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## USO Fund Drive Is Certain To Exceed Goal in the County

### Bear Grass Is First To Report Full Quota; Jamesville Exceeds Its Goal

Preliminary reports on the progress of the drive to raise \$1,100 in this county for the USO were described as very encouraging by Dr. John D. Biggs, the new county treasurer for the organization. While only four townships made a progress report at a meeting held in the Legion Hut last Friday night, it is understood that other sections in the county are contributing liberally, clearly indicating the county will reach and possibly exceed its assigned quota.

It was pointed out at the meeting that Jamesville with a quota of \$70 had already raised over \$100 and was pushing toward \$125. Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Anderson have really done an effective work there, County Chairman John W. Hardy declared.

Incomplete reports show that Goose Nest is nearing its goal, that Williamston has about four-fifths of its quota and that Williams Township will meet its assigned obligation. Cross Roads reported \$9 collected last Friday, the representative explaining that the drive was just beginning at that time. Late reports from Jamesville state that its quota had been subscribed more than twice. No reports have been received from Griffins, Poplar Point, Hamilton and Robersonville.

Representing Bear Grass, Messrs. Bob Lee Perry and Heman Peel reported a total \$70.13 or 13 cents in excess of its quota and enough to say the people there went over the top. Without ready cash, several people in the district willingly offered chickens, the reporters stating that only one person refused to participate in the drive. That person "allowed" that the soldiers were getting enough. It is in recognition of the support accorded by others than the list, canvassed through the willing cooperation of R. L. Perry, chairman; Mrs. H. U. Peel, Mrs. Rossel Rogers, Mrs. Kneezor Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Beacham, Hildreth Mobley, Mrs. Clarence Holliday Bailey and Irving Terry, is published as follows:

Rogers Supply Co., \$4; Haywood Rogers, 25c; Terry Bros., \$2; Helen Leggett, \$1; Leroy Harrison, 25c; Arthur Harrison, 50c; W. A. Brown, 50c; Ida Taylor, 35c; Mrs. Lida Ward, \$1; S. H. Mobley, \$1; Hildreth Mobley, 50c; Roberta Leggett, 25c; Hazel Mobley, 50c; Ralph Mobley, 50c; Louise Mobley, 50c; J. C. Rawls, \$1; Bill Harrison, \$1; Mrs. Lonnie Peel, 45c; Mamie Clyde Rogers, 25c; A. B. Ayers, 15c; Edmond Harris, 50c; Alton Harris, 25c; Lester Terry, 50c; Mrs. Hickman, \$1; Mrs. Clayton Revels, 30c; Leonard Bennett, \$1.55; Mamie Holliday, \$1.35; Thelma Hadley, 90c; W. H. Harrison, 50c; Archie Wynne, 50c; Ralph B. Holliday, 50c; Johnnie Rogers, 25c; Jay Garrett, 50c; W. D. Rogers, 50c; Floyd Ward, 50c; Minnie Ward, 25c; J. E. Moore, 50c; Thad Hopkins, 50c; H. C. Green, \$1; Francis Beacham, 50c; W. P. Hadley, 50c; W. S. Revels, \$1; H. W. Peel, \$1.25; Mamie Corey, \$1; Wix B. Rogers and wife, 60c; R. L. Perry, \$1.55; Perlie Rogers, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hodges, \$1; Mrs. Leroy Harrison, 50c; Roland Rogers, 25c; Mrs. E. D. Harris, 50c; Mrs. Walter Wynn, 70c; Mrs. M. D. Ayers, 25c;

Mildred Wobblenton, 10c; Mrs. Henry Wobblenton, 25c; Louis Bullock, 15c; Curtis Mobley, 25c; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wynne, \$1; Mrs. Mamie Roberson, 50c; Joyce Mendenhall, 3c; Mrs. Wilber Taylor, 25c; Alfred Harrison, 3c; Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Harrison, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Noah Rogerson, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rogerson, 63c; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrison, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cowan, 50c; Mrs. Caddie Terry, 50c; Mrs. Roland Farmer, 10c; Henry Taylor, 10c; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Britton, 50c; Louis Taylor, 50c; Mrs. Billie Cratt, 40c; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pearks, 50c; Mrs. Fannie Shelton, 25c; Mr. and Mrs. Delmus Rogerson, \$1; Mr. Chubbie Gurganus, 10c; Will Gurganus, 25c; Mrs. Ja-

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## Starvation Balked In Martin County

There may be a shortage of gas, tires and a few other vital articles, but, judging from the issuance of certificates for canning sugar, starvation has been balked in this county for another year.

