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## Making Ready For Drive on Continent

Stalians Are Suffering From ties yeste Severe Case of Invasion **Jitters** 

Invasion of the continent may not come for months, but the Italians, suffering from a severe case of invasion jitters, are expecting the Allies to jump on them with both feet and soon. Invasion plans are still a secret closely guarded by the Allied high command, and no one outside that group knows when, where or how the drive will be launched. There is enough activity going on, however, to lead some observers to believe that something big is brewing, that the Allies are making ready to launch a drive on the continent somewhere ere long.

It is fairly well established that large Allied troop movements are underway in the Middle East, and to hear the Italians talk about the activities in the Mediterranean one is fairly certain that Mussolini's boot will be ripped off from the toe up and that soon. According to reports coming from Italy, the Allies are massing troops and equipment at Pantelleria after a great fashion. Mussolini is so sick he can't direct his country's affairs any longer, but other Italians say that 5,000 planes, a million of the best American and British fighting men, over half the British fleet and much American shipping are being assembled in the Pantelleria area for a drive.

Military observers seem to discredit the Italian reports, and attach more importance to the closing of the Turkish-Syrian border as a possible arrow pointing the way to invasion, possibly in the eastern sector of the "soft" underside of Hitler's continental fortress and skipping Italy and France. However, one German source has predicted the early fall of Italy, possibly from internal disorders.

During the meantime, the air war continues over the continent, late reports stating that production in Germany's great industrial Ruhr has been reduced by at least 50 percent and that transportation is operating at hardly more than 80 percent of normal in that area as a result of Allied air attacks during recent weeks. Air attacks against air fields in Sicily and on Naples were reported last Wednesday, but little activity of that nature has been reported in the Mediterranean area since that

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# **County Native Dies**

Williams Township and a county resident up until a few years ago, died of an acute kidney ailment in a Norfolk hospital Tuesday night at 7:25 o'clock following a brief illness.

The son of the late James Will and Etta Griffin Hopkins, he was 47 years old. When a young man he was married to Miss Thelma Taylor, of this county, and engaged in farming until some few years ago when he entered the employ of a Virginia contractor. Following the death of his first wife in October, 1939, he married in Virginia. Besides his last wife, he leaves three children, Miss Mildred Hopkins, of South Norfolk, and ed to them immediately. Mrs. Dorothy Hatchell, of Swansboro, and a son, William Taylor Hop-Forces. He also leaves four brothers, Harry P. and Delma Hopkins, of Norfolk, and Clarence and Joseph H. be used until after that date. sisters, Mrs. Louvenia Davis and Miss oil allotments for heating purposes the Rev. Daniel Hardison, County Eloise Hopkins, of Norfolk, and Miss Minnie Hopkins, of Akron, Ohio.

the cemetery there.

### Will Hold Class On **Poison Gas Tonight**

Dr. Haywood M. Taylor, State War Gas Consultant, of Duke University, will conduct a special class on war gases in the courthouse Lere this evening at 7 o'clock, Rev. John L. Goff, of the civilian defense of-fice, announced this morning. All Board today, the Army and Navy members of the civilian defense accepted eight out of the last group corps, including auxiliary firemen, of me nto report to the induction police, first aid, wardens and others center from this county. No official working the defense set-up on the report has been received from the home front are urged to attend the group leaving the latter part of last

Dr. Taylor is bringing special equipment for the training class, and the program will be highly instructive and interestnig, too.

themselves with a few pieces of active duty next Thursday or Fripaper and pencil, and prepare a reg-istration giving name, address, tel-days later. ephone number and connection with The official report just received the defense organization.

instruct in the putting on of gas sell Penn Martin, Nathan Worsley masks, the different types of gas and Johnson, Johnnie Ray Edmondson, what the civilian must know for his Christopher Columbus Walters, Herown protection. It will be the re- bert Anthony Taylor, John Willis sponsibility of Civilian Defense to Wier and Javan Howard Rogers goteach the populace this very im- ing into the Army and Ben Beverly portant defense measure.

comparatively light, but before noon those about the size of marbles. today, the first carload of the cob-

Digging operations are underway activity is predicted by the early approximate 150 bags per acre. part or middle of next week. The ging operations.

ay afternoon when the No. 2 potatoes, meaning that the far-Standard Fertifizer Company handl- mer is receiving virtually the same ed the first deliveries late yesterday price for his entire crop, excepting, afternoon. The early deliveries were of course, the damaged ones and

No accurate estimate on the yield blers was packed and ready for could be had from the small volume of deliveries to date, but early reports point to a production of about on a very small scale at the present 100 bags per acre. Some farmers are time in this section, but increased of the opinion their production will

Reports from the main potato secgrading plant here is prepared to tions state that digging is underway handle between 1,500 and 2,000 bags on a large scale, that there is keen a day, and full-scale operations there competition for the spuds. There are expected to follow increased dig- was some talk about the black market trying to work its way into the Prices are holding to the ceiling level, or \$2.70 per 100 pounds less a 10cent grading fee and 20 cents for ly to check the practice, it was said.

