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Reinforced Germans Continue Their Push Against Stalingrad

American Airmen Successful in Beating Off Jap Attack in the Solomons

Rushing in tens of thousands of shock troops by air and hundreds of additional tanks, the German invaders are about to wrest the initiative from the Russian defenders of Stalingrad, late reports stating that the situation in and around the once-great industrial city is supremely critical. The defenders in their heroic stand for nearly 36 days have surprised the world, but observers now are unable to understand how the Russians continue to hold on. Very little of the modern city is left standing today, but bitter and costly fighting continues within the walls and around the debris.

The midnight communique telling of the grave turn for the Stalingrad garrison said of that development: "After stiff fighting a group of enemy tanks managed to penetrate a workers settlement, where the fighting continues. During the day, our men annihilated about two German infantry regiments and disabled about 50 enemy tanks."

Northwest of Stalingrad, presumably above the sector where the Soviet lines were cracking, the Russians said their troops had killed more than 1,000 Germans and destroyed eight Nazi tanks in the past 24 hours.

The Red Army had been holding generally northwest of Stalingrad and even gaining ground in counterattacks during the past week.

On the central front before Moscow the Russians reported another Red Army advance northwest of Rzhev after a two-day fight. Twenty-five inhabited points were liberated by the Russians, the communique said, and big quantities of enemy equipment either seized or destroyed. Two thousand German officers and men were wiped out.

In the Caucasus the Russians acknowledged German seizure of another inhabited point in the Mozdok area on the road to the Grozny oil fields, but said that Soviet counterattacks had gained ground along the Black Sea coast south of Novorossiisk. More than 1,200 Germans and Rumanians were wiped out and a number of prisoners taken in the latter engagement, it was said.

By ground transport and by plane, the German commanders pressed many forces into action against Stalingrad which is relying on the heavily-bombed Volga for its communications. Despite giant losses, the Germans in some quarters were able to improve their positions. In others, they lost ground to the Russian counter-assaults.

Elements of at least four German divisions—the 71st and 76th infantry and the 14th and 24th tank—struggled to break down the Russian resistance within the city, seeking to cut it into pieces, where frontal and encircling attacks have failed.

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Arrest Colored Man For False Pretense

Charged with practicing medicine without license, Leonard Kornega, colored man of the Kinston area, was jailed here last Friday and will face trial in the Martin County Superior Court next December. He was released under bond in the sum of \$200 following a preliminary hearing held before Justice J. L. Hassell.

Wanted for an alleged similar violation in Bertie County, Kornega was turned over to Sheriff Dunstan yesterday afternoon and carried to Windsor for a preliminary hearing there.

Passing out pills and a little root medicine, the man is said to have fleeced several persons in this county out of liberal fees. One victim, Settler Bonds, is understood to have paid the man \$18. It was also pointed out that another patient died, but there was no evidence that death was caused by the man or his medicine.

New Teacher For The High School

Tex Linsley, of Nacogdoches, Texas, will report for work at the Williamston High School next Thursday when he will replace E. R. Furlow, who taught science during the first month of school. Mr. Furlow will enter the Army Air Corps at an early date.

Mr. Linsley is a graduate of Eastern Carolina Teachers College of the class of 1940. For the past two years he taught at Wallace high school, Wallace, N. C., and coached athletic teams in addition to his classroom duties. Mr. Linsley will direct the physical education program and coach the athletic teams at the local school.

John C. Rodman Resigns Post As State Senatorial Nominee

John C. Rodman, Jr., Washington attorney and Democratic nominee for the State Senate from this, the second senatorial district, officially announced last week-end that he was withdrawing as a nominee for the position to enter the United States Navy.

In his official announcement to this paper, explaining his withdrawal, Mr. Rodman said:

"Last March you were kind enough to run an announcement of my candidacy for the State Senate from the Second district. I was nominated without opposition, but have recently enlisted in the United States Navy, and am compelled, therefore, to withdraw as a nominee. I have given official notice to the State

Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, and the Senatorial Committee will, I assume, meet promptly to name my successor. The people of your county will, of course, be interested in the selection of my successor and the matter ought to be given publicity so that interested parties can contact the member of the Senatorial committee from Martin County."

The state senatorial committee will name a nominee, but as far as it could be learned no action has been taken by that group so far. Attorney J. C. Smith, of Robersonville, represents this county as a member of the committee. Other representatives come from Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Tyrrell, Washington and Beaufort counties.

