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Surrenders in Africa.

Invasion Plaus In Talk This Alternoon

night when the RAF made the heaviest raid of the war on Duisburg, Germany's largest inland port. Thirty-four planes were lost, but little was left of the target. The raid was followed yesterday by another carried out by American forces over and night schedule of attack, the RAF was over Berlin, the Ruhr and Czechoslovakia last night with another powerful punch from the air. The Britishers lost 34 planes, the same number lost in the Wednesday

Preliminary reports coming from the fight in Africa state that the Germans lost around 600,066 men Shortage Of Gasoline from the beginning to the end, that about four times as many Axis prisoners were taken than the number Calls for Lower Ration lost to the Axis. No report on Allied losses has been released, but according to some sources, the losses were heavy during the early stages of the campaign and toward its close

A report on the American air raid said:

The Fortresses dropped "many tons" of bombs on the air field at St. Omer, one of Germany's most important in western Europe, and obliterated an aircraft factory and re pair shops at Meaulte, both in north-

British and Canadian bombers, in cluding the largest force of fourengined planes ever sent into the air, shattered Duisburg, the Reich's big inland port, with almost 2,000 tons of bombs early yesterday, touching off tremendous explosions and starting fires visible for 150 miles.

While the British and Canadians rocked Duisburg, Russian planes, striking at the Germans from the east, bombed railroad objectives at Warsaw, Poland's capital ,and its suburb of Praga on the Vistula river, Moscow radio announced.

Fires still were burning in Duisburg yesterday when the formation of Fortresses from the eighth United States Air Force took up the attack in daylight. A joint communiissued headquarters and the Air Ministry described the raiding

force officially as "strong." was "obliterated." The formation's was the first case where the check- whole idea of rationing."

War Turns To Air As Daily Vacation Bible School Admits Killing Man Registrants In 'C' Group Are Judge Calvin Smith

cation Bible School will begin Mon- care." Second week, "Stories about Churchill Will Hardly Reveal day morning at 9 o'clock. The directors of the school are anxious that The Primaries (ages 6-8) will meet all of our boys and girls in town who at the Legion Hut. Subjects: First are not employed or otherwise pre- week, "Bringing our gifts." Second Following the surrender of the either at your Church School Sun-telling." last Axis prisoner in Tunisia this day morning or at the Vacation week, marking the close of a great School Monday morning. We believe at the Baptist Church. Subjects: first victory for the Allies in Africa, the that both parents and students are week, "Learning of God from His war has turned to the air in a big interested in the opportunities which Word." Second week, "Learning of way. Devastating raids were direct- this school affords, and that they will God from Jesus. ed against Germany Wednesday do everything they can to make it a success. These days from May 17-28 will meet at the Christian Church. will give as much actual Bible study Subject for both weeks, "Learning time as will be had by most students from the Great Teacher." in the course of a whole year in the Sunday School. Competent and ex- a. m. perienced teachers and workers have been secured from the various church for handicraft work for both boys northern France. Maintaining a day schools participating. Regularity and and girls punctuality in attendance are neces-

at the Episcopal Church. First week, desired.

IMPROVED

Heavy and general rains in

this section the early part of the

week have greatly improved the

crop outlook, and farmers, a bit

depressed just a few days ago,

are all-out optimists now. Ham-

pered by blue mold, strong

winds and dry weather, tobac-

co transplanting is now at a cli-

max in the county, general re-

ports stating that most of the

crop will have been placed in the

fields by the early part or mid-

dle of next week. The blue mold

disappeared, for the most part,

overnight, and the supply of

plants, while short in some areas

is believed sufficient to care for

While a bit late in some in-

stances, crops, in general, are

growing rapidly and are looking "fine."

Deny Man Gasoline

Checking tire records against mile-

all needs.

The eighth annual Union Daily Va-, "Learning about God's love, and Jesus."

