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Fighting Continues Despite Diplomatic Front Developments

Americans Chasing Enemy Across Sicily; Russians Closing Ore! Trap

Despite the bombshell thrown into the diplomatic ranks by the ousting of Mussolini last Sunday, honest-to-goodness fighting continues on the far-flung battlefronts and in the air over Germany and occupied territory.

In Sicily, General Patton's Americans are chasing the enemy across the northern part of the island for a final showdown around Messina.

U. S. Seventh Army units have captured Termini, 20 miles east of Palermo, it was officially announced, but are already far east of that north coastal port in their dash toward Messina, and have taken 7,000 more prisoners, including six Italian generals and one admiral.

Whether this new line would be in southern Italy despite Mussolini's collapse or be somewhere north in the Po Valley, Hitler's headquarters itself may not yet have decided.

Attacking in the central sector against another resuscitated German division—the 15th Armored Division—the Canadians pressed forward indomitably.

The remainder of the British 8th Army, stymied for 10 days on the southern outskirts of Catania, confined its operations to successful patrols.

German reports indicated that the unfortunate Goering and 15th Armored Divisions and 29th Motorized Divisions were fated to fight "to the last cartridge" for the fatherland with little chance to escape from Sicily.

The original 29th Division was wiped out at Stalingrad, and the original Goering and 15th Divisions were lost in Tunisia.

The Allied Air Forces are over occupied France today, pounding the Calais region, the attack following a raid on Hamburg last night.

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Tobacco Price Average Fixed At Forty-one Cents Per Pound

ed by the Office of Price Administration for the 1943 tobacco crop, it was announced over the week-end. Ranging about three cents a pound higher than the average last season, the new figure was received as a fair price by farmers questioned in this community this week.

It could not be learned immediately what price range if any would be allowed. Last year, it will be recalled that the price range hardly ever

OPENING DATE

Martin County schools, white and colored, will start the new term on Wednesday, September 1st.

No holiday schedule was determined, but the authorities allowing the advisability of allowing only one day for Thanksgiving and one week for Christmas.

Farmer Of County Loses Gas Rations

Called before the Martin County Rationing Board and gas and tire panels last Friday night, one Martin County farmer lost his gas rations

Facing a similar charge, Dallas Mizell, of RFD 3, Williamston, was warned against excessive driving, but no action was taken in his case.

Very few speeding cases have been scheduled for hearing before the special panel, but a reliable report stated this week that several cases charging excess driving are under advisement

Resentment over the gas rationing system, held to a fairly low point in this county in recent months, is rising again.

Colored Youth Is Taken For Larceny

Dallas Whitely, young colored man, was arrested last Friday or allegedly entering the J. H. Terry home in Bear Grass and stealing a lady's wrist watch, bracelet and a ring.

The following men were ruled essential to the farm program: Archie Woodrow Barber, w, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Girl Is Slightly Hurt In Auto Accident Monday

Sidney Scott, eight-year old girl, received a slight neck injury and an estimated \$50 property damage resulted when two cars driven by Kelly Rawls and Jasper Scott crashed head-on Monday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock on the dirt road leading from Spring Green to Highway No. 64 near Robersonville.

OVERPLANTED

Approximately sixty Martin County tobacco farmers have planted in excess of their allotments, intentionally or unintentionally, and the office of the county agent is asking those farmers to recheck their measurements and report to the office.

About one-third of the excess plantings were limited to one-tenth of an acre, but the excess ran as high as 2.9 acres in a few cases.

Course Italy Will Follow In War and Peace Not Certain

Step Taken in Right Direction When Mussolini Is Given the Gate

While its real meaning is not yet certain, the collapse of Mussolini's government in Italy last Sunday is heralded as a step in the right direction for the cause of peace.

Mussolini's downfall, predicted more than two months ago by Allied leaders, was cheered by the war-weary Italians, but there is some doubt if the people's cry for peace will be heard by Marshal Badoglio who succeeds the late premier.

Yesterday, it was reported that Mussolini had been arrested by Italian officers while he was trying to escape to Germany.

All Gas Coupons To Be Endorsed

Users of gasoline are now liable to lose their gasoline rations if each coupon in their possession is not properly endorsed in ink.

The new policy on coupon endorsements, the chairman said, was taken to assure maximum protection to book holders.

Rationing Calendar

- Coffee: Stamp 22, 1 lb., August 11. Foods: NPQ blue stamps, August 7th.
- Meats: PQRS red stamps, July 31. T red stamp, August 31.
- Sugar: Stamp 13, 5 lbs., August 15. Stamp 15 and 16, 5 lbs. each, October 31.

Youth Venturing Near Crime Trail

Possibly there is no marked tendency on the part of youth as a whole toward the crime trail, but officers declare that the number traveling in "uncertain" places is increasing.

Overwhelming Vote Is Given Tobacco Quota System In This County

RATION BOOK 3

The distribution of War Ration Book No. 3 is now about complete or will have been completed by next Sunday, according to reports reaching here.

Those who have not yet received their books as well as those who have not yet filed an application for the No. 3 book are cautioned not to ask for an application blank before next Monday.

