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Allied Forces Push Forward in Russia And Toward Rome

U. S. Marines and Regular Army Forces Win First Round on Bougainville

No major developments have been reported on the war fronts during the past few days, but the tidal wave attack is being pushed by the Russians and the American and British Armies are plugging away in their march toward Rome. The Germans in Italy have established a second line following the fall of the "Little Rommel Line" and they have been ordered to "do or die" in their new position. Already the line is being bombarded, but the arrival of the Allies in Rome by Christmas is hardly to be expected. There's much hard fighting ahead in the march on the eternal city, the reports would seem to indicate.

The 5th Army, in the words of Gen. Clark, faces "a desperate enemy who fights like a cornered rat." But there was plenty of evidence that even though Clark told correspondents that the road to Rome "will not be easily or quickly passed," Nazis were whistling in the wind when they ordered that the new "Winter line" along the Garigliano and Sangro rivers be held for eight weeks.

For Clark's men, and also Montgomery's 8th Army, ahead of it, pushed on. The rains had resumed, turning to snow on the mountain tops. The enemy, it was reported, had added another two divisions to his central Italy defenses, making 11 in all. The Nazis, using tanks in some sectors, counterattacked nine times. But in no place did Allied forces—now on a line roughly 75 miles from Rome—yield an inch of their hard-won advances. Instead:

They inflicted heavy casualties, especially in the Venafro sector, where the Germans rained their heaviest blows. American troops of the 5th Army threatened to outflank Nazi mountain positions near the Gulf of Gaeta coast.

Eighth Army troops seized new heights overlooking the Sangro, pointed a new salient into the mountains north of Isernia, and pressing inland from Vasto, captured Castiglione.

The German position in the Dnieper's big bend worsens hour by hour. The question is now: how many men and what material can von Hoth get out of his positions west of Kiev, before the Russian mechanized spearheads embrace the bend territory.

The Germans are retreating, according to their own admission, along the main arterial highway westward from Kiev toward the Polish border. Berlin's official commentator, Sertorius, says the movement is being carried out to meet the Russian threat to the southwest of Kiev. This drive joined to the operations in the Krivoi Rog area, may obviously be developed into a great pincer.

Vatutin's three armies moving southwest, west and northwest of Kiev are advancing at the rate of some 10 miles a day in bitter cold weather, sometimes through swirling snowstorms. Every hour they take new communities, many of them empty of their inhabitants who have been marched off by the Germans to slavery. Radio Berlin says the Russians are "pushing into a vacuum."

With the threat of encirclement Vatutin's forces offer a second peril to the Germans as they press closer to Korosten and Vinnitsa to cut the only main rail communications in the bend, aside from the Lwow-

Ministerial Group In Meeting Tuesday

Meeting in the study of the Memorial Baptist Church last Tuesday, members of the Williamston Ministerial Association agreed to start all evening services at 7:30 o'clock beginning Sunday, November 14.

Dr. W. R. Burrell of the Baptist church invited all the ministers and their congregations to share with them in a week of fellowship and prayer beginning on November 25 and continuing for the week.

The annual Union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Presbyterian church at 10:00 o'clock with the Rev. John L. Goff as the speaker. The possibility of a Union Christmas service at 12 o'clock Christmas Eve was discussed and further plans will be completed at the next meeting of the ministerial group on November 30.

Ration Board Chairman Now In Local Hospital

Mr. C. C. Martin, Jamesville Township farmer and popular chairman of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board, entered the local hospital Wednesday for treatment. He is expected to be able to return to his home some time next week. Troubled with a lung abscess, Mr. Martin was seriously ill in a Durham hospital for more than two weeks. His condition is rapidly improving and he was able to transfer to the hospital here.

JESSE JAMES—1943 VERSION



JESSE JAMES, 18, of Clarksville, Tenn., namesake of the famous American outlaw and great-grandson of Jesse's brother, Frank, is dishing it out with the Army Air Forces behind a Liberator waist gun. As is expected, he holds a sharpshooter's medal. (International)

GINNINGS

After getting off to a slow start, cotton ginnings in the county this year now have exceeded those for a comparable period in 1942, according to Special Agent Strela Griffin for the Bureau of the Census. The agent stated that up to November 1, 2,967 bales of cotton had been ginned from the current crop compared with 2,907 ginned up to the same date a year ago. With few exceptions, the crop has been picked in this county and is being carried to the gins as rapidly as possible.

Judge Calvin Smith Hears Seven Cases in Recorder's Court

Tribunal Is in Session Until Noon Handling Smallest Docket in Weeks

While Judge J. Calvin Smith did not say so himself, attendants rated the last Monday session of the Martin County Recorder's Court as the "poorest" held in many weeks. Judge Smith called only seven cases, but it was almost noon before the docket was cleared, considerable time having been spent on the trial of two cases.

