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Gigantic War Bond Sale Off To Successful Start In County With \$328,800 Goal Already In Sight

Bonds Amounting to \$281,300. Have Been Sold Here To Date

Big Purchases Feature Campaign in County, Chairman Clayton Declares

Asked to subscribe to the largest bond issue ever floated, Martin County people, according to preliminary reports released this morning, are meeting the challenge with bright prospects of exceeding by a wide margin the \$328,800 assigned quota. Reporting this morning, D. V. Clayton, chairman of the county drive, stated that approximately \$281,300.00 had been sold to date and that not near all of the county is represented in the preliminary figures. "The drive is off to a very successful start and the goal is already in sight," Chairman Clayton explained.

The bond drive got its first impetus from the North Carolina State Treasury, the county getting credit for \$75,000 worth of bonds bought by the State as part of a \$30,000,000 dollar reserve fund. Martin County itself invested approximately \$45,000 in bonds, and several individuals made unusually large purchases. "Little men" are participating in the drive, too, but their number is not hardly up to expectations. According to Chairman Clayton, hardly more than 200 persons are represented in the investment list. The number of small-scale investors is expected to grow to a formidable figure before the drive is closed the latter part of this month.

With the exception of \$5,000 credited to Jamesville, the bond sale report covers only those sales made in Williamston, including those of the State and county. Geo. Haislip, Hassell; H. S. Johnson, Jr., Hamilton; N. W. Johnson, Oak City, and D. R. Everett, Robersonville, have filed no formal reports, but it is understood that the prospects are unusually bright in Robersonville. One report from there stated that a sale of nearly \$90,000 and possibly more was in the making.

Handled by team captains, the bond drive is being carried to all parts of the county. In Williamston seven sub-teams were named last Friday night and the first two to report today were unusually successful in their efforts.

The drive in this county, scheduled to last until the latter part of this month, is part of a nation-wide movement to float one of the largest bond issues ever proposed in all history. Early reports from many states indicate that the challenge will be met, that the issue will be more than subscribed.

Commenting on the drive in this county, Chairman Clayton stressed the importance of small investments. "There is no better way for a small wage earner to help his country and at the same time help himself than by investing in government bonds. Even \$18.75 invested will have its

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Superior Court In Brief Session Here Yesterday Morning

Judge Williams Opens Two Weeks Term for Trial of Civil Cases Only

Opened at 11:10 o'clock here yesterday morning by Judge Clawson Williams, of Sanford, the Martin County Superior Court got off to a slow start in the trial of civil cases scheduled for consideration during a two weeks term.

After studying and rearranging the calendar, the court confirmed two consent judgments and accepted a voluntary non-suit in a third case. The services of the jury were not necessary, and the court recessed until this morning at 9:30 o'clock after being in session hardly half an hour.

Several divorce cases were ready for trial, but Judge Williams found that they had not been calendared and they were carried over until next week for trial. Based on two years of separation, the following divorce cases are being placed on the calendar for trial next Monday: Steve E. Stevenson against Florence Whaley Stevenson, William Brown Winbush against Clavon Andrews Winbush, Robert E. Harrell against Agnes Harrell, LeRoy Perkins against Alma Perkins, Carrie D. Winston against James Winston, William Blount Baker against Hattie Baker, and Julia Johnson against Frank and Linville Johnson. Five of the seven divorce actions are being brought by colored plaintiffs.

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Western Cattle Brought Into The County By Pulp Company

Much has been said about cattle raising on a larger scale in this county during past years, and it is an established fact that more are being raised now than ever before, but the North Carolina Pulp Company has started a movement that may possibly offer the West some real competition.

Sunday afternoon, four carloads of about 100 head of western beef cattle were unloaded in Jamesville, the event attracting almost as much attention as the unloading of a railroad circus. Handled by several horsemen the herd was driven from the railroad station down St. Andrew's Street of the town to the lands of the North Carolina Pulp Company about four miles south of Jamesville. Witnesses to the unloading state that the

cattle made the eight-day trip from the West in excellent condition. According to reports reaching here more of the western cattle are to be brought into this county by the pulp company for pasturage, and that the Dymond City section of Jamesville Township is slated to become typical cow country.

