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Allies Advancing On All Fronts: Course of Italy New Uncertain Fall of Sicily Is Now Thought To Be a Matter of Only

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A Day or Two

The capture of Catania by the British and the heavy pounding of the Axis by Patton's Army from the west have brought the prediction that all of Sicily will fall to the Allies within a short time, possibly by Sunday. Following the fall of Catania and Paterno yesterday, the Axis started a retreat twoard Messina at the northeast tip of the island where the Germans and Italians are trying to make a dash to the toe of the Italian boot under the cover of darkness.

The Germans are still offering some strong resistance in an effort to protect their retreat, but the fighting there is following about the same course as the last rout in North Africa. The evacuation of key Axis personnel was started yesterday, but it was a gambler's chance for the en he attempted the two-mile crossing to the mainland under the Allied air bombardment. Of the 100,000 Italian troops on the island an estimated 95,000 have fallen or have been taken prisoner, and the remaining 5,000 are said to have re-

fused to fight more for their German allies. And thus the drive started against Sicily on July 10, is now believed nearing a successful cently killed somewhere in the Euro- as J. Meeks for military merit and end, with Allies plans already complete to follow through to Italy.

Over in the Pacific area, the Americans after a determined 35-day awarded men who have been of Washington. drive yesterday ousted the Japs at Munda airfield, but the enemy withdrew its depleted defending forces decorations reads, as follows: to new positions and the fight on "The United States of America. New Georgia is not yet over. The success there is no little accomplishment, however, and is one more step in the general Allied advance.

While Hitler was busy licking his wounds in Sicily and at Hamburg, he felt the shock of a complete collapse in Russia around Orel and Belgorod where his forces were literally thrown out. Possibly the reverses in Russia will prove mortal blows along with the defeat in Sicily and the bombing of German cities to Hitler in carrying the war to foreign territory. Hitler's growing evidenced by the weakness is strengthening position of neutral territory. Sweden is "laying the law down" for Hitler, and German troop movements and material shipments are to be suspended across that nation by agreement.

The success of the Russian armies at Belgorod and Orel advances General Konstantin Konstantinovitch Rokossovsky to the front as one of



Bureau of Public Relations U. S. War Departn AXIS PRISONERS-This hastily erected stockade serves as a temporary prison camp for Axis soldiers taken in the Italian invasion. Here are a few of the tens of thousands of the men from Hitler's and Mussolini's armies. American military police are Corp. Aivin J. Brown, Michman, Tenn., and Pvt. Russell Snyder, Scranton, Pa.

Purple Heart Posthumously Awarded To Lt. Thos. Meeks

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Meeks, par- | Heart established by General Washents of Lt. Thomas J. Meeks, Mar- ington at Newburgh, N. Y., August tin County young man who was re- 7, 1782, to Second Lieutenant Thompean War Area, received Monday for wounds received in action resultthe order of the Purple Heart, A- ing in his death, June 13, 1943. merica's oldest decoration which is "Given under my hand in the City wounded or posthumously to those

"To All Who Shall See These Pres-

ELEVEN SHORT

With a full complement of

teachers for all the colored

school faculties and for the white

schools at Williamston, Rober-

sonville, Gold Point and Hassell,

the office of superintendent an-

nounced this week that there

were only eleven openings to be

filled. The positions to be fill-

ed are in Jamesville, Farm Life,

Bear Grass, Everetts, Oak City

and Hamilton. It is possible that

several teachers will have to be

drafted, the authorities express-

ing the hope that all positions

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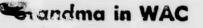
"This the 20th day of July, 1943. who died in battle. The award or "ROBERT P. PATTERSON, "Acting Secretary of War."

Lieutenant Meeks, a former school teacher, was co-pilot of a Flying Fortress, and is thought to have been "This is to certify that the Presi- killed in occupied France or in Gerdent of the United States of a pur- many. He is the tenth Martin Counsuant to authority vested in him by ty man to sacrifice his life in the Congress, has awarded the Purple present war.

Jurymen Are Drawn For Regular Term of The Superior Court

Judge Walter Bone Scheduled **To Preside Beginning** September 20

Jurymen were drawn by the county commissioners at their last regular session for duty during the regular two-weeks term of Martin Couny Superior Court convening on Mon





MOTHER OF SIX children and grandmother of six more, Mrs. Margaret Conklin of Susanville, Cal, polishes her shoes on arrival with a WAC contingent in England. Her oldest child is a daughter, 27, and her youngest, a son, a U. S. Army (International) sergeant.

