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## Third Bond Campaign In The County Nearing Quota Of \$918,000.00

### Bear Grass, Poplar Point and Hamilton First Over The Top

#### Other Districts Have Passed Their Goals, But Reports Are Incomplete

Martin County today is nearing its goal of \$918,000 for the Third War Loan Drive, but in announcing the splendid progress made in the drive so far, County Chairman D. V. Clayton pleaded with the canvassers and all citizens not to slacken the traces until the job is well done and more.

This morning, a total of \$769,095.00 had been raised in the county, according to incomplete reports. The figure includes \$76,000 in bonds purchased by the State and allotted to the county and \$30,000 purchased by the county itself. The \$76,000 and \$30,000 have been combined and are represented in the various totals for the several townships, each sharing in the \$106,000 in exact proportion to its assigned quota.

Chairman Clayton, cheered by a super successful bond rally in Hamilton last night, was indeed optimistic this morning when he made a last-minute report on the success of the drive. "There's much work to be done yet, but we are now satisfied that Martin County can and will deliver the goods and measure up to every expectation, just as it has done in the past," he said.

A review of the report shows three townships—Bear Grass, Poplar Point and Hamilton—over the top with Bear Grass still leading in marginal percentage. The report is based on actual accountings made by the district chairmen with Mr. Clayton. It was pointed out that several other townships, including Goose Nest, Griffins and possibly others, have passed their goals, but the accountings had not been completed when the report was released this morning.

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## Superior Court In County Has Recess Until Next Monday

### Twenty Minutes Following Trial of Criminals

The Martin County Superior Court, opening a two weeks' session last Monday morning with Judge Walter Bone on the bench, completed the trial of criminal cases about noon Tuesday and after handling six of twelve divorces on the calendar in about twenty minutes went into a recess early that afternoon until next Monday morning.

The court, scheduled to hear both criminal and civil cases, attracted very little attention from the general public during the short time it was in session this week, and it is indeed likely that it will attract even less attention next Monday when the first of a few civil cases are called. It is generally believed that the court will work a couple of days and fold its tent until about the middle of November when a "special" term will be held for the trial of civil cases only.

Proceedings: Of the six divorces granted, only two went to white couples. Five of the six were granted on the grounds of two years of separation and one was based on alleged adultery. Not one was contested. The court divorce mill was thrown into high gear and came near making or did make a record in turning out so many separation decrees in so short a time.

Based on two years' separation, divorces were granted to the following:

- Leon Sykes against Annie Sykes, colored couple.
  - William Brown Winbush against Clavon Andrews Winbush, colored couple.
  - Johannie James against Gladys Bailey James, white couple.
  - Booker T. Staton against Annie Mae Staton, colored couple.
  - R. A. Roebuck against Irene W. Roebuck, white couple.
- The divorce granted Nora James in her case against John Thomas James, Jr., was based on adultery. The litigants in this case are colored. Several divorces were delayed for one reason or another for consideration during future terms, but one or two will likely be placed in the court hopper for action next week.

## LABOR BOARD

The special War Labor Mobilization Board for this county will look into the vagrancy situation on Thursday afternoon of next week when its members meet to review the first cases called to their attention. The meeting will be held in the courthouse at 3 o'clock this afternoon, Chairman Hugh G. Horton announced yesterday.

It could not be learned definitely how many cases will be reviewed at the meeting, but several are pending, the chairman pointing out that quite a few had already been cleared through voluntary action on the part of the alleged vagrancy law violators.

## County Grand Jury Submits Quarterly Report This Week

### Body Completes Its Work Early in Term and Recesses until December

After making two minor recommendations, the Martin County Grand Jury in its quarterly report to the September superior court went on to praise the various public agencies and declare their operation in perfect order. The report: "We have passed on all bills of indictment presented to us.

We visited the clerk of court's office, and found it to be in excellent condition, with guardian and administrators accounts in good shape. We found the register of deeds office in excellent order and all bonds in order. The sheriff's office and the county tax collector's office were both checked and all records found in order.

