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Great Developments In Progress On All Major Battlefronts

On New Guinea; Italian Peace Expected

With great developments now in progress on all major fighting fronts, important turning points in the war are expected in some quarters. Britain's Prime Minister Churchill is believed to be prolonging his stay in Washington in the apparent hope that Italy will call for peace very shortly. On the Eastern Front, the Russians are continuing their greatest push of the war and are recovering vast areas of important territory. The action is proving costly to both sides and there is no let-up in the fight. But there is the possibility that Hitler has at last abandoned his plans to conquer the Bear and is withdrawing his armies in tact for action elsewhere. Will he withdraw them and strengthen his forces to meet a new invasion drive is a question that is to be pondered. Over in New Guinea, large forces of American and Australian paratroopers blackened the sky Sunday with a landing in the Markham River valley west of the Jap stronghold of Lae, trapping 20,000 of the enemy. The invasion of Italy is progressing rapidly and is possibly ahead of schedule. Little opposition is being offered, but one report today stated that a small force of Germans had been contacted in one sector. It is possible that the full-scale drive in Italy is being delayed pending the development of a peace move that will take Mussolini's lost country out of the war. During the meantime, the main German forces are withdrawing to the north and burying themselves in holes in the hills to await developments. While General Montgomery's Eighth Army continues to expand a 70-mile invasion front beyond a ten-mile inward point, the Germans are apparently expecting a new blow at some other point. Over in New Guinea, General MacArthur said, "We have closed a ring around Lae and Salamaua," indicating that the airborne armada had sealed the death trap for the harried Jap forces at both Lae and Salamaua, about 21 miles to the southeast. Borne by the greatest aerial fleet ever assembled in the Pacific war theater, the paratroopers and sky-riding artillery seized the western inland approaches to Lae under cover of a terrific aerial bombardment that literally flattened the enemy's gun emplacements in the Markham valley. Hundreds of American paratroopers were on the ground and in action before the stunned Japanese defenders realized what was happening. Most of the enemy forces apparently were engaged in a desperate battle against the main body of Allied troops that landed east of Lae early Saturday morning. The American and Australian jungle troops in the main body had pushed on west and north from their landing spot and last were reported about nine miles from the beach. (Continued on page six)

Tobacco Prices Are Stronger On The Local Market Today

Tobacco prices, after showing a weak trend during the latter part of the local market today, reports based on farmers' statements and other reliable information indicating that all grades are selling higher and that the better and medium grades are decidedly stronger. Quite a few piles were sold this morning for 47 and 48 cents, and most types outside the nondescript grades were going in the price range for 37 to 43 cents. Farmers, a bit disappointed last week over the price trend, were more optimistic yesterday and today. They are still puzzled over the apparent variation in price averages reported by the Georgia and Border Markets and those in this belt. Where they were anxious over a ceiling price, they began talking last week about a price floor. Block sales are still in progress but the volume is gradually diminishing. Farmers to place their tobacco on the floors one day for the next, but in some cases sales are hardly possible until the third day. Convinced that they have much to gain and little or nothing to lose by waiting, many farmers are curtailed or stopping in their entirety all marketing activities. It is the opinion of many that the price average will continue upward as the glut is eliminated. The local market has sold slightly in excess of two and one-half million pounds today with maximum sales being recorded each day. The farmers are beginning to realize that this is an abnormal period, and that full-time sales cannot be maintained without glutting the factories and plants.