Announce Rules For Mailing Sgt. Irvin C. Griffin **Pictures Conditions** Parcels To Soldiers Overseas On Fighting Pronts

food and clothing, that it is unnec-

MEETINGS

Carolina and Tennessee are

scheduled to hold their annual

me ting in the Martin County

cated in four states, no large

representation is expected at the

During the meantime a dis-

County Young Man

In African Invasion

Awarded Robt. W. Har-

den by President

meeting.

essary to send such items.

No Christmas stickers or marking ages destined for service men overseas have just recently been an- are to be placed on the outside of nounced by the Post Office Depart- ing the service man's serial number, the p.ckage, and addresses, includ-

ment. To insure delivery by Christ- must be typewritten, printed or legmas, the folks back home will have ibly written. to start shopping within the next reveral weeks, the department stat-Fackages cannot be insured, the rule making it quite clear that it is ing that packages may be mailed be- hardly advisable to send articles of tween September 15 and October 15 any great value. Matches, lighter to men in the Army, and as late as fluids, poisons or any article or item November 1 to others. While no re- that could possibly damage the mail

quest from the service man for a or perishable goods cannot be sent. package is necessary, the rules re- In the regulations, it was pointed out quire that only one package be mail- that the men are well supplied with ed during any one week by any one person to a single addressee. Packages this year will be limit-

ed in weight to five pounds, and the articles must be packed in wooden, September 15 and October 15, and metal, solid fiber board or corrugat- for those men in the Navy, Marine ed board. These boxes, it is report- Corps and Coast Guard serving oved, are available at many of the erseas the packages may be mailed stores and may be purchased for a as late as November 1st

Garner House Tells Of His Experiences Members of the Peanut Grow-In The British Isles ers Cooperative from the states of Virginia, North and South

Spends Enjoyable Week-end In London with Fred Tay-

Sgt. Garner House, Robersonville young man, writing to his parents back home, tells of a few experiences in London and Scotland, and tells of his meeting with Fred Taylor, local boy, in London. Excerpts of his recent letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester House, as the yappeared this week in the Robersonville Her ald, follow:

could have under these conditions. I don't know when I have ever enjoyed a vacation more. I sure did hate to come back to camp last night.

Everything worked out just fine and I met Fred Taylor in London Cited For Gallantry for the week-end. He had two days off so I spent the 4th and 5th with him. I never realized it was the 4th, everything was so quiet here.

I never knew Fred very well, but I had heard what a swell person he Navy and Marine Corps Medal was. Well, he proved to be everything I had heard about him and some more. I have never enjoyed being with any one so much. I don't think. Just to sit down and talk with some one once more that knew to talk about the things we used to

Face Near the Fighting Is Not As Good As Some Reports Picture It To Be

Recently reported to the rank of Tech. Sergeant, Irvin C. Griffin, local young man, gives his own version of the fare received in the actual combat areas. The letter, written a short time before the Sicilian campaign was launched, explains that there was no complaint, that the facts were offered for the record. Under date of June 27, the letter just received here, reads as follows: It is too hot to even write but there

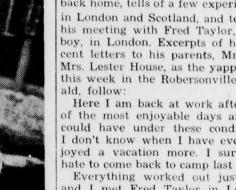
For men in the Army, Christmas packages must be mailed between s nothing else to do to pass the time so I'll scribble a few lines. We are bivousced out in an open valley now and it gets plenty hot at times with no shade anywhere

Since the campaign ended here we have been taking it a little easy. A few days after the battle was over we went down to the beach for a week and have been going back for a day or two now and then since. We have a movie almost every night. We have an open air theater since the show is held on the side of a hill. I have been to Tunis, Bizerte and Ferryville within the past few weeks. Tunis is a nice town but the war has ruined it as far as a business center. About all you can get there is wine. I searched the town looking for souvenirs but was unable to find a thing. The city wasn't hurt so badly from bombings since the docks are a few miles from the main part of town. That is a lot more than you can say for Bizerte for the Allied air force really did a job there. I don't think there are a dozen buildings there that haven't been damaged. It doesn't seem that many of the bombs missed their targets either for it is very seldom that you see a bomb crater in a vacant lot or in the street. The civilians had evacuated long before the bombings became so ntense and I am sure if some of the people in the United States were forced to leave their homes and re-

turn later to see them in ruins there wouldn't be so much fussing about a raise in pay or the rationing. Although a large percentage of the population of Tunis is Italian, they

ion't seem to be so unhappy about the Allies taking over. The children seem to think the American soldier is a walking confectionary for you can't pass one that isn't crying for chewing gum, bon-bons or cigarettes. A kid of five or six will often walk up and ask for a cigarette for papa.

