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Border of Rumania

Allied Fifth and Eighth mies Continue Slow but Steady Drive on Rome

ant Ukranian city of Kiev and pushto feature a new and devastating blow against Hitler and his hordes. After slaying the enemy by the thousands, the Red Army did not tarry long at Kiev but continued its march southwestward. Travelling as many as twenty miles a day, the Russians have left the city more than 50 miles behind and are now within 130 miles of the Rumanian

Late reports said that the Russians encountered no minefields, pillboxes or hedgehog defenses in their push southwest of Kiev, that the retreat was so rapid the Germans had no time to plant the obstacles.

Meanwhile, Soviet forces, consolidating their bridgeheads north and south of Kerch, at the eastern tip of the Crimea, improved their positions. The Nazis confirmed heavy fighting around Kerch, but said that small Russian battle groups had been "an-nihilated or repelled."

West and southwest of Nevel, on the front north of Vitebsk, the Russians occupied several more places which carried them to within 50 miles of the old Polish border.

Moscow announced that 219 German tanks were destroyed or damaged Saturday, when Kiev fell, and 74 planes shot down. Dispatches from the front said that entire sections of Kiev were engulfed in flames when the Soviets entered.

In Italy the Allied Fifth and Eighth Armies are doggedly pushing on toward Rome. On the Adriatic coast, the Eighth is within twenty-eight miles of the port of Pescara, and the Fifth is driving on Gaeta, about 70 miles from Rome.

In the South Pacific, the Allies have enlarged their bridgehead on Bougainville Island and the Jap position in that area was described today by Navy Secretary Knox as the most critical since the war was start-

Hitler barred again at his beer hall in Munish last night, and while he talk was not considered very encour-

day that the Allies would win the ty Grade I tires were rationed. European war next year if no mili-European war next year if no mili-tary mistakes are made. He warned the following: that Hitler still had 400 divisions, that the strength of Germany today is greater than all that the Kaiser put into the field in the last war. 'We have licked the submarine menace, and we are pounding the enemy on several fronts, but the fight will be long and costly," Churchill de-

clared. Today, important steps were taken to balance want and production throughout the world when fortyfour nations met and signed a pledge for United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation. President Roosevelt, in a brief address early this afternoon, praised the plan, and pointed out that it was not a proposal for one nation to finance or feed all other nations, but that it was a plan to clothe the naked and feed the hungry with all producing nations tak-ing part until each country could accept the burden of maintaining it-

Finds Robber In **Gas Station Here**

Returning to the Gulf filling station on Washington Street here last Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock to get something, Alton VanNortwick, an employee, found a robber hidden behind the counter. One report stated that the robber, a young colored man whose identity yas not immedrately revealed by Officers Chas. Moore and John Gurganus, jumped and ran, leaving his hat about half full of pennies lying on the floor. It was also reported that Mr. VanNort wick was so surprised that he could do nothing but watch the man escape

The robber forced an entrance by knocking out a glass in a back win dow and releasing the window catch. Nothing was missed from the sta-

Two County Brothers Land Safely At Foreign Posts

Two brothers, Pfc. Gradie B. Hardy and T. Sgt. Martel Hardy, recently landed safely at foreign posts, their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hardy, of this county, were notified few days ago.

Pvt. Hardy, member of an Army Air Corps ground crew, landed somewhere in England, and the sergeant, first engineer on a Flying Fortress, landed in Africa, it was learned. Both young men said they were ready to do their part.

Russians Take Kiev Letters Will Be Appreciated -And Pushon Toward By The Servicemen Overseas

men serving on the high sees and in distant lands will appreciate Christmas cards and letters from their L. Hymen, Darreit Frice, new York, and Letters from their Silverthorne, John G. Rogers, A. E. friends back home, The Enterprise Moore, Mack H. Leggett. Pick out during the next few weeks will car- one or more names and write a card Overcoming an enemy force of ry the names of many of the boys, or note, send it to the Enterprise ofmore than 125,000 men, the Russians Censorship prohibits publication of fice for the address and it will be last week-end captured the import- their addresses, but the addresses mailed at once. More names will be wili be made available gladly at The published later. ed on toward the Rumanian border Enterprise office. It has been pointed out that mail is very important gests the following outline for writ to the men in service, and it is hoped ing to the boys: Tell how everyone that their friends will make it a is getting along, how anxious every point to "drop" them a line at their one is for the boys' return, what is earliest convenience.

