

### Former Crew of the Normandie Are Sad Over Loss Of Ship

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came I went back to ships. I came from the Normandie and I went back to the Normandie.

"We did not care when you took the Normandie from us. It was to help against the Fascism, good. But there is no Normandie. It is the Lafayette.

"You say: 'Remember Pearl Harbor,' yes? We say: 'Souvenez-vous le Normandie.'"

Another Frenchman, with a heavy, florid face, took up. He is an electrician.

"We see the men who go aboard. They are not serious, they do not have the responsibility.

"You cannot learn a ship like the Normandie in two months or in six months. She must have men who have lived with her, who love the ship."

And another broke in bitterly:

"If the Normandie had gone down in the battle. But to lie there in the water like a dead elephant.

"It is the heart, this thing. You do not care if a ship burns, you fight and you win. But it lies there, capsized. We could not help in the fight.

"We French, we had hopes that after the war, perhaps the Lafayette would be again the Normandie. This news will be all over France.

"It will be terrible for the morale of our people. They were proud of the Normandie. But now it is gone.

"Quel noir — Singapore, le Normandie. Will Hitler always win?"

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### Red Cross To Close For Half Day Here Friday

To avoid a conflict with the Masonic supper that evening and the World Day of Prayer in the afternoon, the Red Cross sewing room will close at noon next Friday, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, chairman, announced this morning.

A new shipment of material is expected shortly, and the sewing room is expected to step up its production schedule, the chairman said.

### Sheriff Catches Two Men Wanted In This County

Alleged to have cut wood and sold it without permission on the lands of Farmer Sam Coburn, in the Dardens section, Nemiah Moore and Lemman James were caught near Raleigh last Friday and returned to this county to answer the charge. The men were stopped when a call was issued over the Highway Patrol radio.

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## Normandie Capsizes After Six-Hour Fire



The \$60,000,000 former luxury liner Normandie, recently taken over by the Navy and renamed the Lafayette, is shown resting on her port side after rolling over at her Hudson River pier in New York City. She had been listing precariously from the thousands of tons of water pumped into her hull to extinguish the blaze that gutted her. The rising tide lifted her from the river mud that gripped the keel and caused her to capsize. No one was aboard at the time. Approximately 265 persons were injured in the fire that swept the luxury liner. (Central Press)

### SMOTHERED

More than one thousand babies of five years of age or less are accidentally suffocated in the home each year, states the National Conservation Bureau in a warning to parents to take special precautions against infants being smothered by bed-clothing and heavy garments during the cold weather season.

The baby's bed should be so made that there is no chance of bedclothing becoming tangled or wadded. Blankets should be well tucked in. If the bedding is pinned or otherwise securely fastened in place there will be little chance of smothering.

### Japs' Conflagration Drive Spreading to Vast Pacific Areas

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upon the Australians for help in the defense of the Indies.

Increased pressure is being applied to hard-pressed General MacArthur and his men in Bataan. The bombing of refugee villages in the Philippines by the Japs has been reported.

There is much doubt if any aid can reach the defenders of Burma, the Japs having already pushed within 50 miles of the Burma Road.

The only war front offering encouragement is the one in Russia where reports state that the Russians are driving forward along most of the entire front with marked successes in the Crimea. There is also some encouragement in the belief that preparations are going forward rapidly for offering the Japs a strong blow somewhere in the Pacific war arena.

Churchill has overcome much of the defiance directed against him following the fall of Singapore, but he is expected to discharge several of his cabinet members.

Breaking through the Panama defense, enemy submarines have sunk six oil tankers and damaged a seventh one within 600 miles of the canal itself. One of the submarines has been sunk in the Caribbean area. An attack upon an American-garrisoned island in that section did no damage to large oil stations and no one was killed.

Another loan, its amount not yet revealed, is being proposed for Russia. Strangely enough, there is no shouting against such a loan now.

A \$2 billion dollar appropriation has been approved by a committee in the House for financing an expansion program for the war. At the same time reports of unscrupulous practices in defense industries are being heard.

The rationing of gasoline is not expected along the eastern seaboard just now, but a voluntary reduction of 15 per cent is asked. Local filling station operators declare motorists in this section have already reduced consumption by about 50 per cent.

New burlap bags will be available in much smaller volume than in the past in 1942 and will be of light construction because of the Army's need for burlap.

### Bookmobile In The County Next Week

Since the BHM Regional Library Bookmobile made its first trip in this county on September 29, 1941, registered borrowers and circulation figures have more than doubled. Further increase is anticipated for this next trip which begins February 23.