With herring catches—ranging higher and with shipments of cattle moving in, the Jamesville area is certainly in a good position to successfully block any starvation attack that Hitler or war, itself, may launch. The pulp company has purchased quite a few wooded tracts in this part of the county in recent years, and the introduction of the western beef cattle is recognized more or less as an experiment.

BANDAGE ROOM

An urgent appeal for volunteers to report to the Red Cross bandage room to help make up 30,000 2x2 bandages and 1,800 cotton combinations was issued today. The bandages are to be shipped along with about 55,000 others within the next few days, it was explained.

Since last Thursday the bandage room has been virtually deserted, one report stating that not one person reported for work on several occasions. Volunteers from Bear Grass, Farm Life and Jamesville have done an able work, and the response locally has been encouraging until just recently. The work of those volunteers who have given as many as 100 hours of their time during the past year will be recognized shortly by the National Red Cross.

Battle Of Tunisia Apparently Nears Final Stage Today

Japs Collecting Quarter of a Million Men and Big Air Force For Drive

The battle of Central Tunisia ended, the Allied forces are pushing on against the Africa Corps north of Sousse to enter the final stage of the battle of Africa. Just what action the enemy will take is yet to be learned, but if he attempts to form a mountain line near Enfidaville he will certainly receive a severe pounding. Late reports state that the area is already under fire from the air and allied artillery units. The important base of Sousse about seventy miles from Tunis fell yesterday morning, and the hard-hitting British Eighth Army continued its drive on the heels of Rommel's men, who, it was said, did not have time to plant land mines and block the attackers.

Supporting the land march, allied airmen have pounded Hitler's hordes heavily, destroying between sixty and sixty-five big transports and playing havoc with Axis shipping in the Mediterranean.

Late reports state that the main action in Tunisia today is being limited to patrol work, that the inactivity is possibly the lull before another raging attack by the allied forces.

Talk of an evacuation attempt was heard today from underground sources in Germany, one report stating that the Italians had promised the Germans the use of twenty destroyers, but that the Italians were plenty mad because it had been made possible for so many Germans to escape while so many Italians were left behind. It is estimated that 33,000 Axis prisoners have been taken in the North African campaign by the Allies.

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DOWNWARD

A marked downward trend in the number of local arrests was reported two weeks in a row by the police department yesterday. Week before last, only five persons were jailed, and last weekend, the number dropped to two. Liquor consumption has either dropped, the imbibers can carry it better or they are just more elusive than they were a short time ago. One officer declared that crime outbreaks were reported in about the usual number last week-end, but the elusiveness of the alleged violators had improved.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

Ration Reminder
Gasoline—"A" Book Coupons No. 5 good for three gallons each and must last from March 22 to July 21 inclusive.

Sugar—Coupon No. 12 good for 5 pounds. Must last through May 31.

Coffee—Stamp No. 26 (1 pound.) expires April 25.

Fuel Oil—Period 5 coupons now valid and will be until September 30th.

Shoes—No. 17 Stamp in War Ration Book No. 1 good for one pair through June 15th.

Food—Red "C" Stamps, valid April 11, good for 16 points worth of meat, and Fats—"D" Stamps good April 18, and "E" Stamps April 25.

Left-over A, B, C, and D Stamps good to April 30 when they expire. Expiration date of "E" Stamps not yet announced.

"They Give Their Lives—You Lead Your Money"

The second war loan drive—which began April 12—must raise the astounding sum of 13 billion dollars to support American armies that are now attacking the enemy. An offensive army requires ammunition and materials that cost staggering sums of money. For example—one night raid of 1,000 bombers over the Rhineland takes \$375,000 worth of gasoline. A million dollars worth of bombs may be dropped in that raid, and 10 or 11 million dollars worth of planes may be destroyed.

