

### Millions Are Now Laying Foundation For Final Victory

(Continued from page one) slacker and as one who is unfit to live in this land. The country is calling each individual, and each individual should make ready to answer that call and answer it willingly. Air raid wardens in this county have been given their assignments and it is certain they will perform well their assigned duty. They will need help, and while everyone can't handle that task everyone can buy savings stamps, defense bonds, gather old scrap iron, support the Red Cross, work in the Red Cross production room, grow more food, conserve important defense materials. There's a thousand ways for every individual to cooperate in the task at hand. A local mother interestingly points several ways in which she and her little children can help. Read it and formulate similar plans or plans of your own.

### Cotton Ginnings Near The 5,000-Bale Mark

Martin County cotton ginnings for 1941, running nearly 300 bales ahead of those for 1940, are just 51 short of the 5,000-bale mark, Vernon Griffin, special agent for the Department of Commerce, announced today. The report states that 4,949 bales of cotton had been ginned from the 1941 crop prior to December 1 as compared with 4,681 bales ginned from the 1942 crop up to the same date.

### Topcoats



FOR THE NEXT 10 Days WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR OLD TOPCOAT IN TRADE On One of Our NEW COATS. 132 COATS To Select From. SEE THEM TODAY \$14.95 To \$29.50 Pittmans Williamston, N. C.

### TOYS! TOYS!

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Advertisement for Western Auto Store featuring a motorcycle and a bicycle. Text: "Toys Going Fast BUY NOW! We can't replace our stock, so you had better hurry before it is too late! WESTERN AUTO STORE"

### Russia Declares No Separate Peace To Be Made with Nazis

(Continued from page one) News of the first major blows at Japanese seapower came in swift sequence. First, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson confirmed the sinking of the Haruna. Then the Navy, in its second communique of the war, told of the cruiser and destroyer being sunk at Wake Island. A few hours later, Navy Communique No. 3 said: "Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic fleet, reported that Navy patrol planes scored bomb hits on a Japanese battleship of the Kongo class of the coast of Luzon. The ship was badly damaged. "This is the second Japanese battleship to be bombed effectively by the United States forces." Destruction of 20 of the attacking Japanese planes at Hawaii was disclosed by Delegate Samuel W. King of Hawaii after a trans-oceanic telephone conversation with Hawaiian Governor Joseph B. Poindexter. King said the information was authorized for release in Hawaii by Lieut. General Walter C. Short, and that Poindexter was permitted to make the disclosure. The swift pieces of "good news" came in the midst of Navy Department disclosure that Secretary of Navy Frank Knox arrived in Honolulu to make a personal survey of the situation there. Knox's arrival coincided with renewed demands in the Senate that the American people be told "the truth" about the "serious setback" at Pearl Harbor—demands that were met by a ringing call for confidence in "our war President" by a United American people. The White House thus far has acknowledged the loss of one "old battleship" and a destroyer, serious damage to "several" other warships, destruction of many planes and 3,000 casualties—1,500 dead and 1,500 wounded—on the Island of Oahu alone. Late reports coming out of the Pacific tell of daring feats by American airmen. Lieutenant Boyd T. Wagner has 14 Jap planes to his credit. Captain Cullen Kelly, of Florida, fighting through enemy planes delivered death blows to the Haruna before he was killed. Filipinos have given a good account of themselves in the air against superior numbers of Japs while the population in Manila dared death to cheer their fighters on to victory. Admiral Hart said today that the Japanese fleet fled when the American forces appeared last night. The Marine daredevils were reported still holding the little island of Wake, a mere sandpit in the middle of the Pacific Jap invasion attempts have been forced back in the Philippines, and the British are holding in Malaya. Encouraging news is coming out of China where the Chinese forces, having started a huge offensive against Canton to relieve the pressure on the British at Hong Kong. Encouraging news is coming out of Russia, too, where official spokesmen have frowned on a peace proposed by Germany and declared that no peace would be considered without agreement with the United States and Britain. Russia has condemned the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Japanese press is more hostile to Russia. The Russian ambassador to the United States was quoted late yesterday as saying that the United States and his country were in perfect accord. But battered and worn out with the bloodiest fighting in all history during the past five months, Russia may not be able to take the offensive against Japan at the present time. A late press dispatch says that the British have sunk or fired sixty Japanese troop barges off the Malaya Peninsula. The Germans are still retreating from Moscow and in the Bibyan desert. Some attention was turned toward Spain today when the rebel government of Franco closed part of the Spanish border, trapping hundreds of Americans who were trying to get out of Europe. The meaning of the action is not clear, but it is possible the Germans are planning a push through Spain toward Gibraltar.