### MANAGER



Succeeding Lt. (jg) Charlie Bowers as manager of the local Belk-Tyler store, Mr. Ernest Mears, above, entered upon his new duties this week.

## Application Blanks the work of the ground observer For Fuel Oil Mailed two very definite reasons. In the first place, should enemy aircraft

Be About Same As For Last Year

In Norfolk Hospital ing mailed out this week by the local rationing board to all persons in inhead from the flash, calls of the the county who use oil for heating thousands of civilian observers. Herbert L. Hopkins, a native of their homes and places of business. Immediately prior to the talk of the The blanks are being sent to all lieutenant, a movie produced by the store this week. those who had fuel-oil allotments U. S. Government and entitled "The last season.

oil to heat the same premises they did and consisted of a series of camera lieutenant, junior grade.

then be figured up and coupons mail- 1941. Scenes of the Axis blitzkreig

now to fill fuel-oil tanks, the oil and showed clearly the ruthlessness kins, a member of the U. S. Armed should not be used before Septem- of Axis powers. ber 1st, as the allotments being made for next winter are not supposed to by Charlie Davenport, after which In general, it is expected that fuel-

will be about the same as last year, Civilian Defense Chairman Hugh G. so far as homes are concerned. Those Horton presented certificates to the in Norfolk, interment following in past for heating their stores or business establishments are being advis- nition conducted by O. W. Hamiled to convert to heating equipment ton: using other fuel. So far, they have not been ordered to convert, but rationing officials say that in the event of a serious shortage, the oil allotments used in business establishments will be first to be cut.

### Army and Navy Take Eight Out of Twelve County Men

According to an official report released by the Martin County Draft month, but the board has written for a detailed report and an answer is

the last group to report from this The "students" are asked to equip county are scheduled to report for

shows that the preliminary informa-It is expected that Dr. Taylor will tion received was correct with Rus-Daniels into the Navy.

### Army Man Addresses Jamesville Meeting On Civilian Defense

Awards Made to "Graduates" of Recognition School Held There Recently

According to Lt. Patrick of the Army Ground Observer Wing at Norfolk, who was the principal speaker at a Civilian Defense meeting held at Jamesville on Wednesday night, Americans will be wise not to be lulled into such a sense of security as to forget for a moment that it is "not beyond the realm of probability that certain American cities might suffer devastating aerial blows similar to those inflicted on Warsaw, Coventry and scores of other European cities" as the Axis powers, in desperation will gamble eveverything in an attempt to break down American morale.

Lt. Patrick further pointed out hat facilitates the detection of aircraft far from our outer defenses, corps is of primary importance for approach our shores, they might get Out Here This Week so close as to be out of reach of Rader in which event the only agendar in which event the only agency qualified to provide the intercep-New Allotments Expected To directing our own fighter planes Mears New Manager would be the volunteer observer corps. Secondly, the corps is proving invaluable in training the air Local Belk-Tyler Co. liamston and Norfolk. Columbus James, Fuel-oil application blanks are be- forces personnel inasmuch

world at War" was present with the Those who have moved since last technical assistance of A. Corey, to shots showing the war in the mak-Consumers are urged to complete ing from the time of the Manchurian which swept through Poland and the While the coupons may be used low countries were unusually vivid Mears said.

The meeting was called to order the assembly sang "America." Following the invocation pronounced by ly passed a course in aircraft recog-

Giles E. Stallings, Garland M. Anderson, Jr., Romona B. Ange, Chas

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### MEASUREMENTS

Directed by the State office to have a complete report available by the first of July, the office of the county agent today issued an appeal to all farmers who haven't already done so to measure their fields and submit the measurements to the proper authorities at once. After getting off to a slow start, farmers in most of the districts are now cooperating splendidly in the task, Miss Mildred Everett of the agent's office stating this morning that 90 per cent or more of the farmers in Bear Grass, Cross Roads and Griffins Township had surveyed their fields and reported the measurements. At least 70 per cent have complet-

ed the work in this township. Farmers in Robersonville, Jamesville and Goose Nest are reporting their measurements to their committeemen today and tomorrow. "We earnestly hope to have every report in the office by June 25, if not before," Miss Everett said.