The Juniors (ages 9-12) will meet

The Intermediates (ages 13-17) The hours are from 9 a. m. to 1

Arrangements are in the making

The first faculty meeting will be sary in order to get the most out of held at the Methodist Church Sunday, 5:30 p. m. A full attendance of The Beginners (ages 4-5) will meet the workers and teachers is much

Here Tuesday Nighter

Luke Parsley Placed Under Bond for Fatal Stabbing of Percy D. Ashford

Breaking a remorseful silence just ong enough to plead guilty, Luke Parsley, young colored man, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell here Tuesday vening at 7 o'clock in the case charging the man with the fatal stabbing of his brother-in-law, Percy D. Ashford, not far from the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company plant lest Friday night about ten o'clock. Parsley, said to have come here from Wilmington not so long ago, stared into space as two wit-nesses offered their testimony. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$1,500. Nothing was said about meeting the Parsley was returned to jail to await trial during the one week term of Martin County Superior Court convening here on June

Hanson Eborn, star witness for the Martin County Youth State, briefly reviewed the leading up to the fatal attack. His story. "Preacher," the witness explaining that was what they called Ashford, "came to our home and Missing In War Zone Ashford, "came to our home and was sitting on the porch talking with us. His wife called him, presumably Predicts Tightening to play some records. He tarried a few minutes and during the meantime. Preacher's sister, accompanied Of Gasoline Rations time, Preacher's sister, accompanied by her husband, Luke Parsley, came along. She asked Preacher to go with them up town. They said a few Throughout Section with them up town. They said a few words, and program started to have been said a few words, and program to the said a few words are said a few words. home. Parsley called him back and nad something to say about every time his wife went some place some of her folks had to trail along. Ashford told Parsley to go on with his (Parsley's) wife, that he did not want to go. Preacher started home again, and Parsley called him a second time. A few words were spoken, and I heard Parsley strike him. Ashford offered no fight and ran a short distance and fell. He died about ten

minutes later." time Parsley struck the little man," fied." the floor to describe the height of young Rogers was a member of

Several other witnesses for the ble that his plane was forced down State were present along with a either in isolated territory or behind | J. Paul Simpson writes from "vaca- | Charged with violating the liquor "It was made very clear," said goodly number of spectators, but enemy lines, that he is still alive. The big Boeing bombers were es- age driven on "B" and "C" rations, Mr. Martin "that every gallon of Justice Hassell considered the evicorted by RAF, American, Domin- the county war price and ration gasoline we give one man is taken dence offered by Eborn and Eborn's ty of their son, the parents are still ing the service just a short time ago guilty. She was adjudged guilty and ion and Allied fighters. They en- board this week denied Floyd away from someone else. It's up to wife sufficient to support the \$1,500

Total Of Sixty-five Tires Are Allotted By Board Monday

Large Number Applications Carried Over for Later Consideration

Holding its first meeting followspecial tire and car panel of the Martin County War Price and Ration Board issued its first car and truck tires and tubes this week. The panel exhausted the quota right up to date, leaving a fairly large number of applications for consideration at a later meeting. As compared with approximately 300 issued by the ration board a week ago, the special panel allotted only 65 tires this week, including 33 new car tires, fifteen new truck tires, eight truck recaps,

and nine Grade III tires. Apparently the true facts surcounding the rubber tire situation East Coast ports to supply the Allied may be enough tires to meet all nedds, but retail dealers declare that they are having difficulty in ting along all right.

finding and buying Grad Articles are sisters, Mrs. Alec Nicholson, Misses sisters, Mrs. Alec Nicholson, Misses sisters, Mrs. Alec Nicholson, Misses and Erline Rogers, and

> but young man to be report ure deliveries. Grade I tires and tubes were al-

lotted to the following: J. C. Norris, Williamston, one tire and one tube. E. C. Edmondson, Hassell, two ires and one tube.

W. E. Early, Oak City, two tire and two tubes G. C. Godard, Jamesville, two Joe Everett, Parmele, two tires

and two tubes. M. B. Barefoot, RFD 3, Williamson, one tire and one tube. Harrison Oil Co., Williamston, one ire and one tube.

Mrs. Lula M. Coburn, Parmele, wo tires. Kelly Rawls, Robersonville, on

Paul Bailey, Everetts, one tire. C. G. Coltrain, Williamston, one ire and one tube. E. B. VanNortwick, Robersonville

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Last German Soldier To Open Here Next Monday When Given Hearing Warned Of Changing Status

without the benefit of appeal.