Call More County Men For Service In Army

POSTMISTRESS

Mrs. Leslie T. Fowden last Saturday was appointed acting postmistress for the Williamston post office, succeeding her husband who resigned a short time ago on account of failing health. Mrs. Fowden, appointed for an indefinite period but for hardly more than six or eight months, will officially enter upon her new duties within the next few days or just as soon as the department can handle the necessary details connected with the change.

Mrs. Fowden is one of the very few women to get an appointment as acting postmistress for the local office.

Examinations required of those seeking a regular appointment to the office will be announced later.

County Native Dies In Roanoke Rapids

Thomas Manning, a native of Griffins Township, this county, but a resident of Aulander for two and one-half years, died in a Roanoke Rapids hospital last Saturday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock following a long illness. Undergoing an operation in the hospital there on June 14th, he was released several weeks later. Complications developed a short time later and he returned to the institution where he made a valiant fight to live for more than two months.

The son of W. Alexander and Malinda Lilley Manning, he was born in Griffins Township 30 years ago last May. He spent his early life on the farm, and in 1933, married Miss Verna Corey. About three years ago he entered the employ of the Virginia Electric and Power Company here and six months later was promoted and placed in charge of the company's operations in Aulander. He made many strong friendships during his stay there, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Besides his wife he leaves two children, Joan and Thomas, Jr., his parents, and the following brothers and sisters: John Dalmer Manning and Mrs. C. F. Cawthorne, of Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Jesse Griffin, of Williamston; Mrs. Everett Harrison, of Newport News; W. A. Manning, Jr., Mrs. Ernest Jones, Mrs. Henry S. Griffin and Misses Fareese and Dorothy Brown Manning, all of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his parents yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. W. E. Harrington, assisted by Elders P. E. Getzinger and S. B. Denny. Interment was in the family burial ground, near the home.

SCRAP DRIVE

Anxious to lend its support to the scrap metal drive in this county, the Martin Farm Bureau at a meeting of its directors last week appropriated \$15 for those farm lads who really want to help their country and compete for the prizes.

The organization is offering \$5 in war savings stamps to the youngster who delivers the most scrap-iron during a certain period. The youth delivering the second largest amount is to get \$4 in stamps, the third highest gets \$3, the fourth gets \$2 and the fifth gets \$1.

It was explained that the contest was planned to supplement the scrap metal drive now gaining momentum in this county.

Number White Men Is the Largest Called In County To Date

Group, Scheduled to Leave Soon, Includes Another World War I Veteran

The largest number of young white men yet called in this county for possible military service is to report "soon" for physical examinations at an Army induction center. Induction notices were placed in the mails last week-end and ordinarily the draftees leave about ten days after they are notified to report.

The round-up of fighting manpower for the second world war has already reached out and claimed one veteran of the first world war and the current call is claiming a second Raleigh Mizelle.

On one or two occasions, the draft board in this county was unable to meet its monthly draft quotas on time. According to instructions received this week, the board will be forced to fill the quotas in their entirety.

The names of the white men scheduled to leave soon are:

- Simon Gardner, RFD 2, Williamston
- Reuben Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston
- James Ernest Keel, RFD 1, Robersonville
- Benjamin Franklin Moye, Oak City
- Robert Benjamin Warren, RFD 2, Williamston
- William Cecil Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonville
- Oliver Whaley, RFD 1, Oak City
- Charles B. Rogerson, RFD 2, Williamston
- Jesse Haywood Crisp, RFD 1, Oak City
- Edward Daniel Pritchett, Hamilton and Oak City
- Joseph Daniel Jones, Williamston
- Theodore Roosevelt Jackson, Williamston and Asheville
- Burras Allen Critcher, Jr., Williamston (in Navy)
- William Garland Perry, RFD 1, Williamston
- George Martin Hardison, Williamston

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Children Flocking To The Fair Today

Released from the school rooms early this afternoon, hundreds of little folks are flocking to the annual American Legion fair here. They are being admitted free to the grounds, and the early arrivals were apparently enjoying the rides and amusements. The holder of a lucky ticket is receiving a \$25 war bond, and another one will be given to a colored school child on Friday when the colored school children will be admitted free. In addition to those bonds, one will be given each night to an adult.

