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Clark's Fifth Army Locked In Critical Battle Near Naples

Both Sides Rushing Strong Reinforcement to Area Around Salerno

Locked in a critical battle with the enemy at Salerno on Italy's west coast not far from Naples, the American Fifth Army under General Mark Clark is engaged in the most bitter fighting of the entire Mediterranean campaign.

The Americans, after being driven into the sea near Naples, withdrew in their boats but returned the attack a little farther south and after turning back six or more German counterattacks are holding their own.

While the picture in Italy is not at all bright just now, it is fairly certain that Hitler's men are fighting for time, that they will gradually withdraw to a main defense line enhanced by natural barriers to make a desperate stand against the Allies

Local Boy Injured In Plane Accident

Sgt. George H. Wynne, local young man, was badly but believed not critically hurt in an airplane accident presumably on the State of Washington a short time ago.

"I was in an airplane crash. There were only six of us in the ship, and all of us are still in the hospital. I had a few bones broken, and my left arm cut. I think I was real lucky.

No details of the accident were offered in the letter, the first his mother had received in several weeks.

County Young Men Meet In California

"I really had a big thrill," Cpl. Roger "Kitty" Riddick said in a letter this week in telling about an unexpected meeting with Ben Hopkins in a Hollywood Canteen.

"We are having a swell time in Hollywood. Ben is spending a three-day pass here, and I am completing my five-day furlough tomorrow," he concluded.

Ben is stationed at Camp Young just now, and "Kitty" is at Camp Iron Mountain and both are receiving desert training.

Navy Recruiter Will Be Here For Two Days

U. S. Navy Recruiter D. R. Taylor will be stationed at the post office in Williamston September 16-17, to interview persons seeking information concerning the U. S. Navy.

All 17-year-old boys and women, 20 to 36, seeking information concerning the Navy or Waves, are cordially invited to come to the post office between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m. for an interview with the recruiter on the above dates.

Stove Rations Are Far Below Current Demand In County

While the heating situation is serious already in many homes, it is certain to be aggravated now that stove rationing is in vogue. Just how serious it will become is a matter of speculation, but the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board offered a gloomy picture this week when it issued its first report on the rationing of the particular article.

War Bond Sale Gains Momentum In County

Bear Grass District Is First In County To Go Over the Top

Quarter of a Million Dollars In Third War Loan Drive Sold Or Pledged

After getting off to what was described as a fair start the latter part of last week, the Third War Loan Drive is gaining momentum in this county, and while the goal is still a good ways off Chairman D. V. Clayton is really optimistic over the outlook at this time.

Only meager reports have been received from a few of the districts, and it is certain that the progress made so far in the drive is even greater than the preliminary figures would indicate.

To date, approximately one-quarter of a million dollars worth of bonds have been sold or pledged in seven of the eleven districts. It is again pointed out that these reports are not complete, and in some instances the figures are based on reliable estimates. It is certain that they point to a successful drive, and that possibly the county will actually exceed its \$918,000 quota, which, by the way, represents actual purchase price and not the maturity value of the bonds.

Holding a very successful bond rally in the Bear Grass School last Friday evening, the citizens of that community were the first to reach their quota, and the drive is to be continued. Poplar Point was the first to have its quota in sight, but Bear Grass is the first district to come across with actual purchases or gilt-edge pledges.

Serving with a bomber squadron, he is stationed at the Ephrata Air Base, Ephrata, Washington. His father was the late George D. Wynne.

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ROUND-UP

Six persons, three white and three colored, were rounded up and jailed for alleged violation of the various laws in this county last week-end. The shortage of liquors and beers all but eliminated the drunks during the period, the jail record showing that only one drunk was lodged with seven the week-end before. A varied crime list was recorded, one being jailed for assaulting another with a deadly weapon, one for drunken driving, one for being plain drunk, and another for larceny and receiving and two others for violating the health laws.

During the week-end ending September 5th, fifteen persons were incarcerated in the county house of correction. Thirteen of them were white and half of the group was under twenty years of age.

