



THE ENTERPRISE



Russians Stabilizing Positions And Make Gain Around Gomel

General Mud Holds in Italy in Other Areas

After forced withdrawals, the first in a year, the Russians are believed to have stabilized their positions west of Kiev and to the north they have scored new victories with the capture of Korosten and Rechitsa. The latest gains by the Red Army have split the German forces in White Russia and the Ukraine and the escape corridor for the enemy in the Gomel sector has been narrowed to about twenty miles.

Good Neighbor Policy Affords Fire Protection For the Town

The good neighbor policy was pushed to the front this week when the fire truck from the Washington equipment left Williamston without adequate fire protection and Washington sent one of its best trucks and drivers over for service during the emergency.

G. P. Hall, local fire chief, was out of town when the department's truck blew out a gear case cover Monday and rendered the equipment temporarily useless. Several hundred feet of fire hose were placed in a pick-up truck, but when the chief returned Wednesday he thought more protection should be made available during the emergency, if possible.

Surrenders His 'C' Rating, Youth Is On Way To Army

(Robersonville Herald)

... holding close to his temporary post of duty, with permission from the Washington officials to remain here with the truck during the emergency.

The truck and driver had been here less than an hour when a call was received to a grass fire off Pearl Street. No damage resulted but the fire was burning fairly rapidly toward Ward's coal and wood yard and several small buildings nearby when it was quickly brought under control with the borrowed equipment.

Marked Increase In This County's Tobacco Acreage For Next Year Advocated In Meeting Last Night

Without relatives and possessing few friends in their new locations, a few soldiers have little to look forward to this Christmas season as far as gifts and the genuine holiday spirit are concerned. They are those who are appreciated, to be sure, but who do not come directly into the focus of appreciation.

Last Christmas, the local Parents-Teachers Association sponsored a movement to provide the soldiers at Fort Bragg with little gift reminders. The practice will again be necessary to relieve to some extent pangs of disappointment for many servicemen away from home this Christmas season.

PRESENTS

Plans For Program To Be Explained Within A Few Days

Apparently producing more than its share of most of the food and feed crops, Martin County was asked to switch to a greater tobacco production by agricultural leaders in a meeting with committeemen in the courthouse here last evening. While an actual reduction in the acreages planted to food and feed crops is being asked, Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent, and John Crawford of the Extension Service and H. A. Patten of the Triple A urged the farmers to work for greater yields.

Extension Leaders Stress Production And Conservation

Urging coordinated and all-out drive in support of fight for freedom

Declaring that food was one of the mightiest weapons in the fight for freedom, representatives of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and the Triple A stressed increased production and conservation before a meeting of fifty community committeemen and other interested citizens in the courthouse here last evening.

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Addressing the group, Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent, urged a coordination of all efforts in support of the fight for freedom. While the production task rests primarily with the farmers, Miss Smith told the group, all agencies, organizations and every individual in town and rural community should cooperate by conserving every ounce of food, safeguarding the public health and making every effort in support of the general war program.

Tobacco Quota Increased By Nearly 3,000 Acres; Food Acreages Decreased

	1943 Goals	1944 Goals	Goals Vari'n
Corn	22,500	22,500	000
Oats	597	646	49
Wheat	400	300	100
Barley	106	139	33
Lespedeza	300	200	100
Tobacco	13,410	10,467	2,943
Cotton	5,000	5,927	927
Peanuts	24,062	24,579	516
Soy Beans	5,000	5,000	000
Irish Potatoes	620	1,600	980
Sweet Potatoes	1,400	1,500	100
Home Garden	1,900	1,800	100
	75,295	74,657	638

Write A Letter To County Servicemen

Since publishing the names of a number of Martin County young men serving in the armed forces with the suggestion that their friends take time out and write them a letter or send a card or two, The Enterprise has supplied a goodly number of addresses. It is regretted that the addresses cannot be released for publication, but they will be gladly supplied when called for at the Enterprise office. Quite a few requests have been made by mail for the addresses, but they could not be furnished that way.

Those persons wishing to write to one of the young men whose names have been listed may send or bring their letters by The Enterprise office and they will be properly addressed, or addresses will be submitted to known parties if they call by the office.

The following names are those of young men serving in the Army, Marines, or Coast Guard, and a few in other branches of service:

John H. Chand, Bill Burroughs, C. B. Clark, Jr., C. T. Bowers, Bennett Daniel, Grady H. Davenport, M. G. Davis, J. E. Edwards, Wm. H. Gurganus, John Hatton Gurganus, Edmund D. Harris, Capt. R. T. Harrington, Jos. I. Holliday, W. T. Hopkins, J. G. Hardison, W. Brownie Harrington, Vernol F. Jackson, Don Elphonsa Johnson, L. C. Modlin, C. T. Modlin, E. T. Malone, Geo. C. Mahler, W. L. Manning, Jerry Manning, Whit C. Purvis, S. E. Perry, Jr., Wm. Stator Peel, Staton B. Price, C. C. Rawls, Jr., Russell Roebuck, Tom Skinner, Dan Sharpe, Alonzo T. Spruill, Ben Weaver, W. B. Watts, Jr., C. B. Wilson, Dillon C. Wynne, E. P. Cunningham.

FORGETFUL

A young sailor husband's forgetfulness almost cost him a brief visit with his wife in this county a short time ago. Marrying in haste about a year ago, the youthful husband was immediately called for sea duty. Time passed and the husband forgot his wife's maiden name, and when a few hours' leave was granted him recently, he came to this county to look for his wife and their new addition to the family.