Total fines imposed and collected amounted to only \$30. Two of the defendants were adjudged not guilty. Proceedings:

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Bud Williams with attempted assault. The action was continued during a previous session of the court.

Charged with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, Thurston Jones pleaded not guilty, the evidence offered before Judge Smith sustaining the plea.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, James Murphy pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and required to pay the case costs. The court recommended that no license be issued the defendant within the next six months.

Willie Thompson and Hezekiah Bell pleaded not guilty in the case charging them with assaulting each other with a deadly weapon. They were adjudged guilty of a simple assault and each was directed to pay one-half the court costs.

Joseph Edward Hardison was fined \$10 and taxed with the court cost in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. The court recommended that no license be issued the defendant within the next six months. Charged with speeding, Edward (Continued on page six)

W. Thos. Wiggins Died Early Today

William Thomas Wiggins, retired farmer and aged county citizen, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jas. D. Lilley, near here, this morning at 7 o'clock. Eighty-one years old last June, he had been in declining health for several years, and his condition had been critical for some weeks. Mr. Wiggins had farmed all his life until he was forced to retire on account of advanced age and declining health. Besides his daughter with whom he made his home, he is survived by a son, Jas. W. Wiggins, of Farm Life, and two daughters, Mrs. Henry Gardner and Mrs. Woodard Leggett, both of this community. Funeral services will be conducted at his late home Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment will follow in the Tyre cemetery in Williams Township.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

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

Increase Civilian Food Supply
More peas, beans, rice, and cheddar cheese are going to be available for civilian consumption. Supplies have been increased by the removal or reduction of government set-aside orders. Present conditions indicate there will be enough dry beans to provide about 10.4 pounds per capita for civilian consumption in the 1943-44 marketing season, compared to 8.6 pounds in 1942-43.

Tire Situation Tightens
Operators of passenger cars may find it impossible to obtain used tires because commercial vehicles delivering essential goods are now eligible to receive used passenger and truck tires of sizes smaller than 7.50-20 to replace tires no longer serviceable. November quotas recently released by OPA for new passenger and truck tires show 30 per cent fewer for trucks and 14 per cent fewer for passenger cars.

Ration-Free Children's Shoes
Some relief from the shortage of youngster's shoes will be provided about the first of the year by a new supply of children's non-leather shoes for general wear, to be sold ration-free, OPA has announced. In general, children up to about eight years of age will benefit. The shoes will have canvas uppers and soles made from remnants and heavy woven fabric, reinforced with vulcanized rubber. Shoes of this type larger than misses' and youths' size three will be rationed.

Revise Limit on Farm Construction
The limit on farm construction, including residential, has been placed at \$11,000 under a revision of Order L-41 by WPB. Previously, there were separate limits, farm residences not being considered part of the farm unit.

Plane Production Reaches New High
Production of all types of aircraft reached a new high of 8,362 planes in October, including the largest number of heavy bombers ever produced in a single month, it was announced recently.

Cut New Car Quota
Only 20,600 new passenger automobiles have been released for rationing during November, OPA has announced. This is the lowest figure since rationing began and represents a reduction of nearly 35 per cent from the October quota of 30,800.

Millions Sign Home Front Pledge
More than 12 million pledges have been signed during OPA's Home Front Pledge campaign—the citizens' battle to kill black markets and hold the line against higher prices. In Minnesota, so many rural families signed the pledge that the district OPA office ran out of forms, and (Continued on page six)

Letters Increasing To Men Overseas

Thinking possibly the action would increase the flow of letters to the Martin County boys overseas, The Enterprise started listing the names of the young men in foreign service with the understanding that their addresses would be furnished to any friend desiring to write to one or more of the boys. It is again explained that the addresses of the young men in foreign service cannot be published, but The Enterprise will gladly supply the addresses of the men whose names are being published from time to time. Since the addresses are changing from time to time, they cannot be guaranteed, but in those instances they are recognized to be correct. The first list of names was published a few days ago. Others follow: T. F. Davenport, Jr., Roy A. Hinson, S. R. Coburn, Jr., D. M. Griffin, Fred M. Taylor, Irving Griffin, E. M. Taylor, Cecil Manning, Jesse D. Heath, Osmer S. Winborne, Howard B. Cone, W. A. Gurganus, J. D. Riddick, J. S. Rhodes, Jr., O. E. Roberson, J. W. Griffin, Walter M. Cooke, William L. Taylor, Herbert Peel, LeRoy Mobley, E. P. Cunningham, Jr., E. L. Martin, J. F. VanLandingham, R. T. White, C. L. White, Leslie D. Coltrin, Wilbur Cowan, John H. Cooper, William Cherry, James Davis, Garland Hardison, Earl Lewis, Luther G. Leggett, Geo. Lee Roberson, Marvin T. Roberson. Soon after the first list of names was released quite a few friends wrote and submitted letters for addresses.