### First Casualties of War Are Reported

Wild rumors, unmercifully circulated here and claiming that William Atwood Gurganus, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gurganus, of Williams Township, and three other Martin County men had made the supreme sacrifice in the defense of their country, were absolutely without foundation. An official report states that only three North Carolinians were killed when the sneaking, double-crossing and contemptible Japs made their attack on Pearl Harbor and other Pacific points early this week. There are quite a few young people from this county in Hawaii, including Miss Hazel Tyson, of Oak City, a trained nurse in the Pearl Harbor Naval Base Hospital, but latest reports would indicate they are all safe. One of the three young men, Private Robert H. Westbrook, Jr., of Raleigh, was a close friend of Milton James here and had visited in Williamston several times during the past two years. The other two North Carolinians killed in the raid were Private Raymond C. Joyner, of Henderson, and Corporal Weldon C. Burleson, of Banks Creek, Yancey County. It is possible that the yellow fiends in the Pacific and the Nazi murderers in the Atlantic will overtake some of our young men; but the least we can do is to refrain from circulating wild and unfounded rumors.

### Colored Residents Here Raise \$74.29 For The Red Cross

(Continued from page one) take a part in running the "mercury" out the top. Memberships and contributions not previously recognized follow: Nora Cherry Slade, colored chairman, collected the following memberships and contributions: Mary D. Bennett, Beatrice Rodgers, Mary D. Bennett, Maud Alexander, Richard Thompson, Mary C. Knight, Vester Duggar, Andrew Mason, Icie Knight, Idelle Bridges, Lee Cain Williams, Henry Hill, Phyllis Smith, Frank Speller, Alonza Smith, George Hyman, E. M. Holley, R. Hoffer, D. S. Chance, J. P. Dennis, A. L. Hayes, Ashley Tillery, Sophronia Latham, Walter Johnson, Mary Mizelle, John Clemons, R. C. Clemons, Robert Rodgers, Joe Spruill, Hattie Speller, Ella Rouse, Nellie Slade, Hardison Ebron, Elisha Mitchell, Virginia Latham, Dorothy Brown, F. L. Allen, Mattie Speller, Ruby Andrews, Joseph Howard, Amanda Ebron, Joseph Balance, Edward Early, Lizzie Harris, Andrew Roberson, Mary S. Gray, E. J. Hayes, Christine Clark, B. L. Ellison, L. S. Chambers, E. V. McCloud, R. N. Jackson, C. M. Montague, E. L. Alexander, L. M. Slade, F. L. Holley, A. D. Gaither, Fannie Ruffin, Mary Purvis, Sallie Jordan, Annie Huff, Ethel Everett, Rosa B. Speller, Otis Whitfield, Cordelia Rogers, Nora Cherry Slade, all memberships, and \$8.29 in contributions. Sam Zemon, W. M. Manning, Mrs. Joe D. Throver, Miss Clyde Hassell, Mrs. Hattie Edmondson, Roanoke Chevrolet Company, Miss Irene Tetterton, Mrs. Joe Mike Mitchell, all memberships and Mrs. F. R. Warwick, Mrs. Carroll Jones, Arthur Gurganus, Mrs. W. G. Waters, Roy Coltrain, contributions.

### Patients In The Local Hospital

Little Miss Peggy Harrison, five-year-old and bright-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harrison, is in the Brown Community hospital here. She received her 25th blood transfusion yesterday and plans to return home tomorrow. Robert Benjamin, two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keel, is quite ill in the hospital with pneumonia. Mr. Gavin Cowan, victim of an automobile accident, is getting along very well in the hospital with a broken leg. Recovering from an operation, Mrs. John H. Cowan plans to return to her home in Bear Grass today or tomorrow from the local hospital.

