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Russians Continue Sweeping Drive in Dnieper Bend Area

Allies Starting Big Drive To Crash "Little Rommel Line" In Italy

Continuing their drive in the Dnieper River Bend, the Russians have the Germans reeling and rocking, the observer optimists seeing in the drive the possible downfall of Hitler.

The reports coming out of Germany are confusing, and the commentators are not helping to clarify the situation. One report tells how the people ignore communiques released by Hitler and Goebbels and how they are longing for peace.

On the Russian front, the German line from the Melitopol area to the Sea of Azov has just about caved in before Red Army drives, ranging from 12 to 18 miles each day for the past several days.

The big battle for Rome is about to begin, according to late reports. Allied bombing in Germany has communications 30 miles north of Naples and the land forces are pushing ever onward against the "Little Rommel Line".

Mrs. Annie Harrell Passes In Oak City

Mrs. Annie Harrell, aged Oak City, resident, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Hopkins, there at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Born and reared in the Oak City community, Mrs. Harrell was married in early womanhood to H. K. Harrell who died about twenty years ago.

She is survived by four sons, E. Norman Harrell, Oak City; Ernest K. Harrell, of Camilla, Ga.; E. L. and Francis S. Harrell, of Raleigh and three daughters, Mrs. C. W. Jennings, of Raleigh; Mrs. S. E. Hines, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. J. H. Hopkins, of Oak City.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home by Rev. P. Harris, Baptist minister of Bethel. Interment was in the Oak City Cemetery.

Killer Released In \$1,000 Posted Bond

Robert Lee Andrews, Pitt County colored farmer charged with assaulting and fatally injuring Walter Wallace Bailey, young white boy, in Robersonville on Wednesday night of last week, was released in \$1,000 bond by Mayor H. S. Everett at a hearing held in Robersonville last Tuesday evening.

Comparatively little evidence was offered at the hearing, the court calling on three witnesses for the State. No new angles to the trouble that cost the young Bear Grass boy his life were brought out at the hearing, according to reports reaching here.

The case is being docketed for trial during the one week of superior court opening here on December 13.

To Handle Late Registrations For Rations On November 8th

Hampered by a shortage of books, the registration for basic "A" gas and No. 4 food ration books failed to come up to expectations in the county this week. Plans are already underway for completing the registration in the county office of the War Price and Rationing Board here beginning Monday, November 8.

A hitch in the rationing developed when a number of schools failed to make their daily reports, a report from the rationing board office stating that it was impossible to follow

PEANUTS

Even though heavy rains falling earlier in the week delayed threshing operations, peanut deliveries have continued to hold up on the local market, reaching a peak last Wednesday when between seven and eight thousand bags were handled.

Native Of County Dies At Her Home Last Friday Night

Was Member Of One Of County's Most Prominent Families

Robersonville, N. C., October 27.—Mrs. Hattie M. Purvis died at her home late last Friday night following two heart attacks and a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Purvis was the wife of E. D. Purvis, prominent Martin County farmer. She was 66 years old and lived between Bethel and Hassell. Funeral services were held from the home by Elder B. S. Cowan, of the Primitive Church and Rev. J. M. Perry of the local Christian Church, at 3:30 last Sunday afternoon.

She is survived by her husband, two children, Mrs. Audrey Purvis and Dallas Purvis, of Martin County; three brothers, Willie and Thomas, of Robersonville, and Leland Roberson, of Florida.

Mrs. Purvis was born and reared in one of the county's most prominent families. She was the daughter of the late David Roberson, Martin County's last surviving Confederate soldier, and Julie Smith Roberson.

Brother Of Local Man War Casualty

Charles William Taylor, brother of Mr. Herbert Taylor, has been reported missing by the War Department since September 13, according to a message received here late yesterday. It could not be learned where the soldier was in action, and few other details were offered in the brief message.