Stove Quotas For County Increased

The fairly liberal allotment of stoves for Martin County for the current month has been increased, it was announced by the War Price and Rationing Board this week. Despite the increased allotment, the number of available stoves is not sufficient to meet the demand, it was learned. The number of coal and wood heating stoves for November was fixed at 128. There was an increase of five in oil heating stoves, boosting the total to nine. The number of stoves, coal and wood for cooking, was increased from 61 to 91. Fifteen oil cook stoves were allotted along with one gas cook stove.

Jamesville Boy Wins State Essay Contest

Hallet Davis, Jamesville F. F. A. member, won the third state prize in the 1943 North Carolina Cotton Growers Association contest. The subject for the essay was "Farm Organization in the Post War World." Hallet won second place in the district in the 1942 contest.

60TH TRANSFUSION

Little Miss Peggy Harrison, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ephriam Harrison, of Bear Grass, received her sixtieth blood transfusion in the local hospital this week, and is reported much improved. Peggy was given her first transfusion nearly three years ago when her little body apparently failed to produce enough blood cells to sustain life. Doctors are hopeful that the condition will correct itself as she grows older.

First Application Filed For Soil Conservation Payments

The first applications filed by Martin County farmers for 1943 soil conservation payments were forwarded to Raleigh by the county agents' office this week. Approximately 222 contracts were covered in the first batch of applications forwarded to Raleigh, it was learned. Others are being prepared about as rapidly as the farmers submit their claims and records covering their soil building practices. Special payments to farmers this year will fall far below those of a year ago when well over \$200,000 was received in the county by farmers participating in the triple A program. No estimate as to the size of the payments could be had, but possibly the total will be between \$35,000 and \$50,000. Most of the payments will be based on soil building practices, but attention to that amount the farmers who complied with the terms of the program will receive about a penny per pound for the cotton they raised and between three and four dollars per acre for tobacco.

Farmers are being asked to report by mail or in person to the office of the county agent listing their soil building practices. As soon as the information is made available, the applications for the special payments will be prepared and forwarded to Raleigh. It will be several weeks or possibly longer before the government can write the checks and mail them to the farmers.

United War Fund Drive In District Is Almost Completed

Total of \$8,452.54 Collected And Reported to Chairman Here to Date

The United War Fund drive in this district was announced just about complete today, Canvass Chairmen V. J. Spivey and J. C. Manning stating that a total of \$8,452.54 had been collected and reported by the canvassers in the five townships. No official report could be had from District No. 2 today, but it was reliably learned that approximately \$2,000 of the \$3,550 quota there had been collected and reported up until Wednesday, boosting the total for the county to \$10,452.54, an amount just \$28.46 short of the county-wide quota. In the local district one or two canvassers among the white population had not reported. They were said to have received some few donations, but they had delayed their reports until the canvass could be completed. The drive among the colored citizens has met with success, but up until late yesterday only \$200.42 had been completed. They, too, it was pointed out, are waiting to complete the canvass before making a detailed report. It is possible that the colored citizens in the five townships have reached their \$1000 quota. It was also pointed out that at least one more donation of a fairly sizable amount was expected. If this gift is received and other quotas are met, the county-wide drive will not miss \$12,000 by any large amount. Quite a few of the contributions have already been acknowledged. It is proposed to acknowledge every one, but much time will be required to list them all. Contributions in this township and not previously acknowledged are, as follows:

Mrs. D. L. Hayman, 50c; Mrs. Tom Letchworth, 40c; Mrs. T. E. Martin, 25c; Mrs. J. H. Edwards, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Roberson, \$5; Mrs. John Hadley, \$1; E. D. Hardison, \$1; Mrs. Noah Hardison, 50c; Mrs. Ebert Manning, 50c; Mrs. Carylie Langley, \$4; Jerry Langley, \$1; Mrs. H. L. Meador, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Melson, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Peel, \$5; K. W. Roberson, \$5; Mrs. J. A. Robertson, 50c; Mrs. W. K. Parker, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hall, \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. John Gray Corey, \$5; Henry Gray Corey, \$1; Mrs. George Grimes, Sr., \$1.50; Ben Hassell Grimes, \$1; Mrs. Mamie Taylor, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Hewett Edwards, \$5; McClees Grocery, \$7.50; Biggs Funeral Parlor, \$9.15; Sam's, \$15; Modern Beauty Shoppe, \$10; Mrs. J. H. White, \$10; D. R. Davis, \$50; Belk-Tyler Co. Employees, \$25.26; Eugene Rice, \$5; Frances Thomas, \$1; Sallie Grey White, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cullipher, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chesnut, 45c; Community Church, \$1; Dewey R. Adams, 15c; Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on page six)

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Williamston Youth Writes from Pacific

Writing to The Enterprise from "Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific" under fairly recent date, Vernol F. Jackson, Pharmacist Mate First Class, United States Navy, said in part: "Have just received a 'recent' copy of The Enterprise, and I am writing to congratulate you on your large variety of news. I am going to admit that the column that is of greatest interest to me, is the one titled 'Marriage Licenses Issued To...' That gives me the hope on which girls I shouldn't wink at when I get back to Williamston."