According to an official check, 205,980 pounds of sugar have been allotted of 2,398 applicants in this county so far under the rationing system for preserving food. Allowed one pound of sugar for every four quarts of food canned, the applicants will, according to their sworn statements, preserve 823,920 quarts of food this season.

Sugar was allotted on the basis of each four quarts of food preserved last season, no matter what kind of food it was. New regulations allow the issuance of sugar at the same ratio but for only those foods requiring sugar. In other words no sugar is allowed now for canning meats and some vegetables.

## Sale Of War Bonds In Martin County Apparently Bogs Down

Incomplete reports received from most of the selling agencies today clearly indicate that the sale of war bonds is bogging down in this county. Starting off with a bang during recent months, the sale of bonds was greatly in excess of the assigned quotas. The June quota of \$36,100 was subscribed with some to spare, the previous sales overshooting the mark by wide margins. But an entirely different story is now in the making for July.

Assigned a quota of \$90,600 for this month, the people of this county up until yesterday had bought less than \$5,000 worth. It is admitted that July is one of those off months financially, but the marked drop in bond sales can hardly be explained away entirely on that count. It is also admitted that more money is being

thrown away on alcoholic beverages and spent on daily pleasures than would be required to float the assigned bond program for the county.

There are quite a few people who are sacrificing or foregoing some or most of their pleasures and investing in bonds, but as a whole the people of this county are not responding to the call. The records show that comparatively few people have invested in war bonds, that the program is missing its goal both as a means for financing the war and as a means of building up a backlog for whatever reverses that are quite likely to come with time.

The \$90,600 quota has been referred to as a large one, but if each person, on an average, would invest \$3.50 the amount could be raised.

## Scrap Rubber Drive Nets 110,098 Pounds

### POOR QUALITY

While carrying a high value, the A-type gasoline rationing books are apparently of inferior quality. Some of the little coupon or stamp books have already started coming to pieces, and the owners are urged to pin them together or call at almost any business office and have them stapled together.

Motorists are warned that if the cards are mutilated, destroyed or lost they cannot be replaced. The loss of a rationing book is little different from losing paper money. It is generally known that the government does not replace paper money when it is lost or destroyed.

## Drunks Challenge Law And Order In Town of Jamesville

Challenged by an element, said to have been irresponsible and partly saturated with liquor, law and order was restored in a comparatively short time following a melee packed with great potential seriousness in Jamesville late last Saturday afternoon.

The trouble started when Frank Green, young colored man, asked "Teenie" Williams, white, for a cigarette. Williams advised Green that he was not going to give him one, and Green started cursing Williams. Herbert Sexton intervened and Green attacked him with a pine slab but missed. A warrant, charging Green with an attempted assault, was issued and turned over to Constable Clarence Wallace and the real trouble started when the officer was making the arrest.

Green ran down the street and found refuge in Homer Gee's yard. Going into the yard, the officer was advised by Gee and Don Nobles not to bother Green. Thomas Blount appeared by that time and warned Gee and Nobles not to interfere with the officer in the performance of his duty. Gee, said to have been drunk, (Continued on page six)

## Teacher In Jamesville High School Resigns

Miss Gladys Ippock, able teacher in the commercial department of the Jamesville High School for the past two terms, tendered her resignation last week, the office of superintendent of schools announced yesterday.

There is a marked shortage of teachers in all departments, especially in the commercial departments, and there is some doubt if all the positions made vacant by recent resignations can be filled for the coming term.

## SUGAR STAMPS

Apparently many consumers have forgotten the value of their sugar rationing stamps and the periods in which they may be used, according to the rationing board which reports many inquiries almost daily.