### Enters Hardware Store By Window

Placing a long piece of 2 by 4 timber against the building, a robber entered the second floor back window of the Woollard Hardware Company store here early last Tuesday night. He threw a rock through the glass. Going to the first floor, the robber went to the front of the store, took a new hatchet, forced open the cash register and took several dollars in cash. Entering the store about 7:30 o'clock, Mr. J. D. Woollard heard the thief crashing through the glass window. No arrests have been made in the case.

### Four Of Eleven Men Are Rejected By Army

Physically unfit, four of the eleven colored draftees leaving this county for Fort Bragg last Friday were rejected by Army doctors this week. The names of the four boys returning are, Augustus L. Rogers and John D. Mason, both of Williamston Route 2, and Johnny Lee and Aaron Andrew Barnes, both of Williams-

### This Week In Defense

The White House announced Lend-Lease Administrator Stettinius has been instructed "to see that the defense needs of the Government of Turkey were filled as fast as possible." The Navy announced two additional British warships are undergoing repairs in U. S. ports. The U. S. Petroleum Coordinator announced 38 oil tankers have been released by the British and returned to their American owners. Navy Progress Navy Secretary Knox told his press conference the Navy's shipbuilding program "is continuing to beat all projected schedules." Since January 1, 1941, Mr. Knox said, the Navy has ordered 5,334 vessels at a total cost of \$7,353,000,000 and nearly one billion dollars has been allocated for expanding shipbuilding facilities. During November, the Secretary said, 33 combat ships were launched, keels were laid for 52 more, and five new ships—including the 35,000-ton dreadnought Indiana—joined the fleet. Merchant Shipbuilding The Maritime Commission announced its goal of "one ship a day" will be attained this month and that plans are underway to increase the program to two ships a day by next summer. Thirty vessels are scheduled for launching in December, 39 in January and 40 in February, the Commission said. Present objective is approximately 1,600 ships, the Commission's construction director said, "and the end is not yet."

The Labor Department estimated 300,000 more workers will be needed for ship construction by this time next year. The Maritime Commission estimated the total number of seamen will have to be doubled by the end of 1943. New Defense Appropriations The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill appropriating \$8,243,800,000 to expand the Army immediately to 2,000,000 men; maintain the recently-mobilized Philippine Army; expand manufacturing facilities for critical weapons to double total previously-scheduled production, and vastly increase the supply of these weapons; increase the number of airports capable of accommodating military planes; increase the Army Air Force from 54 to 84 groups; convert large merchant vessels to aircraft carriers. The bill would bring the total outlay for defense since the fall of France to \$67,990,000,000. Labor Disputes The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill which would prohibit mass picketing in defense labor disputes, ban all strikes for organizational or jurisdictional issues, and outlaw all strikes that have not been called by a majority of the workers through a secret ballot supervised by the Government. The bill would also require labor unions to register with the Federal and State Governments the names of officials and number of members and the amount of dues and fees charged; empower the chairman of the National Defense Mediation Board to order a 60-day cooling-off period; and deprive any union of its benefits unless the Wagner act if "knowingly or negligently" it allowed a Communist, a member of the German-American Bund or a person convicted of a felony to hold union office. Chairman Wayne Morris of the President's special fact-finding board announced settlement of the wage dispute between railway management and labor which had threatened a nation-wide railroad strike December 7th. The agreement, effective until the end of 1942, increased the wages of 350,000 operating employees by 76 cents a day and the wages of 805,000 non-operating personnel by 10 cents an hour. Subcontracting and Small Business The House created a special seven-member committee of Representatives to determine if: (1) the potentialities of small business to handle defense have fully developed; (2) adequate attention has been given the needs of small business engaged in non-defense work; (3) small business is being fairly treated in allocation of materials. Director Odium of the OPM Contract Distribution Division, speaking in New York, said 70 per cent of U. S. manufacturing establishments employ 20 people or less. He said these 133,300 small plants are the hardest to find, the most difficult to connect to defense work, and the hardest to connect back later to civilian economy.