### Allies Are Believed First Deliveries Are Made To Bookmobile to Make Army To Get Men From War Eight-Tires The Irish Potato Market Here Tour Of The County Jobs Under New Regulations Starting on Monday

Variation in Present Schedule Is Possible, Librarian Points Out

It is the opinion of the bookmobile officials that there are yet many people who would enjoy this free book service if stops were made within walking distance of their homes. Due to rationing, it is impossible for any nileage to be added to scheduled rips, but more stops may be made within the same mileage range. Those who find it impractical to meet the truck at one of its already scheduled stops are requested to vrite to the Regional Library Office n Washington, N. C., giving comolete home address or possible loeation for meeting the bookmobile. House-to-house stops cannot be made, but if several people wish to meet at one place and flag the bookmobile to stop, plans can be made for ontinued service in that esction.

This is a free service for the entire county made possible by county participation in the State-aid Fund for the House service. For those living in Williamston and Robersonville and any others who cannot be served by the bookmobile, the two public libraries are open each weekday afternoon.

appeal now that plumbers and carchanic" is a timely guide for household repairs from roof to cellar. Its adequate index makes it easy to use. Group Is Possibly Last Large Tommy Wadelton's third book,

'Army Brat", is equally as entertaining ah his first two. Young Jim Tucker, army brat of World War I, is Lt. Tucker of the U.S. Air Force in World War II. Much can happen in an army brat's life in twenty

lace is the story of a new China county until fathers start receiving which is emerging today. Here one instructions to report some time i discovers Chinese, English and Am- October or November of this year. ericans meeting the present crisis toment of Radar, the electronic science gether in their everyday lives—"an the colored manpower draft reserve ed novel of today.'

war activities are given in The Last ently the call was more than half Days of Sevastapol, Combined Operations (the official story of the Commandos), Falling Through Space, "Wildcats" Over Casablanca, Queens

- (Continued on page tour).

Succeeding Mr. Charlie Bowers who is entering the armed service early next month, Mr. Ernest Mears entered upon his new duties as manager of the local Belk-Tyler

Before his transfer to the company's store in Wilson about a year or more ago, Mr. Mears was assistwinter should not fill out the blank the audience of about 150 people. The ant manager here. During that sent them, but should apply to the movie, which has not as yet been re-time he made many friends in this board, preferably by mail, for a new leased to the general public, was section and they are glad to learn application. The applications being made from captured Axis film as he was chosen to succeed Mr. Bowmailed out are for those who will use well as film of the United Nations, ers who is entering the Navy as a

"I am delighted that the Belk-Tyler management saw fit to return me the blanks and return them at once incident in 1931 right on through the to its Williamston store. It is one to the local board. Allotments will sneak attack on Pearl Harbor in of the finest places I have ever lived and it is indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity to return," Mr.

> The new manager is extending a cordial invitation to his old friends and others to visit him. He is pledging the buying public that the policy of the firm will be carried out, that the best quality merchandise will be offered at the lowest possible prices.

### finnie Hopkins, of Akron, Ohio. so far as homes are concerned. Those Horton presented certificates to the following local citizens who recent-who have used oil burners in the following local citizens who recent-Lumber Mill Burns

Its origin unknown here, fire destroyed the small mill and a quantity of lumber belonging to the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company near Hamilton last Wednesday night. No detailed report could be had here immediately, but it was stated that seven thousand or more feet of lumbe, and timber were also lest in the

Valued at about \$5,000, the mill had been in operation for about twelve months. Its capacity was approxi-mately 15,000 feet of lumber per day and had been running full blast filling war orders. No insurance was carried on the property, one report

A few weeks ago, the Farmville-Woodward Company had one of its mills at Roxobel destroyed by a tor-

### To Open Bible School At Siloam Methodist Church

Mr. John C. Brinson, of the Duke University Divinity School, will conduct a daily vacation Bible school in the Siloam Methodist Church in this county beginning next Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The school will continue through the week and is open to all children, it was announced by Mr. J. A. Gardner of the

pect to be called into the armed serv- deferment. The draft will center its ices within the next few months, ac- claws on those men between the cording to reliable but unofficial in- ages of 18 and 25 years and who are

length of time to train others to re- is in the Maritime Commission servplace these registrants. The maximum deferment period has been Bureau of Investigation. limited to six months. It is possible that a few registrants falling into the not mention those farm registrants limited in number. It is fairly ap- call from industrial and other types parent that a replacement will be of "essential" jobs.