About the only solution to the problem rests with those who have old stoves. They will find it advisable to hold on to them and have them repaired. If the stove is beyond repair, replacement is allowed, provided the rations are not exhausted.

Newly married couples don't have a chance at the rationing board when it comes to getting a stove for either cooking or heating. It is understood that such couples simply are not eligible for new stoves.

It was generally believed that the stove problem was met in part, at least, before rationing was introduced, but apparently the supply was not ample and the problem still exists.

FBI Conference Is Being Held Today

Night Classes Are Planned In School

The quarterly conference of law enforcement officials in this section of the State is being held in the Marco Theater here this afternoon with Edward Scheidt, Special Agent in charge of the Charlotte Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, leading the discussions.

The representatives of the FBI reviewed briefly recent developments on the law enforcement front lines and flashed on the screen pictures and descriptions of men wanted by the bureau and other law enforcement agencies in this section for alleged law violations.

An open discussion was held pointing to a closer cooperation between local, state and federal agencies in curbing crime and running down alleged criminals.

Night classes in typwriting and other commercial subjects will be offered at the Williamston High School in response to interest among adults for training in these vocational subjects.

An organization meeting was held in the commercial department at the local high school last night at which time twelve adults registered for the special work. Others are expected to enroll within the next few days.

The special instruction is open to the public, and adults interested in enrolling in the classes are urged to contact Miss Baker or Principal D. N. Hix immediately for detailed information on the schedule to be followed.

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The following day we attacked Comiso airport, and met our first stiff opposition from a German garrison. While advancing toward the airport, the advance section of our medical detachment, including myself and another officer with six men, suddenly found ourselves bracketed by German artillery fire from their 88 mm. guns. For thirty minutes, we literally buried ourselves in the ground with shrapnel flying all over our heads. It was a

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TOWN-FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

Victory Gardeners Set Record

Twenty million Victory Gardens—two million more than the goal set last spring—were grown this year, Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, said in a recent radio address. The Secretary said the Victory Gardens total about four million acres and will produce eight million tons of food. In speaking of the total of 22 million gardens for next year, Wickard said, "Last year at this time we were concerned over the possibility that we would not have enough garden seed and fertilizer for all who wanted to grow gardens. Our best information is that we shall have an ample supply of both next year. We are expecting a better supply of garden tools and equipment for spraying and dusting. Victory Garden production should set another new record in 1944."

Farm Labor Placements

Through the government farm labor program 1,600,000 placements of workers were made on farms in the past four months. Among the workers placed dwere 700,000 local U. S. Crop Corps workers, comprising 250,000 men, 150,000 women, and 300,000 boys and girls. War Food Administration officials, in making this announcement, stressed the need for additional emergency volunteer workers in the next few months. Recruitment and placement of farm labor are handled by county agricultural extension agents in most areas. In others, the activity is carried on by the U. S. Employment Service.

Points for Home-Canned Foods

The point value of home-canned foods shall be the same as that of the corresponding commercial product, except that no home-canned food shall have a point value of

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Captain Jim Rhodes Writes About Drive On Island Of Sicily

Local Young Man Is Under Heavy Artillery Fire For Thirty Minutes

In a letter of recent date, Captain Jim Rhodes, Jr., of the U. S. Army Medical Corps, briefly told his experiences in the invasion of Sicily. But the first thought was about other boys from home who were in the campaign. "Are there any other boys from home on the island?" he asked, adding that he had not seen a soul he knew since leaving the states about three months ago.

"We had an uneventful trip across except for a few submarine alerts. However, we never saw a sub, but we believe our destroyer escort got at least two. Gibraltar was an impressive sight. . . . During the two weeks following our landing, we had intensive training to get the kinks out of our system. Just before we left the States, we received on board several large crates. These were opened in mid-Atlantic and were plaster of paris relief maps of a section of the coast line. Guesses were rampant all over the ship, ranging from Southern France to Greece. And then we were told that we were to invade Sicily along with several other American divisions and a British Army.