The Navy and Marine Corps Medal has been awarded by the Presi-Speaking of candy and the like, the same people that you know and dent to Robert W. Harden, Seaman we haven't been getting too much second class, United States Naval of that ourselves. We have had the Reserve, of RFD 1, Jamesville, for grand total of one American candy



do was a pleasure. He had

courthouse on Thursday, August 27, at 11 o'clock, it was announclor, Williamston Boy ed this week by W. Robert Everett, a director of the organization. The meeting will elect of ficers for the coming year and discuss a general business program. While the membership runs into big numbers and is lo-

trict meeting will be held here on the 12th when a director for Here I am back at work after ten of the most enjoyable days anyone fourteen counties in this section of the State will be elected.

the greatest strategists of the war. His feats have even surprised the Russians themselves. Only 38 years old, he is called the boy wonder of the Soviet Command.

Hardly had the Russians chalked up their successes at Orel and Belgorod before Marshal Stalin called for a continued march on the final victory. The fight in Russia is a long way from completion, but the fall of Orel and Belgorod seriously there. Drives are now expected to ward Bryansk in the east, Smolensk in the direction of the Polish border and possibly a thrust will follow to ward Kiev in the southeast and also in the direction of the Polish border.

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In The South Pacific cent effective in the work.

It is really a little ole world after all, even if some of the Martin County young men write back and tell how far they are away from home. Distances are not disputed, but when an uncle meets his nephew somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, and a watch, ring and bracelet, pleaded "bumps" into a fellow townsman on guilty of larceny and was sentenced the streets of a big Australian City, to the roads for twelve months. why the ole globe cannot be so big after all.

Some months ago, Sgt. William S. Peel son of Mr. and Mrs Pleny Peel ened him with a snotgur, pleaded met his nephew, Dallas Peel, son of guilty and was sentenced to the Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Peel, in the roads for eighteen months. Southwest Pachie, They had dinner Charged with assaulting months later, the sergeant bumped by weapon, N. S. Nichols pleaded not into Billy Watts, of the Marines, in guilty. He was adjudged guilty of the Australian city.

Firemen Get Two Calls This Week costs and be regularly employed ing the period of suspension.

The local volunteer fire company was called out twice this week, neither fires doing any material damage.

A trash barrel caught fire at the laundry on West Warren Street early last Tuesday evening and burned the weatherboarding near the boiler room. Some damage was done to a few supplies stored nearby.

Yesterday afternoon, the volunteers were directed to Williams Street and found no fire. Returning with the case costs. The court orto the station, they were later directed to Reddick Street where a small fire starting from a trash pile thirty days. threatened the home of Simon How-

ard.

could be filled in time for the opening on September 1st. Judge J. C. Smith

Calls Nine Cases In County's Court

ed in Larceny and Assault Cases Monday

Before a very small audience, Judge J. C. Smith called nine cases nal cases. and cleared the docket in less than Forty-five men are being called two hours last Monday. In the ab- for service during the two weeks, sence of the appointed solicitor, At- 27 for the first and 18 for the second. Uncle Meets Nephew sence of the appointed solicitor, At-torney Clarence W. Griffin handled Their names follow by townships: the prosecution and scored 100 per

> The proceedings were featured by long road sentences imposed in two cases, one for larceny and the other for an assault with a deadly weapon. Dallas Whitley, young colored man, who entered the Terry home in Bear Grass Township a short time ago while the family was away and stole James Alexander who drew back

a cart round and threatened, to hit Farmer J. R. Fisher and later threat-

Charged with assaulting William assaulting William Crew and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended for one year on condition that the defendant pay a fine of \$25 and the costs and be regularly employed dur-

George Ben Manning. Robersonville white man and the first to be carried into the court on a vagrancy charge in recent weeks, pleaded not guilty. The case was continued until August 16 with the defendant under

bond in the sum of \$75. Pleading guilty of drunken driv ing, A. Williams was directed to pay a \$50 fine and the costs. His driver's license was revoked for one year. R. B. Spruill, charged with exceed-

ing the 35-mile speed limit, pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 and taxed dered that no operator's license be issued the defendant within the next

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day, September 20. Judge Walter Bone, of Nashville, is scheduled to preside. The visit will be the first for Judge Bone to this county as the court's presiding officer in five years.

