

Allies Continue Big Air Offensive While Russia Starts Drive

Weaken Condition of China Dampens Outlook in the Far East

While it is believed in some quarters that something big will follow the Tunisian campaign, the Allies, for the present, are carrying on an effective air war against Germany and Italy with Russia opening up an offensive in the Kuban sector to feature the land war.

The bomb victims in Italy and Germany are about to crack, indicating that the air attacks are effective. Big-lipped Mussolini refers to the American airmen as barbarians, but Muss is the same guy who dropped poison gas on the helpless Ethiopians and killed innocent Spanish Loyalists while an indifferent world looked on. Spain's Franco is urging the Allies to stop the air war, but he is the same skunk who killed and murdered his own people.

In the Mediterranean area, the stepping stone to a possible invasion, is being bombed to a pulp while vast land armies, made up of Americans, British, Greeks, Fighting French and others, are poised for action. Apparently something is brewing, but invasion plans, if any, remain a secret.

In the air war, Allied forces have this week stepped up to new heights of intensity the crippling bombardment of the Axis arsenal simultaneously from North and South.

Two more record raids have been staged as more than 1,000 planes joined in a giant aerial pincers action that shook both sides of Hitler's European "fortress".

From the South, more than 400 British and American planes pounded 18 target areas stretching 700 miles from Greece to Sardinia. Two all-American attacks on Messina-Sicilian port which supplies the approaches to the Italian mainland—were described by Reuters as "the largest bombing operation yet seen in the mounting tempo of the Mediterranean war."

From the North, a force of British and Canadian bombers battered the German munitions center of Dusseldorf with more than five two-ton blockbusters a minute for nearly an hour. It was the largest raid ever conducted under adverse weather conditions, demonstrating the vast improvement in precision bombing even through "soup". The raid was described as "nearly as large" as the devastating attack on Dortmund, in which nearly 1,000 planes participated.

American fliers took part in 16 out of the 18 raids over Greece, Sardinia, Sicily and Pantelleria. They were in action Wednesday and yesterday nearly every minutes of the time.

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Farm Machinery Is Rationed by Board

Although they are issuing farm machinery in dribbles, members of the Martin County Farm Machinery Rationing Board are keeping right up with the allotments. Applications are piling up, however, and a big rush is expected during the next few days when requests for pressure cookers are considered. Applications for the cookers should be in not later than June 5.

Farm machines were recently rationed as follows:
R. V. Bunting, Williamston, peanut weeder.

Luther Tyson, RFD 1, Robersonville, peanut weeder.

H. H. Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonville, farm cooler for milk cans.

D. G. Matthews, Hamilton, three 50 tooth section harrows.

Coy J. Roberson, Williamston, mowing machine (horse drawn).

M. B. Ward, RFD 2, Williamston, traction sprayer.

W. H. Manning, Bethel, side delivery peanut rake.

Bud James, Robersonville, potato and tobacco sprayer.

Mack D. Leggett, RFD 2, Williamston, walking cultivator.

M. E. Hyman, RFD 1, Palmyra, section harrow.

W. J. Jonsson, RFD 1, Palmyra, section harrow.

Mrs. J. M. Oakley, RFD 3, Williamston, traction sprayer.

A. S. Roberson, Robersonville, tractor.

L. P. Lindsley, Williamston, rotary hoe.

W. Harrell Everett, Williamston, traction sprayer.

W. Harrell Everett, Williamston, lime spreader.

Camp Leach Will Not Be Operated This Season

According to an announcement made this week by the Rev. Stephen Gardner of St. Peter's, Washington, no camps or conferences will be held at Camp Leach this summer. It is believed that the camp will continue closed as a result of the rationing program.

Several local boys and girls were planning to attend the camp there this summer.

