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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, November 19, 1943.

# 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 nave split the German forces in White Russia and the Ukraine and the escape corridor for the enemy pick-up truck, but when the chief trol with the borrowed equipment. in the Gomel sector has been narrowed to about twenty miles.

Completing the first year of their drive from Stalingrad, the Russians have travelled slightly more than 700 miles in an almost direct line toward Berlin. They are now nearing the old Polish border

General mud still holds forth on the Italian front and while no extensive action has been reported there during the past few days, the Eighth Army moved ahead about two miles to upset German preparations for a counterattack along the middle sector of the Sangro River

German successes in the Aegean where the small 28-mile square island of Leros was taken from British and Italian defenders, show that the enemy is still not licked.

Late reports still indicate that Hitler is withdrawing to his fortress, that possibly he will select to offer his first major stand against the Russians along a shortened line running from Riga on the Baltic Sea to Odessa on the Black Sea, and that with weather hampering the Russians he will be better able to prepare for the eventuality within his own fortress.

However, it is believed by many that the Allies are making final plans for a three-pronged drive against Hitler's great fortress, and that unless Germany caves from within soon one of the greatest military drives in all history will be unleashed against the common enemy.

In the air last night, the RAF, 1,000 planes strong, blasted Berlin and other targets in Germany. More than 2,500 tons of bombs were dropped, and the skies over Berlin were red. The RAF lost 332 bombers. Today, American Flying Fortresses are over western Germany, but their targets have not been announced. Warned that many cities in France would be pounded, women and children are were accepted for duty by the armbeing evacuated and many French ed services. Eight men failed to retrolled war plants there.

sometime next spring, reports stating that she is already giving effective aid to the Allies.

have about neutralized the import- eracy standards. ant Jap base of Rabaul and pounded bases in the Marshall and Gilbert

The House has passed a bill placing fathers at the bottom of the draft list and the Senate is expected to act on it next Monday, but it does not mean much because the draft is almost to the bottom of the list now.

### 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 'fhe quolearned here immediately, but the Purvis, Tem Council, Eddie Biggs sale will go forward there, it was and James Octavious Roberson.

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, Gov

ernor J. M. Broughton said, "Tuberculosis has increased during all past wars and is now the first cause of death among persons be-tween 15 and 45 years of age," and added that this year's goal of \$150,- open each afternoon from 2 to 4:30 000 is the sole support of the North o'clock and each evening from 8 to Carolina Tuberculosis Association 10 o'clock from Monday through and its affiliated associations and Friday. committees over the State. The Gov- Mrs. J. B. Taylor, chairman of the ernor noted that this fund will be project, states that the supervisors

The Governor then issued a call ule, but that often they were the onto the people of this State to con- ly ones in attendance. tribute liberally to the anti-tuber-

### Russians Stabilizing Good Neighbor Policy Affords Positions And Make Fire Protection For the Town

pushed to the front this week when equipped and ready for service. The ing close to his temporary post of duequipment left Williamston without ty, with permission from the Washadequate fire protection and Wash- ington officials to remain here with

ington sent one of its best trucks and the truck during the emergency. drivers over for service during the The truck and driver had been here less than an hour when a call was G. P. Hall, local fire chief, was out received to a grass fire off Pearl of town when the department's truck Street. No damage resulted but the blew out a gear case cover Monday fire was burning fairly rapidly towand rendered the equipment tem- ard Ward's coal and wood yard and porarily useless. Several hundred several small buildings nearby when feet of fire hose were placed in a it was quickly brought under con-

returned Wednesday he thought Parts for the town truck were or more protection should be made dered by wire early Wednesday available during the emergency, if morning and they are expected here late today or tomorrow from the Charles Burgess, Washington's fire factory in New York state. It will chief, was contacted at 2 o'clock that take only a few hours to make the afternoon and within two hours the repairs after the parts are received.

In County Monday

Soldier Asks Divorce After

Wife Gets Allowance and

**Drops Divorce Claim** 

The Martin County Superior Court

s 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 Thanks-

giving, 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

wenty cases, is expected to attract

very little attention from the gen-

Nashville on Monday, November 29.

to one report coming from the coun-

ty's old hall of justice. Back in the

ate summer, Nina Bell Riddick, bas-

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**Community Service** 

Thanksgiving Day

will hold a community Thanksgiving

service in the church there next

Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, it

E. Getsinger, pastor.

In five of the ninetten cases cal-

eral public.

#### Superior Court To **FORGETFUL Open Special Term**

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 age, 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.

No one knew Mrs. So and So, but he finally located her home after canvassing postal employ-ees who had delivered mail to the wife.

