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BONDS-STAMPS

OVER THE TOP FOR VICTORY

UNITED STATES WAR

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Stepping Stones To By Allied Air Force

Stepping Stones To Sicily Are Cleared Do with Juvenile Delinquents

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Small Percentage of Farmers Litigants Agree On Have Measured Their Lands Settlement In Civil

De Marine Desert Attack by Russians On The Eastern Front

With the Italian islands of Panfields and other important targets.

The defenses of Sicily are already has been offered. weakening, the British stating that Judge Hunt Parker, presiding over dealing with the wayward youth. only moderate anti-aircraft opposition is now being offered. An all-out Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne, Jailer Sheriff C. B. Roebuck could enterdrive on the island is hardly under- Roy Peel, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and tain the lads in their own homes, but way at this time, some observers ad- others. "If a boy under fourteen if and when they do they should not vancing the belief that the Allies are years of age comes into this court- sleep over six to the bed and submit fairly well content for the present room," Judge Parker explained, "and a menu to the authorities for approv-since the Mediterranean sea lanes murders someone in cold blood you al. have been greatly relieved of Axis

The Syrian side of the border was closed possibly to keep information from leaking to the Axis and possibly to shadow the increased movement of Allied troops in that area.

Allied air forces have gone off the round-the-clock bombing schedule, but Germany is still being battered frequently and effectively from the air. Over the week-end British planes dealt telling blows on Germany, the Americans taking over Sunday morning to carry out one of their largest raids of the war. The raid, directed against Kiel and Essen, was one of the most costly of the war for the Americans. Twentysix out of the approximately 300 bombers participating in the attack were lost. Last night the British were over the industrial Ruhr again, the raid costing them eighteen

Air raids may not knock Germany out of the war, but it is thought that the costly attacks on Hitler's industrial machine has made a largescale drive against Russia next to scale drive against Russia next to impossible this summer. Shifting Tri-County Library from the land to the air in recent days, the Russians have been carrying the fight to the Germans far behind the lines, the Soviets claiming that large numbers of Nazi planes have been knocked out and that vast damage has

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Army Keeps Seven Out of Twelve Men

draftees reporting to an Army induc- report made by Miss Elizabeth lieved to have been "signed up" by aging. In comparing the ten months the Army and one by the Navy. No that the beakmabile and the backmabile are the backmabile and the backmabile and the backmabile are the backmabile. the Army and one by the Navy. No that the bookmobile was operated in comed the more or less permanent fered below is not official.

group, John Willis Wier, of William- about one thousand miles per month. 2. Williamston; Herbert Anthony circulation Beaufort County had 12.-Taylor, of Robersonville; Russell 064; Hyde had 5,177, and Martin had Penn Martin, of Jamesville, and 8,614 volumes. During the same per-Johnnie Ray Edmondson, of Rober- iod there was a return circulation ly by the Army. Nathan Worsley depositories the following: Beaufort, Johnson, Oak City's mayor, and 5,237; Hyde, 2,008; and Martin, 6,-Christopher Columbus Walters, of 988. This made a total circulation by RFD 2, Williamston, were later ac- county of 17,301 for Beaufort, 7,185 and receiving, failed to appear for you served, and I can't excuse you," cepted by the Army, according to for Hyde, and 15,603 for Martin. The trial and the court ordered his \$100 Judge Parked ruled. ceived by the Navy according to the circulated 15,828; Hyde, 9,968, and unofficial report.

Wier was promised night duty made a total circulation by county not more than twenty years. Parsley somewhere down the line, the young as follows: Beaufort, 21,163; Hyde. man being one of the few drawing 13,108; and Martin, 10,366. Making an A-1 rating at the induction cen- a grand total for the three counties

ed from the fairly large group of 20,433 volumes. white draftees called into the serv- The bookmobile operates for one en a preliminary hearing soon after a single man was excused from eithice the latter part of last month. It week in Hyde, two weeks in Beau- the unprovoked attack was made. was learned that twenty-three out of fort, and one week in Martin. The of the group were accepted by the operating expense for the bookmo-

draftees, it is understood, will leave train other workers and increase the the county the latter part of the cost of operation, but the year will his young wife had been fighting the county the latter part of the week for the induction center.

