

# Little Time Left To Go Over the Top in \$918,000 War Loan Drive



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## Final Sessions of the Regular Term Here

### Several Divorces Are Granted; Little Interest Shown In Proceedings

The Martin County Superior Court is holding the final sessions of its two-weeks' mixed term here today, the proceedings having attracted very little attention. Actually the court has been in session hardly four days during the two weeks it was scheduled to sit. At one time today there were only four persons in the audience, but the bar was fairly crowded with litigants and witnesses.

Proceedings not previously reported follow:  
Based on two years' separation, a divorce was granted Josie Howell in her case against Eli Howell.

A divorce was also granted Rufus Edwards against Ruby Edwards on similar grounds.

After granting a divorce to Blonzie P. Harrell in her suit against Francis S. Harrell, the court granted the custody of their five-year-old daughter to its mother. The court stipulated, however, that the father could see the child from time to time either at the home of Mrs. J. H. Hopkins or at the home of E. N. Harrell for as long as a day and night at the time, but the plaintiff must have at least two days' notice to have the child ready for the visit. Cost of the action was taxed against the plaintiff, "and the cause retained for further orders relative to support and welfare of the child," the court ruled.

In the case of James E. Smithwick against Josie M. Smithwick, now Mrs. Josie M. Montgomery, the plaintiff asked part-time custody of their child. The defendant was awarded custody of the child, but the plaintiff was given right to visit the child at its home in Wilmington or elsewhere where the defendant may be living at such times as will not cause interference. It was also ordered by the court that the plaintiff is to have custody of the child for a period of two weeks during each summer to live at the home of its grandmother in Jamesville.

The case of G. H. Harrison, surviving partner, against R. L. Mizelle, administrator, was settled by agreement, the plaintiff recovering \$154.78 with interest from December, 1934.

A voluntary non-suit was taken by the plaintiff in the case of Nina Bell Riddick against John Estess Bell Riddick.

A non-suit was ordered in the case of Mary Paxton Caldwell against Alfred Caldwell when the plaintiff failed to appear and prosecute the action.

## Man Is Jailed For Duplicating Crime

About two years ago, Roosevelt Fagan, colored man, was jailed here for the alleged larceny of an automobile. While he was in jail a warrant was received from Beaufort County, authorities explaining that the man was wanted there for forgery. He was surrendered to the neighboring county authorities. For some reason or other, the man, after serving his sentence imposed upon him in Beaufort County, was given his freedom without being returned to this county for trial on the old charge.

Last week he was arrested and charged with the larceny of an automobile from H. F. Williams. During the meantime, Beaufort authorities complained that he was wanted there again for forgery, placing Fagan right back where he was about two years ago.

Given a preliminary hearing before Mayor J. L. Hassell here Wednesday evening, Fagan was placed under bond in the sum of \$500. Unable to raise that amount he lingered in the jail until he was returned to Beaufort to face the forgery charge.

## Few Minor Charges Are Heard By Mayor

A few minor cases were heard by Trial Justice J. L. Hassell in his court here last week.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, the following defendants were taxed with costs designated: Luther William Respass \$7.50; James J. Neal, \$8.50; Deaton Godard, \$8.50; M. A. Glisson, \$7.50; W. A. Perkins, \$7.50.

Lear Ryan, charged with violating the unemployment compensation act, was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the repayment of \$8.50 and \$5.50 costs. A similar case brought against Lilly M. Brown was not pressed.

## A Thousand Dollars In Stove

Early one morning last week a farmer's wife near Williamston crammed the greater portion of the family's earthly savings—\$1,301 in green backs in the various denominations up to \$20—into the kitchen stove for safe keeping while she went to work in tobacco. Returning late that afternoon the wife started preparing for the evening meal. A fire was built in the stove and she was preparing the dough for the biscuits when she recalled the hiding place for the money. Without offering to pour water on the fire, she reached her hand into the stove, yanked out the burning bag of money and doused it in water.

Greatly disturbed and holding back tears with sheer might, she reported to her banker, thinking little about the burns her hand received in recovering the precious parcel. Taking the burnt money, the banker was able to piece much of it together, but its present value will have to be determined by the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond.

Some of the ends were burned off while other bills were burned in two. Only the bare ashes were left in one or two cases, but the serial numbers were fairly discernible on the charred paper. No final accounting has been received from the bank but it is possible that the owner will lose no more than a few dollars.

Apparently not certain of the amount of money she had, the good wife made a second search of the stove and found about \$230 more, but it was not burned quite so badly and its value was determined locally.

Assured that new money would be issued, the owner insisted that the banker keep it for deposit. "I never want to keep any more money," she was reported to have told the banker.

