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War Turns To Air As Last German Soldier Surrenders in Africa

Churchill Will Hardly Reveal Invasion Plans In Talk This Afternoon

Following the surrender of the last Axis prisoner in Tunisia this week, marking the close of a great victory for the Allies in Africa, the war has turned to the air in a big way. Devastating raids were directed against Germany Wednesday 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 northern France. Maintaining a day 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 night raid.

Daily Vacation Bible School To Open Here Next Monday

The eighth annual Union Daily Vacation Bible School will begin Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The directors of the school are anxious that all of our boys and girls in town who are not employed or otherwise prevented from attending will enroll either at your Church School Sunday morning or at the Vacation School Monday morning. We believe that both parents and students are interested in the opportunities which this school affords, and that they will do everything they can to make it a success. These days from May 17-28 will give as much actual Bible study time as will be had by most students in the course of a whole year in the Sunday School. Competent and experienced teachers and workers have been secured from the various church schools participating. Regularity and punctuality in attendance are necessary in order to get the most out of the school.

Admits Killing Man When Given Hearing Here Tuesday Night

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

breaking a remorseful silence just long enough to plead guilty, Luke Parsley, young colored man, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell here Tuesday evening 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 last Friday night about ten o'clock. Parsley, said to have come here from Wilmington not so long ago, started into space as two witnesses offered their testimony. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$1,500. Nothing was said about meeting the bond. Parsley was returned to jail to await trial during the one week term of Martin County Superior Court convening here on June 14th.

Registrants In 'C' Group Are Warned Of Changing Status

Registrants qualifying for "C" classifications, are warned against any change of status without first consulting the draft board, Chairman R. H. Goodman, returning late yesterday from a district meeting of draft officials and authorities in Washington, stating that the registrant who fails to hold to the mark is subject to immediate induction and without the benefit of appeal.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Twelve Cases In Recorder's Court

Tribunal Is in Session Until Early Afternoon Clearing Large Docket

Drunken drivers, literally bumping 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.

Shortage Of Gasoline Calls for Lower Ration

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. Hampered by blue mold, strong winds and dry weather, tobacco transplanting is now at a climax in the county, general reports stating that most of the fields by the early part or middle 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 all needs.

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

Predicts Tightening Of Gasoline Rations Throughout Section

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.

Martin County Youth Missing In War Zone

Eli Clayton Rogers Reported Missing In Action Since May 1

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 General, Washington, D. C., reads, "I regret to inform you that the commanding general, European area, reports your son, Technical Sergeant Eli Clayton Rogers, missing in action since May 1. If further details or information of his status are received you will be promptly notified."

Almost Half of Million Dollars Paid for Bonds

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

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 \$380,000, the county invested a total of \$452,824 in the several types of war bonds to the amount of \$72,824 by \$124,024. The county as a whole, however, invested 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.

Justice Hears Two Cases In His Court

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County Land Tax Sale Smallest in Many Years

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 property still in a financial straits, reflects unusually healthy conditions existing on the money front, as a whole, for taxpayers.

Deny Man Gasoline Ration for Duration

Checking tire records against mileage driven on "B" and "C" rations, the county war price and ration board this week denied Floyd Spruill, of RFD 1, Williamston, all gasoline rations for the duration. It was the first case where the checkers found that the consumer was exceeding his book allotments, and it

Total Of Sixty-five Tires Are Allotted By Board Monday

Large Number Applications Carried Over for Later Consideration

Holding its first meeting following appointment a few days ago, the special 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 re-taps, and nine Grade III tires.

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. Carstensen, president; N. C. Green, vice president; Wheeler Martin, secretary, and Mrs. Vella A. Wynne, treasurer.

Called To Richmond By Death Of Relative

J. J. Reinhardt, well known in Virginia musical circles and brother-in-law 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 Kennish, becoming, at the age of six, soloist with the old Mozart Association. He was later a violinist in the Mozart Orchestra and a choir singer at St. Paul's Church.

Successful Finals In Parmele School

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 of America," "A Progressive Democracy," "What Price Honor."

CAMPPOREE

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 Uzzie, of the East Carolina Area Boy Scout Council, and plans for the event are complete.

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