration books in this county during the past three Saturdays, according to incomplete reports coming from the registrars for the general election next Tuesday.

Jamesville is believed to have led the county with three new registrations, all falling in the Democratic column. Williamston reported one lone registrant who wanted to get into the Democratic fold, and scattered registrations were reported through the thirteen precincts.

In one precinct, two registrants changed their registration precincts, the husband going with the Republicans and the wife choosing the Democratic fold. In another precinct there was an even shift, one couple moving out of the Democratic column into the Republican field, possibly with their eyes on political jobs, while two others wandered out of the Republican Party into the Democratic fold, the husband admitting he did not know how he ever got tangled up with the Old Guard.

The registration books are to be held open Saturday for challenge.

Fifty Commercial Booths Opened To Public Yesterday

Representative Exhibits Being
Judged By Experts
At Fair Today

The Martin County Fair, sponsored by the local Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, opened to a large crowd in the Carolina warehouse here last evening. It was the largest opening we have ever had, a fair official was quoted as saying. Time ran out on a few exhibitors, but the delayed work is being completed today and the fair is all set for a full schedule from now until late Saturday night.

The farm and home exhibits, while hardly as extensive as they were last year, are quite representative. The livestock division is attracting prize stock in the stables on Elm Street, about 150 feet from the main exhibit hall. The exhibits and displays are being judged today by experts, and a review of the exhibits will be handled later in the week.

There were one or two risqué spots on the midway, and there is a possibility that they will be toned down. The rides, and there are many, are doing a good business, it was reported.

The commercial exhibits are rated the best ever seen at a fair in this section. Special attention is being attracted to the Virginia Electric and Power Company's display where lighting got its start with the oil lamp and advanced rapidly with Edison's first incandescent bulb in 1879. Just about every kind and size of lamp is on display in the large display, attractively arranged.

Other displays, all of them good, include those of the following firms:

Blue Star Cleaners, Griffin Fordson, Corey Plumbing Co., Martin Feed Mills, Roanoke Chevrolet Co., space for new car showing on the 28th, Moore Grocery, Dearborn farm machinery, Silent Flame harvester, Chas. H. Jenkins and Co., FCX, John

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Last Rites Today For Mrs. Manseau

Funeral services are being conducted in the Hamilton Baptist Church this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock for Mrs. Estelle Burnell Manseau who died at her home over in Williams Township Sunday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Hamilton Cemetery. The Rev. Bill Davenport, Methodist minister of Plymouth, will conduct the rites.

In declining health for almost a year, Mrs. Manseau was critically ill for about one week.

She was born in Robeson County 44 years ago on May 21, 1910, the daughter of the late Dan and Lillian Freeman Burnell. She was married in early womanhood to Roland Lee Manseau and moved to this county about fifteen years ago, locating in the Hamilton community. Four years ago they moved to Williams Township.

Surviving are three daughters, Louise Jane, Marjorie Lee, and Barbara Faye Burnell, all of the home; three sons, Dannie Lee Manseau of Kansas City, Mo., Roland Gray Manseau of the U. S. Army stationed in Germany, and Thomas Grant Manseau of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Faircloth of Portsmouth, and Mrs. Jesse Hopkins of Fayetteville; and three brothers, Tom Burnell of Fayetteville, Irving Burnell of Holly Ridge and Norman Burnell of Parkton, N. C.

Stormy Pacific Crossing Reported By County Man

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Terry, a few days ago, MM/3c Jimmy Terry said they had reached the far Pacific theater after a stormy crossing. His ship was in a typhoon, and he with others remained in the ship's hold for four days.

Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

Installment 22

(On September 14, 1861, Captain Clement listed himself and 63 of his men held prisoner at Governor's Island, New York. In the current installment of the diary, Mr. Bagley lists names of 97 men and officers who were taken prisoner at the fall of Fort Hatteras and were transferred to federal prisons. The diary refers to Fort Columbus, and while its location is not definitely known, the fort apparently was in Ohio. Later the men were located at Fort Warren in Boston Harbor where they spent some time. Other records show that Captain Lamb was carried through Baltimore where he was joined by Dr. McGill who was arrested as an enemy of the Union and moved to Fort Warren.)

Received from Captain John C. Lamb a letter under date of September 30, 1861, from Fort Columbus, giving a list of the officers and soldiers that are with him as prisoners of war:

William Biggs, 3rd lieutenant; Jos. G. Caraway, 1st sergeant (orderly); Theodore Hassell, 1st sergeant; George L. Whitley, 4th sergeant; John D. Perry, 5th sergeant; James B. Lanier, 1st corporal; Slade Rogerson, 2nd corporal; William L. Hatton, 3rd corporal; T. A. Tay, 4th corporal; and B. E. G. Jewett, paymaster;

Privates: Eli Askew, Jeremiah Askew, W. B. Anderson, W. S. Ausborne, J. W. Baker, William Baker, Thomas L. Burroughs, William Bond, C. C. Coultraine, B. P. Corban, Henry Cooper, James J. Cooper, N. T. Cullipher, Thomas H. Davis, Joshua H. Griffin.

Alpha Modlin, William G. Mizelle, John A. Mizelle, Nathan Mizelle, William Mizelle, John Mooring, John A. Mayo, James H. Morris, William T. Morris, Wilson Manning, William J. Melson, Stephen E. More, L. H. Mobre, E. E. Nichols, Simmons B. Pope, James Parisher, James H. Parker, William K. Parker, Stephen Peal, Luke L. Peal, J. B. Peal, George W. Purvis, W. J. Pugh.

William C. Rawls, Benjamin F. Robason, Eli S. Robason, Harrison Robason, Mc. G. Robason, Wiley Robason, B. F. Rogers, David Rogerson, D. L. Rogerson, H. E. Rogerson, Nathan Rogerson, William Rogerson, William Rogerson, Thomas J. Sikes, Jordan Simpson.

H. S. Taylor, William Taylor, William L. Tart, Abel Thomas, Romulus Thomas, Samuel D. Tetterton, Alpheus B. Waters, David L. Williams, Edward Wynn, James B. Whitaker, Martin Whitaker, John Woolard, George Tweedy and James E. Midgett.

(At the time the letter was written, James E. Midgett was listed as dead, the official records placing his death on September 23, 1861. Pvt. Midgett was a member of Captain Lamb's Company D, Wilson Manning was a victim of typhoid fever, but he survived. The following were listed with the measles: Lt. William Biggs, John Askew, Thomas L. Burroughs, Thomas H. Davis, Julius M. Gardner, Willie Hamilton, James K. Hardison, Alpha Modlin, William J. Melson, Simmons B. Pope, William C. Rawls, Mc. G. Robason, Nathan Rogerson, Romulus Thomas, Samuel D. Tetterton and Martin Whitaker.

(The office of the North Carolina Adjutant General listed the following deaths among Martin County men in prisoner of war camps at Governor's Island in New York Harbor, and Fort Warren in Boston Harbor, in addition to Pvt. Midgett: A. Modlin, Captain Lamb's Company D, Oc-

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