Dr. Ralph McDonald Addresses Labor Day Group In Plymouth

Most Dangerous to Speedy and Complete Victory

"The most dangerous obstacles to complete and speedy victory against our enemies are home-front obstacles," Dr. Ralph McDonald declared in addressing a patriotic Labor Day meeting in Plymouth yesterday. He identified the chief home-front obstacles as disunity, overconfidence, selfishness and normalcy. "Only a united people can achieve their utmost in production of arms, food, and other implements of world warfare," said McDonald. "Now as never before in our history it is imperative that the differences between individuals be tolerantly approached and settled, that the divergent interests of groups, such as capital and labor, be amicably adjusted. A widespread contagion of good-will among the American people right now would go a long way to shorten the war. We need the same unity and good will among and toward all of our allies. A whispering campaign against Russia, or against England, or belittling China, is nothing short of sabotage against victory. United we shall win completely and with a reasonable time; disunited we shall win only partially and after long and hideous sacrifice." Striking at the "unrealistic optimism" with which many Americans expect a sudden victory, McDonald warned against over-optimism as an obstacle to victory. "Only a hard and bitter struggle can possibly win a complete and final victory for freedom. We have just begun to penetrate the European continent; in the Pacific we are still on the outer fringes of Japan's vast empire. It is sheer folly to think in terms of anything except a continuing struggle for perhaps two or three years to come. If the courage and fighting (Continued on page six)

Increase In Activity On The Illicit Manufacturing Front

Possibly as a result of legal liquor deliveries as rapidly as they are made. Officer J. H. Roebuck wrecked eight complete liquor plants in the county last month, including two equipped with copper and one with flue iron. More than 1,000 gallons of beer and two gallons of liquor were poured out. One violator of the liquor laws was arrested and convicted. Last Friday, two plants, equipped with gas drums, were wrecked in the Hassell section of Hamilton Township. The operators, placing their plants close together, raided a saw mill nearby and poured out gallons of oil and stole the drums. The officers found two barrels of molasses beer at one plant and sixty pounds of meal that had just been mixed with water at the second. Sugar beer is being found in larger quantities, especially in the Free Union section where rationing has not been applied thoroughly. It is enough money to set himself up in business, a fairly marked increase in the illicit liquor business has been reported in this county during fairly recent days. And there is a possibility that the illicit business will try to increase its volume, unofficial reports stating that the demand is so great that the price for the bottled-in-the-bush liquid compared very favorably with the established price list in the legal stores. During recent months, the supply of legal liquor has been nearly exhausted on several occasions, but about a week ago the thirst of the newly rich absorbed the supply to the last drop, and none was offered for sale for several days. The supply is being gradually increased, but it is fairly apparent that the demand will be about ready to soak up the

Quota Is Exhausted For Grade III Tires By Rationing Board

This County Last Friday Night

With more than enough applications already on hand to eat up the entire quota for the current month and many to spare, the Martin County Rationing Board last Friday night allotted 107 Grade III tires, the action exceeding the actual quota by two tires. In addition to the clean sweep of Grade III tires, the board allotted thirty-nine or about one-third of the current new tire quota, and nineteen new truck tires. Grade I tires and tubes were allotted to the following: C. E. Jenkins, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Eula W. Coburn, Jamesville, one tire and one tube. Joe Bunting, Palmyra, two tires and two tubes. S. D. Perry, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube. N. T. Tice, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube. J. D. Price, RFD 2, Williamston, one tube. John Mizelle, Robersonville, two tires and one tube. G. C. Godard, RFD 1, Williamston, one tube. K. R. Cullipher, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire. Mrs. Janie Fleming, Hassell, one tire. C. H. Godwin, Jr., Williamston, one tire. J. W. Eubanks, Hassell, one tire. J. Dawson Roberson, Robersonville, two tires. Oliver Carter, Parmele, one tire. Wheeler Rogerson, Williamston, two tires. Joe Ward, Hassell, one tire. J. Robt. Moore, Williamston, one tire. H. P. Mobley, Williamston, one tube. Geo. H. Leggett, Hassell, one tube. Williamston Package Co., two tubes. J. L. Gibson, RFD 1, Williamston, two tubes. Hugh Roberson, one tire and one tube. Henry D. Harrison, Williamston, one tube. J. E. Jenkins, Parmele, one tire and one tube. Jasper Everett, Robersonville, one tube. Armaza Cherry Roberson, Williamston, two tires and two tubes. Albert S. Peel, Williamston, one tube. Geo. W. Keel, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Bessie C. Carman, Robersonville, one tire. J. W. Bellflower, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tire and one tube. J. H. Peel, Williamston, one tire. C. C. Fleming, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes. W. B. Cannon, RFD 1, Hobgood, one tire. J. W. Perkins, Robersonville, two tires and one tube. H. R. Smith, Palmyra, two tires. R. A. Criteher, Williamston, one tire and one tube. (Continued on page six)