erving with the Army overseas, follow: Mack Ange, LeRoy Mizelle, know, doings of friends, who's mar-B. E. Daniel, Bruce Whitley, J. E. Boykin, Jr., Chas. L. Daniel, Jr., Sut- the home front. Don't tell them your on A. Burroughs, Samuel Watts, Biggs, Jos. O. Wiggins, Elmer Mod-lin, Luther M. Cratt, T. J. Williams, cause they can't supply them.

Believing all Martin County young | John W. Hines, Willie W. Mizelle,

The Office of War Information sugbeing done at home to help win the Names of Martin County men war, what's doing in the old home community, news about the girls they rying whom, effects of the war on troubles, for they have troubles of Wm. H. Revels, Jas. B. Taylor, O. S. their own, no doubt. Don't complain, Anderson, Jr., A. G. House, Billy for they can't help. Don't gripe about

ROUND-UP

Following a perict wher one person was arrested and jailed for public drunkenness, officers rounded-up four drunks and jailed them here last week-end. The number of arrests is comparatively small considering the fact that liquor sales bounced up to \$2,685 in the local ABC store last Saturday. The liquor sales last Saturday were only about \$60 below those reported on December 24 of last year, a record up until that time.

One of the law victims was white, and the ages of the group ranged from 21 to 36 years.

All Types Allotted By Ration Board

Issuance Is Smallest Reported In This County During **Several Months**

Fifty-two tires of all types were issued in this county by the War virtually admitted that civilian morale was breaking in Germany, his day night. The issuance was the smallest advanced by the board in from the enemy every day. This teraging for any immediate peace. He designed that the Nazis would stay this county in several months, the ritory has been stripped of every pound of turkey at dinner Thanks- through life set a worthy example through life set a worthy example declared that the Nazis would stay in the fight until the bitter end.

this county in several months, the ritory has been stripped of every giving Day and will have all the traffor others to follow. truck tires for the most part. Twen-

Grade I tires and tubes for cars Dean Schaub said.

C. B. Clark, Williamston, one tube. Robert Lee Perry, RFD 2, Williamston, two tubes and two tires.

L. F. Warren, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

one tire and one tube. J. F. Crisp, Oak City, one tire and

Joe Bunting, Palmyra, one tire and

Dennis Holliday, Oak City, two

Mrs. J. A. Everett, Palmyra, one tire and one tube. W. I. Skinner Co., Williamston,

one tire and one tube. Grace Whitley Maynard, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Mrs. J. S. Godard, Jamesville, one tire and two tubes. Herbert L. Roebuck, RFD 1, Rob-

rsonville, one tire and one tube. Fenner Respass, Williamston, one

William M. Jones, RFD 1, Hobgood, one tire. H. L. Oakley, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.

C. F. Harris, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Charlie Kincaid, RFD 1, Oak City,

A. R. White, Williamston, one tube. Simon Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston, (Continued on page six)

BY MAIL

Effective at once, the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board will start mailing certificates to applicants for boots, stoves, automobiles, bicycles and tires. Gas books will be mailed also if the applicants will leave or file their tire inspection records with the board when submitting their applications, it was announced

Heretofore, applicants for the special rations were required to report to the office for the certificates. The new arrangement was ordered following an audit of the ration board records by representatives of the State of-

fice a few days ago. It was pointed out that all applicants in preparing their applications for special rations should give their complete mailing addresses, including box and RFD numbers and post office, and names should be spelled cor-rectly and written legibly.

Food For Freedom Will Be Discussed

Extension Division Authorities To Lead Discussions On November 18th

At County Meeting

"Although American farmers are setting a new food production record this year, there is still not enough food to satisfy all the demands,' says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of Agricultural Extension work at State College, "and since America's food supply represents perhaps the greatest potential weapon in our fight against the Axis we must produce

In outlining the objectives to be accomplished in the 1944 "Food Fights for Freedom" program which will be launched in every county in the State between November 15-19, Director Schaub points out that it is up to our people to cooperate in every way possible in the production of more of the right kind of food; to conserve this food, and avoid waste.