Several schools are represented with exhibits, and several live-at-home booths have been arranged, and it is fairly evident that the prize money will equal and possibly exceed the awards made a year ago. "America on Parade" stands out as the main entertainment feature in front of the grandstand each evening at 8:30 o'clock after tonight. Considered quite timely, the pageant is being offered by one of the nation's leading producers and is being staged at considerable cost to the fair management. In addition to the grandstand program, several entertainment features will be included in the program on the midway.

The fair, sponsored by the Martin County Post of the American Legion, will continue through next Saturday.

War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

Voluntary as Well as Restrictive Rationing Needed to Win the War

Total war has a gigantic and unappeasable appetite for goods, services and manpower. Scarcely had we entered the fight for freedom when this vast hunger began to change our lives. Within one month after Pearl Harbor we had begun to take control over our stocks of some goods and raw materials, and to limit civilian use of others. By degrees, shortages developed in a hundred directions, many of which we had not anticipated. Control took a variety of forms, though actually every type of control that divides available supply in order to make it go as far as possible is a kind of rationing.

Effective Rationing Demands Cooperation

There are two sorts of rationing. One works only through restrictive orders, with penalties for those who violate them. The other succeeds because we voluntarily limit our consumption of critical goods and our use of critical services. Both are necessary. But the voluntary method stems from our tradition of free cooperation, and is as important to our victory drive at home as is morale to an army in the field. It also is the hard way, it calls for extraordinary self discipline.

The rationing of fuel oil in the East and Middle West will be a test of our ability to take discomforts, and a test of our desire to work together patriotically, too. The plan sets allowances on the basis of average temperatures in four climate zones. It is a fair plan, a democratic plan, but its success depends finally on the individual, on his attention to practical heating details and his real desire to make "short rations" go as far as possible, for the good of all.

Freight Burden Falls On Trucking Industry

There's more movement of fresh foodstuffs these days than ever before. To maintain this movement—so vital to the war effort—requires the closest interlocking of storage facilities with transportation.

Transportation facilities of all kinds—freight and passenger—are strained to the utmost, and it's apparent that the trucking industry must carry a larger share of the freight burden. There still is far too much week-end travel by car, bus, railroads. The country's 90,000 school buses are coming under supervision in regard to their use and distribution.

Wood Becomes Critical War Material

What is known as "concentration of industry" to assure that every plant

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Few Cases Cleared From Civil Docket In Superior Court

Bailey Case Against Insurance Company Non-suited Late Monday Afternoon

Starting its second week for the trial of civil cases late yesterday morning, the Martin County Superior Court accomplished little toward clearing the current docket, but several cases are being handled today, according to late reports from the county's hall of justice.

The suit of J. W. Bailey against the Life Insurance Company of Virginia came to an abrupt end late Monday afternoon when Judge Clawson Williams, presiding, granted a motion for non-suit. The plaintiff counsel gave notice of appeal and the case will go to the higher courts. Calling a goodly number of witnesses, the plaintiff offered the testimony of Dr. Darden, Richmond psychiatrist. The court worked on the case for about three hours and completed the evidence before the defense made its motion for a non-suit, Judge Williams ruling that the plaintiff had not shown that disability was due to any definite disease. The plaintiff was suing for premiums paid on an insurance policy since August, 1940, and disability at the rate of \$100 per month.

Very few people attended the court yesterday, and the session was an usually quiet one.

Before starting on the Bailey-Insurance case, the court granted a divorce to Mrs. Rosabell Creighton in her case against James M. Creighton. The action was based on two years' separation, the court giving the plaintiff the custody of her 11-year-old daughter.

The divorce was the eleventh one granted by the court so far during the current term.

Eight cases are slated for trial in the court today, but at an early hour this afternoon no final judgment had been entered in the records.

Farm Bureau Names Officers And Calls For More Members

Meeting in the Williamston Woman's Club last Friday night, Martin County Farm Bureau directors re-elected all the organization's officers and discussed plans with the special committee to advance the membership roll call to or beyond the 1,200 goal.

Expressing his desire to retire as president after serving the organization for two years, Farmer Charles L. Daniel formally accepted the task again at the unanimous request of the meeting. Mr. Daniel, under whose direction the county organization has gained state-wide and even national attention, made a stirring and timely acceptance speech, and urged the committees and all other farmers and others in the agricultural areas to join the Farm Bureau and lend it their support. Touching briefly on the fight now being waged by the Farm Bloc in Washington, Mr. Dan-

iel explained that the farmers were only asking what they considered fair and just. He went on to say that a strong organization of farmers was now more vitally necessary than ever before, "because we remember what happened at the close of the last war when we had no direct representation in Washington."