Authorities Establish County Reserve Fund

Special Clerk Will Assist Public with Application Forms

Making a determined request to the local town commissioners, S. W. Dickens, Halifax County man, was denied a license for the opening of a wine store here. It was intimated that an applicant was of the opinion that a wine store could be opened here with or without a special license from the town authorities. Mayor J. L. Hassell, advising the man of the action taken by the board in its regular meeting last night, kindly reminded the applicant that several applications had already been rejected, that a concerted public action had been taken against granting a wine store license to any one. A final report, the only other matter to come before the meeting, placed swimming pool receipts for the season at \$1,290.85, an amount almost \$300 greater than the 1942 income. The board is appropriating \$2,425 for the operation of the pool next summer. Martin County Commissioners in regular session here yesterday made ready to help Uncle Sam over the top in the Third War Loan Drive and build up funds for retiring outstanding debts when they proposed the creation of a special capital-surplus reserve fund that will make possible the purchase of \$30,000 worth of 2-1/2 per cent U. S. Treasury bonds. The action is subject to approval by the State Local Government Commission, and will direct profits from the ABC system and whatever surplus may accrue from the general fund to the reserve fund. The commissioners made the stipulation that each township quota in the Third War Loan Drive should be credited in proportion to its assessed property valuation. While the \$30,000 is a small amount when measured beside the \$918,000 Third War Loan quota, it is, at least, a beginning and will help, no doubt. Ever since rationing was instituted, the general public has had no end of trouble in finding willing workers who would prepare their applications for various types of rations. Some who could prepare their own applications pestered others, and in many cases the applications were improperly executed. Moving to help relieve the situation, the county authorities upon the motion of Commissioner Joshua L. Coltrain agreed to employ a special clerk to assist the public in preparing the applications. The salary, the commissioners ruled, will be in line with those received by regular ration board clerks. No one had been employed early yesterday, but several have been mentioned for the post. The assistant will be located right in the ration board office. Tax Collector M. Luther Peel, appointed to serve another term in that position, filed an accounting of his collection of the 1942 taxes. Starting out with a total levy of \$214,276.64, the collector accounted as follows: Cash turned into the treasury, \$203,002.67; releases, \$195.00; land sales, \$2,679.97; dog vaccinations and discounts, \$9,145.29; personal property accounts uncollected or insolvent, \$6,242.53; collections not turned in. (Continued on page six)

Abundant Supply of Food Found in Farm Security's Larders

Inspection Reveals Marked Progress Made By the Program in County

The Farm Security program, including tenant-purchase and rehabilitation projects, is making marked progress in this county, it was revealed in an extensive tour made by an inspection party last Saturday. The group, including county officials, officers, agriculturists and several individuals having no connection with the program, was greatly impressed by the success of the work to date. Well-cured hams hanging in orderly-kept smokehouses in numbers, hundreds of chickens running in and around the tidy yards and pastures and new crops coming from the brooders, a milch cow and a comfortable home at each stop impressed the visitors as they observed a return to what may be called a basic agriculture. It was an off season for the family garden, but evidence that there had been one was found in the hundreds of neatly packed jars of vegetables, fruits and meats stored away row upon row and several tiers deep in every pantry. Every piece of machinery was sheltered and the appearance of the stock clearly indicated that the farmers were interested in their work. But above all there were healthy, wide-awake children, the small honor certificates framed and hanging conspicuously on the walls showing perfect attendance and excellent scholastic records. There were the cattle herds on some of the projects and the number of pigs ranged from twenty to forty and fifty. The painted homes and well-kept yards pointed out the projects, reflecting a well-founded prosperity and contentment. The city holds little or no appeal for that group; in fact, the well-stocked smokehouses and pantries and the apparent ease surrounding life on the projects hold an appeal for the salaried city dweller. For the most part the Farm Security families were an appreciative group, many of them entertaining happy prospects of retiring their obligations to the last penny this year and next. Taken suddenly sick the night before. (Continued on page six)