Quiet Observance Of Armistice Day

The twenty-fifth anniversary of World War I Armistice was quietly observed here yesterday. With some few exceptions, the day was no business holiday. The wheels of industry were kept turning at full speed, the people, as a whole, looking upon the day as offering another opportunity to push forward to the successful completion of the current war. Business activities in the shops and stores were limited, and some few of them closed for the afternoon. Last evening an informal program was held by the county Legion Post in the hut here. Judge Dillard Dixon, of Edenton, was the principal speaker and he discussed the war and the peace to follow. About seventy-five veterans of World War I and one or two World War II veterans were present and enjoyed the program including the delicious dinner.

Martin County Soldier Writes From War Area

"There are many pretty girls here, but unfortunately I can't speak their language," David Page, young Martin County soldier, said recently in a letter to his mother, Mrs. David Page, RFD 1, Williamston. The young man stated he was in Italy and was enjoying the best of health.

Local Presbyterians Close Meeting Here At Services Tonight

Series of Special Services Underway in Series of Services Since Sunday

The series of special services underway in the local Presbyterian Church since last Sunday morning will be brought to a close this evening when Rev. Albert G. Edwards preaches the last in the sermon series. The young minister, a native of Scotland, has been well received during his service here. He leaves tomorrow for his home in Orange, Va. A brief summary of his last three sermons follows: "The Case for Jesus Christ" Tuesday

In the sixth chapter of the gospel according to John, we are told that when Christ had finished his great discourse on "The Bread of Life," that many of His followers walked no more with Him. Then it was that Christ turned to the twelve disciples and gave to them the heart-searching question, "Will ye also go away?" You and I dare not go away from Christ, and for the following reasons: We are sinners standing in need of a Saviour. The fact of sin we cannot escape, for there is within us a conscience that accuses us, just as it accused Judas and Herod of their evil and sinful ways. Always our plea must be: Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone, Thou must save, and thou alone.

Jesus alone can give to us satisfying answers concerning the important questions of life. He alone assures us as to when we came, and why we are here, and whither we are going. Without him life is, as Shakespeare said, "A tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Jesus also gave to the world the ideals by which humanity ought to live and needs to live, and only as we practice the virtues propounded in His Sermon on the Mount, will men live peaceably one with another.

Jesus alone can bring to the torn and shattered hearts of humanity, the peace and the assurance so desperately needed today. He alone can give the peace that is not found in the world and which the world cannot take away. On any other foundation we dare not build, for all else is sinking sand. Standing on Christ, "the Solid Rock," we go forth into the world to be more than conquerors.

"The Lesson from the Potter" Wednesday
Jeremiah, in the midst of his perplexity as to why the wicked prospered and the righteous suffered, is commanded by God to visit the potter's house. There he sees the potter mould a lump of clay, but just as the work is almost completed, a mishap happens, the clay is marred, and the potter has to begin his work anew. "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it."

Just as the potter had in his mind a plan for the piece of clay, so has God a plan for every life; but if He is to mould us to His plan there can be no impurities in our lives. Because we fail to meet His standards, we mar the plan of God.

There is the danger that we will mar God's plan when we are openly disobedient to His will, and the truth of this is well illustrated in the incident of Balaam and Balak. Some-

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Miss Coburn Plans To Enter Service

Miss Edna Louise Coburn, young county woman and a graduate nurse, plans to volunteer for service in the nursing corps of the armed forces within the near future, according to information received here a few days ago. It could not be learned what branch of service Miss Coburn plans to enter.

Fourteen Names On The Farm Life Honor List

Fourteen names appear on the first period honor roll in the Farm Life School, Principal Tommie Gaylord, announced this week, as follows: Second grade: Joan Carol Coltrain, Geoffrey Corey, Peggy Lilley, Nancy Gurkin, Dallas Coltrain. Third grade: Hilda Hardison, Bobby Perry, Rodney Lilley, Wilbur Edwards. Fourth grade: James Hardison, Joseph Carol Griffin. Sixth grade: Rosalie Hardison. Eighth grade: Mary Ola Lilley. Tenth grade: Grace Peel.