It was pointed out that the draft can now be heard in the distance. registrant who gyts a "C" classification and then afters his status by charged from the Army because of selling the old cow, disposing of a their "advanced' ages must find essoey or two, or just plain loafing sential jobs-farming or some occuon the job is working for a free pation more or less directly associatticket to the Army. And that holds ed with the war program-or face for the registrant who has children, recall to the service. even a dozen children. Indirect rethat some registrants, now that they ruling, draftees, after passing the intion, are making certain moves that a

Eli Clayton Rogers

Action Since May 1

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rog-

ers, of Near Williamston,

Has Good Service Record

lassifications, are warned against The preferred classifications may any change of status without first have been earned, it is admitted, but Tribunal Is in Session Until consulting the draft board, Chair- the registrant in that group must man R. H. Goodmon, returning late continue to maintain the rating or vesterday from a district meeting of go to the Army. While it boils down draft officials and authorities in to a work or fight ultimatum, the Washington ,stating that the regis- order does not apply to those men trant wao fails to hold to the mark who are not subject to the draft, but is subject to immediate induction and it does include fathers, possibly because the echo of the call for fathers

It is also understood that men dis-

As for drafting fathers, class are ports or rumors are already being to be expected possibly in July, or heard in some quarters declaring certainly by August. Under a new have gained the preferred classifica- duction examination, will be given ceks furlough to return are hardly in keep with the faith re- home and straighten out his affairs.

Calls Twelve Cases In Recorders Court

Early Afternoon Clearing Large Docket

Drunken drivers, literally bumpg into highway patrolmen in this section week-end before last and 'speeders' picked up following the adoption of the 35-mile limit on Thursday of last week considerably boosted the number of cases in the county court last Monday. Judge J. C. Smith, calling about a dozen cases, held the court in session until 1:00 o'clock clearing the docket.

Proceedings in the court: Andrew Mobley, pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his driver's license revoked for one year. He was also directed to surrender his liquor ration book.

Edgar Louis Keel, charged with drunken driving, failed to answer when called in open court, and his \$100 cash bond was ordered forfeited. Papers were issued for his ar-

Pleading guilty in the case charging his with carrying a concealed weapon and assaulting another with deadly weapon, Charlie "Duke" Clark was fined \$50 and taxed with the case costs.

Maintaining his innocence in the case charging him with drunken driving, Joe Henry Andrews was adjudged guilty. He was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, O. W. Jones pleaded guilty of a simple assault. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Paul D. Roberson, and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court costs.

The case charging Jeff F. Wilson with drunken driving was continued for the defendant until next Mon-

James "Toots" Moore, pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon was fined \$10 and taxed with the court costs.

Core Lee Smith was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost in the case charging her with assaulting another with a deadly weapon. She pleaded guilty in the case.

The first case to reach the court charging violation of the new 35-From Vacation Land mile speed limit was heard in the court Monday when Joseph Green Wise, of Norfolk, was tried. He

tion land" down in Florida. Enter- law, Elizabeth Roberson pleaded not judgment was suspended upon the payment of court costs.

The case charging R. G. Vaughn with violating the 35-mile State speed limit, was continued until

Appearing for further judgment know of anyone we would rather in the case charging his with non-(Continued on page six)

only losses were suffered over ers found that the consumer was ex-Meaulte. Three bombers and five ceeding his book allotments, and it (Continued on page six) (Continued on page six) **County Land Tax Sale**

Only 279 Delinquent **Accounts Advertised** For Sale On June 7

Total of \$4,139.53 Reported Unpaid on Real Estate As of May 12

Martin County today is advertising its delinquent tax list, Tax Collector M. Luther Peel pointing out that the number of unpaid accounts is the smallest in a quarter of a century or even more. The list while showing some owners of real propflects unusually healthy conditions existing on the money front, as a

whole, for taxpayers Starting out With a total levy of \$213,252.46, Collector Peel has reduced the amount to \$4,139.53 due on real property and about \$6,500 still due on personal holdings. Quite a few of those who have not yet paid their personal property taxes are in the armed services, and payment is hardly to be expected at this time. The unpaid accounts on real property will be materially reduced be-7, and the personal property list will ocracy," "What Price Honor." be considerably reduced during the coming months.

Even though the schedule has been advanced by several months, there are only 279 delinquent accounts on the real property books to date. son was awarded the prize for being the age of six, soloist with the old There are approximately 8,000 names on the tax books, and when the delinquent list is reduced to 279, the collector is obliged to be nearing the bottom of the barrel.

By actual count and figures, the

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CAMPOREE

Between 75 and 100 Boy Scouts from three counties will start arriving around 3:00 o'clock this afternoon for a district camporee on the high school grounds. Lots have been staked by Jim Uzzle, of the East Carolina Area Boy Scout Council, and plans for the event are complete.

Youths are expected here from Plymouth, Jamesville, Rober-sonville and Windsor. Williamston will have about twenty-two representatives at the camporee, Scoutmaster Marion Cobb said this morning.