## Second Period Liquor Sales Set New Record

### ROUND-UP

Local and county officers had a fairly busy week-end rounding up the drunks. Nine persons, their ages ranging from 24 to 50 years, were jailed, some of the officers stating that a lot of people are getting drunk off a mighty little liquor. It is possible, another points out, that the legal brand is being supplemented by the home-made spirits.

Seven of the nine persons arrested and jailed were white.

## Tobacco Prices On Local Market Reach Record High Figure

### Around 260,000 Pounds Sold Yesterday for Average Above 46 Cents

A new high point in tobacco prices was recorded on the Williamston market yesterday when approximately 265,000 pounds of the golden leaf averaged over 46 cents, or 46.11 per hundred pounds, to be exact. It was pointed out that the price paid for fifty cents a pound, but the average clearly indicates that prices for medium and even the inferior grades were pushing to record levels. Few piles brought less than 40 cents while one after another sold for a price ranging from 44 to 50 cents.

It was reliably estimated today that sales for the season to date stand right at six million pounds, that the average will push 41 cents for the entire period.

A report from Supervisor of Sales C. U. Rogers this morning indicated that the big block existing ever since the short selling period was adopted several weeks ago will be broken today, that it will be possible for the farmer with some few exceptions to deliver and sell his tobacco on the same day. Despite peanut digging and cotton picking, sales have held up well on the local market, but it is fairly apparent that the big rush is about spent. However, block sales are to be expected from time to time.

Reports from the belt as a whole show that approximately 152,125,702 pounds had been sold up to and including last Friday, that the season's

## IN AND OUT

Overly anxious to serve his country, Jimmie Mitchell volunteered for service in the U. S. Navy a few days ago. Last Saturday he went to Raleigh and was sworn in at 11:50 a. m., but his official connection with the Navy was brief. At 1:30 p. m. the same day he was discharged. It was a brief service record, but the seventeen-year-old admitted that his service record in the Navy was not as brief as Pat's was in the Army.

The boy had wiggled consent from his father to join the service, and when the final showdown came he admitted that his father did not want him to join at such a tender age. "They swore me in and then cussed me out," the boy said. "But instead of sending me to jail for twenty years, they tore up the papers and told me to get for home—and try again," the boy said.

## IN WARTIME

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

### Cut Expected in Shoe Ration

The new shoe stamp, No. 1 on the "airplane" sheet in War Ration Book Three, which becomes valid November 1, probably will have to last six months, OPA has announced. At the same time OPA said that stamp 18, originally scheduled to expire October 31, is extended indefinitely and will overlap the next stamp. OPA's present plan is to eliminate expiration dates on shoe stamps and to make new stamps valid as soon as supplies warrant. This enables a person to save shoe stamps until shoes are needed.

### More Leather for Shoe Repair

More leather will be available for repair of civilian shoes, as the result of a recent WPB order.

### More Soap Provided

Consumers will have greater soap supplies within a few weeks. The War Food Administration has announced a program to provide a 26 per cent increase in soap production for civilian use. WFA emphasized that there will still be no excess and urged soap-saving by every possible method.

### May Requisition Idle Trucks

Idle trucks may be requisitioned by district ODT offices or Agricultural County War Boards to transport vital agricultural products where such transport service is vitally needed. Requisitioning will be necessary only where owners of idle used trucks are unwilling to allow the use of their vehicles in this service.

### Market Turkeys Now

Farmers are urged to market their turkeys as soon as possible so that the American armed forces overseas can have typical Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. In a joint statement, Maj. Gen. E. B. Gregory, Quartermaster General, and Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator, appealed to farmers to "go over your turkey flocks carefully now with a view to offering as many as possible

### One Hundred Thirty Tires Are Allotted By Rationing Board

Further curtailment in the issuance of Grade I tires is announced.

Issued today are 130 tires last Friday, the Martin County Price and Rationing Board decreased the number of pending applications, but the situation as it relates to Grade I tires is still not very bright. Allowed a quota increase, the board wiped out a number of applications by allotting Grade III tires to those who, in many cases, wanted Grade I tires.

It was learned officially that the rationing of Grade I tires is to be curtailed. The A card holder is eligible for no tires now and in the future the motorist who has an allotment calling for less than 600 miles of travel each month will be eligible only for Grade III tires.

Grade I car and pick-up truck tires and tubes were issued to the following:

B. L. House, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.  
Geo. D. Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tube.  
John W. Eubanks, Hassell, one tube.  
L. P. Holliday, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire.  
R. A. Edmondson, Hamilton, two tires and one tube.  
G. H. Forbes, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.  
Clarence Barber, Jamesville, two tires.  
J. W. Green, Williamston, one tire and one tube.  
J. S. Harrison, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.  
G. C. James, Parmele, one tire and one tube.  
J. W. Weathersbee, RFD 1, Parmele, two tires.  
J. E. Johnson, Robersonville, two tires.  
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## PACKAGES

Well over one hundred packages have been mailed at the local post office for delivery to Martin County young men in service overseas, and the mailing is gradually increasing from day to day, according to Postmistress Susie P. Fowden. Yesterday, a dozen packages, addressed to young men in several parts of the world, were mailed here. All packages going to men in the army overseas must be mailed by October 15 if delivery by Christmas is to be expected.