### Eight Men Accepted From Martin County By Armed Services

Eight Men Failed To Report divorces. Four of them are being When Called To Make **Trip To Center** 

Eight Martin County colored men out of an estimated thirty-seven called to an induction center last month workers are deserting German con- port when called to make the initial trip to the center. Some of them re-In Yugoslavia, the guerrillas are ported later and the names of the

According to an unofficial report, twenty-one men were rejected, about thirteen for physical defects and Over in the Pacific, Allied airmen eight because of low mental or lit-

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. The names of the five men accepted by the Navy are, Raymond Peel, Herbert David Brown, John Briley, George Morgan, Jr., and William Arthur Green. These boys returned nome for a week and reported to Raleigh for assignment for training.

The names of the ten men transferred and their assigned places for induction follow:

Clifford Clayton to Swan Quarter, Johnnie Lee Freeman to West Chester, 🚗 , Maney Gorham to Nurfolk William Primus Brown to Washington, D. C., Jeff Whitehurst to Washington, D. C., John Arthur Crandel to Norfolk, John A. Coburn to Suffolk, Woodrow Clifton Harris to Mt. Vernn, N. Y., Robert Clark to Norfolk and Leon Spence Hardy to Nor- next Thursday morning.

The names of the men who failed to report in October are: Hoyt Purnell, John Henry Bryant, James Jenta for Robersonville could not be kins, Charlie Junior Staton, Kelly

### 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

used to combat the war-time rise in have been very loyal, that they have tuberculosis in North Carolina.

Volunteers are also needed in culosis campaign by the generous meeting the quotas assigned the Red purchase of Christmas seals during Cross sewing room in the Woman's the annual sale.

### Surrenders His 'C' Rating, Youth Is

(Robersonville Herald) --Becoming at the Col with his duties on the farm, and finding it impossible to reconcile certain differences that had arisen. Leggett Roebuck decided he'd rather be in the Army than continue to

On Monday, November 1st, he went to Williamston and advised the chairman of the Draft Board that he was ready to fight either the Japs or the Germans. The next morning, November 2, he received a card to report for a blood test on November 4th. Next Tuesday, November 23, Roebuck will leave for Fort Bragg where he will be subjected to a physical examination and possible induction into the Army or Navy.

According to Roebuck's friends his attitude in the matter has not changed but he did have one or more remarks to make relative to the Martin County Draft Board . . . "Martin County may be slow in many respects but I'll say one thing. they have a fast working draft board," Roebuck said.

### **Cameron Morrison Announces for Seat** In the U.S. Senate

**Favorable Comment Is Heard** Here Following Announcement This Week

warrior for a true people's democracy and who has fought his party's Judge Luther Hamilton of More-head City is scheduled to preside battles through thick and thin, formally announced his candidacy for during the first week and he will be the United States Senate, subject to this nation are wasted each year," followed by Judge Walter Bone of

Clyde R. Hoey and win Ritch one sixth is wasted after the food announced their candidacies some has been cooked. Improper storage endared, the plaintiffs are seeking time ago.

A brief statement featured Mr asked by colored plaintiffs, and one Morrison's announcement. of them is a bit unusual according

He said he would make two or three addresses to the "whole people" early in 1944, but that he would make "not commitments to individuals or groups of individuals.

ing her suit on two years of separation, asked for an absolute divorce He said he would defend the recfrom John Ester Riddick. It was ord of Governor Broughton in State claimed, according to the report, that affairs and the record of President the plaintiff, Nina Bell Riddick, was Roosevelt in national affairs. He paid receiving an allotment from her sol- high tribute to the success of the dier husband and did not want the Democratic party in "rescuing the improvements could be noted in Good character proclaimed by Irish Potatoes 620 being hard-pressed and appeals for remaining ones have already been case to reach the court in September. country" from "the Republican definition on the little of the li case and no continuance could be war leader.

Morrison said he would champion had, the plaintiff accepted a voluntary non-suit. That very day, John the party and its principles before the Ester Riddick and his wife reversed people of North Carolina and would ask for their support in his campositions as litigants. He is now appealing to the court for an abso- paign.

The 74-year-old Morrison, whose lute divorce based on two years of name has been known to North Carseparation. Judge Bone is scheduled olina voters for a generation, said he was in excellent health and eager to serve his State in the difficult days of winning the war and writ ing the peace.