Licenses Issued To Fifteen Couples in County Last Month

Number of Marriages Among White Population Holds To Low Average

Fifteen marriage licenses were issued in this county by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger last month. While the number issued to colored couples was above the average, marriages among the county's white population held to a fairly low average or just about half the number issued a year ago and two under the low average for the first eight months of this year. Licenses were issued, four to white and eleven to colored couples last month, as follows: White Geo. T. Bailey and Mollie Ayers, both of Williamston. Archie Mizelle and Faye Walker, both of RFD 2, Williamston. Clinton White Johnson, RFD 1, Robersonville, and Allena Elizabeth Smith, Robersonville. Colored Joseph Nichols and Pearl Morris, both of RFD 1, Williamston. Askew Green, Oak City, and Bettie Ann Wynn, Hassell. John Alton Roberts, Williamston, and Emma Whitehurst, Williamston. Clarence Williams and Essie Mae Woolard, both of Everetts. Louis Craig and Theima Bunch, both of Windsor. David Slade, Robersonville, and Esther Bynum, Parmele. James Willis Williams and Verna Stokes, both of Williamston. Edgar Williams and Aria Rascoe, both of Williamston. William B. Hill and Novella Askew, both of Robersonville. Russell Armstrong, Robersonville, and Katie Mae Latham, Williamston. Elmer Riddick and Maude Purvis, both of Williamston. (Continued on page six)

GETS HIS MAN

John Williams, colored man in the upper part of the county who went to jail and spent several days there before he would register for the draft about a year ago, ran afoul of the law again last week. It was just a minor infraction of the law this time, but that same old defiance crept to the surface. Armed with a warrant charging the man with trespassing on the property of another, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck went to the man's home last week. Williams was seen coming down the road, and seeing the officer, Williams veered to the right and slipped in the back gate. He released his ferocious dogs and went into the house. The officer tried to make friends with the dogs, but the canines would have none of that and finally he withdrew quietly. Williams won Round No. 1 that evening, but next morning the man had hardly got out of sight of his dogs before the sheriff nabbed him and scored a complete knockout. The officer would prefer no charge against the man, but he warned that if ever he has a warrant charging a serious crime, some dogs would be eliminated with gun and shell. (Continued on page six)

Native Of County Dies In Cincinnati

Mrs. Elizabeth Waters Woodhouse, a native of Jamesville and for many years a resident of Williamston, died in Cincinnati Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She had undergone hospital treatment during many months for heart trouble but the immediate cause of her death could not be learned here today. The funeral party is expected to reach here some time late tonight, and the last rites will be conducted here. (Continued on page six)

Prisoner Hangs Self In Jail Late Sunday Night

Faye Walker Mizelle, 28-year-old white woman, missed death by a matter of a few seconds in the Martin County jail last Sunday night when she attempted to end her life by hanging. She was hanging by her last breath when Patrolman Whit Saunders and Officer Chas. R. Moore entered the jail with a drunken patron. Hearing her gasping for breath, Patrolman Saunders called Jailer Roy Peel who was on his way to the cell block to get a bunk mattress for the drunk and they found the woman dangling from an improvised noose attached to one of the cell doors. She was unconscious and her body, dripping in a death sweat, was a blue-black. Jailer Peel immediately lifted her bodily and Patrolman Saunders untied the noose. Artificial respiration was applied and a doctor was summoned immediately. She was several minutes regaining consciousness, the attending physician stating that death would have resulted had the officers been a few seconds or a minute later in finding her. No motive for the suicide attempt was offered, but she was quoted as saying that she could not get along with her husband and was tired of (Continued on page six)

Woman Angered At Officers Who Foiled Her Suicide Attempt

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Fire Department Gets Three Calls