Observers Meet At Bear Grass Monday

There will be a meeting at the Bear Grass school house Monday evening, June 21, at nine o'clock for the pur- the Maritn County Rationing board, pose of organizing another class in sitting as a board of inquiry this Aircraft Recognition. All in the week, and the session of the court community who are either observers panel was the shortest held in some or planning to be observers, and who time. urged to be present.

every one is so busy and it is get-cepted and no action was taken in ting herder to keep the post manned. the case against him.

nent and court officers in this county, the officers readily admitting continued. "Where the crime is a they hardly know what to do. The capital one and provides a prison problem was aggravated this week term of ten years or more, he can be when the governor's office in a let- jailed. In the other case the child telleria, Lampedusa, Lampione, and ter to the superior court asked why Linosa following in rapid succession one Lewis Freeman, 13-year-old boy, ried first before the juvenile court July 7th to the incessant boming attacks by had been placed in the county jail. and ruled incorrigible by the juven-Allied airmen, stepping stones for an Rated as an incorrigible, the boy ile judge. invasion of the larger and important was placed in the jail overnight or island of Sicily have been cleared, until he could be transferred early lie Judge L. B. Wynne had worked What course the Allied forces will the following morning to a reforma- with and worried over the lad off take is problematical, but the next tory. The incident, it is doggone well and on or two years. He had pleaddrive is pointed toward Sicily, late agreed, did not upset humane rules ed with the boy and the boy's parreports stating that successful raids and regulations formulated by a ents, but to no avail. Social laws are

and sixteen years of age," the judge charged with a felony must be car-

In the Freeman boy's case, Juven- through June 30th. are being made on the island's air swivel-chair social worker, but it is passed, making it illegal to jail a three gallons each, must last through one of many for which no solution child under fourteen, but the law makes no clear-cut provision for

Turkish-Syrian border, is thought by some to carry new implications. The Syrian side of the border was a syrian syr Terms In Court Here

ROUND-UP

A spotted crime record was made in this community over the week-end when six persons were arrested and jailed for about as many types of law infractions. Three were booked for public drunkenness and one each for breaking and entering, larceny and receiving and violation of parole terms. One or two other persons were arrested, but escaped a stay in jail by arranging

Five of those jailed were colored, the ages of the groups ranging from 17 to 49 years.

Association Rounds

Nearly 16,000 Books Circulated in Martin County **During Current Year**

The B H M Regional Library Association will close the second year next September. of its service to Beaufort, Hyde and Of the twelve Martin County Martin Counties on June 30th. The wit: In 1942 the bookmobile travel-It was learned that five of the led about the same number of miles, ston; Javan Howard Rogers, of RFD In 1942 for both adult and juvenile sonville, were signed up immediate- through schools and public library one report. Ben Beverly Daniels, total for 1942 being 40,088 during the Martin, 15,884. The return circulation Explaining to the Army doctors through schools and public library second degree. Luke Parsley, color-back, and the Judge "allowed" that the could not see very wen in that he could not see very wen in the sunshine out of one eye, "Buddy" Hyde, 4,140, and Martin, 10,366. This for the ten months of 60,521, or an No official report has been receiv- increase over the last ten months of court was virtually the same as that to accept the excuse.

Army, but the number and names of those men accepted by the Navy to each not be learned.

A fairly sightle group of colored and the second of A fairly sizable group of colored and drivers it has been necessary to Township last April 25. Spruill, close with the association having during most of the day, that the kept within its budget and using the full sum contributed by the counties

shooting followed.

The case chargi

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Lone Case Reviewed by the Rationing Board This Week

Only one case was reviewed by

haven't already taken the course, are urged to be present. Charged with exceeding the 35-urged to be present. The post is progressing very satisfactorily, according to Sgt. Lehner, who just recently inspected it. But more observers are needed, now that he was ill. The excuse was accepted and no action was taken in

Handled In One Day By Superior Court

Luke Parsley Sentenced To Prison For Term of 15 To 20 Years

Despite a 30-minute delay in opening the regular one week June ses-Court dispensed with the judge's \$31.25 to \$86.50. charge to the grand jury, plunged into its work and cleared the criminal docket by late afternoon yesterday, the proceedings including two little consequence.

meaning that the youthful defendan will possibly be held in jail until

It was one of the few times that no charge was made to a grand jury at a regular term of the "big" court to their work.

Proceedings: The case charging Elbert White- weight. burst with being drunk and disorderber. The trial of the case was post-

bond with the Atlantic Bonding

issued for the man's arrest. offered when the defendant was giv-

The case charging Merlin Hollis with opearting a motor vehicle resulting in the death of a child on the Williamston-Hamilton Road a short time ago was nol prossed.

The case charging Bennie Earl Spencer, a child under sixteen years of age, with seriously shooting and wounding Joe Belmer, colored, in Robersonville last March, was continued.

The case charging Willie Jane Dickens with breaking and entering and larceny and receiving was also continued.