In the future America's armies will undertake still greater attacks, and these in turn will require still more money. The 13 billion dollars must be raised in addition to the regular purchases of war bonds and stamps that our people are making now. Slogan for the second war loan drive is—"They give their lives—you lead your money."

Farmers Get Points For Meat

When a farmer sells a slaughtered calf direct to a retail meat market, the market operator must surrender the right number of points to the farmer, says OPA. The farmer must then turn the stamps over to the ration board.

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Hail Storm Strikes This Area Monday

A driving hail storm, accompanied by an inch rain, struck this section early last evening. Considerable damage was reported to property in some areas, but because they were small, damage to crops and gardens was limited. Some plants were badly battered and a few were washed away by the heavy rain, but the damage to tobacco plant beds and other crops was negligible, according to first reports received here.

On the Jack Cherry farm, two miles from Hamilton, the hail broke 1,500 glass panes covering a sweet potato plant bed. Ditches were partly filled with hail in the Gold Point area. In Williamston where stones measured about 8 by 7 inches in circumference in some instances, a few window panes were broken. Just west of the town, the hail stones equalled hen eggs in size, but for the most part they were about the size of large marbles. No hail and very little rain were reported a few miles to the south of Williamston.

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Resigns Position On Police Force

Officer John Roebuck, for about eight years a member of the local police force, resigned last Saturday. His resignation became effective immediately, the officer making arrangements with Emmett Hines to serve a two weeks notification period. The resignation is the second one in the department in recent weeks, J. H. Allsbrook having turned in his badge about two weeks ago. According to reports other members of the force are planning to resign, but the report mentioned no names.

Mr. Roebuck during his stay on the force served the town well and was highly regarded as an officer and citizen. The resignation was reluctantly accepted, but the officer pointed out that he was finding it difficult to maintain his home on the salary he was receiving. He had served on the night patrol ever since he had been on the force. It is understood that he is planning to enter employment in the Elizabeth City war production area.

Several applications for places on the police force have been received, but no official action has been taken to fill the positions. Mr. Henry Gurganus was employed following the receipt of the Allsbrook resignation to handle the police phone and air raid warning center signals at night and Charlie Moore was shifted to day duty. The arrangement is only temporarily.

DRAFT BOARD

Meeting here next Thursday evening, the Martin County Draft Board will continue its classification work preparatory to executing the difficult and unwanted job of picking out men for the May draft call. The classification work will center on farm registrants who apparently have not qualified for special classification and on those registrants who enter appeals for deferment.

Married men with children have been "frazzled" temporarily, and it is fairly certain that enough men cannot be recruited from the other classifications to meet the May call, meaning that it will go partly unanswered.

Approximately One Hundred Men Leave County For Physical Test At Army Induction Center Today

Post Office Receipts Reach A New High Point Last Quarter

Supported by business in general and particularly by an expanding volume of mail moving to servicemen at home and abroad, a new high figure in receipts was reported by the local post office for the first quarter of this year, according to Assistant Postmaster Frank Earl Wynne.

For the first three months of 1943, stamp sales in the office amounted to \$6,030.73. In the first quarter of this year, the amount was boosted to \$6,522.78, a gain of \$492.05. That increase is not bad when one considers that it was made up principally of three-cent stamp sales. Possibly quite a few people are staying at home and writing more to relatives in other towns and cities of the country. The increased business, it

was pointed out, is being handled by a greatly depleted force. Several men have been lost to the armed services, and there is no such thing as a substitute to be called upon to fill most of the posts in the office at the present time.

While the stamp sales were increasing, the money order business jumped to a record figure also. The business was increased from \$23,383.01 a year ago to \$36,966.94 during the first three months of this year. It is estimated that this amount would be twice its size if all the orders had been filled.

In addition to their regular duties in the mail department, the post office personnel handled the sale of \$4,775.00 in war stamps, most of them being of the 10- and 25-cent denomination.