Court Clerk L. B. Wynne points out that few criminal cases have been placed on the docket for trial so far, but it is quite possible that a fairly sizable number will find their way there before the court opens the

and civil actions. The civil calendar has not been drawn at this time, but it is understood that a number of

cases will be called for trial upon the completion of the trial of crimi-

First Week Jamesville: C. G. Gurkin and A.

L. Griffin. Williams: Jasper Jones. Griffins: Garland C. Tice, S. Oscar Peel and Urbin Lilley. Bear Grass: Kneezer Harrison Williamston: J. H. Forbes, William

Samuel Rogers, J. C. Eubanks, R. G. Harrison, Jr., H. D. Taylor ,S. C. Ray and C. F. Perry. Cross Roads: Oscar Ayers and V G. Taylor.

Robersonville: Geo. James, J. H Roberson, Jr., L. A. Croom, R. T.

Purvis, Jr. Hamilton: C. S. Johnson, W. E. Purvis, E. D. Purvis, Jr., J. W. Eubanks, J. B. Everett and W. E. Da-

Goose Wester Jacob . ly. Second Week (Continued on page four)



Offering fair quality lead and in moderate quantities, tobacco farmers in South Carolina and along the border yesterday received an average of about \$42 per hundred pounds on the 1943

Prices for the inferior quality or trashy grades ranged from 10 to 30 cents, and the top-quality leaf hit a high at 49 cents. The main price range was from 37 to 45 cents.

Prices, for the most part, were acceptable and reminded many of the "wild" days back in 1919, but farmers were puzzled to understand the narrow margin separating the prices for the inferior quality grades from those of the best quality. Vagrancy Law Now Has Biting Teeth

Exercising war emergency pow-State Legislature, Governor J. M. Broughton this week put biting teeth I knew from back home in so long. into the vagrancy law. And the first bite is being temporarily delayed aggravates the German positions Long Road Sentences Impos- term for the trial of both criminal until official notification is given special committees and the various law enforcement officers in the 100 counties.

Under the new law, everyone must work or go to jail or else offer an acceptable reason why he should not

be carried into the courts. The emergency law is not directed against the "poor devil" only, but it also is directed against any and all persons who seem to thrive on idleness or who live as leeches upon the

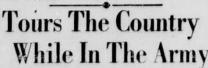
sweat flowing from another's brow Heretofore, a person who owned property or had a fixed income could not be declared a vagrant if he was a member of that extensive organization commonly known as the "United Sons of Rest." The new law says everyone must work, the governor apparently reasoning that if mil-English. lions of men can go fight and other millions can stick faithfully to their

tasks, then the idlers, vagrants and professional laborers can find something to do. According to unofficial informa-

tion received here, the person who is not regularly engaged, and that means a reasonable number of hours

each, weak in bject i the before a special committee at the direction of the law. He will then be given so many hours, a minimum of

24, to find a job and stick to it. If he fails to report for work, he will then be subjected to prosecution in the courts.



Joe Peel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pleny Peel, has done quite a bit of traveling during the ten months he has been in the Army. An accurate mileage account is not available, but all told he is believed to have come and gone to the tune of about 12,000

room reserved in one of the best hotels in London, so we on and occupation of French Moroc- Scotland in mid-October. The Army had a quiet and nice time to our- co in November, 1942, it was officialselves. We went to a show Sunday ly announced this week by the Sixth ty of this and for our folks not to evening and Monday evening we Naval District Headquarters, at went to see a stage show which was Charleston, S. C.

real good. Fred had to catch his ers placed at his disposal by the last frain back to camp late that evening. I hated to see him go, for it was the first time I had seen any one The friend that I went to Scotland with came up Monday night and we caught the first train out Tuesday morning. We arrived in Edinburgh in time for supper, and that night we went out and saw a bit of

the town. Two other boys from the office went up the same day but took a different train. The four of us President, relates the action as fol- Former County Man were together most of the time. lows: Wednesday we got out and did the

It is more like our cities than anything I have seen over here. The people there are very nice. They 1942. When a boat loaded with seem to be much more friendly than the English. I like them much better and I think they are a lot ahead modern, they act and dress much nicer and they have plenty of goodlooking girls. As a whole, they are much finer looking than are the

Thursday, we visited a town up Lake Lomond. That is really a beautiful lake. I have a bunch of cards I will send you later showing you the scenery. We also went to Glasgow and from there we took a train that carried us to a little town the lower end of the lake where caught a steamer.