"Our particular sector was on the southeast coast of the island between Gela and Scogliti with the primary purpose of seizing Vittoria and Comiso airport, the largest on the island.

"Early in the morning of July 10 we began the landing in assault boats, supported by naval gunfire from cruisers and destroyers and naval planes and also British planes. Several German bombers flew over our ships and on one occasion dropped a bracket of bombs which landed about 100 yards off our starboard side. No casualties were incurred.

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Harvesting Season Is Under Way On Big Scale In County

The usual lull following the completion of the tobacco harvesting season is rapidly drawing to a close as farmers make ready to start housing their cotton and digging their peanut crops. Cotton picking, getting underway some few days ago, is progressing slowly, but peanut digging is rapidly reaching a climax. According to reports reaching here, a large majority of the farmers will have started digging their peanuts by the end of this or the early part of next week, weather permitting. Already the work is fairly general throughout most of the county with the Goose Nest Township area leading in the movement.

The first of the cotton crop in the upper part of the county where the acreage is much larger than it is in other sections, was ginned last Friday. The gin at Oak City handled

was increased to thirty by late yesterday afternoon. The quality of the crop was said to be unusually good, but the acreage is said to be smaller and the yield is not up to expectations.

Peanut digging, from one to two weeks ahead of normal, is bringing slightly conflicting reports. The quality of the crop is said to be good, but the yield varies from half a crop to a medium sized one. The early digging is explained partly by weather conditions. The dry period during recent weeks virtually wiped out the late peas, and the older ones are just about matured, and since there are no young ones to mature, the farmers say there is no reason for delaying the harvesting work. It is expected that cotton picking and peanut digging will relieve the pressure on the tobacco markets in this section.

Tobacco Sales Exceed 4 Million Pounds Here

Prices Advance On Better and Medium Grades Here Today

Glut Gradually Being Relieved by Weather and Harvest of Other Crops

Sales on the local tobacco market passed the four-million-pound mark here today with quite noticeable price increases for the better and medium grades. At the same time, prices for the inferior quality and nondescript types are holding their own with the possibility that they too, are stronger in price.

Once in a while a pile apparently was out of the price line, but as a general rule farmers are well pleased with their sales. Instead of turning tags, quite a few farmers are placing the tags on top of the piles for others to see. Individual sales are ranging up to \$50 per hundred today with the Export supporting prices in that range. All companies are active in the 40-48-cent price range, and sales in that price bracket are numerous. A report from government graders pointed to a price increase from \$1 to \$3 per hundred higher for the better grades with slight increases noticeable for most all other types.

Announce Leaders For Bandage Room

Recently appointed head of the local Red Cross Bandage Room, Mrs. Jimmy Taylor has already perfected a strong working organization, and plans are well advanced for meeting current and future quotas. More volunteers are needed, and anyone who can spare an hour or two is urged to report and assist in the all-important work.

The following instructors have agreed to lead the project on designated nights and afternoons:

Monday night: Mesdames John Williams and John L. Goff.  
Tuesday night: Sarah Cook.  
Wednesday night: Mary Elizabeth Keel.  
Thursday night: Miss Mary Whitely.

Friday night: Mesdames M. M. Levin and W. E. Dunn.  
Monday afternoon: Mesdames Mary Mundy and G. P. Hall.  
Tuesday afternoon: Mesdames D. R. Davis and W. E. Warren.

Wednesday afternoon: Mesdames Tom Brandon, Herbert Taylor and C. C. Parker.  
Thursday afternoon: Mrs. Kathleen Sherman.  
Friday afternoon: Mesdames K. D. Worrell and G. E. Thorpe.

Lone Cases Before Ration Board Panel

While quite a few cases are pending, only one was heard by the special War Price and Ration Board panels in the agricultural building last Friday evening.

Charged with exceeding the 35-mile speed limit, R. Sears admitted to the board that he was in a hurry but went on to explain that he had three rafts of logs jammed against a railroad bridge at Tunis, that he was afraid they would weaken the bridge and cause a wreck, and that he was hurrying there to have them cleared. The explanation was acceptable to the panel and no rations were revoked.

