

### Family Reunion At Cherry Sunday

Cherry.—Honoring Sergeants Tommie and Carlton Spruill, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Spruill, who are home from Greenland, where they have been stationed for sometime, their brothers and sisters and a number of friends gathered at the home of their parents Sunday for an old-fashioned family reunion.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Spruill, of Roper; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blount and their children, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spruill, of Norfolk; Sergeants Tommie and Carlton Spruill and Sergeant Gould, of the Army; Eric Spruill, of Norfolk; Miss Doris Hough, of Norfolk; Miss Evelyn Belanga, of Creswell; Miss Mamie Davenport, of Cherry; Miss Kate Spruill, of Norfolk and Cherry; and Miss Jackie Johnson, of Norfolk.

It was a most enjoyable occasion for all those present, and they hope to have many more such happy days. In addition, the boys, who are doing their part to win the war, have many other friends who were not able to attend but who expressed their wishes for other happy reunions.

### Young People Conduct Service at Christ Church

Creswell.—An interesting and impressive service was conducted Sunday evening at Christ church by the young people of the church under the leadership of Mrs. Milton Starr. An offering was taken for wounded Russian soldiers.

### SKINNERSVILLE

Miss Imogene McGiboney, of Greensboro, Ga.; Miss Betty McCracken, of Canton; Miss Ilean Smith, of Asheville; and Mrs. Joyce Sandlin, of Beulahville, bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss Margie White of the community, and Richard Lucas, of Plymouth, at Pleasant Grove church Saturday evening, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Walter White and the bride, Mrs. Richard Lucas. Miss Polly Swain, of Charleston, S. C., was also a bridesmaid at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Stark Holton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Spruill and Mr. Spruill's mother, Mrs. Edgar Spruill, at Cross Roads Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John McAllister, of Cross Roads, were guests of C. V. White and daughters, Misses Alice and Eva White, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sallie Davenport, of the community, Mrs. Arthur Barnes and Mrs. J. B. White, of Pleasant Grove, were guests of Misses Alice and Eva White Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Tom White and Mrs. Stark Holton were in Plymouth Friday.

Mrs. Clinton Everett, Mrs. Tom White, Mrs. Stark Holton, Mrs. Sallie Davenport, Miss Eva White and J. B. White attended the wedding of Miss Margie White and Richard Lucas at Pleasant Grove Methodist church last Saturday evening.

Services were held at Oak Grove Baptist church last Sunday morning by the pastor, the Rev. S. B. Wilson, of Creswell.

Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Wilson, of Creswell, and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bell, of Chowan River Bridge, were din-

### NOW SHOWING AT PLYMOUTH THEATRE



Typifying the high-jinks that go on in "Rings on Her Fingers," Gene Tierney here gives the "business" to Laird Regar, while adoring Henry Fonda looks on. This film will be seen Thursday and Friday of this week at the Plymouth Theatre.

### ROPER

Mr. and Mrs. Potter Dixon, of Elizabeth City, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. George Dixon.

Mrs. Thomas B. Jeffreys and Miss Elizabeth Blount spent the week-end with Mrs. Hilton Liverman at Travis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simmons, of near Plymouth, moved into the house with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Furlough last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and daughter, of Norfolk, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Oliver Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blount and children spent Saturday night with Mrs. Mattie White.

Mrs. Carol Nichols and baby returned last Thursday to Washington, D. C., after spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Dan Marrow, sr.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chesson and Miss Eva Chesson left last Friday for Washington, D. C., to spend some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Spruill spent last Thursday in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Poole and son, Edward, spent Sunday in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. W. N. Piercy returned home Sunday from Duke hospital at Durham.

Mrs. Evelyn Furlough, of Creswell, is spending the week here with Miss Myra Furlough.

Miss Greta Miller, of Washington, is spending the week with Mrs. C. J. Watts.

Mrs. Mahlon Hassell and children, of Norfolk, and Mrs. B. G. O'Brien and daughter, of Union Grove, are spending some time with J. J. Hassell.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Biggs, of Norfolk, spent a few days here with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Biggs, recently.

Misses Myra Furlough and Louise Hassell spent last week with Mrs. Thomas Marriner, of Pleasant Grove.

Mrs. Luther Peacock and Miss Mary Ellen Peacock returned home Sunday after spending the past two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wentz.

### PLEASANT GROVE

Miss Nellie Tarkenton, of ECTC, Greenville, was here for the week-end guest of Mrs. T. L. Wynne and Mrs. Effie W. Gurkin.

Mrs. Bettie Spruill is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Thompson, in Greensboro.

Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Mrs. W. R. Chesson and son, Larry, Mrs. Frances C. Hutchins and daughter, Rebecca went to Williamston Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Davenport a son Saturday the 27th. Miss Myrtle Tarkenton, of Columbia spent Sunday with Mrs. T. L. Wynne.

Miss Lela Belle Davenport, home economics teacher, of Columbia, is spending her vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davenport.

ner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stark Holton Sunday.

