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All But Three Communities Over In Red Cross Drive

Three Brown Brothers in Armed Services



Three sons of Mrs. Glendora Brown and the late C. J. Brown of Warsaw, are in the military armed services. Ensign Lee Edward Brown, left, who received his commission Feb. 20 in the United States Navy at Chapel Hill, is stationed at Norfolk, Va. Lt. Clarence J. Brown, Jr., center, joined the United States Army in June, 1942, and is now in the Pacific with the fleet. Glenn G. Brown, right, joined the United States Army in June, 1942, and has been on duty in the Southwest Pacific for 18 months.

Triple A Threat To Farmers Outlawed By Lower House

Failure to sign up AAA has No Effect on Draft of Ration Stamps; Any Person Making Such Demand Will Lose Salary Payment.

Aroused by charges that farmers have been compelled to sign up with the triple A or risk losing their gas rations and draft deferments, the house in Washington Thursday wrote a ban on such practices into the agricultural department appropriations bill. On a vote of 93 to 65 it tentatively approved an amendment denying salary payments to any person who demands that a farmer join the AAA "as a condition of draft deferment or for the grant of any other benefit."

The charges have been made by Representative Harness, Republican, Indiana, who told an agriculture subcommittee of a letter he received from a farmer in his own state. The farmer said he was told by his draft board he had to show a certificate of AAA membership or be placed in IA, subject to immediate induction.

A group of Ohio farmers joined in a protest association also testified before the subcommittee against the policies of the AAA—an adjunct of the agriculture department which handles farm and marketing problems.

There are questions about the war that should not be answered; there are others that should not be asked.

FOOD RATION STAMPS WILL NOT EXPIRE

Raleigh OPA district director, declared today that expiration dates for food ration stamps are out for the duration.

Beginning in April, red and blue stamps in War Ration Book No. Four will be good indefinitely.

There will be no change in high stamps become good.

Expiration date of shoe stamps was removed last September and sugar expiration dates were done away with three weeks ago.

Note: Expiration dates in Weekly Ration Guide is to be ignored.

Warsaw Negro Held Without Bond In Fatal Shooting

One Negro Dead; One In Hospital; Affray Occurred Sun.; Negro Dies on Sidewalk Front Dr. Williams Office.

At a coroner's inquest held Monday night at the Warsaw Town Hall, Jerry Short, Warsaw Negro, was ordered held in the County jail in Kenansville without bond, in connection with the fatal shooting of Leonard Rhem, Warsaw Negro, Sunday afternoon, and serious knifing of Robert Best, now in the Goldsboro Hospital.

Coroner R. J. Jones and the six jurors listened to a dozen or more witnesses testify that Rhem, who lives across the street from Short, had beaten his wife, Flora, and was sitting on his front porch when he called to Robert Best to come upon the porch with him. An argument ensued and the two fell to words when Rhem suddenly began cutting Best, as Best fled with Rhem in close pursuit, Best received numerous serious wounds from the hands of Rhem and finally ended in the yard of Jerry Short across the street. Short demanded Rhem and Best to leave his house. Witnesses testified that Rhem threatened Short, Short went into his house and left the two struggling negroes in his yard. He returned to the porch with a gun and fired the fatal shot into Rhem.

Immediately Short put up his gun and aided in assisting Best and Rhem to the office of Dr. J. W. Williams, where Rhem died on the sidewalk. Short went to the police and gave himself up. The jury found that "Rhem came to his death from gunshot wounds from the hands of Jerry Short and that Short should be held for investigation by the County Grand Jury."

Pre-School Clinic for April Announced

Preschool clinics will be held at the following places during the month of April: Friday, April 7th, Calypso High School 10 - 12 A. M.; Friday, April 7th, Faison High School 1 - 2:30 P. M.; Monday, April 17, Kenansville High School 10 - 12 A. M.; and Monday, April 24, Wallace High School 10 - 12 A. M.

Cavenaugh Elected Rotary President

At the regular meeting of the Warsaw Rotary Club last Thursday the members elected officers for the coming year. Aubrey L. Cavenaugh was chosen President to succeed R. E. Wall; Warren A. Smith was re-elected Vice-President; and Paul Potter was again made Sec-Treas. The following members will serve on the Board of Directors: Aubrey L. Cavenaugh, Warren A. Smith, Paul Potter, R. E. Wall, Arthur Humphrey, A. Brooks, and Dr. Edwin P. Ewers. These officers will begin their duties on July 1, 1944. Jack Glisson was welcomed as a new member at this meeting.