Most Of The Group Were Married Men Without Children

Meaning of War Strikes Near-Home as Crowd Gathers To See Young Men Leave

Numbering right close to 100, the largest draft call ever received in the county was filled this morning when two tractor-trailer loads of young white men left for their physical examinations at an army induction center. An official list of names and numbers could not be had, but ninety-nine men were counted as they entered the two big busses and about eighty-one of the number were counted.

Most of the group were married men without children, but there were a few youngsters who appeared to have hardly grown out of short trousers. The meaning of war apparently struck closer home as the contingent moved out than at any previous time. A large crowd gathered in the town's main intersection and traffic was all but blocked for a short while. A few tears went unchecked, but for the most part it was a gay and well-ordered group of men, and offered none of the heart-rending scenes characteristic of the departures for the army in the last war.

The group moved out on time. None was late, but friends reported that two in the draft call were to catch the bus up the road or were to report direct to the induction station for their examinations. It was learned that Joe Henry Melton, Jr., could not make it to Williamston in time to catch the bus, and arrangements were made to pick him up in Bethel. Beverly Woolard was to report to the center direct, it was learned.

The following list of names, gathered as the men entered the buses, is unofficial and incomplete, and it is possible that some of them are incorrect:

- Alonza E. Bland, Williamston.
- Robert Gurganus, Williamston.
- J. O. Daniel, Everetts.
- W. A. Manning, Jr., RFD 1, Williamston.
- Andrew E. Long, Jamesville.
- Joseph Jackson Edmondson, Williamston.
- Ellis Elmore Chesson, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Roy Harrell, Williamston and Norfolk.
- Albert W. Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston.
- James L. Williams, Williamston.
- Jack Bailey, Williamston.
- James Carrow, Williamston.
- Oswald D. Stalls, Williamston.
- Carroll Jones, Williamston.
- James David White, Williamston.
- Clabon Summerlin, Williamston.
- Delmas Barnhill, Williamston.
- Joseph C. Williams, Everetts and Portsmouth.
- Ernest W. Griffin, Williamston and Hampton.
- R. J. Langley, Robersonville.
- Vernon Page, Robersonville.

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Guy R. Waters Dies Suddenly Monday at Pulp Company Plant

Funeral Services for Popular Jamesville Young Man Tomorrow

Guy R. Waters, popular Jamesville young man, died suddenly while working in the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company in the lower part of this county yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Apparently the victim of a heart attack, Mr. Waters had not complained of being ill, and was thought to be in very good health even up until the time he was stricken.

The son of Mr. Lloyd F. and wife, Mrs. Fannie Jenkins Waters, he was born near Jamesville thirty-three years ago, the 12th of last June. He spent a greater part of his life on the farm. He was married in April, 1932, to Miss Mae Overton, of Jamesville. Soon after the pulp company opened its plant, he entered its employ and was one of its trusted employees, working as a machinist.

Mr. Waters was a member of the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church for about ten years, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Besides his wife and parents he leaves four children, Guy, Jr., Dorothy, Helen and Jacquelyn, all of Jamesville, and one brother, Larry Waters, of Savannah, Ga.

Funeral services are being conducted from the Corinth church Wednesday by his pastor, Rev. D. W. Alexander, of Bethel. Interment will follow in the churchyard.

Seven Persons Badly Hurt in the County By Tornado Monday

Home and Number of Other Buildings Destroyed in Angetown Section

Seven persons were injured, none seriously, and several buildings, including an abandoned schoolhouse, were wrecked early last evening when a tornado struck the little peaceful community of Angetown in Jamesville Township. Mrs. Jesse Ange, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ange, Jean, Delores, Kenneth and Luther Ange were listed among the injured. They suffered no broken bones, but nearly all of them were badly cut and painfully bruised when their home was wrecked by the tornado and they were buried under the debris.

Just before the tornado struck in full force, members of the family sought safety under the house, the move being credited by one report with saving their lives. The five-room bungalow was wrecked and much of it was blown away, the debris pinning the little group underneath where they were rescued a short time later.