Mr. Taylor, 39 years old, had been in foreign service about a year. He returned to this country on a special mission last July, but was back at his post in August, a letter stating that he was getting along all right at that time. Mr. Taylor was employed in Roanoke Rapids before entering the service.

Town Commissioners To Meet Next Monday Night

"As far as I know there is no special business scheduled for consideration when the local town commissioners meet next Monday night," Mayor J. L. Hassell said today.

Martin County Men Returning To Camp For Active Service

Most of Group Reporting in October Were Married Men With Children

Inducted into the service the early part of this month, about a dozen Martin County men recently returned to the centers for active duty. About half the group left last week for naval training stations, one report stating that at least two were transferred to a base on the Great Lakes for their "boot" training.

The following men were accepted by the Army: John Anderson Warren, Joseph Cullford Stocks, James Ellis Wynne, Vernon Carlyle Langley, III, Tyree Bryan Tyson and Newton D. Roberson.

Bear Grass Is First To Go Over Top in United Fund Drive

Drive Completed Wednesday Is \$27.69 in Excess of \$500 Quota

Perfecting their canvass the latter part of last week, sixteen Bear Grass citizens launched the United War Fund Drive in their township last Monday morning and by late Wednesday the task was complete with their quota raised and more.

Four men were transferred to other boards for induction. They were, Basil Brodnax Castellow to Clinton; Joseph Robert Barrett to North Wilkesboro; Luther Shaw Ward to Washington, N. C., and Richard Earl O'Mary to Greenville.

Youth Dies On Way To Doctor's Office

Uluse C. Bonds, 16 years old, died in an automobile in front of a doctor's office here yesterday afternoon at 12:15 o'clock. He had been in declining health for more than a year, spending the past three months in bed.

The success of the drive is to be credited to Mrs. Peel and the following canvassers: Lewis Bullock, Martha L. Mendenhall, J. R. Rogers, H. G. Harrison, E. C. Harrison, Mrs. Ralph Mobley, Mrs. W. M. Harrison, Mrs. Roy Ward, Mrs. J. T. Harris, Mrs. Arthur Peaks, Mrs. Noah Rogerson, Mrs. Pete Mendenhall, Mrs. Leslie W. Bailey, Mrs. Kneezier Harrison and Professor T. O. Hickman.

Donations are acknowledged, as follows: E. Slade Peele, \$10; Mrs. J. L. Holliday, \$8.70; Mrs. Leslie W. Bailey, \$1; Mrs. W. O. Peele, \$10; Mrs. Ralph Holliday, \$3; Macedonia Sunday School, \$12.50; W. S. Revels, \$2; Mrs. Clyde Revels, \$2; Mrs. Carl Lee Beacham, \$2.50; Mrs. Claude L. Hadley, \$1; H. C. Green, \$1; Mrs. R. L. Perry, \$10; Mrs. Weeks Rogers, \$1; Mrs. Pearl Rogers, \$1; Mrs. William Rogers, \$1.50; Mrs. Minnie Ward, \$1; Mrs. L. C. Bennett, \$1.25; L. C. Bennett, \$4.27; W. P. Hadley, \$1; Clayton Revels, \$2.50; Mrs. J. S. Holliday, \$3; H. U. Peele, \$5; Elder A. B. Ayers, \$5; Leroy Harrison, \$3; Mrs. Leroy Harrison, \$1; E. C. Harrison, \$3; Levi Harrison, \$1; W. B. Taylor, \$2; H. D. Harrison Store, \$1; B. O. Cowin, \$2; Mrs. J. A. Harrison, 75c; W. A. Brown, \$1; Charlie Hoell, Jr., \$1; H. D. Harrison, \$1; Irvin Terry, \$1; Noah Gardner, \$3; J. R. Cherry, \$1; Edmond Harris, \$2; Buck E. Rogers, \$1; J. R. Rogers, \$5; H. G. Harrison, \$5; C. U. Rogers, \$5; Lester Terry, \$2; W. W. Whitehurst, \$1; A. C. Harrison, \$1; Charlie Rogers, \$1; Bert Wynn, \$2; Cortez Bowen, \$5; Murphy Whitaker, 15c; Mrs. Gilbert Rogerson, \$1; Roy Harrison, \$1; Pete Mendenhall, \$1.25; Lemuel Harrison, 25c; Mrs. Bessie Cowan, \$1.25; Willie Whitehurst, \$5; Henry Gurganus, \$1; Mrs. J. D. Wynne, \$4; Bud