vhere the registrant cannot establish a super claim for continued formation received here this week. single or married without children. It is estimated that between 175 The 2-A registrant is one who is enand 200 Martin County registrants gaged in civilian production necesare in the 2-A and 2-B classifications. sary to the war effort, and the 2-B Under the new plan, the employers registrant is one who is connected of these men will have a certain directly with production for war, or ice or connected with the Federal

The new rules and regulations do essential" group will be deferred between 18 and 25 years of age, and or more than six months, but those it is understood that they are not to cases, it is believed, will be quite be included in the group subject to

## More Martin County Men Called By Army

### Current Call Leaves GETS APPOINTMENT Among the new books this month is one which should have a special Few Single Colored appeal now that plumbers and carpenters are so few. "The Home Me- Draftees Available

One to Leave Before **Fathers Are Called** 

A fairly sizable number of colored draftees left this county today for an Army induction center, the list possibly being the last one of any Rice in the Wind by Kathleen Wal- size to answer a draft call in this

The draft board virtually depleted exciting, appealing and distinguish- in the county in filling the curren call. It is understood that the ful Some of the recent accounts of quota could not be met, but appar answered.

The names of the men included in the current call follow Albert Benjamin Williams, RFD 2, Williamston and Stowe, Pa. Trindsey Fearrington, Jamesville

and Richmond. Geo. Leon Moore, RFD 1, Jamesville and Washington, D. C. Warren Utah Little, RFD 2, Wil-

and Baltimore. William Alfred Wiggins, Norfolk. Mark Hardy, Hassell.

Donoval Sanderlin, Williamston. Brad Thomas Bagley, Williamston. Willie Williams, Williamston. Joseph Roberson, Williamston.

Lucious B. Ward, Hassell. James Herndon Montgomery, Wil-

Clyde Hubert Demary, RFD 3, Williamston. John Thomas Woolard, RFD 3, Williamston.

James Henry Rodgers, RFD 2, Williamston. William Frank Spruill, Hamilton Noah Anderson, Williamston. Noah Daniel Frazier, RFD 3, Wil-

iamston. Genalee Davis, RFD 1, Jamesville and Norfolk.

Clinton Roberson, Parmele and Philadelphia. Theodore Roosevelt Williams, Rob-

ersonville and Princeton, N. J. James Cecil Shepherd, Williams-

James Rhodes, Norfolk and Ports-Hezekiah Briley, Jr., RFD 2, Wil-

liamston. Douglas Cromwell Respass, Wiliamston and Philadelphia.

Joseph Jones, Hamilton. James Ives Hawkins, Williamston. William Reddick, Jr., RFD 2, Wil-

J. C. Sherrod, Oak City. Percy White, RFD 3, Williamston (Continued on page four)

TO CALL MORE 4-F's

According to instructions just received by the draft board in this county, the draft will soon take a greater number of men from the 4-F classifications. Just how many are to be called could not be learned, but it is likely that the calls will be placed on a percentage basis.

It is understood that men rejected on account of minor physical defects such as flat feet, certain types of high blood pressure and a few other ailments will be subject to recall within the fairly near future. A certain percentage of illiterates has been sent to the induction centers an dit is thought that the percentage figure will be increased.

Other changes in the draft regulations are pending, meaning that possibly some of those men enjoying deferments now will be called sooner or later into the service.

Harry Wynne, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wynne, of Bear Grass Township, was ap-pointed through the office of Congressman Herbert Bonner to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. The young man is expected to leave within a short time for the entrance examinations.

After completing his high school education in the Bear Grass School, the academy candidate entered A. C. College, Wilson, where he studied for two

### Grandjurymen File Routine Report In The Superior Court

Foreman C. L. Keel and Eight Members of the Jury Completing Term

Completing their work in one day, the Martin County Grand Jury filed its report and adjourned late Monday afternoon until next September. The report, more or less of a routine nature, was submitted to Judge R Hunt Parker in open court.

C. L. Keel ended his term as foreman of the jury at the time. He will Surprise Blackout be succeeded by a court appointee

next September. Grand jury members ending their work are, W. M. Myers, Jas. E. Bullock, Malgram Barefoot, Ben H. James, T. A. Gray, Levin Ange and coming as a complete surprise, was W. A. Vanderford.

The report follows: dictment presented to us.