It was learned that when the patrolman sounded his siren the noise frightened the driver and caused him to lose control and turn his car over.

Car Allotted By County Rationing Board Friday

A certificate for the purchase of a new automobile was issued to Dr. V. E. Brown, Williamston, by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night. The county was allowed six cars for distribution during the current month.

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Hundred Grade III Tires Are Allotted By Ration Board

Certificate Holders Declare They Can't Find Tires; No Exchange Possible

Regardless of what former Rubber Boss Bill Jeffers said, the rubber tire shortage is fast approaching a serious climax in this section. How long it will be before the situation is relieved, no one dares venture a guess. The issuance of Grade I tires is being held to a low point, and dealers declare they are finding it next to impossible to get Grade I tires to meet the demand created by the release of the few certificates. There may be plenty of Grade III tires, but dealers declare they are unable to get them in quantities, and holders of certificates are complaining to the rationing board. In no cases is it possible to exchange a Grade III certificate for one calling for a Grade I tire. Despite the apparent shortage in Grade III tires, this county's quota was increased last week-end by 100 and the allotment was quickly exhausted, and now the certificate holders are searching here and there for tires. A local dealer had 24 Grade III tires delivered last night, but they were insufficient to meet the certificates filed with him following the rationing week before last.

Grade I car and picked-up truck tires and tubes were rationed to the following:

- W. E. Grimes, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.  
A. B. Ayers, RFD 2, Williamston, one tube.  
E. G. Anderson, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.  
Wiley B. Rogerson, Robersonville, one tube.  
G. W. Barrett, Oak City, two tires and two tubes.  
Ottis Wainwright, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire.  
Nathaniel L. Coltrain, Williams- ton, two tires and one tube.  
Julian L. Mizell, Palmyra, one tire.  
W. C. Wallace, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires and one tube.  
W. W. Walters, Jamesville, two tires.  
W. A. Ross, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.  
Ira Manning, Everetts, two tires.  
Henry D. Peel, RFD 3, Williams- ton, one tire and one tube.  
W. K. Parker, Williamston, two tires.

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Brother Of Local Man Dies In Wayne

Jamesville's Post Observers To Meet

Nathan Darden, brother of D. E. Darden, of Williamston, and prominent farmer of Wayne County, died suddenly at his home near Eureka last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. Gassed in the last war, he had been in declining health for several years. He was 48 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted at the Faro Methodist Church in the community yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and interment followed in the Eureka Cemetery.

Besides his brother here, he is survived by his widow and two children, and the following brothers and sisters: Asa and LeRoy, of Wilson; Larry, of Wayne County; Zeb, of Greene County; Charlie, of Goldsboro; Mrs. Lucy Giles, of Newton; Mrs. W. A. Petterson and Mrs. E. H. Davis, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. W. E. Davis, of Fremont; Mrs. Carl Mewborn, of Snow Hill, and Mrs. J. T. Bass, of Lucama.

Sgt. Brand and his squad of the First Fighter Command, Norfolk, and Hugh G. Horton, county civilian defense chairman, will address a meeting of the Jamesville Post observers in the school building there on Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. Chief Observer Chas. Davenport announced today.

About fifty arm bands and special merit awards will be distributed at the meeting and all observers and the general public are urged to be present.

The sergeant will show a special picture of interest to the observers and the general public, Observer Davenport said.

Special Speaker For Everetts Prayer Meeting

Dr. W. R. Burrell will address the regular meeting in the Everetts Baptist Church Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, Paul Bailey, church officer, announced today. The service will be followed by a choir rehearsal.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

ADDITIONAL

Martin County farmers who have followed stipulated soil building practices in their entirety will receive additional consideration in the form of free seed distributions. The extra allotments will be based on those allowed under the original soil building agreements and the distribution will be effected as long as the supply lasts. Farmers may make applications at the agent's office.

Approximately 30,000 pounds of Austrian winter peas and vetch are available for making the distribution and furnishing those farmers who have not met fully their original soil building goals.