This service is cooperating with the Victory Book Campaign also. Citizens who have been unable to send books to various deposit centers may take them to the Bookmobile stop and the people in charge there will deliver them to the proper place.

Borrowers are reminded that the following schedule is for Eastern War Time which is now effective:

Monday—9:15, C. B. Allen's Service Station; 10:00, Hamilton School; 11:05, In front of Hamilton Bank; 12:45, Gold Point School; 1:35, Jim Johnson's Service Station.

Tuesday—9:30, Hassell School; 10:20, Hassell Post Office; 11:15, Oak City School; 1:05, Wilbur Barrett's Drug Store; 1:45, Smith's Store on Palmyra Road.

Wednesday—9:00, Williamston High School; 9:45, Everetts School; 10:35, J. S. Ayers Store, Everetts; 11:30, Cross Roads Church; 12:30, Elementary School, Robersonville; 1:45, Robersonville High School; 2:05, Robersonville Public Library; 2:30, Parmelee Post Office.

Thursday—9:00, Williamston Elementary School; 11:00, Farm Life School; 1:15, Corey's Cross Roads; 2:00, Bear Grass School.

Friday—9:30, Jordan's Store, Dardens; 10:25, Browning's Store; 11:00, Ange Town by intersection of road; 11:30, Poplar Chapel Church; 12:45, Jamesville School; 2:20, Brown's Store, Jamesville.

### County Board Warns Against The Illegal Use Of Tires-Tubes

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J. P. House, Robersonville, one tire and tube.

Classifications could not be established and no certificates of purchase could be issued to the following: Lolley's Laundry, Williamston. W. T. Hurst, Robersonville. John W. Green, R.F.D., Williamston.

### See Big Demand For Oil-Bearing Crops

The following, clipped from a recent report issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, will, no doubt, prove of interest to Martin County farmers who are planning to expand their oil-bearing crops this year.

"Secretary of Agriculture Claude E. Wickard today announced revised goals for farm production in 1942 substantially larger than the record output called for in the goals announced in the fall of 1941. At the same time he announced new policies with respect to . . . purchases . . . which should stimulate the production of maximum supplies of the commodities most needed in the war effort.

"The goals place particular emphasis on the production of oil-bearing crops such as peanuts and soybeans so that our supplies of oils and fats may not be reduced too drastically, even, though importations from the Far East are cut off.

"To increase the production of fats and oils a number of steps are announced. The goal for soybeans is raised to 9 million acres; flaxseed, 4.1-2 million acres; and peanuts, 5 million acres. To encourage this production, price and loan supports will be employed, including . . . Government purchases of peanuts at \$82 a ton for U. S. No. 1 White Spanish Type for oil, delivered at the approved local receiving agency, with location and grade differentials. The purchase price for No. 1 Runners will be \$78 a ton for Class A Virginia.

"The goal for peanuts is about 1,800,000 acres for nuts, or same as 1941, and 3,400,000 acres for oil."

### The Tenth Week Of The War

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group composed of top-ranking U. S. and British military officials was named to coordinate the war effort.

Army

President Roosevelt asked Congress for 23 billion dollars in supplemental appropriations for the Army. The War Department announced the Army Air Force will be expanded to 1,000,000 officers and men this year and 2,000,000 in 1943. The President ordered all personnel of the reserves to active service at dates to be set by War Secretary Stimson. The President also ordered Federal departments and agencies to follow uniform practices in applying the Selective Service Act to Federal employees.

Secretary Stimson announced all Army men will be immunized against yellow fever to make them available for service in areas where it is known to exist. He said to relieve the people of Ulster from added strain the American Army Forces in Northern Ireland will be supplied with food and equipment from the U. S., except for some fresh food products available in Ireland.

Shipping

American shipyards, now launching ships at the rate of one-a-day, will double production within 60 days and triple it within six or seven months, the Maritime Commission said. President Roosevelt asked Congress for almost four billion dollars in cash and contract authorizations to expand the merchant fleet. The President established a War Shipping Administration, headed by Maritime Commission Chairman Land, to control operation, purchase, charges, requisition and use of all U. S. merchant ships to assure their most effective use in the war. The Commission awarded a contract for 36 Liberty freighters. Twenty-three American yachts, formerly owned by prominent U. S. citizens, have been presented to the Navy, Coast Guard and Maritime Commission.

The President signed the Navy Supply Bill carrying 24 billion dollars in cash appropriations and four billion dollars in contract authorizations, a bill authorizing expenditure of \$750,000,000 for facilities to build 1,800 minor combatant, auxiliary and patrol vessels, and legislation authorizing expenditure of \$450,000,000 for naval shore facilities. The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to allow commissioning of warrant officers as officers of the Regular Army. The Navy asked for loan of binoculars meeting service requirements, either 6x30 or 7x50, and said they would be returned after the war is over. The Navy lowered the minimum age limit of mechanic-learners from 18 to 16 years.