"I must turn my wife over to the doctor." "Is she in a bad way?" "Sure, simply crazy about him."

ATTENTION AUTO DEALERS

All automobile dealers are requested to send in their inventory report form E-78 to Inventory Unit, Empire State Building, New York City. Please do this immediately. These forms were due to be sent in by Jan. 15 and not one from Duplin County has yet been reported. Duplin Ration Board.

Local Red Cross Chapter Receives Thanks for Knitted Wearing Apparel

The following letter was received from a post somewhere in the war zone thanking the ladies of the Duplin County Red Cross for the knitted wear received by the boys:

Duplin County Chapter, American Red Cross Production Corps.

This is to inform you that some of the sweaters, helmets, and other articles of clothing that your production corps knitted so beautifully, we received from National Headquarters for distribution at this post.

The soldiers were delighted to receive these gifts, and many of them have asked me to express their sincere appreciation. Please tell the ladies who spent so many hours in making the garments that their fine gifts are now being worn at a post where the climate makes them especially acceptable.

Please do not consider this to be a "form" letter. The particular situation at this post would not permit typing a message to each chapter, and yet we did want you to know that your grand work has been appreciated very much. For the servicemen to whom you have rendered such fine service — thanks.

Sincerely yours Walter H. Smith Field Director APO 679 Postmaster, New York.

NOTICE

To all Ready to Wear and Clothing Merchants: There will be a meeting held in the Wallace school building, Tuesday night, April 4th at 8 o'clock. Please be there - someone from Raleigh will be there to help you with your problems. Elery Guthrie, Price Clerk.

COUNTY BRIEFS

WORK PILE PROJECT GETTING UNDERWAY

The Work Pile program, being sponsored in Warsaw Township by the Warsaw Rotary Club will begin compiling data next week on probable job openings for returning service men.

LISTS DELINQUENTS

The Warsaw draft board has released a list of draft delinquents for its area. They are all Negroes. Horace Edward Bryant, Otto Newkirk, Johnnie Carr and Fred Douglas Branch. Each have been notified to report for induction on April 8th.

GETS GOOD CONDUCT AWARD

Cpl. James E. Westbrook of this county has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal after one year of meritorious service in the U. S. Army. The award was made at the headquarters of the European theatre of action.

REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION

Don Mercer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mercer of near Beulaville, has been reported killed in action.

Cpl. Stroud In Virginia Hospital

Cpl. Glenn M. Stroud, Son of Mrs. Barney Stroud of the Holt's Store community, is now in the Woodrow Wilson General Hospital at Staunton, Va., for treatment for nerve shock suffered while in battle overseas. He was returned to the States on the exchange ship Gripsholm after being a German prisoner for many months.

He sailed for England in August 1942. He was in several different hospitals while a German prisoner and says they treated him well and that the doctors were the very finest. In German prison camps he said, they treated the boys as well as could be expected.

Donald Williams Receives Honor At Duke

DURHAM, N. C., — Donald Williams, junior Navy V-12 student at Duke University, has been appointed Battalion Chief Petty Officer of the Naval ROTC Unit on the campus. He also holds one of the five highest averages in the year's work in navigation.

Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Williams, of 500 Watt St., Durham, Faison and Warsaw. He is a nephew of the late General Samuel Lane Faison, commanding officer of the 16th Infantry Brigade of the Thirtieth Division of World War I, and commander of the Sixtieth Brigade, known as "Old Hickory," when

elections, composed of Garland King chairman, J. O. Smith of Smith Township and Wiley Knowles of Wallace have divided four of the county's precincts into eight giving a total of 20 voting places in the county. The new set up becomes effective with the 1944 primaries. Your attention is called to a legal notice on another page giving the exact boundaries of the divided precincts.

In Smith Township the two precincts will be known as Smith, with Freely Smith's store the voting place, and Cabin with C. L. Mercer's store the voting place.

In the old Beulaville precinct one will be known as Beulaville with voting in Beulaville and the other will be known as Cedar Fork precinct with voting at Cedar Fork.

In Upper Island Creek the precincts will be Charity, with voting at Charity and Locklin with voting at Hanchey's Store.

In Cypress Creek the precincts will be Chinquapin, with voting at Chinquapin, and Cypress Creek Precinct with voting at Lanier's School.

The board reached the decision to create the new precincts after considering the gasoline shortage and the distance some had to drive to reach their polling place.

The first break was made through the Imperial German Army's "impregnable" Hindenburg defense line, Sept. 29, 1918.

Memberships held by young Williams at Duke University include Phi Eta Sigma and Pi Mu Epsilon, national honorary mathematical fraternity.