We visited the county prison farm and the county home and found both in excellent condition; however, it is the opinion of the grand jury that due to the enormous amount of work and the various duties of the keeper of the county home that an assistant be furnished to assist him in his duties. The keeper of the home is performing at this time duties that in our opinion should not be his.

We visited the jail in the town of Robersonville, and recommend that same be given a thorough cleaning.

We visited the county jail and found four violators lodged there (3 colored and 1 white). The jail was found in a very clean and well kept condition.

## Gets Honorable Discharge After Three Years Service

After spending two years, eight months and ten days in the United States Army, Pfc. Hildreth Rogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Rogerson, of near Williamston, was recently given an honorable discharge.

According to his discharge papers, the young man had never been AWOL, had broken no regulations and his character was marked excellent. The discharge was granted on account of asthma.

After a week's stay with his people in the county, he and Mrs. Rogerson will leave this week-end for Charlotte where they will make their home.

## Issue Warning To Those Who Failed To List For Taxation

Following the regular meeting of the Martin County Grand Jury this week, a renewed warning is being issued to all property owners and others who have not listed their holdings or poll for general taxation for 1943. By a special order of the court coming following a recommendation received from the grand jury more than two years ago, tax authorities clamped down on non-tax listers. Some were carried into the courts and prosecuted, and others were required to list their properties and poll, pay fixed penalties and all taxes up to date.

It is now pointed out that non-listers who do not get their names on the books between now and the next term of the superior court in December will be made subject to indictment and prosecution in the

## Two Martin County Youths Lost in War Dead After Being Missing for a Year

### L. Dan Roebuck, Jr. Was Crew Member Of Ill-Fated Quincy

#### Young Man's Death Presumed to Have Occurred Aug. 9, Secretary Says

Lemuel Daniel Roebuck, Jr., young son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roebuck of near Hamilton, was officially listed among the war dead a few days ago by Navy Secretary Frank Knox in a personal letter to the young man's father. He is believed to be the twelfth Martin County youth to make the supreme sacrifice during the current struggle.

Besides his parents he is survived by four brothers, two of whom are now in the service of their country, and four sisters. Their names are: Craven B., L. M., Dallas and Reuben Roebuck, Sarah, Stella, Reba and Madeline Roebuck.

About four years ago when he was 20 years of age, he enlisted in the Navy. His last visit home was in May of last year, and his parting words to his father were, "I am ready and willing to do my duty, and I am going to do it to the very best of my ability for my country."

The letter received just a few days ago by Mr. Roebuck from Secretary Knox reviews the young man's case as follows:

"After a full review of all available information, I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that your son, Lemuel Daniel Roebuck, Jr., Storekeeper third class, USN, is deceased, having been reported 'missing in action' on August 9, 1942, being a member of the crew and serving aboard the U. S. S. Quincy when that vessel was sunk as a result of enemy action during the Battle of Savo Island.

"In accordance with section 5 of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, your son's death is presumed to have occurred on August 10, 1943, which is the day following the day of expiration of an absence of twelve months.

"I extend to you my sincere sympathy in your great loss and hope you may find comfort in the knowledge that your son gave his life for his country, upholding the highest traditions of the Navy. The Navy shares in your sense of bereavement and will feel the loss of his service. Sincerely yours, Frank Knox."

The youth was popular in his home community and had many friends and admirers.



L. DAN ROEBUCK, JR.



WILMER THOS. GLOVER

## Great Bond Rallies Are Held This Week In Three Districts

Farm Life Raises \$33,263; Cross Roads, \$10,649; Hamilton, \$58,325

The all-out drive to raise \$918,000 during the Third War Loan Drive in this county reached a feverish climax this week when three great bond rallies were held, one in Every-

## Firemen Get Two Calls This Week

Local firemen were called out twice in two days this week. Late Monday night they were called to Charlie Spruill's home on the Hamilton Road when a fire started in his corn barn and destroyed the barn and an old model car. The firemen kept it from spreading to a big wood pile and to the dwelling house by placing the pumper on the banks of Mill Branch and running a line of hose to the house. No estimate on the damage could be had, but it is not expected that the loss will exceed \$500. No corn was in the barn.