Stamps Nos. 5 and 6 were given a two-pound value some time ago, the No. 5 stamp to be used on or before July 25 and the No. 6 stamp to be used between July 26 and August 22nd. After those numbers had been given a value, federal rationing authorities ruled that a two-pound bonus was in order. To get the bonus, the consumer surrenders stamp No. 7. The retailer merely skips stamp No. 6 and removes stamp No. 7. The bonus stamp or No. 7 is good until August 22.

## Final Collections Will Likely Boost The Total Figures

### Generally Believe That Drive Left Little Rubber Lying Around in County

While complete figures are not yet available, fairly definite reports state that the scrap rubber drive in this county was very successful, that the people of this county hold a high rank in the per capita collection average for the country. According to reports released yesterday by the leading oil distributors in this county following the close of the salvage campaign last week-end, 110,098 pounds of old tires, tubes, boots, over-shoes, water hose, baby nipples, pacifiers, hot water bags and so forth were collected during the campaign. Several stations have not yet reported and it is believed that the total collection figures will approximate 115,000 pounds when the final reports are submitted. The collection greatly exceeded preliminary estimates.

One filling station, the Sinclair in Williamston, gathered up almost a fourth of the total poundage. All Sinclair dealers collected 35,236 pounds. The Harrison and Robersonville Companies reported a combined collection of 33,375 pounds, but the collections at several stations had not been gathered in time to be included in the semi-final report. The Standard Oil Company through its agent, W. M. Baker, in Washington, reported 30,487 pounds collected, but it is understood that a portion of the poundage came from junk dealers.

No complete reports could be had from the Gulf company, but collections at its stations in the county will exceed 5,000 pounds and possibly more. The Atlantic Oil Company, centering its collections at the Public Oil Company station in Robersonville, (Continued on page six)

## Sets Record As A World Traveler

Inducted into the armed service last March, Dalburgh Riddick, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Riddick, of Everett, is out to set a record as a world traveler. He isn't traveling by plane, but the young man has certainly covered some territory.

Leaving the county on last March 5th, the soldier spent a week at Fort Bragg. He was transferred to Missouri where he spent about eight weeks. The next stop was in California. A few weeks ago, according to a letter just received by his parents, he was some where in the Pacific, but apparently he was not at the end of his travel schedule for he intimated that he was anxious to get to the place where he was going and settle down.

It could not be learned definitely, but it is believed that young "Doc" Howard Cone is traveling in the same group with Riddick. His mother, Mrs. P. B. Cone, of Williamston, received a letter last week-end from the young man in which he stated he was in the Pacific apparently at the same station where Riddick was at the time both letters were written.

Lyman "Boog" Williams is quite a jump from home too. A letter mailed last May 2nd just reached his mother, Mrs. B. B. Williams, here a few days ago. The young man explained that he could not tell where he was. All three of the young men stated they were getting along all right.

No word has been received from a number of Martin County boys in recent weeks, indicating that they are now in Australia or in other distant lands. Several who left this county months ago, including Duke Ward, have not been heard from at all. It is now apparent that this county is well represented in nearly every nook and corner of the globe.



## THE 30TH WEEK OF THE WAR

Army Chief of Ordnance Campbell, speaking at Salisbury, N. C., said "Our tanks are superior to anything the enemy has. Type by type, our tanks have heavier guns, heavier armament and greater speed. . . our high-velocity 75-millimeter guns in our M-3 tanks far and away outrange the best the Germans have. . . and we can fire this high-velocity 75 when the tank is in motion, which is more than any enemy tank, whatever its size, can do."

Gen. Campbell said the so-called "new German 88-MM. Gun" is "about as secret as a Daisy Water Pistol. It has been known to us and our Allies for at least 10 years. We outmatch this gun with several of our field and antitank guns." He said the German 88 is effective as an antitank weapon only within its limited range.

U. S. machine guns, Gen. Campbell said, will "outfunction any enemy gun under the most adverse circumstances—in other words, they will keep firing when enemy guns have to shut down to change barrels." The United States "can build a better automobile, a better typewriter, a better icebox and we can build—and are building—better machine weapons," Gen. Campbell said.