We visited the clerk of court's office and found the guardian and ad- splendidly in the undertaking. There ministrator accounts in good shape. fice in excellent condition and all to put out because citizens had been

bonds renewed. The sheriff's office and the tax collights unattended. lector's office were both found in good condition.

alleged violators lodged there (two ed the flash signal. Wardens, meswhite and eight colored). The jail senger boys, and citizens cooperated was found in a very clean and well- to make the protective measure from kept condition, although it was air raids a success. noted that the painting of the jail An admonition is given by the air cells recommended by the grand raid wardens to citizens who leave jury in March, 1943, had not been home and their lights are left burndone. We also recommend that the ing. If the lights are to be left burncement floors in the hall in front of ing while one is absent from home, clerk's office and register of deeds he should notify his warden of the office and grand jury room be paint- switches. It is better though, just to

We visited the county prison farm and county home and found both to to commend the officials of both these institutions for the cleanliness Meet An Emergency found there. We checked justices of peace re-

(Continued on page four) No Applications For Ration

## Book No. 3 Before August

Those persons who failed to secure and file their applications for War Ration Book No. 3 before June quoted as saying this week. It is not 10 will not be able to get an application blank now before August 1, at home, but our indifference to the it was learned at the office of the plight of hungry millions and to a local War Price and Rationing Board serious situation adds up to about the this week.

Postal authorities have been instructed to return unused applica- No organized movement has been tions to the local boards throughout started in this county to advance a the country, and the latter have helping hand to farmers faced with been directed to place their applica- a labor shortage. Maybe the conditions under lock and key, as they tion is not as serious as it is in Wash are not to be distributed before the ington County where club women

put it into use, it was stated.

## Allotted in County By Ration Board

wo hen Cars Are Also Kationed by Board in Session This Week

The first new cars allotted this nonth were issued at the regular meeting of the County War Price and Rationing Board this week. A car was granted to Dr. Edward L. Earley, Jr. colored, of Williamston, general practitioner, and one to Slade, Rhodes and Company, Hamilton, farmers and supply merchants.

Forty-two Grade III car tires, thirty Grade I car and pick-up truck tires and sixteen truck tires were ssued by the board this week. Passenger car and pick-up tires

and tubes were issued to the follow-Carroll C. Coltrain, Williamston.

E. T. Smith, RFD 1, Palmyra, one

Russell D. Smith, Williamston, one ire and one tube. W. J. Gardner, RFD 1, Williams-

one tire and one tube A. E. Downs, RFD 1, Oak City, one ire and one tube. T. O. Hickman, RFD 2, Williams-

Grover C. Lilley, Jamesville, one M. E. Rogers, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube

on, one tire

Matthew Ore, RFD 2, Williamston, R. W. Wilson, Williamston, one tire

Ira Jones, RFD 1, Williamston, one

Charles Edwards, RFD 3, Williamton, one tire and one tube Maurice Pate, RFD 1, Williamston,

Velma Bailey, RFD 2, Williamson, one tire and one tube. Mrs. L. B. Brown, RFD 1, Roberonville, one tire and one tube. Ernest Highsmith, Everetts, three

ires and three tubes.
S. J. Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire. K. Roy Cullipher, RFD 2, William-

ton, one tire and one tube. Clifton Powell, Robersonville, one J. A. Peel, RFD 1, Robersonville,

Ben A. Jones, RFD 1, Hobgood, Alexa Rawls, Robersonville, one

tire and one tube. H. M. Ayers, Everetts, two tires and two tubes. C. L. Wilson, Robersonville, one

tire and one tube. R. C. Alexander, Robersonville, two tires. Mrs. Ethel G. Roberson, William-

### (Continued on page four) Test Is A Success

The blackout on Tuesday night, the first to be called by the Army, and was reported quite successful We have passed on all bills of in- by the Rev. John L. Goff, of the local Civilian Defense office. Local citizens responded to and cooperated were, however, stated Mr. Goff, two We found the register of deeds of- lights that the wardens were unable negligent in leaving home with the

No one had any advance information concerning the blackout, and We visited the jail and found ten no one knew of it until they receiv-

leave the lights out.

# be in excellent condition and wish club Women Act To

While condemnation has been eapid-en-the-bonds ef-organized workers for striking, hundreds of lazy, trifling united persons of rest right on our streets are standing idly by while the current Irish potato crop goes begging for workers," an observer in a nearby county was a strike we are "pulling" right here same thing the striking miners are being charged with.

by the scores are credited with mak-Detailed information as to handling plans to enter the potato fields ing late applications will be furn- to help overcome the labor shortished to the rationing boards before age and combat hunger for some August 1, it was stated by the State The women are agreeing to work to OPA office. Provision will be made the standard wages, 15 cents a hui for every person to secure War Ra- dred behind diggers and 13 cents per tion Book No. 3 before the time to hundred where the potatoes are plowed up.