Wednesday morning about 8 o'clock the firemen were called to Mayo Matthews' barbecue pit just back of the Sinclair service station in the warehouse district. A pig on the pit caught fire and smoked up the place, but no damage was done to the building.

With the advent of cooler weather, an increase in the number of fires is expected by the department.

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## STILL FIGHTING

Even though he has been missing for more than a year and presumed dead these past few months, Seaman Wilmer Thomas Glover is still fighting. In person the young man did a hero's role in the Pacific fight, and now the insurance he carried on his life is going for war bonds.

## Wilmer Thos. Glover Is Given Up For Lost By Navy Personnel

### Navy Chief of Personnel Rates Young Man with Heroics In Pacific Fight

Wilmer Thomas Glover, young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Glover of near Oak City, has been given up for lost, according to information released a few weeks ago by Randall Jacobs, Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy, Chief of Personnel. The admiral's encouraging message would follow, relatives asked that the contents of the Rear Admiral's letter be withheld for a while. Out of deference to those wishes, no public mention was made that the young man had been officially listed among the war dead, that he presumably had made the supreme sacrifice.

Besides his parents, the young man leaves one brother, Ellsworth Glover, of Beaufort County, five sisters, Mrs. Howard Tatum and Mrs. Joe Williams, of South Norfolk; Mrs. Ernest Lawrence and Mrs. Fletcher Welch of the home, and Mrs. Paul Rider, of Dothan, Ala., and a half-sister, Mrs. J. P. Faithful, of Scotland Neck. The young man's mother was the former Miss Bessie Hyman of this county and his father, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, came to this county years ago from Northampton.

He enlisted in the Navy when only seventeen years of age. A short time after he was reported missing, an unofficial report was heard telling that his ship was seen to have gone down near a small island, but months have passed and nothing more was ever heard from him.

Listing him among the heroes of the Pacific fight, Admiral Jacobs tells how the youth was commended by his commanding officer in the following letter addressed to the lad's father:

"As you no doubt realize more than a year has elapsed since your son, Wilmer Thomas Glover, Aviation Ordnanceman second class, United States Navy, was placed in the missing status. He was a member of Torpedo Squadron Two, attached to the aircraft carrier, U. S. S. Lexington, during the Coral Sea battle.

"On the 7th day of May, 1942, the VT-2 squadron was represented in the attack group which sank the RYUKAKU off Louisiana, Archipelago. The planes of this squadron attacked the enemy's fleet.

## War Board Allots Eight Pea Pickers

Meeting in special session here this week, the United States Department of Agriculture War Board for Martin County has alloted eight new peanut pickers, as follows: L. G. Taylor, C. M. Hurst, Minton Beach, F. C. Stallings, C. L. Green, W. S. Revels, J. E. King and W. C. Peel. It is understood that there are three or four more pickers available for distribution in this county.

A permit for the construction of a small county home was issued to R. D. Jones, and permission was granted S. Rogerson to make a connection with a rural power line.

J. C. Johnson, Oak City; John Hadley and S. B. Lilley, Williamston, were given permission to substitute rubber tires for steel wheels on their tractors.

## War Prisoners Start Work On Farms In County This Week

Believed to be the first to appear in this county since Martin soldiers were held by the Federals back in the struggle between the States, Italian prisoners of war started working on farms in this area last Wednesday. The first assignment was made on the Copeland farm in the upper part of the county that day, and it is understood they are still engaged in the harvesting of peanuts there. Today, prisoners from the Windsor camp are working on the farms of John Gurkin, Malcolm Barefoot, W. B. Daniel and Paul Dixon, mostly in the Williamston area.