Leaf Prices Down In Georgia Are Higher Than Those In 1942

Prices Range From Fourteen To Sixty Cents In Early Selling Today

Jubilant reign over Georgia early today when farmers sold the first of their 1943 tobacco crop for prices ranging from fourteen to sixty cents per pound.

The first report reaching here stated that Vidalia sold the first row for prices ranging from 20 to 60 cents a pound.

Tifton, in its first report, said that prices for the first offerings ranged from 30 to 50 cents. The \$41.50 price estimate was offered by independent sources, and was considered a bit high by some.

Combined reports stated that the farmers were offered a good lug variety, that the quality as a whole was better than it was a year ago.

No late report has been released on Georgia's production this year, but estimates offered earlier in the season pointed to a 25 per cent drop in the poundage.

Tobacco Harvesting Is Completed By Farmer

Farmer Paul Barber of the Jamesville section completed the harvesting of his tobacco crop yesterday. As far as it could be learned, Mr. Barber is the first farmer in this county to complete the "burdensome" task.

TIGHTER

The lid on the issuance of special gasoline allotments has been tightly clamped down, according to a report coming from the rationing board in this county this week.

Tobacco Program To Continue In Effect During Three Years

Early Returns Show Georgia Voiced Big Opposition To Three-Year Plan

Led by Martin and Green Counties, farmers in North Carolina favored with an almost overwhelming vote last Saturday the establishment of tobacco marketing quotas for another three years.

With 2,311 votes favoring the three year program and 16 in favor of one-year quotas and only 12 against, Martin County was second in the State in its support of the marketing allotments.

Robersonville led the opposition this year, but the six opposition votes were small compared with the total favoring quotas.

County	For	Against
Jamesville	225	3
Williams	95	1
Griffins	267	0
Bear Grass	194	0
Williamston	401	1
Cross Roads	184	2
Robersonville	350	4
Gold Point	85	1
Poplar Point	93	0
Hassell	96	3
Hamilton	83	0
Goose Nest	238	1
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While this State voted about 20 to 1 in favor of the program, the vote ratio ranged from about 7 to 1 in South Carolina down to a little over 2 to 1 in Georgia.

Out of an eligibility list of nearly 170,000 tobacco farmers, less than 100,000 participate in the referendum in this State.

Considerable Hail Damage In County

More than 130 tobacco crops in this county were damaged or virtually destroyed by the hail and wind storm that struck this county last Thursday afternoon.

The crops of Henry, Dave and Will Rogers in the Bear Trap community of Bear Grass Township were just about wiped out, one report stating that as many as fourteen leaves were ripped from a single stalk and that the remaining ones were damaged.

In the Palmyra area, Farmers A. P. Hyman, and J. A. Everett reported substantial losses along with about twenty-five or more there.

It is estimated that 90 percent of the tobacco acreages in the county is insured, meaning that most of the farmers whose crops were damaged will recover something.

More Registrants Are Placed In "C" Groups

County's War Board Places Seventeen In Non-Essential Class

Approximately One Hundred Farmer Registrants Yet To Be Classified

Meeting in the agricultural building last Wednesday night, the Martin County War Board reviewed seventy-seven farmer-registrant cases and placed sixty of the registrants in the essential or "C" groups.

Mr. McMillan is a very interesting speaker, and is a Past Commander of the American Legion, and has a very interesting message for the public and the public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

Run-Away Girl Is Claimed By Father

Finding it too dull in a small upstate town in New York, Frances Marcinos, hardly 20 years of age, ran away from home about four years ago. Apparently she returned home for short intervals, for about a month ago she followed a soldier acquaintance to this section and made her home here up until yesterday.

No effort was made to prosecute the case, and in Justice J. L. Hassell's court she was found guilty of trespassing. No fine was imposed and she was released upon the payment of the costs.

Making the long trip here by bus, the worried father told the court authorities that he had once enjoyed a good business in New York City, that he met with failure and moved to the country near Syracuse. Since that time the young girl had been restless. She was turned over to the father and they immediately started the trip home.

Absent Without Leave, Soldier Goes To Camp

Absent without leave since July 16, Willie L. Gorham, colored of 221 Wilson Street, Williamston, was turned over to military police here last Saturday and returned to the guard house at Fort Bragg.

ROUND-UP

Following a week-end of little activity, local and county officers had a busy time last Saturday. Eleven arrests were made during Friday and Saturday, most of them having been recorded just before midnight Saturday.

Seven of the eleven were drunk, one who was hardly able to hold his head up, arguing with the law that he wasn't drunk. Five of the group were white, several of them being of tender ages.

Two Seriously Cut Here Last Saturday

William Crews, colored, was almost cut to death, and Frank Brown Crews, also colored, was badly hacked on Washington Street near Buck's beer stand here late last Saturday night, the carving climaxing a quarrel and a brief fight. The cause of the quarrel could not be learned immediately, but one report declared that the carver, N. S. Nichols, colored man, and William Crews argued over women.

William Crews was said to have knocked Nichols down and started walking away. He had gone only a short distance before Nichols was up and after him with a knife. In the scuffle, they fell to the ground, Nichols inflicting two large gashes on Crews' head requiring a total of twenty-two stitches to close.