More Martin County Men Called By Army

Group Includes 'Old' Married Men, Boys And a Few 'Farmers'

Ordered to Report for Induction, Jimmy Brown Asks for Transfer to St. Louis

Literally scraping the bottom of the barrel, the Martin County Draft Board pulled out a mixture of manpower—"old" married men, youths, and "non-essential" farmers—to fill partially, at least, the current draft quota assigned this county. The current round-up today leaves a mere handful of white men eligible to answer the sizable call expected in early June, it is understood. It is indeed evident that the draft is now knocking at the door of married men with children. In fact, married men with children are represented in the group leaving for the induction center, one report stating that the status of one father did not bar him from the draft and that occupational deferment was not requested.

Scheduled to report for induction today, James Roberson Brown, second baseman for the Cardinals, asked that he be transferred to St. Louis. It could not be learned when he will report for induction, but the ball player will leave with the next group reporting for induction from St. Louis. Four other men, scheduled to report with the Martin County contingent were transferred as follows: James Whitaker West to White Oak, Fla., Robert Leslie Smith to Richmond, and Jno. Arthur Wynne to Portsmouth, and Roy Felton Tate, to Anderson, S. C.

Thirty-six of the group answering the current call are youths who registered last June 30 or later. Quite a few of them were deferred until they could complete the recent high school term. Twenty-two farm boys, ruled "non-essential" by the County War Board, are also included in the list. The remainder of the list is made up principally of married men left over from one cause or another from the first round-up over a month ago.

The names of those white men from this county answering the current call are, as follows:
Roy Staton Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston.

Horace Adam Ray, Williamston and New River.

Charles Brantley Martin, Jamesville and Pantelleria.

Ernest Johnson, Williamston and Norfolk.

Harvey Glenworth Currie, Jamesville.

William Carey Valentine, Williamston and Suffolk.

William Bart Dickenson, RFD 2, Williamston, and RFD 1, Jamesville.

Bernard Enright Spencer, Jamesville and Richmond.

Roy Willis McClees, Williamston.

Joseph Henry Everett, Williamston and Norfolk.

Charlie Crofton Sexton, Jr., RFD 1, Jamesville and Norfolk.

Henry Leamon Taylor, RFD 2, Williamston and Newport News.

Richard Dillard Elliott, Jr., Williamston.

Willie Buck Williams, RFD 1, Williamston.

William Carl Hardison, RFD 2, Williamston.

Charles Alton Peel, Williamston.

Arthur Monroe Benton, Oak City.

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Municipal Swimming Pool Opens Here Next Monday

Williamston's municipal swimming pool will open the season next Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Managers Ruth Manning and Velma H. Coburn announcing that preparations for the opening had been completed. The pool has been painted and the filter machines tested for successful operation. Other improvements have been made.

The pool will open each week day at 10 a. m., close at 12 noon, reopen at 2 for four hours, and after closing at 6 for one-half hours re-opens until 9:30 o'clock. On Sunday the pool will be kept open from 2 to 7 o'clock. Season tickets, \$3.50 to \$5.00, are now on sale.

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COMMENCEMENT

The Daily Vacation Bible School will conclude its two weeks session with commencement exercises at the Baptist Church this evening, Friday, May 28th, at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The school has been well attended. Much credit is due to the faithful and efficient service of the workers and teachers who have made the school such a great success. The school is believed to have established an attendance record, and more interest was shown in its work this year than ever before.

Thirty-One New Car Tires Are Allotted By Rationing Board

Rationing Board Tire Panel in Session Until After Midnight Tuesday

Thirty-one new car and pick-up truck tires and six new truck tires were allotted to applicants in the county this week by the rationing board tire panel, the issuance leaving only a few tires for rationing during the remainder of this month.

Sitting as a board of inquiry earlier in the evening, the tire and gas panels were in session until early Tuesday morning clearing the applications. Quite a few requests were carried over for consideration at a later meeting, and a few requests were denied in accordance with special regulations and instructions.

New car and pick-up tires and tubes were rationed to the following:
W. G. Peel, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

M. E. Smith, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.

R. L. Bryant, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire and one tube.

B. W. Taylor, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires and one tube.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, by J. H. Gray, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

Mrs. H. J. Haislip, Oak City, one tire.

W. I. Skinner and Co., Williamston, one tire.

Leroy Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires.