## Warning Issued In Lone Speeding Case Friday

Charged with exceeding the speed limit, William Alexander, driver for the W. I. Skinner Company, was warned against the practice by the County Rationing Board trial panel last Friday night. The case was the only one recorded.

## \$91,000 Short of Goal

### Issue Last Appeals In Support Of Big Financial Drive

### Four Districts Over the Top And Several Others Nearing Their Goals

Making a semi-final but incomplete report, D. V. Clayton, county chairman of the Third War Loan drive, stated that a total of \$827,624.75 of the \$918,000 campaign quota had been subscribed, leaving \$91,000 to be raised between now and Saturday night of this week. It was pointed out that the period for completing the drive had been extended two days, but the chairman is anxious to complete the work within the time first allotted, and he is again appealing to all district chairmen and canvassers to exert every effort in the final drive to reach and pass the goal. Individuals are urged to do more.

Approximately \$58,529 was added to the total since the last report was made early last Friday morning. Nearly every district reported substantial gains, but in reconciling the reports the chairman found that in a few instances the actual issuance did not quite come up to the pledges. It was pointed out, however, that the pledges are recognized, that the makers were a little slow in closing the transactions. Late yesterday, four districts, Bear Grass, Poplar Point, Hamilton and Goose Nest were over the top. A hurried review of the figures for Hamilton Township last Friday indicated that the goal had been reached there. A later tabulation shows that while that portion of the township headed by the Hamilton committee has passed its quota, the remainder of the township headed by a Hassell committee is about \$9,000 short of its \$15,000 quota. Chairman Clayton is quite certain that the district as well as most if not all the others will close the gaps and reach and possibly pass the goals before the end of the drive.

Considerable gains were reported in Jamesville and Williams Township over the week-end, and Cross Roads is now less than \$6,000 of its quota. The drive is being continued there, Chairman Paul Bailey directing the following personal appeal to the people of his district: "As chairman of our district, I urge each individual to contact one of the banks or any other agency handling the sale of war bonds and do all you can this Thursday of this week. Do not wait until someone calls to see you. Let's go over the top now, so we can look with some degree of pride to our boys when they return and say we did our best."

A late report from Robersonville received just before noon today stated that the total sales there stand now at \$248,427.50, a figure considerably in excess of the sales reported late yesterday. The district, according to Chairman D. R. Everett, will hold a final big rally on the main street Saturday afternoon of this week at 4 o'clock, and everyone is invited to attend. Valuable prizes will be offered, it was announced.

## Victim Of Accident Passes In Hospital

Injured in an automobile accident near Greenville on September 18, S. G. Bunting, brother of Dr. Vernon Bunting, of Williamston, died in a Greenville hospital last Friday afternoon.

A son of the late J. R. and Sallie Taylor Bunting he was born in Bethel where he spent most of his life and where he engaged in business and farming. He was a World War I veteran.

Besides his brother here he leaves a son, J. R. Bunting, of Bethel, and three brothers, Z. V. and John B. Bunting, of Bethel, and J. A. Bunting, of Bethel, and four sisters, Mrs. H. V. Staton, and Mrs. D. C. Carson, of Bethel; Mrs. Christine B. James, of Newport News, and Mrs. W. R. Pollard, of Greenville.

Funeral services were conducted in the Bethel Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was in the cemetery there.

## Firemen Called Out Here Sunday Evening

Members of the local volunteer fire department were called out Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock when sparks from a blazing chimney threatened the home of Mrs. Maude Mizelle on West Main Street. Water was thrown on the shingle roof to keep it safe, but no damage was done.

## IN PLANE CRASH



Sgt. Geo. H. Wynne, suffering several broken bones and a severe cut on his left arm in an airplane crash, is expected to be out within a few days following a stay of nearly two months in a State of Washington hospital. He is the son of Mrs. Geo. D. Wynne and the late Mr. Wynne.

## Col. Wm. B. Wynne Passes In Hospital At Oteen Yesterday

Served with Eddie Rickenbacker in Last War; Was First to Enter Berlin

Lt. Colonel William B. Wynne, World War I veteran and a citizen of this county for about six years, died in a government hospital at Oteen yesterday morning at 12:45 o'clock following a long illness. In declining health for some time, he entered the hospital last February.

The son of the late Joseph and Minerva Graham Wynne, he was born near Jackson, Mississippi, fifty years ago last January. When a young man he volunteered for service in the army and when war broke out in 1917 he entered the Air Corps as a lieutenant. Before its end he was made a lieutenant colonel and retired from that post about ten years ago.