Gen. Campbell said, "The enemy cannot outdo American design and production and spirit." The WPB reported the dollar value of war shipments from 430 automotive industry plants totaled \$350 million during April, an increase of 46 per cent over February.

Army Services of Supply Commander Somervell instructed civilian guards at 11,000 war plants to organize an Auxiliary to the Army's corps of Military Police as a further protection against enemy saboteurs.

## The War Front

The "Flying Tigers" of the American Volunteer group were placed under the Army Air Corps command in China and opened their operations with heavy raids on three key Japanese bases at Hankow, Nanchang and Canton. Six Japanese planes were destroyed without loss.

## Few Visitors At Coastal Resorts

Mr. Charles H. Jenkins, proprietor of the local auto agency, returned last week-end from Morehead City where he attended the annual summer meeting of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Jenkins stated that the problems of the fishermen along the coast of North Carolina were discussed at length and other vital questions relative to the protection of our forests were also acted upon.

## Newspaper Group In Meeting Here

The regular monthly meeting of the Northeastern group, North Carolina Press Association, was held in the local Woman's Club last Saturday night. James Bateman, president, of Jackson, presided, and impromptu talks were made by Roy and Mayon Parker, of Ahoskie, and Max Campbell, of Hertford.

## Young Men Leave Today For Coast Guard Service

P. C. Blount, Jr., of Jamesville, and Hubert Cooke, local young man, leave this evening for Raleigh where they will report for service in the United States Coast Guard.

Young Blount, while expressing no great desire to do battle, allows now that the war won't last much longer when such able help is offered. He also feels certain that Hitler's subs have seen their best days along the Atlantic Coast.

## More Than 2,300 Car Owners Sign For Gas

### Truck Operators To Get Cards At Office Of Rationing Board

### Applications for Service and Non-Highway Rations To Be Considered Soon

Arrangements have been completed for keeping nearly all passenger cars operating under the gasoline rationing system, and beginning on Thursday of this week the county board will start considering applications for service and non-highway gas rations. The registration conducted in seven school districts last Thursday, Friday and Saturday handled 2,355 A and an even dozen D ration applications for passenger cars and motorcycles respectively.

	A	D
Jamesville	191	1
Farm Life	180	1
Bear Grass	200	1
Williamston	797	6
Robersonville	644	3
Oak City	272	0
Hassell	71	0
	2355	12

Any car owners or operators who failed to register last week will have to wait until Friday, July 24th, to apply at the county rationing board office in Williamston for their A cards.

Beginning on Thursday, the county board is expected to start considering applications for service rations, principally trucks of all descriptions, and non-highway consumers or for tractors, stationary engines and the like.

The truck owner and non-highway users will find it necessary to procure an application from the board's office, fill in the form or have someone do it for him and then leave the application at the office to be considered later by the rationing board. Quite a few truck owners and non-highway users had the registrations during the registration period last week. In those cases, the applicants merely wait until the board acts on the applications, but in those cases where the owners or non-highway users did not make application for gas they should get their forms, prepare and leave them with the board.

Truckers and non-highway users will have to have their cards when they buy gas on and after July 22, and the board is planning to make every effort possible to consider the applications in time for the applicants to get their cards. It is generally understood that most of the applicants (Continued on page six)

## More County Men Report To Army

A big bus load of Martin County young colored men is reporting for service in the nation's armed forces. The return of quite a few of the group is expected. Leaving before the liquor "control" store opened for business, the group was sober.

Arthur Webb, instructed to report, failed to appear and his name was turned over immediately to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Webb, a Williamston Negro, moved to Greenville some time ago and later went to Newport News and apparently failed to receive his instructions in time to report.

Three others, Tommie Coppage, of Robersonville; Edgar Goss, of Williamston; and Henry Woolard, of RFD 1, Williamston, were transferred to Norfolk by the draft board and the three will report to the board there for service.