First denying his guilt, Dennis

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TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from

RATION REMINDER

Blue Stamps (For processed foods): Blue stamps

'K", "L", "M", continue good through

Stamp No. 24 (1 lb.) is good

Fuel Oil Period 5 coupons valid in all zones until September 30. Gasoline

"A" book coupon No. 5, good for

Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) becomes

valid June 16. Sugar

Coupon No. 13 good for 5 lbs. through August 15. Coupons No. 15 and 16 are good through October 31 for 5 lbs. each for home canning purposes. Housewives may apply to their local ration boards if necessary.

Coffee By Mail
North Carolina coffee drinkers
who order their blends by mail may now "pay' for the purchase by enclosing detached ration stamps with Criminal Docket Is the order rather than the entire ration book, OPA has announced. Forthe order rather than the entire rathe retailer or wholesaler for remov al of stamps.

Ice Box Prices

Retail price ceilings on new ice boxes have been established by OPA by models for North Carolina. Present prices will be lowered in many cases. Three sets of retail ceilings have been provided: (1) Sales by ice companies and their stores, prices ranging from \$26.75 to \$75.00 delivered; (2) Mail order sales, \$18.95 to sion, the Martin County Superior \$59.95; (3) All other sales at retail,

More Farm Machinery

murder cases and nine others of farm machinery program for the port gained from the last group of Few white spectators were pres- tional 200,000 tons of steel have alent for the proceedings, but an over- so been approved for each of the Heretofore, the percentage of farm flow crowd of colored witnesses three quarters from October 1, 1943, registrants rated unessential has run Out Its Second Year flow crowd of colored witnesses three quarters from October 1, 1943, registrants rated unessential has ru were on hand. In the two murder to July 1, 1944. During the third as low as 10 per cent, averaging pos

> cepted a plea of guilty of manslaugh- sis will be given to the manufacturer cording to a review of the last 278 ter and in the other a plea of guilty of harvesting machinery for this cases handled by the County War of harvesting machinery for this board, 195 of the number were rated At Gold Point Home ter and in the other a plea of guilty of harvesting machinery for this cases handled by the County War

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Court Accepts Few

grand jury plan, and switching his cused from jury service carry little subject to call possibly in August. It released, and the list of names ofwe find some interesting results To out excuses advanced by those who court. At least, the excuses offered married and with children they will would escape jury service and raturn by Jurymen Luther Davenport, Si- be called in October or November if mon Roberson and R. E. Turner to they do not meet the production unthe court this week carried little it requirements.

ly and damaging public property I operate a mill and the work is dewas continued until next Septem- pendent upon my being there," Juryman Davenport explained. Asked how long it had been since he serv-

Advised that Juryman R. E. Tur-Pleading guilty of murder in the question. The answer came right

Working in a vital food industry, fatally stabbed his brother-in-law, Juryman Simon Roberson was asked Percey David Ashford, on William- to be excused, but the judge, learnston's lower Main Street the 7th of ing that the man had not served as last month. Evidence offered in the a juryman in several years, refused of age who have been ruled as "es-

As far as it could be learned not

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Two more highway accidents were incorporated in the wreckord of wrecks on the roads and streets of this county last week. While the total number of accidents is hardly more than haif the total for the same period last year, the current count is gaining, and some phases of the wreckord are far worse than they were during the corresponding period, a year ago.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time. 24th Week Comparison

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 000 Comparison To Date

ance with plans for handling the compliance work this year, accord- idea of the shape of the field placed ing to a report coming from the of- on paper is all that is needed. fice of the farm agent this morning. Farmers in Cross Roads, Bear Grass, ure their lands and report to their Griffins, Hamilton, Poplar Point, committees last week-end will find Williams and Williamston Townships it necessary to offer the information and those in the Gold Point area direct to the agricultural building. were to have measured their lands No marketing cards will be issued and reported to their respective com- until the measurements are submitmittees at designated places last Fri- ted, it was explained ,and no beneday and Saturday, but hardly one out fit payments of any kind are to be of three handled the task, it was said. expected. Farmers in Goose Nest, Jamesville

and Robersonville Townships are to the measurements, and in those cases report their measurements at desig- where the grower has overplanted nated places on either Friday or Sat- he will be taxed when he gets ready urday of this week.

stood to have been quite busy bat- that way comply with the program tling grass and could not find time as some did in years past.

plains that the sketches do not have to be drawn to scale, that a rough

Those farmers who did not meas

It is planned to recheck some of to sell his crops. He will not be per While some farmers are under- mitted to plow up any crop and ir

Two Hundred Farmer Registrants Placed in was damaged in the amount stated. Judge Parker revoked a parol The 'C' Classifications

Some Over Half Of merly, consumers were required to forward their War Ration Book to Farmers Have Been Classified Already