In addition to the dwelling, a tobacco barn and stockhouse were blown down and shattered on the farm of Mrs. Ange. Nearby, the tornado struck and blew down three buildings, including a tobacco barn and packhouse on the Leman Ange farm and the old Angetown schoolhouse. Stock on the farms were struck and dazed by flying timbers, but none was killed or hurt very badly.

No estimate on the damage could be had immediately, but the loss will run into several thousand dollars.

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Youth Owned Three Cars And No Ration

Sad tales and tall stories have been heard by the thousands, but the Martin County Rationing Board last night heard a youth tell how he had owned and operated three cars without ever applying for a gas ration book. It seems as if Clifton Wiggins got a liberal supply of gas when he purchased each car, that before the supply was exhausted in the first two he had wrecked them. He had the third car only a short time before Roy Cullipher was charged with speeding up Highway 60 at 60 or more miles per hour with it. The supply lasted at least until he drove to the hearing before the rationing board, but Wiggins pointed out that the gas gauge was right on zero.

Explaining that he had done right well without a gas book, the board decided to withhold rations from him for another thirty days. In the case charging Cullipher with driving the car at the excessive speed, the board took no action because he had no car and had not received any gas rations.

No action was taken in the case charging A. T. Edwards with pleasure driving. It was pointed out by the defense that Edwards was traveling from Greensboro to Williamston, that he stopped in Tarboro to attend a dance.

Charged with speeding on Highway 64 between Conetoe and Bethel, Jesse Ayers lost his ration book until July 27. The defendant explained that his speedometer was broken, that he did not realize how fast he was traveling.

A fourth case was continued when the alleged speedster, Dennis Whitaker, of RFD 1, Williamston, failed to appear before the board.

SOME FISH

Small catches have been reported on the fishing front around Jamesville in recent days, but when Henry Price fishes, he lands the sizable ones. Proving that persistence really pays, Mr. Price, failing to get a "nibble" in seven tries, was making his eighth skimming trip in the Roanoke at Jamesville this week when he snared a 44-pound rock, the fish measuring 46 inches from stem to stern.

The fish was so large that Mr. Price feels certain that had he (the fish) put up a struggle the net would have been torn to pieces.

Oh, yes, there was no doubt about the poundage and length—they were verified by Wendell Peal.

Labor Shortage Is Serious In Nearly All Business Lines

One Local Firm Had Its Force Reduced by Thirty-two Men Since Pearl Harbor

That the labor shortage is not only serious on the farms, and that it is threatening industry directly and indirectly supporting the war was pointed out by a representative of the Williamston district of the Virginia Electric and Power Company here today as three more of the company's employees left for an Army induction center for final physical examinations.

Covering eight counties and serving twenty-nine towns, the Williamston district of the Virginia Electric and Power Company has lost 32 of its 68 employees since Pearl Harbor. Six of its eight engineers entered the service immediately after Pearl Harbor. The line crew has been reduced from sixteen to six men, and "if we were to have a severe storm, it would be next to impossible to restore service immediately," the representative explained. The company's drafting department personnel has been reduced from four men to one, and he is connected with a job required under direct order of the government. The department, handling new business, industrial power and rates, has been reduced from ten to one and efforts to get a replacement for him as well as for the others have been unsuccessful, it was pointed out. The meter service and industrial power department has been reduced by half, the two remaining men finding it next to impossible to handle all the work.

After pointing out the near depletion of the company's personnel in this district, the representative explained that government requirements.

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POLITICS

Politics on the town's home front continue inactive for the most part as the nominating convention draws near. Officially, only two candidates have announced, J. L. Hassell for mayor, and Roy T. Griffin for commissioners. It is well understood that the other old members of the board are candidates to succeed themselves.

At the convention to be held in the county courthouse Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, the people will nominate five commissioners and a mayor. As far as it can be learned, there are no qualifications barring participation in the convention.