The names of those men included in the last contingent moving in on the Army induction center follow:

Geo. Frank Green, of Jamesville; Calvin Sharpe, RFD 1, Oak City; Johnnie Peel, RFD 2, Williamston; Collins Lynch, RFD 3, Williamston; Augustine Bellamy, Williamston; George Moore, Robersonville; Louis Edward Belcher, RFD, Williamston; Johnnie Harris, Hassell; Willie B. Teel, RFD 1, Robersonville; Hillard Knight, Oak City; Jasper Andrews, Robersonville; John Matthews Williams, RFD 3, Williamston; George Washington Hayes, Williamston; John D. McCloud, RFD 2, Robersonville; Clinton Smith, Williamston; James Walton, Williamston; Lee Goss, RFD 3, Williamston; John Arthur Rice, RFD 3, Williamston; Jim Schooner Powell, Williamston; Arthur Mac Woolard, RFD 1, Williamston; Llewellyn Keys, RFD 1, Jamesville; Walter Jones, Robersonville; Silas Askew, RFD 3, Williamston; Harvey Lee Mornig, RFD 2, Robersonville; Herbert Goddard, RFD 1, Williamston; Lorenza Salisbury, Robersonville; Ernest Jones, RFD 1, Hobgood; Moses Spruill, RFD 1, Oak City; Isaac Hyman Nelson, RFD 2, Robersonville; Calvin Best, Jr., Robersonville; Ira Thomas Page, Robersonville; James Albert Brown, Jr., Williamston.

## BICYCLES

Martin County travelers have thought little about it despite gas rationing in the past weeks, but when the new gas rationing program goes into effect on July 22nd they are likely to show more interest in the rationing of bicycles. The county has been allowed 18 for rationing during July, and the bikes may be purchased only with a certificate obtainable at the rationing board office. Certain limitations on the purchases are in effect.

The new victory bike, weighing hardly more than 25 pounds and carrying no fancy gadgets, made its appearance here yesterday. And it rides all right provided one's joints and muscles have not been automobilized beyond redemption.

## Upward Trend In County Marriages Apparently Ended

### June Issuance Is Seven Below Figure for the Month Of May

The upward trend noticed in the number of marriages in this county during recent months apparently has ended. There was no nose-dive in the number of marriage licenses issued last month in the county, but there were seven fewer marriages in June than there were in May and three less last month than there were in June of last year. The drop was quite noticeable among the white population when the issuance for June this year is compared with that for June of a year ago. In June of last year there were 15 white marriages in the county as compared with eight last month. The number of marriages among the colored population jumped from five a year ago to nine last month.

The seventeen marriage licenses issued in the county last month went to eight white and nine colored couples, as follows:

**White**  
Herbert Roderick White and Ethel Marie Coltrane, both of Williamston.  
Delwood Jackson and Sally Padgett, both of Jamesville.  
Dr. John C. Taylor, of Washington, and Mrs. Bernice Everett Batts, of Robersonville.  
Linwood Stanley Weathersbee, of Robersonville, and Essie Novella Warren, of Oak City.  
Thelbert C. Whitley and Rachel McClaren, both of Robersonville.  
Perlie Mayo Holliday and Mary Clyde Gurganus, both of Williamston.

**Colored**  
Wilbert Ossie Smith, of Newport News, and Dorothy Josephine Daniels, of Williamston.  
Joseph Frank Holton, of Ernal, N. C., and Edith Mabel Laughinghouse, of New Bern.

General James Bussey, of Oak City, and Urbina Moore, of Whiteville.  
Willoughby Jones, of Oak City, and Maranda Rodgers, of Hamilton.  
Booker T. Williams and Fannie Mae Turner, both RFD 1, Robersonville.  
Clennie Morris and Mary Staton, (Continued on page six)

## Suffers Broken Leg In Bicycle Accident Here

Clyde Cannon, three-year-old son of Mrs. Emma Cannon Hooker, suffered a broken leg and a bad heel injury in a bicycle accident on Smithwick Street here last Friday afternoon. Riding on the carrier of Polly Manning's bicycle, the little fellow caught his heel between the spokes and frame, snapping the bone in two and tearing away part of the heel. The youngster, treated in the local hospital, is back in his stroller and apparently enjoying his rides despite his injuries and gas rationing.