C. T. White, who was hurt on the railroad near Columbia Saturday night, is home this week. Mr. White and son, Thomas, visited the hospital at Columbia Sunday afternoon and it was found that while no bones were broken, severe bruises about the hip had been sustained by Mr. White.

The battleship USS Indiana, launched November 21, was completed six months ahead of schedule.

### CRESWELL

Mrs. W. B. Gaiter spent Wednesday night with relatives in Rocky Mount. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mary who has spent some time with relatives there.

Miss Virginia Woodley spent Monday night in Norfolk.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong went to Norfolk Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harris visited Miss Loula Mae Davenport in a hospital near Raleigh Sunday.

J. C. Gatin, jr., left Monday for West Point.

Billy Wells Bateman, of Norfolk, visited his parents here Monday.

Sgt. Thomas Spruill and Sgt. Carlton Spruill, of Greenland are spending some time with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Chester Spruill.

Edsel Barnes, of Norfolk spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Odell Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Davenport and children, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Billy Hatfield, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hatfield.

Harry Barnes, jr., of Norfolk, visited his father over the week-end. Misses Selma and Thelma Stillman, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Sadie Stillman.

Pvt. Louis Davenport, of Fort Myers, Fla., spent a few days of the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Davenport.

T. S. Harrell, III, of Manteo is the guest of his cousin Billy Harrell.

Carmen Bateman, returned to his home in Norfolk Sunday after visiting relatives here. Sam Woodley was in Norfolk Monday.

Robert Bateman accompanied by his friend R. S. Cutler, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bateman.

Miss Mary Ellen Stillman is spending the week in Roper.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Davenport announce the birth of a son, Joseph Baker Davenport, jr., in Columbia

### Cause of High Rate Selectee Rejections Explained by Board

### Change in Method of Giving Examinations Cited as Main Reason

The following article was released this week by the public relations office of the North Carolina Headquarters for the Selective Service System:

The current high rate of rejections of selectees at the induction station is disturbing to the public mind. This is understandable since the public is so vitally interested in every phase of Selective Service. There is a satisfactory explanation for it and the public is entitled to that explanation.

Prior to January 1, 1942, complete physical examinations were given the selectees by local board examining physicians. After a few months of experience, these physicians were passing men who very closely met the Army's requirements. Rejections at the induction station at that time were almost entirely of men with borderline conditions, men who had contracted diseases between the time of their local examinations and the time of their delivery for induction, and men rejected as a result of the chest X-rays which were never a part of the local examination.

Under the regulations now in force, the local examining physicians do not make a comprehensive examination. In fact, they make only a casual, "screening" examination and are guided by a list of defects, one part of which sets forth non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify the selectee for all military service, and the second part of which sets forth those non-remediable physical conditions which manifestly disqualify for general military service, but qualify for limited service. The local examining physician has no alternative but to follow this list specifically. With these limitations, the examining physician can reject little more than the obviously unfit.

Another reason for the large number of rejections is that local boards no longer have the authority to disqualify registrants who are below the minimum literacy standards for military service. Prior to January 1, 1942, they had such authority and did not send to the induction station registrants who were below such standards. Regulations now provide that all such men, otherwise qualified for military service, must be sent to the induction station for final check and rejection by the Army.

It can readily be appreciated by those who understand the regulations in force that a higher percentage of the men forwarded for induction may be expected to be rejected for the reasons above given and local boards and examining physicians should not be criticized for a condition over which they have no control. They have no choice but to send the men to the induction station even if they have reason to believe that a large number will be rejected on account of their physical condition or lack of educational qualification.

### CHERRY

Miss Katie Spruill, who works in Norfolk spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Dora Spruill.

Mr. Junior Spruill, of Lynnhaven, Va. and Mrs. Lucy Rae Peele spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. E. F. Spruill. Junior has been in the sanatorium in Lynnhaven and reports that he is in good health again. This will be good news to his many friends.

Miss Gladys Etheridge, of Columbia, spent the week-end with Miss Lucille Davenport.

Mrs. G. F. Woodley is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Spruill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davenport visited their daughter who has been ill.

Mr. Louis Davenport who is in camp in Louisiana is spending a few days with his parents here Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davenport.

Sgt. Tommie Spruill and Sgt. Carlton Spruill, who have been in Greenland, arrived home Friday to spend sometime with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Spruill. They were accompanied by Sgt. Gould, of New Orleans, La.

Mr. Edsel Barnes, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Barnes.

Mr. Harry J. Barnes spent Saturday night and Sunday with his father, Mr. H. P. Barnes.

### Preston Woodley To Get Commission in Engineers

Creswell.—Preston Woodley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Woodley, left Sunday for New York, where he will be given a physical examination before entering the Army as a second lieutenant in the Engineer Corps. It is understood he will be stationed at a camp in Louisiana.

Young Woodley graduated in civil engineering at State College in 1940 and taught this course at summer school there the same year.

He has since been with the TVA, first going to Alabama, then to Tennessee; and at the time of his call he was working in Syracuse, N. Y. He had received a rating of junior civil engineer.

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