Nearly Three Hundred Cases Reviewed in County in Past Few Days

While it is estimated that approximately 1,000 farmers in this county have qualified for preferred or "C" classifications in the war draft program, it is now believed possible that A total of 300,000 tons of carbon a few farmer-registrants will be substeel, with other materials in pro- ject to call within the next month or portion, has been allocated to the two, according to an unofficial requarter beginning July 1. An addi- 278 cases reviewed by the County War Board.

taken. Several of the cases were continued, one on a technicality, their draft status in doubt. The 83 Funeral Services for Aged cases are being returned to the County War Board and the registrants whose units do not measure up to requirements will be given thirty Jurymen's Excuses days to make the needed adjustments. If they cannot meet the requirements and they are single or Pleas supporting claims to be ex- married without children, they are

It was reliably learned this week "I'm behind with my farm work. that several large farm operators has not filed farm work plans and their manpower schedules. The County War Board is proceeding as rapidly as possible with its review of essen-John Lee Freeman, charged with ed, Mr. Davenport stated it had been tial farmers, and those who do not breaking and entering and larceny six or seven years. "It's about time submit the required information and submit it very soon they are subject to lose some of their farm labor.

The names of the farm registrants williamston and Norfolk, was reten month period. In 1943 Beaufort Company forfeited. Papers were ner was a bit deaf, that he had work listed below belong to those men who to do, Judge Parker asked him a have been placed in the "C" classifications. The names of those men second degree. Luke Parsley, color-back, and the Judge "allowed" that whose draft status is pending sub-

> soon after that time. The following group of men include single men married men with and without children and registrants over 38 years sential" by the County War Board: William Leon Edwards, Hallis Peel, Abram Roberson, Julian Fagan, John Henry Lillard, Joseph Alton Haislip, John L. Roberson, Alva Staton Leggett, Allen Lawrence Griffin, Zenner Edmondson, Floyd Wiggins, McLendon Matthews, Murray McNeil, Walter Leon Nobles, Jennie Howard Price, Marion Taylor Holliday, Norman Guy Napier, Ephriam Wooten, Jr., Henry Haynor, Patrick Henry Brown, Ferdie Hollis, Herman Lee Riddick, Pleasant Meaty Mathews, Robert Ernest Modlin, Julius Cherry, Henry Down Wooten, Joseph Henry Gray, George Lee Sheppard, Henry McInburg, Artis Boston, James Glin Williams, John Goss, Clarddine Shermon, Elisha Purvis, Chester Hue Gardner Sam Andrews Moore, Johnnie Edward Bland, John D. Swimpson Irving Wynn, Adron Isaac Hardison, Charlie Beney, Lester Brown, Perlie Andrew Hardison, Columbus Brown, Thomas Glenn Pilgreen, Joseph Carl Griffin, Cornelius Baker, Frank Cherry, Arthur Lee Brown, Roland Chesson Haynor, Andrew Leggett, William Henry Bullock, Delwood Eugene Jackson, Sam Ore, Frank Moore, William James, Wilbur

Hooker, Cedric Booth Burroughs, (Continued on page sir)

RESPITE FOR FATHERS

The induction of fathers into the armed forces has been delayed, one report stating that they will not be called before October or November. The new ruling just announced by Selective Service means that few draftees will leave this county after this week for the manpower for the draft in this county is just about exhausted in the non-father groups.

There is some talk about denying deferments to certain groups, but even then hardly more than one out of six fathers in the classifications in this county will likely be called before next January, it is believ-

Benjamin Whitfield round Dead in Ded

Man Held Last Sunday Afternoon

did not answer the usual call to ed. breakfast. He had a heart attack several years ago, but was apparently in Oak City had twenty-four men in Thursday night. He ate a big supper counting volunteers. coughing about 1 o'clock and he told following:

next thirty days will be released Cox, of Beaufort County. She died W. Johnson. about two years ago. Following their marriage he located in Gold Point. He was a member of the Christian Church, joining in Robersonville about 60 years ago.

Two sons, Jos. Ben and C. J. Whifield, of Oak City; a daughter, Mrs. J. S. Griffin, of Ocean View Va., and three sisters, Mrs. Martha Powell, of Gold Point; Mrs. Mark Bunting, of Oak City, and Mrs. Wal ter Whitfield of Robersonville, survive. He also leaves thirty-six grandchildren and fourteen great-grand-

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, assisted by Rev. R. L. Topping, of Roing he told the conservationist and

Crop Outlook Unusually Bright in This County rows

some fields, the crops, as a whole, conserving the moisture. are looking unusually well, and the Mr. J. T. Moore, who is a coopera-

dozen bushels of peaches will be vated once already. The kudzu is harvested in the count ythis season, growing nicely at this time.