The WPB ordered all radio manufacturers to convert their facilities to war production within four months. The industry did \$200,000,000 of civilian business last year, but already has had its civilian output cut 40 per cent. War Production Chairman Nelson said "conversion is the only straight, fast road to victory. This will be our principal goal for the next six months." The Department of Commerce estimated production for military purposes will constitute approximately 53 per cent of total U. S. industrial output in 1942, compared with 21 per cent last year. In durable goods about 80 per cent of total production will go for war purposes.

The WPB announced war funds already authorized or now pending in Congress total approximately 118 billion dollars. The Board said the Axis produced approximately 45 billion dollars worth of war goods in 1941, and to win decisive victory, the U. S. must outproduce the Axis 2-1-2 to 1.

A drastic reduction in the manufacture of tin cans was ordered by the WPB in order to save approximately 40 per cent of the 40,000 tons of tin used by the canning industry last year. Small-sized cans and non-essential cans, including those for beer, tobacco, dried beans and dog food, are eliminated entirely after this month. The ban on sales of new trucks and trailers was extended to February 28th. Prime war contractors and public health and safety officials may obtain immediate delivery of new automobiles by applying directly to the Office of Price Ad-

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The highway accident record for Martin County continued to climb during the seventh week at a fairly normal rate, Patrolman Whit Saunders stating that he was called to investigate only two wrecks during the period.

Considering the decrease in traffic volume, the record so far this year is hardly as good as it was in the same period a year ago, and certainly is that true as far as damage costs are concerned. There have been the same number of wrecks reported so far this year as last but the absence of figures in the death column is encouraging as compared with the count a year ago.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

7th Week Comparison

Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge	1942	1941	1940	1939
Accidents	2	1	0	6
Killed	2	4	0	350
Dam'ge	625	350	0	695

Comparison To Date

Accidents	1942	1941	1940	1939
Accidents	12	5	0	2755
Killed	12	6	2	695

### Total Of 1,280 Men Are Registered In County on Monday

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from Cherokee (Pineknott) County, N. C.

As far as it could be learned there was only one instance where a father and son, R. H. Goodmon, senior and junior, signed up in the county registration. Goodmon, chairman of the draft board, will not have jurisdiction over his own case. It will be handled by a draft board in another county.

A tabulation of the registration by races and by centers follows:

	White	Col.	Total
Jamesville	87	57	144
Farm Life	34	15	49
Bear Grass	67	10	77
Williamston	266	197	463
Cross Roads	67	18	85
Robersonville	149	108	257
Hamilton	40	39	79
Oak City	66	60	126
	776	504	1280

ministration in Washington, Price Administrator Henderson announced. All non-essential use of Vitamin A was banned to assure sufficient supplies for the Air Corps.

### State Farm Leader Addresses Farmers In County Friday

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tobacco pulled too ripe should have slow heats.

The farmers at the meeting showed much interest in the discussions and asked numerous questions about tobacco.

Completing his treatise on the No. 1 farm crop and subject, Mr. Floyd appealed to the farmers to support the war program. "The farmer is as important in this war as the boy carrying the gun," he declared. "You are being called upon and urged to produce food and feed crops," he added. It is apparent now that the demand for milk, eggs and meats will be met, but there is some doubt if the serious shortage in the oil-bearing crops will be met, according to Mr. Floyd who pointed out that peanut oil is absolutely necessary in cooking for men operating submarines and in making high explosives.

"The first task for the farmer is to raise and preserve ample food and feed for himself and all those in his care so that every possible can of food might go to hard-pressed Allies. The second task for the farmer is to grow all the food he possibly can for the Allies.

"This is the most serious period in American history, and the farmers are earnestly urged to meet the needs of the vast war program. There was never a greater opportunity to serve your country than now," Mr. Floyd declared. "I urge you gentlemen to serve and help one another and to cooperate with the program. And I hope no one will leave a single stone unturned in the furtherance of our way of life in this serious period. You have got to think in terms of sacrifices," Mr. Floyd said, adding that tobacco and cotton are important but not as important as are food and feed crops in this perilous time.

### Parents-Teachers Meet Tomorrow Afternoon

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the Williamston High School auditorium tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The theme of the meeting will be a discussion of the twelve-year program of instruction to be offered in the Williamston schools next year.

Mrs. Garland Woolard, president, is urging all members and patrons of the school to attend this important meeting.

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