Reporting their activities, the membership committee stated that 600 farmers and others closely associated with agriculture had taken membership in the organization. Spokesmen declared that the surface had hardly been scratched, that the goal could and should be reached without much trouble. Many new members have already been added to the organization's rolls since the drive got underway just a short time ago. The committee is meeting again the latter part of this week and it is hoped that the membership goal will have been reached by that time.

Tobacco Prices Reach A New High Peak Here

Four To Six Dollar Advance Noted for The Medium Types

Now Estimated That 75 Per Cent of Crop Sold in This Section

After soaring to high peaks last week, tobacco prices on the Williamston market yesterday and today continued their climb to equal and even pass in some instances the records attained at the close of the last war. Common and medium quality grades advanced in price anywhere from four to six dollars a hundred pounds, some farmers declaring that they believed the increase was even greater. Ripe tips, half red with a black hue, were selling well up in the forties yesterday and today. One farmer, thinking a pile of his tobacco had sold for four cents, expressed the belief that it should have sold for a few cents more. The "9" next to the four was pointed out to him, and he was almost shocked to learn that the pile had been sold for 40 cents a pound instead of four cents.

Prices for the superior quality grades, while some stronger, are holding right at the 48- and 49-cent level. A few piles were sold yesterday for as much as 53 cents a pound, and the average for entire warehouse sales went above 43 cents a pound.

The market closed yesterday afternoon with a thirty-minute block to be cleared this morning. Sales are now back on regular schedule, and the schedules are being maintained. Supervisor C. U. Rogers stated this morning that sales here were well in excess of five million pounds, that grade for grade the market averages will compare favorably with any in the State.

It is now estimated that 75 per cent and possibly more of the crop in this section, has been marketed. Peanut harvesting and other farm activities have slowed down tobacco marketing to some extent, but with a continuation of present prices, it is fairly certain that the growers will not be long in getting the remainder of the crop to the markets.

Tabs Will Be Used On License Plates

Like gasoline rationing, tire, and automobile rationing and other restrictions, motorists of the Carolinas are due for another change in procedure and habit when they appear at their local license bureau for renewal of their 1942 State license plates, according to a statement just issued by the Carolina Motor Club, agents for the distribution of State license plates in North Carolina.

The statement pointed out that the present license plates issued for 1942 in North Carolina will be renewed for 1943 by the use of a tab to be attached to the lower right hand corner of the rear plate. The tab will be designated with a 43 and carry a serial number. The letter and numerals will be gold on black in contrast with colors of 1942 plates. The same fees which now prevail on license plates will apply to tabs issued for renewal of such plates. The State Motor Vehicle Bureau in Raleigh, reported applications for 1943 plates will be set out only to the motorist who has 1942 license and in order to renew such license he will be required to present and surrender his 1942 pocket card with new application before renewal tab will be issued. If the 1942 pocket card has been lost or is not legible a duplicate of same should be obtained before the renewal date of December 1st, the report stated.

DRUNKEN SPREE

Gathered here from near-by communities, several tenants and laborers joined several local habituals on the usual week-end spree. Between early Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning, fourteen drunks had been rounded up and jailed. Four of them were white. The ages of the defendants ranged from 21 to 53 years.

While the number did not quite reach the high record recently established, it was below the figures reported last week-end.

Very few arrests are being made during the middle of the week.

Bear Grass Plans A New Spotter's Post

Last Friday night a meeting was held at the Bear Grass school in the interest of the Bear Grass observation post. The attendance was not large, but those that were present seemed to be very interested in increasing the efficiency of the post. It was decided that an observation tower would be built so as to increase the visibility and to keep the observers warm during the winter. Mrs. Leroy Harrison offered her services in raising money to build this tower. Those wishing to contribute may get in touch with Mrs. Harrison.

The first chief observer, Mr. T. O. Hickman, appointed Mr. A. B. Ayers, Mr. Toby Bowen, and Mr. Gomer Harrison as a committee to look after the building of the tower. The observation staff was reorganized under the direction of Mr. Hickman. A chief observer was selected—one for each day of the week. They are to serve for a period of 24 hours beginning at 8:00 o'clock in the morning and continuing until 8:00 the following morning. These chief observers will use the same people that have been serving, along with other volunteers, to assist at the post.