## HONEST MAN

If he could have been here last week, Diogenes could have put out his light and rested for an honest man showed up at the rationing board office. Surely, there were other honest persons, many of them, no doubt, but the old cynic philosopher would have been impressed if he had seen a colored citizen surrender part of her surplus sugar canning allotment. "I would have needed every pound and possibly more of the amount allowed me," the appreciative person declared, adding that the dry weather had all but ruined the garden and berry crops in her community. She surrendered the allotment, not by direction but because she wanted to play fair with her fellowman and her country.

## Russia Desperately Tries To Stop Axis With Counterattack

### British More Than Holding Their Own For Present In Battle of Egypt

Battered and beaten by Hitler's momentous summer offensive, Russian forces early today desperately started an extensive counterattack in an effort to check 2,800,000 fresh German troops in their march to the Caucasus. Marked by the greatest slaughter in the annals of all wars, the battles on the Russian front are finding the defenders in a grave situation, and pleas are being heard urging the Allies to open a second front or offer relief to the hard-pressed Russian forces.

News of the counterattack while carrying a renewed hope is not considered very encouraging in the light of recent German advances. The defenders are hardly in a position to regain lost territory and only the optimistic hope the Russians check the mighty war machine of Hitler's. The attacks are gaining new momentum in other areas, and Voronezh, vital point of a two-hundred-mile front is virtually useless to the defenders.

Other than the account of the counterattack there was no encouraging news coming out of Russia today. The Russian High Command said the defenders of Voronezh were battling fiercely in the suburbs, but the German forces thrown against that important industrial and railroad town were superior in numbers and armament. Apparently the struggle for Voronezh is already past its climax.

Further to the South the Germans are pushing on toward Rostov, and one Axis spearhead is said to have reached a point just 90 miles removed from the Caucasus. On the other end, the Russians have checked, temporarily at least, a drive on Kalinin, but the defenders admit that their losses were almost as great as those of the enemy. It is estimated that 13,000 Germans surrendered their lives in the drive in that sector during the past ten days.

The power behind the German drive can be imagined in the reports telling how as many as 600 Nazi planes operated in small areas over the advancing lines, that big fighting units are held in reserve close to the rear lines.

**Appeals to the Troops**  
The most urgent and personal appeals are being made by Soviet newspapers to the Red Army fighting now in Don Basin. Pravda says:

"Our old Russian land is in danger. Dear friends on the front, our country depends on you. Our country knows that your blood is the same blood as that of the brave fighters of Sevastopol. Hear how our people cry in the areas which the Germans have invaded: You alone can save them."

The troops are reminded that on the Don their ancestors defeated the Mongols, that the Don was the home of Stenka Razin, 17th century Cossack rebel, celebrated in Russian story and ballad.

Pravda reminds Russian soldiers that hatred of Russians for Germans is holy.

"Either we destroy the Germans or they destroy us. There is no other issue. Our life, our honor depends on our destroying the enemy. We must give ourselves completely."

In the battle of Egypt, the British are apparently doing more than holding their own. General Rommel, staging a fierce counterattack, failed to regain the ground lost to the British last week.

The Chinese are making progress with a counter offensive and are said to have trapped a sizable number of Japs. The Chinese apparently have been heartened by the flow of supplies into their country recently. It was recently announced that more supplies are being ferried by plane to the Chinese than were carried over the old Burma Road.

Little news has come out of the Pacific arena in recent days, some observers believing that the Japs are making ready to pounce on Russia from the rear.

## Observer's Post On Enterprise Building

Operating a part-time observer's post for months and temporarily without one just now, the office of civilian defense for Martin County is completing plans for a 24-hour watch system. J. Paul Simpson, coordinator for the county's observer system, said this morning. A small tower is being placed on the roof of the Enterprise building, and a watch for planes will be maintained 24 hours out of the day.

Dr. John D. Biggs has been named chief observer for the post, and he is calling for volunteers to assist in the work. Those persons who can give a few hours of their time each week are urged to contact Dr. Biggs or Hugh G. Horton, Chairman of the county's civilian defense, or J. Paul Simpson.

Construction work on the observer's post is being rushed to completion, but it could not be learned when it would be placed in operation.