E. G. Anderson, Robersonville, one tire.

H. B. Bowen, Robersonville, one tire.

Mrs. John H. Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonville, two tires.

James Frazer, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires.

Roland Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.

J. R. Jones, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

John Andrews, RFD, Robersonville, two tires.

Bessie Malone, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

T. O. Hickman, RFD 2, Williamston and Aulander, one tire.

H. M. Peel, Hamilton, one tire.

Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Williamston, one tire.

T. L. Roberson, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

T. J. Harris, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire.

Jim Davis, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tire.

S. D. Perry, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.

J. H. Mooring, RFD 1, Hobgood, one tire.

J. R. Winslow, Robersonville, one tube.

Henderson Norfleet, RFD 3, Williamston, two tubes.

J. H. Bland, RFD 1, Oak City, two tubes.

J. LeRoy Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, two tubes.

Joe Bunting, RFD 1, Palmyra, two tubes.

Baptists Will Hold Ordination Service

Cyrus W. Bazemore, native of Bertie and for several years a resident of Williamston, will be ordained in the Baptist Church here Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. W. R. Burrell, pastor, announced this morning.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina, the young preacher has just recently completed a year's study in the seminary at Louisville, and has accepted the pastorate of two churches at Urbana and Saluda in Virginia. He will leave shortly after the ordination service to enter upon his new duties on Sunday, June 6th. Completing his studies at the University, Mr. Bazemore taught journalism in the Asheville High School and later accepted the editorship of the Windsor paper before going with the United States Employment Service. It was while he managed the local office of the employment service that he and Mrs. Bazemore made their home here.

Pastors and delegates from fourteen churches are expected to attend the ordination service, and the public is invited.

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Third Jamesville Boy Gets Wings

Marvin Woodrow Corey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Corey, of Jamesville, received his wings in the Army Air Corps at Waco, Texas, last Monday, and now holds a second lieutenant's commission in the service. Corey, 23 years old, entered the service last August, and trained for a bomber pilot. He is the third young Jamesville man to get his wings. The other two, James Walters, receiving his more than a year ago, is now in action in the Southwest Pacific, and Luther Hugh Hardison is now an instructor in the Air Corps in Mississippi.

It could not be learned where the new pilot will be stationed. He has a brother, "Shorty" Corey, in the Coast Guard service with headquarters at Virginia Beach for the present.

It is believed that the county now has about fifteen pilots in the service.

Stabilization Plan Virtually 'Freezes' All Workers To Jobs

According to information received here this week, all workers in essential occupations have been virtually "frozen" to their tasks under a region wide plan for employment stabilization. Under the plan, as outlined before a meeting of the Martin County War Board last Wednesday night by C. M. Taylor, of the U. S. Employment Service, a man cannot change jobs without first getting a certificate of release or a statement of availability from his former employer or from the employment service office in Plymouth.

While there are provisions for job shifts, those provisions must be met in detail. The employment stabilization plan does not give the employer the right to exploit the worker, nor does it give the worker the privilege of shifting from one job to another in the search of higher pay. Labor pirating by employers is ruled out, and the status quo will be maintained.

No employer shall hire or solicit any worker whose most recent employment was in an essential activity unless such worker presents either

a statement of availability from his most recent employer or a referral card from the United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission. The referral cards when thus used in lieu of statements of availability shall be stamped, "This shall serve as a statement of availability." Employers shall retain and file statements of availability or referral cards so stamped and shall make them available for inspection upon request by a representative of the War Manpower Commission.

About the only way for a worker to change jobs is to get a statement of availability from his last employer, when he is either discharged or laid off for an indefinite period or for 7 days or more, or when the worker can prove that his present job does not utilize him at his highest skill, or there are other compelling personal reasons for a change in employment.

Employers and employees will find it advisable to recognize the issuance of statements of release and availability before hiring or leaving one job.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Twelve Cases In Recorder's Court

Four Cases Charging Speeding Are Heard at Session Last Monday

Attracting a larger crowd than usual, the Martin County Recorder's Court was in session until 12:15 o'clock last Monday clearing its docket of an even dozen cases. Four of the twelve cases charged violation of the 35-mile speed law. Judge Smith took another crack at vagrancy when he sentenced one defendant to the roads for a thirty-day stretch.