Thomas Jefferson

If Thomas Jefferson were living today, he would insist that all useful knowledge and scientific practices be applied to farming in wartime food production. He was a champion of rural democracy.

Magnolia, Chinquapin, Calypso Still Lagging; Wallace Leads

MRS. GRACE VANN TO HEAD EASTER SEAL CAMPAIGN IN COUNTY

Mrs. Grace Vann has been appointed chairman of Duplin County's Easter Seal Sale for benefit of crippled children.

The sale of seals will be conducted this year at schools and local theatres and by mail and personal contacts.

Last year Duplinites raised \$411.79 for the crippled children. Of the funds raised every year, half is retained in Duplin County. This fund is used for transportation to clinics, the Orthopedic hospital in Gastonia and to Duke hospital. It helps buy braces and Orthopedic shoes; helps to provide medical care for all handicapped children who are in need of medical care. If a child has an extra finger or toe, or has something wrong with palm, hand or any other handicap, this fund in the past has been a God send to the handicapped in Duplin County.

From time to time we receive reports from boys in service and especially those who are overseas complaining that they have not received the Times in several weeks. Also we receive letters from their parents stating that their sons write they are not receiving the paper regularly. From time to time, if you parents who have sons overseas who are supposed to be getting the paper, will write us their correct address we will make a check and see if we have it right. It is nearly impossible to keep them correct without some help. For example: This morning we received a notice from a Camp in Florida that one of the boys getting the Times has moved and his new address is APO number 28 C O Postmaster New York. This address isn't sufficient. The boy evidently is being shipped out and his new address is not known until he reaches his destination. All that is known is, he has gone to New York. If we mail his paper to the address given, in about three or four weeks, it will be returned by the postmaster in New York for a more correct address. If your son or brother has moved to another camp or has gone overseas, please let us know his new address, and by all means give us his old address as well. We have hundreds of papers going to boys in service and when we go to change their address without knowing his old address it takes so much time that frequently we are a week or so late in getting the change made. We are anxious that the boys get the papers as early as possible. Please help us.

106 Negroes From Warsaw Board Area Get Call For Pre-Induction Physical

The Warsaw Draft Board has issued a call to 106 Negroes to report to Ft. Bragg April 4th for a pre-induction physical examination. Should any of these men fail to report they become automatically subject to call for immediate induction. The list:

Charlie Ford, Record Matthews, Earnest Powell, Robert Butler, Ephron Best, Elmore Boney, Robert Ernest Raynor, Lloyd Brewington, Jr., Willie James Carroll, Vander Bill Burnett, Ernest Bizzell, Henry James Grady, Isiah Sanders, Frank Ingram, Robert Lee Matthews, Eddis James Leach Erwin Booker T. Williams, Charles Chalmers, Offie Hobbs, James Wesley Dobson and Julius Cornelius Thompson.

Roy McGuller Henderson, Jimmie Williams, Willie Eugene Bennett, Kivey Huffam, George LeLand Brown, Ralph Williams, Freeman James Johnson, Andrew O'Neal Williams, Matthew Columbia Simmons, Alex Wells, Robert Fennell, Junious Charles Pearsall, Lonnie Edward Chasten, Robert Allen, Rudolph Brown, Robert Lee Ashford, William Diamond Fennell, James Perley Rouse, and Limon Wouten Lowe.

Dena Carter, Raleigh Robinson, McClure Stevens Elliot Hargrove, Earnest Simon, William Lawyer Best, Joe Isaac Tann, Major Johnson Stallings, George Cooper, Ransom Murphy, Ennis Craddock, Jonathan Dobson, Walter Herring, Haywood Sutton, and James Edward Newkirk.

James Arthur Bright, James Motte, Richard Bass Charlie Frances Corbett, John Henry Bowden, Herman Marshall, James Oliver Wiley James Armwood, Percy Rudolph Blount, Harry Smith, Ebbie Earl Davis, John Robert Matthews, LeRoy Benjamin, Willie Albert Dixon, Charlie Hicks, Jr., Elder Williams, Walter Giles, Pete Smith, Harcey Randall Loftin, Richard Frank Wilson, Willie George Powers, James Henry Waters, James Allen Carroll, Howard Rochelle, and Albert Earl Waters.

David Junior Moore, Charlie Maryland Carr, James Edward Teachey, Elise Kink, Marvin Marthis, Johnnie James, William Henry James, Sam Armwood, David Lee Figford, James Journey Wilson, Moxel Hill James Earl Middleton, James Arthur Edwards, Dan Frederick, Willis Clarence Boney, Joseph Carlton, Jimmie Costen.