"The demand for food has been increased from both civilians and military authorities. Civilians are doing more work and have more money than they have had in the past. We are taking new territotry starving. We must feed them," until | dittor they can again produce their own,

Food-American food-can be the deadliest weapon of all. Plans for be discussed at a meeting to be held in the Martin County courthouse on Service has assured delivery by Dethose in charge of the program in before December 1. War bonds as Slade Rhodes and Co., Hamilton, this section will draw up the county

war may depend on how successfully we produce this food, how willingly and widely we share it, how carefully we save it, how wisely we use it, every person able to produce a single item of food should cooperate fully in this program, Director Schaub concluded.

School Attendance Dragging In County

A gloomy report, painting a dark icture of daily attendance figures of the schools, as many as 23 out of or before the 18th of this month. every 100 pupils were absent on an average during the second month recently ended. In one school, Farm meaning married men-is listed, by Life, a near perfect attendance record was reported. According to Principal Tommie Gaylord there have been a few days when every child enrolled was present at Farm Life the average for the second month holding to 98 per cent. Only one white school, Bear Grass, reported an average attendance figure below, 90 per cent, but most of the averages for the colored schools were below 80 per cent of the enrollment

figures. School officials could offer no good reason for the dragging attendance figures. It is understood that work-honest-to-goodness work - is keeping very few of the tots out of school. It is apparent that indifference on the part of the parents and the children themselves is making itself felt, and, to, it is possible that the weak or no enforcement of the compulsory attendance law is having much to do with the shocking number of absences

County Teachers In First Meeting Here

The first in a series of four county-wide teachers' meetings was held here last Friday afternoon in the high school. All schools were well represented.

The next meeting of the group will be held on December 8th

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

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

Ration Reminder

Gasoline-In 17 each coast states A-8 coupons are good through February 8. In states outside the east coast area A-8 coupons are good drive was completed in those com- that the drive among the colored through November 22.

Fuel Oil-Period 1 coupons are

good through January 3. Sugar-Stamp No. 29 in Book Four is good for 5 pounds through Janu-

ary 15, 1944. Shoes-Stamp No. 18 in Book One good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "airplane" sheet in Book Three good for 1 pair.

Meats, Fats- Brown stamps G. H and J good through December 4th Brown stamp K becomes good No vember 14th and remains good through December 4.

Processed Foods-Blue stamps X 7 and Z good through November 20 Green stamps A. B. and C in Book Four good through December 20.

WFA Releases Canned Foods Approximately 2,790,000 cases o canned peaches, peas and tomato catsup were released to consumers recently by the War Food Administration. The canned goods probably will not reach retail shelves for several weeks. These foods were a por tion of the reserves owned and held by canners to meet possibly emergency requirements of the govern-

Reduce Octane in Gas Premium gasoline used by civil ians will be reduced from 78 and 80octane to 76-octane to conserve tetraethyl lead and volatile gasoline fractions, both of which are required in the manufacture of high-octane military gasoline. More than 50 million gallons of gasoline, fuel oils, lubricants, and other petroleum products are going directly to the fighting forces every day, the Petroleum Administration for War disclosed. One-third of all gasoline produced in the U.S. is now required

for military purposes. Plenty of Turkeys The civilian turkey supply, just starting to come on the market, will be almost as large as last year, according to the Department of Agriculture. However, this year's demand will probably be much larger and shoppers will be wise to put in orders early. Men and women on the Baptist Church for many years duty in the American armed forces, she was faithful in her worship and at home and abroad, will be served a her humble and uprighteous walk

range from 41 to 45 cents a pound. V-Mail Christmas Presents Relatives and friends still have time to send men and women overproducing the right kind of food will seas V-mail notices of war bond gifts November 18th, at 7:30 p. m. when cember 25 of all V-mail notices sent Christmas gifts will help to hold down inflationary buying of scarce Since the course and length of the merchandise, and will be a financial cushion for the service man or wo man upon return to civilian life, the Treasury Department added.