While in the service he was with Eddie Rickenbacker in the U. S. Air Corps while in France and was one of the first American servicemen to enter Berlin following the 1918 armistice. During his service he was hurt several times, once seriously when his plane crashed.

He was married twice and three children survive—the first union, Robert Wynne, of Washington City; Susanne, of Chicago, and Billy, of the U. S. Army Air Corps. He met his second wife some years ago in Mississippi and during a visit with relatives in this county about six years ago they were married. She was the former Miss Elsie Green before her marriage to David Griffin.

Besides his three children, and wife, he leaves four step-children, Susanne, David, Billy and Cleo Griffin.

The funeral party left Oteen early this morning and will reach Arlington, Va., late this evening, where the final rites will be held in the chapel tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Interment will follow in the National cemetery.

## SHORTAGE

bumped into possibly one of the most perplexing and serious problems last Friday night when they were asked to ration 115 coal and wood heaters from a quota of ten.

While the board is looking for an increased quota in October, it is fairly apparent that many persons will have to resort to other means of keeping warm. Tin heaters may be purchased without a certificate. Old heaters may be repaired, and it is possible to have a heater built around the castings of a worn-out heater. As a last resort to keep from freezing to death, one may build a big fire in the yard if he is able to get and pay for the necessary fuel.

Those persons allotted heaters are being notified to call for their certificates. If they fail to call for them within thirty days, the certificate will expire and the board will then issue them to other applicants.

## Momentum In Italy, Russia and in Pacific

### Foggia Falls to Eighth Army; Russians Smash Across Dnieper River

Allied drives are gaining more momentum in Russia, Italy and in the Pacific, late reports stating that the enemies are withdrawing to points almost unbelievably distant before even considering making a stand.

In Italy, the important air base across the boot from Naples, has fallen to the British Eighth Army giving the Allies an ideal opportunity to rush down and overpower Naples. During the meantime, General Clark's Fifth Army has been sweeping the enemy back on its march toward Naples.

In Russia, the Red Army has just about gained its summer objective with no great let-down immediately in sight. The Russians have already crossed the Dnieper at several points, penetrating the western approaches as many as ten miles in some sectors. It was the opinion of military observers that the Germans would offer a stand at the Dnieper, but apparently such action will hardly be taken until the Polish border is reached. More than two-thirds of the territory captured and ravished by the Germans is back in Russian hands, but not until great cities were devastated. In a personal order of the day yesterday, Hitler ordered the complete destruction of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine and Russia's third and most beautiful city. The fall of Kiev has not been announced, but the Russians are said to have crossed the Dnieper on both sides of the city and that the flanking movement is endangering the enemy. Late reports indicate that the German retreat has been turned into a general rout along some of the roads leading back home. Many Germans are throwing down their guns and large stores of ammunition and equipment are being abandoned, one report claimed.

Further to the south, the Russians have about mastered the opposition in the Kuban area, and at the other end of the line around Smolensk, the advancing Soviets are streaming westward toward Orsha.

In the Pacific the Allies are increasing their pressure on the strong Jap base of Finshhafen on New Guinea, and increased action is anticipated in Burma, where the Japs have increased their defenses.

Talk of more action in the Balkans is being heard, one report stating that the Allies are planning to attack the Balkan coast.

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## A Bullock Dies In County Sunday

W. Augustus Bullock, 55 years of age, died at his home on the Johnson farm in Poplar Point Sunday morning at 7 o'clock following an illness of about three weeks' duration. He underwent an operation for appendicitis about three weeks ago. After a stay of nine days in the hospital he returned home and was thought to be getting along very well until the latter part of last week when he suffered a relapse, death following about two days later.

He was the son of the late Thomas Bullock and wife, and lived in this county all his life, engaging in farming.

When a young man he was married to Miss Ella Taylor. She died several years ago. He leaves six daughters, Maybelle Bullock, Pretta Bullock, Mrs. John Fenner Beacham, Mrs. Charles Beacham, Mrs. Chester Terry and Mrs. Irving Charle and two sons, Willie and Willie Mc Bullock.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Tom Harris. Interment was in the Wynne Cemetery in Cross Roads.

## Surrenders Hotel Lease This Week

After ten years of successful operation, Mrs. Grace Swain this week is surrendering her lease on the Hotel George Reynolds here. Mr. and Mrs. K. A. White will take over the lease and continue the operation of the property.

Accepting a position in the Roper schools, Mrs. Swain will return to her old home near Roper. Mr. Swain, who has maintained a patient and diligent watch in the lobby, during the ten years, is leaving on Friday of this week.

No official announcement has been made by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cunningham, but one report stated that they planned to renovate the building. It was also stated that the new lessees were planning to reopen the dining room.