Improving In Hospital

Entering a Durham hospital almost a month ago for eye trouble, Mrs. James A. Leggett is showing slow but fairly steady improvement. It is now certain that she will retain her sight in one eye, and that the prospects are good for recovering the sight in the other eye.

Heavy Demand For Boots And Shoes

A heavy demand for shoes in excess of allotted rations is being reported by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board. Just recently the board received 56 applications for boots in one week. Fifty-three of the applications were approved, two were rejected and one was carried over for later consideration.

Two Townships Reach Quotas In Fund Drive

Single Gift Boosts Total By \$2,000 In Williamston Drive

That Martin County would reach and pass its \$10,481.00 United War Fund goal was almost certain today as encouraging reports were received from nearly every township in District No. 1 and when Rev. J. M. Perry, chairman of District No. 2, stated that the drive was gaining momentum in his five townships.

N. C. Green, county-wide chairman of the United War Fund, declared he was greatly pleased with the success of the drive to date, and felt certain that the goal would be reached and passed by every district.

Sentenced To Roads For Operating Auto Without A License

Judge J. C. Smith Handles An Even Dozen Cases in His Court Monday

The operation of motor vehicles without drivers' licenses was frowned upon by Judge J. C. Smith in the county court last Monday when he sentenced a defendant charged with violating the particular law to the roads for a period of thirty days.

The case charging Alex Williams with violating the liquor laws was continued for the defendant until next Monday.

Three Persons Hurt In Wreck Near Here

Three persons were hurt, two badly, when the car in which they were riding went out of control and turned over on the Washington Highway near here last Wednesday night about 9:30 o'clock.

The case charging Jesse Lee Andrews with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued until next Monday.

Curtis Overton, charged with speeding, was fined \$15 and taxed with the court costs.

Five Defendants In Mayor's Court Here

The supply of legal liquor is uncertain, but the number of persons carried before Justice J. L. Hassell for alleged drunkenness remains about the same week after week. Once in a long while, Justice Hassell reports few activities in his court, but for the past several months there have been on an average about half dozen cases heard by him each week following the weekend round-ups.

REPORT PLANTINGS

All Martin County farmers who have sowed winter legumes including vetch, winter peas and crimson clover or left soybeans solid on their lands, are asked to report their acreages planted and pounds of seed sown to the county agent's office by card or in person. The names of tenants who are to participate in the special payments should be listed also.

Release Additional Classifications For County Registrants

Nearly Every One of the Men Are Engaged in War Industry

Reviewing thirty-six additional cases, the Martin County Draft Board continued every one of the registrants in their old classifications, meaning that the men are being deferred in most cases for at least six months. With some few exceptions the men are engaged in war industry and are rated as holding essential or critical jobs.

The National House of Representatives this week proposed a law that would make the draft of all single men and married men without children demandatory before any more fathers are called.

Prisoners Of War In Industrial Work

The acute labor shortage existing here was again partially relieved yesterday when Italian prisoners of war reported for work at the plant of the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company. More than a dozen of the prisoners readily adjusted themselves to their newly assigned tasks and were said to have greatly aided the manufacture of food containers the first day they were on the job.

Post Office Income Sets A New Record

Post office receipts here reached a new high record for the third quarter, according to Assistant Postmaster F. Earl Wynne. The income for the three months period ending last September 30 was placed at \$6,879.36, a gain of \$584.72 over the receipts for the corresponding period in 1942.

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