Successful Finals

Commencement exercises at the school in Parmele this week was one of the most successful in the history of the institution. Spirituals and patriotic selections by the speech choir and the graduates, such as "The Civic Creed", "Educational Significance of the American Flag," "The Soul fore selling time on Monday, June of America," "A Progressive Dem-A vision: "Patriotism and True Democracy.

A Fireside Talk was given by the principal. Special music was rendered by the glee club David Henderthe best all-around ctudent in the school. Henderson has also been accepted in the Navy. Phillip Powell a choir singer at St. Paul's Church. was rewarded a prize for making the most progress in culture and refinement. Special mention was made Church by Rev. Dr. Vincent C. with reference to Professor W. C. 1943 list shows no great improve with reference to Professor W. C. Franks.

ment over the list for 1942, but the Witherspoon, who left for Fort Bragg Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe were called to be inducted into the service of to Richmond by his death, and they

OPA Officials Declare Public Consumption Must Be Cut To Meet War Needs

The pressing war needs for limited gasoline supplies in the East demand that all applications for supplemental and special rations be granted on the basis of bare necessity, C. C. Martin, of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board, reported today following a meeting of ration authorities and board representatives in Elizabeth

City yesterday. The importance of examining the regulations in issuing all gasoline rations was emphasized at the meeting. The session was one of a series arranged by the State OPA office to

Ration for Duration discuss with rationing beard men bers the various provisions of the

countered opposition over Meaulte, Spruill, of RFD 1, Williamston, all us to see that the fellow who needs where an important aircraft factory gasoline rations for the duration. It the gasoline most gets it. That's the

The Eastern gasoline situation as depicted at the meeting offers little hope of increased supplies for civilian use this summer, Mr. Martin said. The gasoline shortage developed in the East, it was pointed out, because tankers which normally brought in 95 percent of the East's petroleum were withdrawn for military service. In the last year over-Smallest in Many Years land facilities—tank cars, barges, pipelines—have been increased until at present it is possible to bring in more than 1,000,000 barrels a day. Completion of more pipelines, and other facilities may raise this rate to an average of more than 1,500,000 barrels a day-approximately our normal rate of consumption-by the

end of this year. But this does not mean "driving as usual," OPA's Richardson from the Washington office emphasized, because war demands have greatly increased our gasoline requirements.

Tremendous quantities of gasoline are needed now for the battle fronts aoroad, and for running war plants and operating food producing farms at home, it was stated.

Right now large shipments of gasoline are being withdrawn from the fighting forces on two continents. These withdrawals are vital to vicory, since the same number of ships sking from the more distant Guil ports would be able to transport one-

third less petroleum. ere assured an -the military, industral and age: (Continued on page six)

Called To Richmond By Death Of Relative

J. J. Reinhardt, well known in Virginia musical circles and brother-inlaw of Mr. Geo. Thorpe, of Williamston, died suddenly at his home in the Virginia capital last Tuesday night. He had been in declining health for a number of years. As a boy, he attended the Richmond schools and studied the violin under the late John Kessnich, becoming, at Mozart Association. He was later a violinist in the Mozart Orchestra and Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from St. Paul's

attended the services.

Technical Sergeant Eli Clayton

Rogers, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rogers, of near Williamston, was reported missing in action this week in a telegram addressed to the young man's parents. The terse message, signed by the Adjutant Eborn's wife told about the same General, Washington, D. C., reads, story, but according to her testimony "I regret to inform you that the Parsley asked Ashford that if the commanding general, European area, Parsley woman came back crying reports your son, Technical Sergeant would he have him put in jail? "And Eli Clayton Rogers, missing in acif I hit you, you'll have me put in tion since May 1. If further details applications closely and of adhering jail, will you?" Parsley asked Ash- or information of his status are re strictly to the mileage rationing ford, the witness said. "About that ceived you will be promptly noti-

the witness added and held her hand | Stationed with U. S. forces in the about four and one-half feet from war zone, possibly in Great Britain, While eagerly anxious over the safehopeful. It is possible that he was

forced down somewhere in France while on a bombing raid, but his nission was not revealed and few details are to be had at the present Volunteering his services on Sepember 24, 1941, several months be-

fore this country entered the war oung Rogers received his basic raining at Camp Lee, Va. A few months later, he was transferred to Sheppard Field, Texas, where he completed the prescribed airplane mechanics course of instruction at the Air Corps Technical School on April 25, 1942. About three months ing appointment a few days ago, the Dill Field, Fla., and was a member of a bomb squadron. On July 14, 1942, he completed the course of instruction prescribed for aerial gunners (flexible) at the Army Air Forces Gunnery School, Tyndall Field. His promotion to technical sergeant followed a few months later. It could not be learned when he left for service overseas, but it is understood he had been in North Africa several months.