Few reports have been received from the farms where the prisoners of war are now working, but it was stated that the men were willing workers and were readily adapting themselves to their newly accepted tasks. It is understood that about 74 per cent of the men were farmers before Mussolini yanked them up and sent them to North Africa to

## Tobacco Prices Move Upward With Average Well Over \$45 Today

### Individual Sales Are Reported As High As \$56 On Local Market

The weather man and the calendar maker were working in close harmony at 6:12 o'clock last evening when they ushered out good ole summer time and turned in Fall.

For a while it looked as if the calendar-maker was a little ahead of the game, but before the night was spent, the weather man went into action and the mercury dropped down into the fifties. Some shivered it out rather than get up between 4 o'clock and day to get a blanket.

The weather change was so marked that some complained Fall had already given over to Winter.

## Germans Retreating In Haste As Allies Increase Offensive

### Germans Flying Out of Corsica, Jumping at Smolensk, Swimming from Kuban

Its full flight toward points near home for the Germans today on battle fronts in Russia, Corsica and Italy, late reports stating that the enemy is flying out of Corsica, heeling it with all his might out of the Smolensk area, jumping in Italy and swimming out of the Kuban sector. It is a mass flight today, but some observers believe general mud soon relieve the plight of the Nazis for six or eight weeks or until the Russians can resume their task of hurling the enemy out of their land on frozen ground.

In the Smolensk area, the Russians have virtually surrounded the area, and a general German retreat is believed in the making. It is also considered likely that the German line will fade away with the fall of Smolensk. The retreat in some areas along the Eastern Front have reached the proportions of a rout, and the Germans are paying with enormous losses in manpower and equipment.

A strong drive is being amassed just about ten miles south of Kiev and there is some talk about the possibility that the Russians will not stop until they have driven the Germans to a strong line of defense for the Germans.

## Local Young Man Ordnance Officer In 9th Air Force

An announcement trickling out of a United States Air Force Bomber Station somewhere in England and cleared by the U. S. Army censor in Washington City states that First Lieutenant Oscar S. Anderson is now an Ordnance Officer of an Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress group where his department has charge of the bombs "that will enrich the soil of occupied Europe by blasting the Nazis out of it."

The note offered no details, but in a personal letter received a short time ago, the young man was reported to have told about a trip to London.

## Services Accepted Several Men From County This Week

Several Martin County boys were accepted for military services at an Army induction center this week, according to an unofficial but reliable report received here yesterday. It was stated that Geo. B. Fulmer, former Robersonville young man, John Arnold Ward, Jr., of Williamston; Wallace Orlando Robertson, of Robersonville, and Henry Herman Rawls, of RFD 1, Robersonville, were accepted by the Army. Cecil Brawford Bonds, of RFD 2, Williamston, and Sam Lathenhouse Whichard, of RFD 3, Williamston, were accepted by the Marines, the unofficial report stated. Guilford VanBuren Flowers, former store manager of Williamston, and Joseph Howard Thigpen, young Williamston boy, were held over for further examinations, according to the latest unofficial information that could be had. It was said that Irven Frester Keel, Lloyd Cleveland Morris and Horace Dee Dixon were rejected.

The report explained that Ward and Robertson were accepted for limited military service, meaning possibly that they will be received as specialists. It was also said that they will return for active service before the end of the year.

Others accepted by the Army report at the end of a 21-day furlough. Bonds and Whichard are expected to report for active duty with the Marines the early part of next week, it is understood.

Reporting on their trip to the induction center this week, John Ward, Jr., declared that they were well received there, that Pfc. Jim Manning, Pfc. Paul Robertson and Pfc. C. B. Martin were the most generous and obliging reception committee. "Why, they even delivered our bed clothing and nursed our every care and woe," John said. "They are a fine group of boys all right," he added.

The Martin County boys made a record in that a larger percentage of their group was accepted than is ordinarily the case. One unofficial report stated that nearly 400 men were rejected and forty were accepted at one induction in a single day recently.