Aired in The Court This Morning

Court Action Today

Completing the trial of criminal ases late Monday afternoon, the Martin County Superior Court in regular session this morning, called lone civil case on the calendar, but before the issues could be aired in open court, the litigants reached an greement. The jury, called back ust to hear the case, was immediatey dismissed by Judge Hunt Parker. he presiding jurist.

Claiming a contract had been broken by the defendant, J. G. Staton, and that he was damaged in the sum of \$2,681.20, the plaintiff, Geo. C. Jenkins, it is understood, received a cash consideration of \$500. It was also stated that the defendant was taxed with the cost. According to the complaint filed some time ago by the plaintiff, a contract had been entered into by the parties whereby e plaintiff was to cultivate certain lands in 1942. The plaintiff alleged was sold and that he

Judge Parker revoked a parole for Douglas O'Mary, young white man who was convicted in this county back in 1938. At that time, O'Mary was sentenced to the roads for not less than three and not more than five years. The sentence was suspended and O'Mary was placed on probation. Last September, the young man was convicted for an alleged crime in Pitt County, and he was sentenced to the roads for six months. He served the sentence and was called before the court in this county to show cause why the parole should not be revoked. "You have had a chance, and your own action is sending you back to the roads," Judge Parker was quoted as saying to the young man. O'Mary started serving the term immediately.

Lawing over a farm path, a twin brother and sister, Mrs. Frances Parker Roberson and Simon E. Parker, carried a double barrel injunction, so called by Judge Parker, ino the court this morning.

Mrs. Roberson appealed to the court for an injunction stopping any interference on the part of her brother with the construction of a fence along the disputed path. The brother asked the court for an injunction stopping the sister from constructing the fence while he was enjoined

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Well Represented In Armed Services

Oak City, according to a fairly Arnold Benjamin Whitfield, aged complete but unofficial report recounty resident and retired lumber- leased this week by interested citiman and farmer, died at his home in zens there, is well represented in the Gold Point last Friday morning pos- armed services. With a white popsibly around 1:30 o'clock, the appar- ulation of about 125, the little town ent victim of a heart attack. He was has thirty or more young white men found dead in bed by members of in the various branches of the servthe family about 7 o'clock when he ice, Professor H. M. Ainsley explain-

his usual health when he retired last service during the last war, not

and appeared to be in the best of The names of the Oak City men spirits when he retired. He was heard now serving their country include the

members of the family that he had Arthur Benton, H. J. McCracken, a slight attack of indigestion. He J. C. Ross, Jr., Chas. Ross, Ottis Davdropped off to sleep and was appar- enport, Lawrence Hyman, Cecil ently all right. It was thought that Pearson, G. D. Pearson, Thus. W. he died in his sleep. While Mr. Whit- Council, Haywood Crisp, Melvin field had been blind for several years Crisp, Harry Stubbs Peele, Rurer he was fairly active for his advanc- Johnson Turner, John Tyson, Johned age, getting out fairly often and nie Mobley, Sam Casper, Rupert attending to minor business duties. Rawles, Clinton Brown, John Daniel, The son of the late J. R. Whitfield Doke Warsley, James Hope Ave and Polly Leggett Whitfield, he was Arthur Sherrod Hyman, Ralph Moye, born 82 years ago last March 8th, B. F. Moye, Claude Savage, Paul near Robersonville. When a young Savage, Junior Warrens, Vernon Casman he was married to Miss Julia per, Nathan Bostic Mobley and N.

> Philip Ray Tyson, son of Mrs. Alice Tyson, is home on sick leave. He served 66 days on Guadalcanal.

News From The Soil Conservation Front

Mr. T. L. Johnson, who lives in the Oak City community, and who built terraces on a 15-acre field with the assistance of the soil conservationist, has planted this field to peanuts running the rows with the terraces on has been used to straight row farmanoke Rapids. Interment was in the Bunting Cemetery, near Gold Point. that he experienced no difficulty eithat he experienced no difficult ther in laying off the rows or cultivating the crop on these crashed

Mr. Johnson also said that he was Delayed by heavy rains ten days convinced that this method of proago, Martin County farmers are tection would not only save the soil fast catching up with their work. from washing but would also in-While there is right much grass in crease the yields on the crops due to

outlook is very bright at this time. | tor of the Coastal Plain Soil Conser-The fruit crop is right next to a vation district, planted 3 acres of complete failure as a result of the judzu this spring on which he obcold spell back in March. Hardly a tained a good stand and has culti-