He never setured home after en-tering the service, but he never complained, his letters always reflecting a cheery disposition and offered proof that he was a good soldier are not known except to a few. There In his last letter written April 1 and received here the 12th, the young

coming in short already. The stock of No. 1 tires is fairly large at the one brother, Roland Rogers. Annie Mae and Erline Rogers, and

ed missing in action. One of the other three was found and is now prisoner of the Italians in Italy, and second one was found and is now a prisoner of the Japs, presumably n the Philippines.

Jamesville Youth Receives Promotion In The Army

Successfully completing the flexble aerial gunnery course at the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas, Edwin Horace Carson of Jamesville, last Saturday received the coveted aerial gunnery wings Now a sergeant, young Carson is eligible to take his important position as a member of an Army air orces combat crew.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Carson, of Jamesville, the young bond. The young colored man also man entered the service less than a stands charged with the larceny of ear ago. He was graduated from a canoe, and was bound over to the high school and attended college for county court under a \$100 bond in

LAST ROUND-UP

A last round-up of dogs for vaccination against rabies has been scheduled in this county for Saturday, May 29th, at Dr. A. J. Osteen's office on South Haughton Street. Final notice is being given those owners who did not have their dogs vaccinated at the community dispensaries to meet the terms of the

Approximately 2,000 of the canines out of an estimated 3,500 in the county have been vaccinated to date. According to those estimates, it'll be dog day in Williamston on May 29th. However, it is possible for the owners to make special arrangements to have their dogs vaccinated on other days.

Pvt. Simpson Writes

"An the boys from Martin Coun- suspended judgment upon payment as one of the first group of married men to leave the county for the Army, Pvt. Simpson said, in part:

"First, I want to thank you for the Enterprise. I thoroughly enjoy it. We especially enjoyed the copy with an next Monday. article by Sgt. Sammy Taylor. Don't

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Almost Half of Million **Dollars Paid for Bonds**

MEETING

Meeting in regular session here last evening, directors of the Martin County Building and Loan Association re-elected the organization's officers for the coming year, as follows: C. D. Carstarphen, president; N. C. Green, vice president; Wheeler Martin secretary, and Mrs. Vella A. Wynne, treasurer.

of them was for new construction, it was pointed out. Justice Hears Two

While in session, the board

passed on a few loans, but none

Following a quiet period on the crime front in this section last weekend, Justice J. L. Hassell had a very light docket in his court this week Only two cases were tried this week the number dropping from about twelve cases heard last week.

Johnnie Rawls, of Newport News, was taxed with the court costs amounting to \$7.50 in the case chargng him with public drunkenness. Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Charlie Williams was fined

\$2.50 and taxed with the court costs. Wulter Freeman, just recently re leased from a term on the county roads for stealing, is in the courts again. Charged with breaking and entering and stealing dishes, boots, paddles and nets from the firemen's house boat, Freeman was bound over to the surerior court under a \$200

County Exceeds Its War Bond Quota by More Than \$124,000

Big Bomber To Be Named After County for Showing In Bond Drive

Bond sales amounting to nearly a half million dollars were made in this county during the second special drive recently ended, Chairman D. V. Clayton announced this week. Assigned, a quota of \$229,000, the county invested a total of \$452,824 in the several types of war bonds to the goal by \$124,024. The vest thirteen billion dollars in bonds during the period from April 12 to

May 8, late reports stating that the drive exceeded the goal by several billion dollars. As a result of the remarkable showing made in the drive, this county will have a big bomber named after it, the chairman stating that the ships will possibly bear the name, "Spirit of Martin County." Proper forms are being prepared and after the bomber is named, pic-

tures will be made and sent here for

publication. Commenting on the drive Chairman Clayton stated that it exceeded all expectations, that Federal Treasury officials were impressed by the record. About one-fourth of the amount, or \$119,562.50, was subscribed to by "little" folks, or those patriotic persons who bought "E" bonds ranging in value from \$18.75 to \$750. It is estimated that approximately 500 persons participated in the purchase of the "E" bonds. It had been

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