### Officers Destroy Eight Distilleries

Assisted by ABC officers from Beaufort and Pitt Counties and federal agents, ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck dealt a stunning blow to the illicit liquor manufacturing business in the county this week. Operating in Hamilton, Bear Grass and Jamesville Townships, the officers wrecked eight complete illicit plants and destroyed three partial outfits. They poured out 6,600 gallons of beer, 38 gallons of liquor and confiscated an automobile belonging to a Knox boy. All of the plants were new ones and some of them were being operated for the first time. It was learned indirectly that the federal agents would return to this county next week to continue their work against the illicit traffic. The raids this week were the most extensive conducted in this county in recent months.

### SOLID CARLOAD LION SALT Arrived. Get our prices before you buy. Lion salt is known for its fine quality. Farmers-Supply Company.

### Green Wave Teams To Play Tonight

The Green Wave basketball team will open their current season tonight against Bear Grass. The girls have Elizabeth Ward, Alice Belle Jenkins, Betty R. Gurganus, Marie Moore and Dorothy Show left from last year. Some of the newcomers on the girls' squad are: Audrey Hardison, Sylvia Green, Dorothy Roberson, Anne Lindsley, Della Jane Mobley, Gloria Roberson, Peggy Stinnette and Anne Meador. The boys will retain the services of Jack Sullivan, George Cunningham, Billy Peele and Howell Peele from last year. The Wave will increase their reserve strength this winter by the addition of rookies Reg Griffin, Fred Hardison, J. B. Taylor, Jimmie Manning, Harold Hargett, Carlyle Langley, James Carrow and Bobby Shoe. The girls' teams will play first tonight at 7:30 o'clock. ICE CREAM SUPPER Poplar Chapel Church will hold an ice cream and pie supper Monday night at 7:30. The public is invited.

### Farm Bureau Group Is Asking Increase In Tobacco Penalties

The North Carolina delegation consisting of 36 members under the leadership of President J. E. Winslow, of Greenville, and R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, succeeded this week at the annual meeting of the National Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago in passing the resolutions sponsored by the Bureau at Tarboro last month. Mr. W. W. Eagles, of Macclisfield, was appointed chairman of the 8-State Tobacco Committee substituting for J. E. Winslow, who was recently injured in a train wreck at Corinth, Miss. B. B. Sugg, mayor of Greenville, and one of the state's leading tobaccoists, led the floor fight for the North Carolina flue-cured growers, and T. Weaver Cathey, North Carolina State Triple-A Chairman of Waynesville, N. C., led the floor fight for the Burley group. Resolutions were passed unanimously by the 8-State Conference asking for increased penalties in 1942 to prevent overplanting, and also requested that the allotments in 1942 remain as they were in 1941, unless the tobacco companies would give a guaranteed price for the increased production. The conference also went on record as favoring the 100 per cent parity loan in case the allotments were increased for 1942. The sentiment of the conference was overwhelmingly in favor of retaining the 85 per cent parity loan which sets a minimum price on flue-cured tobacco. It was the opinion of the group that with this guarantee no other guarantees were necessary for the production and marketing of the 1942 crop. Mr. R. V. Knight, of Tarboro, representing the peanut growers of eastern North Carolina, secured the passage of the resolution which provides for the protection of the old growers, and guarantees a minimum of \$70.00 per ton or 75 per cent of parity, whichever is the greater. This provision to apply to peanuts being grown for oil under the national emergency at this time. Mr. Knight demanded that the allotments of the old growers producing peanuts for edible trade must be protected at the conclusion of the present national emergency. R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary, stated that he was gratified at the splendid cooperation given by Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky, and also the other states, in passing by an overwhelming vote the resolutions presented by the North Carolina delegation. J. V. Whitfield, president of the Pender County Farm Bureau, and County Agent A. C. Golphin, of New Hanover County, were making a strong fight before the Resolutions Committee to secure national support for truck and vegetable crops. In a conference set for tonight, Mr. Whitfield and Mr. Golphin are hoping to reach a compromise with the truck and vegetable growers of California and the western region. Mr. R. W. Blackburn, national secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation, announced that the North Carolina Farm Bureau had reached the highest membership in the history of the state organization and had shown the third largest percentage increase in membership in 1942 of every state in the Union. The Martin County delegation at the National Farm Bureau Convention consists of the following persons: D. V. Clayton, J. F. Bailey, R. S. Everett, and H. U. Peele.