Registrants Get Affidavits Burrell. Interment was in the Taylor family cemetery, near William-

Special forms were mailed by the War Board this week to the approximately 1,800 "C" draft registrants in this county with directions to show and prove their production units on the farms this year. The registrants are warned that the affidain many of the county schools, was vits must be prepared and returned released this week by the office of to the War Board office in the agrisuperintendent of schools. In some cultural building in Williamston or

The number of "C" registrants 2-C meaning single men and 3-C

ownships, as mine	PY SR V	
	2-C	3-C
Jamesville	39	104
Williams	10	31
Griffins		122
Bear Grass	35	122
Williamston	52	106
Cross Roads	38	110
Robersonville	89	214
Poplar Point	27	59
Hamilton	58	135
Goose Nest	94	161
Miscellaneous	36	313
	505	1307

Interviewing Applicants For SPARS Here Today

Yeoman 3-c Anita Fournier of the U. S. Coast Guard Spars is in the post office lobby here this afternoon Judge J. C. Smith remanded it to from 2 to 6 to interview applicants the trial justice, explaining that it for the SPARS.

A new school for supply and accounts is being opened in the Coast Guard Training Station for SPARS at Palm Beach, Fla., and a SPAR band has also been started and girls playing musical instruments are

Girls between the ages of 20 and year as pastor of the Methodist 36, who have had at least two years Church as a result of action taken of high school, are in good physical at the recent Methodist conference condition, are not married to a Coast held in Rocky Mount. Guardsman, and have no children! The conference was the most sucunder 18 years are urged to enlist. cessful held in years.

United War Fund Drive Just Holding Series Of About \$250 Short Of Quota

The United War Fund drive in signed quota.

terday, but there is every reason have raised and reported exclusive that the contributions will exceed of the colored citizenry a total of Hopewell boosted Jamesville's total next few days. o \$667.49. Griffin's total was boosted to \$436.85 when a \$10 contribution Perry, canvass chairman for the five by T. C. Griffin and a 35-cent dona- townships in District No. 2, states tion by the Farm Life fifth grade that a total of approximately \$1,900 were received over the week-end. had been raised and reported there Williams' total remains the same at to date, boosting the total to \$10,-\$150.81, and the Bear Grass total is 237.45, an amount just \$243.55 short inchanged at \$531.64.

Williamston has raised and reported, state that the drive is progressing exclusive of the colored citizenry, a for District No. 2 and that late donaotal of \$6,351.74 or slightly more tions will carry the drive near the han \$2,000.00 in excess of its as- \$3,500 goal.

Mrs. Laura Taylor

Dies at Home Here

After Long Illness

Funeral Services for Highly

Respected Citizen Held

Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Laura Peel Taylor, highly es-

eemed local citizen, died at her home

on West Main Street last Friday af-

ternoon at 5:15 o'clock following a

ong period of declining health. Suf-

fering a stroke of paralysis several

years ago, Mrs. Taylor had been in

feeble health since that time, but

he was able to be up most of the

time until about a week before her

death when she suffered a relapse

the end coming gradually.

The daughter of the late Daniel

and Sarah Frances Howell Peel, she

was born in this county seventy years

ago. In early womanhood she was

married to Henry D. Taylor who

died some years ago. They made

their home near Williamston for

many years, moving here about fif-

teen years ago. A devoted mother

and possessed of a true Christian

character, she saw much good in her

fellowman, and despite her infirmi-

ties in recent years she seemed to

get much out of life. A member of

Mrs. Taylor is survived by three

sons, Herman D. Taylor, of William-

ston; Harry C. Taylor, of Norfolk.

and Dr. Cecil G. Taylor, a lieutenant

(j.g.) in the Navy who is now an in-

structor at the Naval Academy at An-

napolis, and four daughters, Misses

Virginia and Vivian Taylor, of

Greensboro; Mrs. A. R. Smith, of

Washington, D. C., and Mrs. W. C.

M Cluskey, of Mojava, Calif. She

s also survived by one sister, Mrs.