Local volunteer firemen last night answered their third call in four days when the home of Jeannette Clark, 501 North Main Street, was almost burned down on Riddick Street, a short distance off West Church Street. Owned by Barissa Slade, the house is believed to have caught fire from a defective flue. The top was burned away and the second story was wrecked. Most of the furniture on the first floor was saved. No official estimate on the damage could be had immediately, but the building was said to have been in a bad state of repair and the loss was not expected to exceed \$400. Last Friday afternoon, the firemen were called to the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company plant on the Washington Road where the large shavings room near the planing mill caught fire. The blaze was confined to the one room, and damage was estimated at about \$300. Friday night, the volunteers, using the department's auxiliary equipment, answered a call from the J. M. Oakley farm, a few miles out on the Hamilton Road. A small tenant house burned down, but no estimate on the damage could be had. (Continued on page six)

Poplar Point Nearing War Loan Bond Quota

Public spirited leaders are poised and ready for action in the Third War Loan Drive opening in the county on Thursday of this week when the people will be asked to invest \$918,000 in war bonds while the remainder of the nation will go about raising the rest of fifteen billion dollars for the war. The quota for the county is admittedly large, and the amounts to be raised by the districts are of towering heights, possibly, but according to reliable reports the little township of Poplar Point has its goal in sight already, and if that district can do that, it is only reasonable to believe that the other ten districts can meet and pass their quotas. It's a big job, no doubt, and the drive will have to be carried into every nook and corner in the county. It may be even necessary to stop buying liquor, cut out joy riding, ration our amusement and put our shoulder to the wheel after a meaningful fashion to raise the amount, but it has got to be done. The report, coming directly from Poplar Point, states that landlords and tenants are teaming up in support of the drive with the mutual understanding that such action will help the war program and place them (Continued on page six)

Plan Bond Rally In The School at Bear Grass Friday Night

Chairman Herman Bowen Names Canvassers for This Township

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Six Changes Made In Local Faculty

Only six changes were made in the Williamston school faculty during the summer months. School authorities employed three elementary and three high school teachers to complete the faculty of twenty-five now teaching the local schools. Teachers employed for the first time and their teaching assignments follow: Miss Frances Tompase, of Ayden, first grade; Miss Lamma Baker, of Washington, second grade; Mrs. Gower Crosswell, of Williamston, fifth grade; Miss Ann Golden, of Carthage, eighth grade; Miss Evelyn Baker, of Washington, commercial subjects; Miss Mildred Watkins, of Louisville, science subjects. Miss Turnage has taught the first grade in the Plymouth school for the past several years. Miss Lamma Baker was employed in the Wake County schools last year. Miss Evelyn Baker was also in the same system, teaching the commercial subjects in the Apex High School. Mrs. Gower Crosswell is a graduate of Winthrop College, and taught in the South Carolina schools. Miss Golden is a graduate of Queens College, and comes to Williamston after a year of employment with a government agency in Washington, D. C. Miss Mildred Watkins was graduated from Eastern Carolina Teachers College last spring, where she was laboratory assistant to Dr. R. J. Slay, head of the Chemistry Department. (Continued on page six)

Call For Red Cross Sewing Room Articles

Before resigning and leaving the county, Miss Lora Sleeper delivered Red Cross material to many Home Demonstration club members to be made into garments. A few of the completed articles have not yet been returned, and since no complete record of the distribution is now available here, Mrs. N. C. Green, chairman of the sewing project for the Martin County Red Cross Chapter, is asking those who have not returned the articles to do so by October 1st, if possible.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The advantage the 1943 accident record held over the 1942 figures is gradually disappearing and in some instances the picture for 1943 to date is darker than it was in the 1942 corresponding period. Up until a short time ago, the number of highway accidents was less than the 1942 figure, but now the count stands at 32 against 48.

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.

36th Week Comparison		Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge	
1943	1942	1	0
1943	1	1	0
1942	0	0	0
Comparison To Date			
1943	1942	32	16
1943	48	29	2
		4850	6243

Happenings In The Williamston School

Attendance at the Williamston school was at a high mark yesterday when activities were resumed after the week-end recess. Teachers reported nearly perfect attendance in all rooms, indicating that parents and pupils are cooperating fully in the school programs. Classes were meeting on regular schedule, and pupils evidenced much progress in adjusting themselves to their program of studies. The high degree of interest manifested during the early days of the new term indicates that both parents and pupils are determined that the maximum good shall be derived from the school year. (Continued on page six)