Superior Court To Open Special Term In County Monday

The Martin County Superior Court is opening a two-weeks term next Monday for the trial of civil cases only. Since the first week of the term runs head long into Thanksgiving, the court is expected to handle very few cases; in fact, few cases have been scheduled for trial during the entire term. As a whole, the calendar which carries less than twenty cases, is expected to attract very little attention from the general public.

Camron Morrison Announces for Seat In the U. S. Senate

Favorable comment is heard here following announcement this week

Camron Morrison, the ever alert warrior for a true people's democracy and who has fought his party's battles through thick and thin, formally announced his candidacy for the United States Senate, subject to the Democratic primary next May.

Eight Men Accepted From Martin County By Armed Services

Eight Martin County colored men out of an estimated thirty-seven called to an induction center last month were accepted for duty by the armed services. Eight men failed to report when called to make the initial trip to the center. Some of them reported later and the names of the remaining ones have already been turned over to the United States District Attorney. Ten men were transferred to other boards for induction.

According to an unofficial report, twenty-one men were rejected, about thirteen for physical defects and eight because of low mental or literacy standards.

The Army, it was learned officially this week from an audit of the October call, accepted only three men, and it is believed that only one of those received a 1-A rating. Their names are, Hermon Frederick Slade, James Junior Cooper and Lee Andrew Griffin. The three men reported for active service the latter part of last week.

Community Service Thanksgiving Day

Following a practice maintained over a long period of years, the people of the Smithwick's Creek area will hold a community Thanksgiving service in the church there next Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, it was announced today by Elder P. E. Getsinger, pastor.

The public, regardless of creed, is invited to attend and participate in the services which will last from about an hour to one and one-half hours. These services have been largely attended in past years, and following a bountiful harvest and enjoying a land free of the ravages of war, the people are expected to attend in large numbers the service next Thursday morning.

Sale Of Christmas Seals Opening Soon

The annual sale of Christmas seals for the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association opens in this county next Monday, Mrs. Ben D. Courtney, chairman, announced today. Martin County, not including Robersonville, has a quota of \$300, and will be canvassed by direct mail, by school children and by appointed representatives. To lessen the work for the personal canvassers, the chairman and her committee will mail a certain number of the seals direct to many potential customers who will be asked to remit.

Last year, the county sold seals in the sum of \$209.08, and it is believed the \$300 quota can be reached without difficulty this year. The quota for Robersonville could not be learned here immediately, but the sale will go forward there, it was learned.

Much of the money raised from the sale of the seals will be used right here in this county, some of it going for the aid of patients in the county's tuberculosis sanatorium. The remainder of the money will go to the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association for research and a continued drive against the disease.

In connection with the drive, Governor J. M. Broughton said, "Tuberculosis has increased during all past wars and is now the first cause of death among persons between 15 and 45 years of age," and added that this year's goal of \$150,000 is the sole support of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated associations and committees over the State. The Governor noted that this fund will be used to combat the war-time rise in tuberculosis in North Carolina.

The Governor then issued a call to the people of this State to contribute liberally to the anti-tuberculosis campaign by the generous purchase of Christmas seals during the annual sale.

Asking Volunteers For Bandage Room

Assigned a quota of 12,200 bandages, the local Red Cross Bandage Room is calling for more volunteers to assist in handling the work. The bandages called for are of comparatively small size and are fairly easy to prepare, it was explained.

The room, located over the Western Auto Store on Main Street, is open each afternoon from 2 to 4:30 o'clock and each evening from 8 to 10 o'clock from Monday through Friday.

Mrs. J. B. Taylor, chairman of the project, states that the supervisors have been very loyal, that they have opened the room according to schedule, but that often they were the only ones in attendance.

Volunteers are also needed in meeting the quotas assigned the Red Cross sewing room in the Woman's Club hall.

Fire Destroys Machinery Shed In Griffins Township

Its origin undetermined, fire destroyed Farmer Hoyt Manning's machinery shed and some equipment at his home in Griffins Township about midnight Wednesday. The farmer's tractor, truck and peanut picker had been lent to neighbors and were not in the shed, but a tobacco transplanter, a number of other farm implements and a few bales of hay were burned. No estimate of the loss could be had.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, we ought to be profoundly thankful to the Creator that he has blessed our land with a bountiful harvest, for food, which, while rationed, is still sufficient, for freedom from want of other necessities, for having been spared the devastation that has overtaken other countries, for living in a land that still recognizes the people as the source of government.

We ought to be thankful for the freedom of speech, of the press, or religion that we all enjoy, and that are possible only in a democratic constitutional state and not the least of these is the freedom to pray and to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

Now, therefore, I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, in conformity with the proclamations of the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 25th, as Thanksgiving Day in Williamston and may our citizens on that day repair to their various places of worship and give thanks to an all merciful God that we still have the privilege to pray and let us offer our deepest prayer that not only this freedom but all the freedoms of free government may in the not far distant future become the heritage of the people everywhere on the face of the earth.

J. L. Hassell, Mayor

Local Young Man Writes From Italy

Writing from somewhere in Italy the early part of this week, Sgt. Jimmy A. Williams told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Williams, of Williamston, that he was getting along fine.

His letter follows, in part: "Received my first mail today since I have been here. I really feel happy and better. Yes, I have been to all the places you read about."

"I am fine and enjoying myself in one of the most beautiful spots in the world somewhere in Italy. For the first time since I have been in the Army, I have a wonderful job and like it fine. I have a hand in all the news you get to read at home. You can guess my work as you remember what I went to school for when I first entered the service."

It is believed the young man is on a radio team serving with the public relations division. One of his recent letters bore the approval and signature of General Mark Clark.