Marion Green, of Robersonville, and

two brothers, Messrs. G. A. Peel, of

Funeral services were conducted

this county, and S. J. Peel, of Bel-

at the home Sunday afternoon at 3

o'clock by her pastor, Dr. Wm. R.

Burrell. Interment was in the Tay-

Two Persons Hurt

When Cars Crash

Two persons were hat, one badly

when two cars sideswiped each oth-

er on the Palmyra Road leading off

Highway No. 125 at Conoho Church

about 8 o'clock last Sunday morning.

Lorenza Bryant, driver of an old

model A, was dangerously cut on the

forehead and Sam Jenkins, colored

and a passenger in the Bryant car,

The Bryant car, traveling toward

the hard surface, and a 1940 model

car driven by Robert E. Duvall Lee

each other on a curve in the road

during the heavy fog. Hux and his

companion, Joe Martin, of Oak City,

were not burt. The Bryant car turn-

ed over and the Hux car travelled

67 yards down the highway. Damage

to the Hux car was estimated at

about \$250 and that to the Bryant

Charged with operating a car on

the wrong side of the highway, Bry-

ant was given a preliminary hear-

ng before Justice Hopkins in Oak

City Sunday afternoon. The case

was sent to the county court and

was in the inferior court's jurisdic-

For His Fourth Year Here

Rev. B. T. Hurley, local popular

minister, is returning for his fourth

Rev. Hurley Is Returning

tion to handle the case.

Hux, of Newport News, sideswiped

was cut on the hand.

ear at \$50.

this county was accompaced just With a seigned quots of \$6.931 about \$250 short of its goal late yes the five townships in this district Kev. Albert G. Edwards Heard

the assigned quota of \$10,481.00 when \$8,138.53. The colored citizens have final reports are filed. Late reports raised and turned in to date a total are coming in from several town- of \$198.92, boosting the total for the ships in this district even after the district to \$8,337.45. It is understood munities. A \$2 contribution by G. citizens is nearing completion, that L. Cooper and a \$1 donation by Geo. a full report is expected within the

An indirect report from Rev. J. M. of the assigned quota for the entire According to the latest tabulation, county. Reports from Robersonville

NAME

Williamston's municipally own-

ed cemetery without a name

since it was acquired from the

local Memorial Baptist Church

some months ago will be known

as "Woodlawn" in the future.

The name, one of three suggest-

ed by a special committee of the

local Woman's Club, was adopt-

ed by the board of town commis-

sioners in regular session last

and Westmoorland, were in the

group suggested by the club com-

mittee. Westmoorland was sug-

gested possibly because the land

was once owned by the late

James Edwin Moore, a promi-

nent citizen and barrister. The

name was a bit long, the board

members thought. Greenwood is

the name of Greenville's ceme-

Two other names, Greenwood

ligion born of impending tragedy.

But emergency religion is not a religion peculiar to this age; it is a common factor of every age. It is found in the life of Jacob, and in the history of Israel; it is true of the Psalmist when he said, "What time I am afraid I will trust in the Lord," and there is evidence of it in the experiences of Jonah.

If it is a common factor of every age, one must ask if its results are permanent, and that's a difficult question to answer. Far too often the outcome is that expressed in the words of Dr. Euricius Cordus: God the doctor we alike adore.

Other than give the local cemetery a name and approve current bills, the commissioners handled no other business at the

meeting last evening. Issue Twenty-Five **Marriage Licenses During Past Month**

ssuance Largest Reported by Register of Deeds So Far This Year

Twenty-five marriage licenses were issued in this county last month the issuance reaching a new high rumber for the year. However, the figure is two less than the number reported in October a year ago Nineteen licenses were issued to colored and six to white couples, as parables, found in the twentieth follows:

White Geo. David Martin, RFD 2, Williamston, and Mazie Pierce, RFD 1, Windsor.

Haywood Price and Flossie Peaks, both of RFD 2, Williamston. Berry B. Wynne and Ruth Idell Biggs, both of RFD 2, Williamston. William Joseph Pierce and Martha Eliz. Harris, both of RFD 3, Williamston.