### Four Martin County Men Attend Conference At Chicago This Week

Whereas, many persons have contributed time and money toward building and paying for the Legion Hall and, Whereas, the names of such contributors are so numerous that it would be impractical to mention them here and, Whereas, thanks is desired to be expressed by the John W. Hassell Post No. 163 of the American Legion: 1. That it express the gratitude and appreciation to any and all persons who have in any way contributed anything toward the erection of the Legion Hall or in paying the debt incurred in building it. 2. That the Post expressly thank members of the building committee, John A. Ward, who has been secretary and treasurer of the committee, for the great amount of work they have done in directing and kindling the enthusiasm which has led to the completion of the building. 3. That a copy of these resolutions be recorded on the minutes of the Post. 4. That a copy be published in Martin County papers. J. R. WINSLOW, Commander.

### An Unusual Temporary Larceny Case Reported

A climax in temporary larceny cases was reported here last night when someone stole Sheriff Charlie B. Roebuck's automobile from in front of the police station. "It was the first time I can remember leaving the keys in the car," the officer explained when he found the machine missing at 9:30 o'clock. About three o'clock this morning the car was returned and parked within 20 feet of the spot where it was stolen. Very little damage was done to the car, the officer stating that the dash compartment had been forced open but that his pistol, locked in the dash, was not stolen.

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### WANTS

HOME FOR RENT: FURNISHED or unfurnished. Mrs. Sallie Halberstadt, Church Street, Williamston. d12-2t

### ANNOUNCEMENT

I WISH TO ANNOUNCE THAT I HAVE LEASED 'Dick' Wynne's Filling Station Hamilton Highway Williamston Would appreciate my friends calling on me for SINCLAIR GAS and OILS and general line of STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES. JIMMY TYRE

Men's Practical Christmas GIFTS May we suggest that you give him an item of clothing he will appreciate. ● SUSPENDERS ● PAJAMAS ● TOPCOATS ● SUITS ● HANDKERCHIEFS ● SHIRTS ● SWEATERS ● SOCKS Many Other Items Reasonably Priced and of Finest Quality. Pittmans WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

ON A HOT DAY Last Summer, We Bought Our Largest Stock Of Fine Christmas Gifts Take Advantage of These Lower Prices NOW Before We Make Replacements at Advanced Prices . . . SHOP EARLY AT DAVIS PHARMACY

LOST — \$20.00 BILL IN ONE OF Williamston stores, Thursday, December 11th. Finder please return to Enterprise or Melvin Wynne, c/o Lindsley Ice Co., and receive reward. d12-2t

WE PAY CASH FOR CORN. Highest market prices paid. Manning and Gurkin Peanut Company at the New Farmers Warehouse, Williamston. d12-2t

CHEAP! HOUSE AND LOT FOR sale in Parmele, joining G. C. James. For particulars, see E. G. or W. C. Whitehurst, Bethel, N. C. d12-2t

NOTICE — FOR RENT. FILLING station and store for rent in incorporated limits of Williamston on Highway 125, located in good business district. See David Moore. d12-3t

WE PAY CASH FOR CORN. Williamston Hardware Co. d12-2t

8-ROOM HOUSE FOR RENT. GOOD neighborhood. Call 66-W. d12-2t

FOUND — SUM OF MONEY ON streets of Williamston. Finder may have same by identifying amount. Mrs. Robert Harrell, Modern Beauty Shop, Williamston. d5-8t

STOVE WANTED: WOULD LIKE to buy a second-hand wood stove. Need not be in good repair. Mrs. Joe Cowan, Main Street, Williamston, N. C. d9-2t

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Bring us your Radio for Repairs. All work guaranteed. Reasonable Charges. Western Auto Store W. J. Miller, Owner