Proceedings:
Charged with violating the 35-mile speed limit law, R. G. Vaughn was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with an assault, Hardy Williams pleaded guilty of assaulting a female and was fined \$10 and taxed with the court costs.

Charged with keeping an open well, Napoleon Green was adjudged not guilty.

Charged with hit-and-run driving, C. C. Fleming was found not guilty, the state admitting that the defendant was not driving, and that it was not certain that it was the defendant's truck that hit the car belonging to the defendant.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging "Little Bud" Pittman, alias David Mayo, with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging his with exceeding the 35-mile state speed limit, C. J. Hinson was adjudged guilty, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the case costs.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, J. C. Ruffin, Jr., was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

Charged with violating the health laws, Arthur Morgan and Charlie Bone were each sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and on the further condition that they meet certain health requirements and remain regularly employed during the next six months.

Hiram Waller Ford, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his driver's license suspended for one year.

J. T. Briley, charged with vagrancy, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. It was later reported that the sentence was suspended upon the payment of a fine.

Eli Wilson was fined \$5, taxed with the cost and had his operator's license revoked for sixty days in the case charging his with exceeding the 35-mile speed limit.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging William Steele Winsette with speeding.

Rural Churches To Hold Bible Schools

Bible schools will be held at the Roberson's Chapel for two weeks beginning May 31 and running through June 11. Classes will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. The Bible school for the Bear Grass church will be held week beginning June 14 and will run through June 25. The hours of this school will be announced later.

Both of the above schools will be in charge of Mr. R. E. Cogswell, Mr. Cogswell is a native of Memphis, Tenn., and is a member of the rising Middle Class at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. He has been assisting in the supply work in the Presbyterian churches in this section since last March and will be here this summer in charge of the work at Roberson's Chapel and Bear Grass churches. He is brother to Jim Cogswell, also a student at the Seminary, who is assisting Dr. Boyd at the Greenville Presbyterian Church this summer.

Bible school at the Poplar Point Chapel will be held from May 31 until June 11, from 9:00 to 12:00. Gower Crosswell, pastor of the Williamston Presbyterian Church, will be in charge. Evening services are to be held at the Poplar Point Chapel at 8:30 p. m. on the first and third Sundays in each month for the remainder of the summer and it is hoped that it will be possible to continue them through the winter. Everybody, especially those living in the vicinity of the chapel, are cordially invited to join in these services.

Due to the difficulty of the times and the need for every available person about the home there has been some difficulty in arranging for workers for these schools, for that reason lists of workers are not yet complete and cannot be published at this time.

Husband Applies To The Courts For A Divorce

Basing his claim on two years of separation, Booker T. Staton this week instituted in the Martin County Superior Court proceedings for a divorce from Annie Mae Staton. The suit was the second one to be filed in the superior court this month.

Supervisors Are To Handle Compliance In Number Of Cases

Farmers Are To Measure Their Commitment

Compliance checks handled in past years by supervisors hired by the Triple A will be made this year by the farmers themselves, A. P. Hassell, AAA representative in this area, told a meeting of community committeemen here yesterday morning. In other words, each farmer will be placed on his honor and he will be asked to report any increase or variations in his plantings. A certain percentage of the measurements will be checked by AAA representatives, not to check the truthfulness of the farmer but rather to check the correctness of the statements.

The farmer is not asked to measure all his fields, but he must measure accurately those acres planted either to cotton, tobacco, peanuts, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes and soy beans for harvest. Each patch is to be measured separately, and the measurements are to be reported for each patch with a rough sketch accompanying the measurements. It was pointed out, however, that it will not be necessary for the farmer to show the dimensions of the fields or patches on the penciled sketches or rough maps.

Unless the measurements are properly handled and reported to the committeemen in the farmer's respective district, no cards for the marketing of tobacco and cotton will be issued. The responsibility of handling the compliance checks or actually measuring the fields and reporting to the committeemen rests entirely with the farm operator.