The lake is real long and haltow and there is a high range of moss

> (Continued on page four) **TOBACCO CARDS**

Their preparation almost completed, approximately 1,600 tobacco marketing cards will be placed in the mails for delivery

directly to tobacco farmers in this county about the 17th of this month, according to plans for the distribution announced by the office of the county agent.

Approximately thirty farmers will not get their marketing cards because they have not reported their field measurements. Those few farmers who planted in excess of their allotments will call directly to the agent's office where they will be given red marketing cards after certain conditions are met, it was learned.

Seaman Harden is credited with 'gallantly" assisting in rescuing men For an example of this, I received from the water after a landing boat with troops capsized during the invasion of North Africa in early November of last year. Few details of out. I gave some of them to other the young man's daring heroism are mentioned in the citation, but it is

understood that he endangered his own life more than once to save the lives of others. The citation, signed by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, for the

"For heroic conduct while attach town. It is really a beautiful city. ed to a U.S. ship during the assault on and the occupation of French

Morocco from November 8 to 11. troops capsized near Fedala on the morning of November 9, Harden vol-

of the English. Their stores are ously high surf and gallantly assistuntarily pluced into the danger ed in rescuing men struggling in the water. His cool and daring courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Washington (Doc) Harden, of RFD 1, Jamesville, is one of three brothers in the nation's armed service.

He is one of at least five Martin County young men known to have received service awards or citations

or braness and during the ent war.



After getting off to a comparatively slow start early in the season, tobacco harvesting is nearing an end in this county, reports from various parts of the county stating that some farmers have already pulled their 'tips", that quite a few others will complete the task today and tomorrow, and that the big majority will

few will hardly finish the work before week after next.

No record quality crop is being

"heroic conduct" during the assault bar issued in rations since leaving has stories printed that we get plensend us any. This may be true for the boys 1000 miles from the front but

it sure isn't true for fighting men. seventeen cartons of cigarettes from Christmas until April and with what I have received in rations I am still boys, but I smoked most of them myself. At present I am rolling my own. I was smoking English cigarettes until we got some canned to-

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Dies In Washington

Lemuel E. Jones, native of this ounty, died at his home in Washingon early last Wednesday afternoon ollowing a long illness.

The son of Mrs. Barbara Jones and the late W. W. Jones, he was born in Griffins Township on March 2, 1898. He served as a master mechanic for the Wise Granite Company of New York. He also operated a garage

in Jamesville for several years. In 1918, he was married to Miss Euna Tunnell, of Swan Quarter, and she with a daughter, Mrs. Leona Jones Krusic, of Bend, Oregon, survives.

* Surviving also are five sisters* Mrs Lewis Manning, of Willis, astor; Mrs. Dave Mapping of Griffins Township; Mrs. Major Gardner, of Jamesville; Mrs. Lawrence Ellis, of

Jamesville; Mrs. Alex Hardison, of Rocky Mount, and one brother, Ira, of Griffins Township. A number of lieces and nephews also survive.

The deceased was a member of the Christian Church and a former member of the Woodmen of the

World. Funeral services were held from the home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 with the Rev. S. F. Freeman, of Little Rock, Ark., officiating. Burial was in the Tice Cemetery in this county.

wind up the harvest next week. A Gregg Cherry Will Speak **To Legion Here Monday**

Gregg Cherry, former state comproduced in the county this year, but mander of the American Legion and in this section many farmers say it candidate for Governor of the State is better than it was last season. Gen-eral reports point to a light crop, but members of the local Legion Post there has been a fainly general de- here Monday night at the Legion mand for additional sticks, the ac- Hut. At this meeting the installation tion indicating that some farmers of officers will take place following underestimated their crops. a barbecue supper.



miles during that time. He first reported to Fort Bragg. From there he went to Miami, then to Chicago, then to Fort Myers, then to Salt Lake City, then to Pueblo, Colorado, and then to Salina, Kansas. During the meantime he managed to arrange a trip of his own and come home for a few days.

opening sales.