All people in the community are asked to volunteer their services to one of the chief observers. The post has been in operation 24 hours a day since it was first set up and the first chief observer wishes to thank all those who have taken part in observing at the post.

The seven chief observers are as follows: Saturday, Mr. J. R. Rogers; Sunday, Mr. Willie Whitehurst; Monday, Mr. Haywood Rogers; Tuesday, Mr. Garland Whitley; Wednesday, Mr. Leroy Harrison; Thursday, Mr. Irving Terry; Friday, Mr. Willie Brown.

FOUR MISSING

Draft Board Clerk Marion Cobb had a "bigger" task on his hands this week when he tried to round up the largest number of colored draftees and get them off on three special busses for an Army induction center. Searching here and there, including the backlots and a colored cafe, he rounded up all of the group except four, and it is understood they did not report before the busses left.

The streets were blocked by the draftees and their friends for a short time, but the crowd, as a whole, was about as orderly and "fame" and good-natured as any group to leave the county so far. "Even Doc Perkins was sober," one observer pointed out.

Public Is Asked To Cooperate In State-Wide Trial Blackout

Streets and Highways Will Be Closed To All But Inter-State Traffic

Martin County will take part in the greatest team-play in North Carolina's history tonight.

On the 25th anniversary of the breaking of the Hindenburg Line in the other World War by North Carolina troops of the 30th Division, the State will undergo the severest test of its Civilian Defense organization with a state-wide blackout.

"This will require the cooperation of every man, woman and child in Martin County if we are to go along with the other 99 counties to make the blackout a success," said County Chairman Hugh G. Horton.

Chairman Horton explained the most exacting restrictions would be in effect during the test, which is expected to last approximately 45 minutes, and that no illumination not necessary for movement of interstate and emergency traffic and operation of war industries would be permitted.

The chairman said he did not know the exact time of the blackout except that it would take place some time between the hours of 7 p. m. and midnight. None but those responsible for originating the alarm will be informed in advance of the exact time set by the State Office of Civilian Defense and the First Fighter Command, he explained, in order to give the test some surprise value.

Industries working on defense orders will not be required to black out in the practice, but otherwise the county is expected to be completely black and its streets virtually deserted.

General rules for blackout observance were announced as follows:

When the air raid alarm sounds, get off the street and stay off until the all clear is given. If you can't reach your own home within five minutes, seek the first available shelter.

If you are driving, park as quickly as possible—not double unless directed to do so, as this might cause a collision with emergency vehicles.

If you are at home, extinguish all lights visible from outside. Everyone should have a light-proof room ready by now.

Cooperate with your air raid warden. He is on volunteer duty and is being put to a great deal more inconvenience than you are. Be courteous. He is only endeavoring to help, not hinder you. His services may be the means of saving your life and property some day.

Only properly identified persons on specifically recognized emergency services are permitted to be on streets during an air raid alarm. In addition to the five blasts of the town siren, the mill whistles of Saunders and Cox and Farmville-Woodward will be sounded five times.

Peanut Digging Is Well Advanced

Getting underway week before last, peanut digging is advancing rapidly in this county despite reported labor shortages and the rush surrounding other farm activities. Possibly half of the crop in this county will have been dug by the end of this week. The work that was once thought would be behind schedule is well ahead.

General reports indicate that the yield is normal or better and that the quality is good. It is quite certain, however, that there will be a fairly sizable amount of "pops" on those vines taken from the ground too early. Dry weather in many parts of the county delayed maturity, but farmers apparently anxious to save the early crop went ahead with their digging operations. It was also pointed out that the preliminary harvest work was started early in an effort to help solve the problem caused by the labor shortage, the farmers explaining that by starting early they could handle the task themselves.

Last Rites Sunday For Former Citizen

Last rites were held at the Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for H. Marriott Britt, former Williamston resident who died in a veterans' hospital at Kecoughtan, Va., late last Thursday night. Rev. John W. Hardy, Episcopal minister, assisted by Dr. W. R. Burrell, pastor of the local Baptist church, officiated. Interment was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Among those from out of town attending the services were, Rev. Chester Alexander, Mrs. Lee Cummings and daughter, Mrs. W. C. Bogey, Mrs. Mary Collins, Mrs. Harvey Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ruffin and Mr. Milford Ruffin, of Terboro.