LeRoy Varnel Smith, Georg Henry Newkirk, Luther Graham Lowe, Robert Dudley Hooks, Edward Lee Fyar, Josh Edward Fussen, Jesse Smith Charlie Rudolph Newkirk and William Theodore Dixon.

MYSTERY OF THE MAN IN CHURCH WINDOW SOLVED

Many people wondered at the report in these columns two weeks ago of a man being seen standing in a window during service at Magnolia Methodist Church on Sunday night. Well, it was unusual, a most unusual occurrence. But the mystery has been solved. A young man came up during service and was anxious to know whether his "girl friend" was inside or not so he proceeded in that novel way to find out. She was. He took her home. The mystery is solved.

When people think they are it won't be long before they are sick.

HELP US KEEP SOLDIERS PAPERS GOING REGULARLY

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Warsaw Board Calls 34 White Men for Army Induction April 6th.

The following list of white men have been called to report to Ft. Bragg for induction in the Army next Thursday. They have received their preinduction examinations and passed satisfactorily.

Wesley Clement Sullivan, Earl Kennedy, Braxton Morris Faulk, John Gerald Potter, James Rufus Harrell, Leonard Wilkins Southerland, Elbert James Anderson, Wilbert Herring, Edward Rudolph Kennedy, William Henry Fussell, Lonnie James Kissner, Thurston L. Wiggins Joseph Clifton Holleman, Owen Sutton, Arthur Benard Giddings, Moman Hoke Baar, Nathan Casey Frederick, and William Henry Armstrong.

James Russell Hanchey, Wilbert Edward Turner, Marvin Elwood Outlaw, Allen Bernice Pope, James Russell Holmes, William Bryant Best, Gurnie Elwood Scott, Clifford Hamilton Phillips, Jr., Leon De-pree Outlaw, Jr. Louis DeLeon Bell, Willis Etheridge Bartlett, Jr., LeRoy Quinn, Cleon Ottis Aldridge, McDonald Rouse, Sidney Erwin Smith, and Gerthria Harrell.

Cotton Ginning Report FOR DUPLIN COUNTY

Sensus report shows that 4681 bales of cotton were ginned in Duplin County from the crop of 1943 prior to March 1 '44 as compared with 6061 bales for the crop of 1942.

By the time the average citizen pays his income tax he has to begin to get ready for the next war loan.

Chairman Ulrich Predicts County Will Go Over Its \$14,300 When Full Reports Come In; Rose Hill First Community To Reach Quota.

Duplin County is within a stone's throw of the Red Cross War Fund quota of \$14,300. It is confidently expected that when the districts not yet over the top will report that the goal will be met.

Districts which still have to make their quota are B. F. Grady, Calypso, Chinquapin and Magnolia.

Wallace leads the districts in the amount over their quota. Wallace reports \$3,300 raised, \$500 over the top.

Warsaw reports \$2,283 raised and expects to go \$300 above its quota. Rose Hill which had the distinction of being the first District to complete its quota this year as it had last year also has gone \$125.95 over its quota of \$1420. Beulaville at last reports, was \$70.01 over its quota, having raised \$1350.01.

Final report from Faison has not been made as we go to press at present writing it has gone slightly over its quota of \$1,075.

Kenansville, has gone \$44 over its quota of \$1433 with some still to be heard from.

Potters Hill, Teachey and Outlaw's Bridge have gone over the top.

It is hoped that with next week's publication of this paper we will be able to report that Duplin County has gone over the top.

All in the County are asked to make this last effort. We know that we shall be proud of old Duplin.

Ceiling Prices to Be Higher On Strawberries

O P A Administrator Chester A. Bowles told congressmen in Washington last week from strawberry producing states that ceilings for berries to be announced shortly will be considerably higher than had been contemplated.

For Tennessee, for example, ceilings from \$8.50 to \$9 for 24-quart crates were reported as being ready for OPA announcement whereas a \$7.20 ceiling had been mentioned earlier. OPA expects to fix different maximum price levels for the various states in proportion to differentials previously observed.

Leaf Marketing Quotas Extended

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"That happy age when a man can be idle with impunity" - Irving

- 1 - April Fool's Day.
2 - Lewis and Clark discover Willamette river, 1805.
3 - U. S. signs Treaty of Friendship with Sweden, 1783.
4 - Stars and stripes adopted for American flag, 1818.
5 - Pocahontas marries John Rolfe, 1614.
6 - American ports opened to world commerce, 1776.
7 - Morse files patent for telegraph, 1837.