Paul Irvin Terry and Martha Dean Hoel, both of RFD 1, Robersonville. Ellis Rogers and Addie Louise Johnson, both of Robersonville. Colored
'Thurman Williams and Flora Lee

Pender, both of Palmyra. Ben F. Roberson and Annie Lee Carr, bot hof Oak City.

ooth of Robersonville. Leon Sykes and Lucy Moore, both of Jamesville.

Sam Brookes and Laura Wrisby, ooth of RFD 1, Williamston. William Winbush and Geraldine

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RATION BOOKS

Failing to report to their respective schools week before last or finding the supply of books exhausted at that time, approximately 499 persons registered yesterday for the No. 4 food ration books in the office of the County War Price and Rationing Board. 125 persons registered for basic "A" gas ration books.

Some of the late registrants, traveling all the way across the county, explained they just did not have time to register in their respective districts. Others forgot to register during the regular registration period.

The late registration boosts the total number of No. 4 books issued to 23,072 and the "A" book total to 2,497.

Registrations for the books will be continued for a few more days in the rationing board office. All those who have not registered are urged to do so this

Services In Local Church This Week

In Forceful Sermons At Presbyterian Church

A long-time friend of Rev. Gow-Crosswell, the pastor, Rev. Albert Edwards, pastor of the Orange Va.) Presbyterian Church, opened series of services in the local Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. The meeting, scheduled to continue through Friday evening of this week. s attracting large crowds, and the visiting minister is being heard in series of forceful sermons.

A summary of his first three regious discussions follows:

Sunday Morning-"Emergency Religion" "There are no atheists in fox-

oles;" "There are no atheists on liferafts adrift on the Pacific." These are familiar expressions born of this second World War. They are phrases coined by men who have come face to face with the stark reality of death in jungles, in slit trenches, and in shell holes, and who for the first ime in their lives have realized their dependability upon a Power higher and mightier than themselves. Finding themselves at life's extremities they have suddenly got religion, but it is an emergency religion-a re-

When on the brink of danger, not before: The danger past, both are alike re-

quited, God is forgotten, and the doctor slighted."

However, it is nothing short of a ragedy that it should require life's extremities to reveal to us the true worth of our religion, and for all of us there is the warning that now, while the skies of life are bright and unclouded, is the time to prepare for the "Fox-holes" of life. Emergency religion will have some value for us, but it will only be a religion of refuge and not one of power; it will steady us because we have cast our anchor, but it will never enable us to set sail into the storms and fogs of life, confident that come what may, we will be more than conquerors through Him who loved us and

gave Himself for us. Sunday Night - "Busy Here And There"

"Inasmuch as I was busy here and there, the prisoner escaped." In one of the richest of the Old Testament chapter of First Kings, that was the excuse offered by the guard who allowed the prisoner he was gua. ding

to escape Today, there is the grave danger that we as a people are becoming so 'busy here and there" that matters of prime importance are being neglected; far too often the little and the lesser things are in the foreground of our thinking and our act-

Our religion is in danger because we are "busy here and there." It is not an intentional neglect on our (Continued on page six)

Reynolds Backs Out Charlie Callier and Essie Purvis, Of U. S. Senate Race

Robert Rice Reynolds, nearing the end of his second term, will not be a candidate to succeed himself as United States Senator next year, it was officially announced in Washington yesterday. Immediately foiowing the announcement, it was openly suggested that Reynolds, a big disappointment in North Carolina politics these past eleven years, saw the handw: ing on the wall and withdrew before he was scalped in he primary next May.

The man, for the most part, has brought nothing upon North Carolina except disgrace, his antics in the Senate resembling so clearly those of a trained circus clown. Reynolds, about two years ago, covered his retreat from politics when he married or the fifth time and apparently struck it rich. Reynolds, the playboy, was one of five Senators to oppose the peace resolution in the Senate only last week.

Local Young Man Has Good Record In Navy

Entering the Navy last June, Rupert E. Cowan, local young man, recently earned his fourth promotion and now holds the position of Petty Officer, 3rd Class. Making the highest grades in his class, he was one of the first six out of 500 recruits to get a petty officer rating. He is stationed at Norfolk for the present.