Farmers in this county are being asked to measure the fields planted to the designated crops and report their figures to the community committeemen by June 12 in some cases and by June 19 in other cases. Arrangements for receiving this information will be announced early.

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Likes Air Corps and The Enterprise Fine

Asking that his mailing address be changed, Pfc. Latham N. Leggett said in a letter this week, "I really enjoy the paper because it is always nice to hear from homefolks. Upon entering A-M school, I received my first promotion. After finishing here I will continue my course in aerial gunnery in which I hope to get my wings. I like the Air Corps fine."

The young county man's address is 305th T. S. S. Box 243, Keesler Field, Miss.

ESSENTIAL

Reviewing sixty-three cases here last Wednesday evening, the Martin County War Board found that fifty out of sixty-three farmer registrants were entitled to "C" classifications. While final classification rests with the Draft Board, it is reasonably certain that the findings of the War Board will be approved.

The Draft Board is expected to meet here next Tuesday night and review those cases along with a few others preparatory to making final classifications.

CHURCH WORKER



Miss Mildred Jennings, of Lumberton, who is succeeding Miss Laura Hilliard as educational director and pastor's assistant of the Memorial Baptist Church, will enter upon her new duties here next Tuesday.

Number Of Soldiers Seeking Discharges From The Services

Direct Order Forbids Draft From Initiating Requests For Dismissal

Seeing their neighbors' son deferred under the ruling placing all essential farm workers in preferred classifications, numbers of farmers are working to have their sons discharged from the armed services. Certain agencies have been literally swamped with appeals and claims from anxious parents and some few soldiers have appealed direct to the agencies. The requests have become so numerous that a new plan was declared necessary for handling them.

The soldier who has a valid claim for a discharge will go to his commanding officer. The soldier is directed to write to his county war board and others who are acquainted with conditions surrounding his case. The case is reviewed and the findings are turned over to the soldier's commanding officer who in turn hands them over to a special officer. After the case is reviewed by the Army, the papers are sent to Selective Service Headquarters in the State from which the applicant was inducted. After a review there, they are sent to the respective county or local draft board where the facts are studied just as if the applicant were being classified for induction. If the facts merit a lower or "C" classification, the board so advises State headquarters and the case is then referred to the special Army officer who has final jurisdiction in all such cases.

Several Martin County men have been discharged from the services, some of them because they were over 38 years of age, and others because of health. As far as it could be learned, not one has been discharged for occupational reasons. It is believed that once a man has been accepted into the service, he stands little chance of being discharged on occupational grounds except in extreme cases, and even in those cases the procedure is slow and detailed.

It was clearly pointed out that draft board officials cannot under the law, initiate any claims to a discharge for anyone. The draft officials are forbidden to write for, recommend or in any way support a claim to a discharge. The board is directed to act in the case only after the application for discharge has been turned over to it by State Headquarters of the Selective Service System.

Prefers Charges In Assault Case

Action was instituted in the county court this week following a ruthless attack on a member of the Martin County Rationing Board panel in Oak City last Sunday. The full meaning of the warrant indicting Dennis Bunting, Goose Nest Township farmer, for striking Board Member Jesse Crisp, could not be learned immediately. In some instances where citizens are volunteering their services in support of various government programs, the federal laws provide penalties carrying fines up to \$10,000 and minimum prison terms of five years.

It could not be learned when the case would be called before Judge Smith in the county court, but pending other developments it will hardly reach the courts next week.

The victim, while still carrying signs of the attack, is improving rapidly and is able to continue his work.

WARNINGS

Approximately half dozen draft registrants in this county were recently warned to transfer from their old jobs to those in essential industry or report for induction. It is understood that several have already abandoned their "non-essential" jobs and reported for others granting them immunity from the draft for the present.

Men in "non-essential" work are subject to immediate call even though they are married and have children. June 1 is the deadline for making the change.

Very few registrants in this county are listed in the "non-essential" group which includes bell boys, liquor and wine store employees, antique furniture workers, jewelry store clerks and so on.