Morrison has been talking with a possible candidacy for a number of months, and he says the people are Following a practice maintained for him, otherwise he would not have over a long period of years, the people of the Smithwicks Creek area

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### Fire Destroys Machinery

was announced today by Elder P. Its origin undetermined, fire de-The public, regardless of creed, is stroyed Farmer Hoyt Manning's mainvited to attend and participate in chinery shed and some equipment the services which will last from at his home in Griffins. Township was calling back other men 38 years about an hour to one and one-half about midnight Wednesday. The far-old and over. According to informahours. These services have been mer's tractor, truck and peanut pick- tion received here this week, the argely attended in past years, and er had been lent to neighbors and soldier underwent a major operation following a bountiful harvest and were not in the shed, but a tobacco soon after he re-entered the servenjoying a land free of the ravages transplanter, a number of other farm ice of war, the people are expected to implements and a few bales of hay attend in large numbers the service were burned. No estimate of the loss about the middle of August, last

# On Way To Army Tobacco Acreage For Next Year

Advocated in Meeting Last Night **Extension Leaders** operate or assist in the operation **Stress Production** And Conservation

> **Urge 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 Extenon Service and the Triple A stressc' increased production and conservation before a meeting of fifty community committeemen and other interested citizens in the courthouse here last evening.

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.

Miss Smith offered some striking pointers on conservation, explaining that if every family in North Carolina wasted one slice of bread at each meal, that 480,000 loaves of bread Cameron Morrison, the ever alert will have been wasted at the end of the month. "When we leave food on our plates, we should think of the hungry millions in the war-stricken lands," she said. "Approximately one-fourth of all the raw products in the Democratic primary next May. Miss Smith continued, adding that has been cooked. Improper storage, delay in harvesting and handling were the contributing factors to the enormous waste of our raw products, the extension worker explained. "We are destroying our timber, much of our soil is wasting away and much of our money is being wasted for trivial things—nick-nacks. We should think of conserving our homes now and saving all we can for the purchase of needed articles after the war," Miss Smith said.

The agent did point out that some December 6. aid have been directed to the Allies.

Turkey is now expected to enter

Turkey is now expected to e we throw away our savings today and neglect our homes."

Switching to the all-important topic of nutrition, the agent declared that nearly every one of the millions rejected by the armed services

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### Morrison has been talking with a host of North Carolinians about his Reservist Called Back By the Army

Placed on the enlisted reserve some months ago possibly because he was over thirty-eight years of Shed In Criffins Township age, Charlie Bert Wynne, of RFD B, Williamston, was called back by the Army a few days ago. No details could be had, and it could not be ascertained immediately if the Army

Wynne was inducted the first time

#### PRESENTS

Marked Increase In This County's

Without relatives and possessing few friends in their new locations, a few soldiers have lit-tle 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 sea-

The people of this community are asked to prepare small gifts, enclose their names and addresses and deliver them by next Tuesday to the Red Cross Band age Room where they will be packed for shipment to the Fort Bragg center for distribution on Christmas morning

### **Judge Smith Calls** Half Dozen Cases In County's Court

**Good Character Proved by His** Friends Saves Boy from Term on Roads

Calling only half a dozen cases, Martin County Recorder's Court in the figures in the third column apsession hardly more than an hour pearing in black type to indicate exand a half last Monday. Although pected acreage increases: there were very few cases on the docket, a fairly large crowd-about fifty colored and fifteen white per- Corn sons-was present for the proceed- Oats

The court folded its tent for a Barley couple of weeks for the superior Lespedeza court to hear civil cases beginning Tobacco next Monday. The next session of Cotton the court will be held on Monday, Peanuts

during the course of a trial in the Home Garden ing delayed until the tops were about court last Monday. Harvey Lee to fall in or the steps were about to Parker, colored, was about to draw fall down. "Our boys are looking for- two years on the roads for assaulting ward to returning home from the Alexander Savage, colored, with a cussed at length, the farmers agreewar, and they will be disappointed if rifle, when friends, including officers ing that most of the goals could and and several other citizens, came to would be met. It was admitted, howhis rescue. They pointed out that the ever, that the price outlook just bedefendant was a peaceful fellow, and fore planting time would be a major he was a conscientious and hard factor in determining the acreages. worker and had never been in trou- It was generally agreed that corn ble. According to the evidence, plantings will remain about the Parker and Savage had some trouble same. Acreages planted to several in a store at Oak City. Parker left crops are so small that they hardly and went home, returning with his count in the over-all picture. The riffe. As Savage was leaving the meeting, expressing itself at ranstore, Parker fired, the bullet tear- dom, was of the opinion that the toing the skin on the victim's neck and bacco allotment would be planted, barely missing the juglar vein. Im- but most of those offering comments pressed by the character witnesses, declared that they were not sure all Judge Smith suspended a one-year road sentence upon the payment of a \$30 fine and the case costs. Parker

> years. Charged with non-support, Johnnie E. Howell failed to answer when called and papers were issued for his arrest.

Charged with trespassing on anfound not guilty.

charging Missie Powell with destroying personal property.

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## **Local Young Man**

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Williams. of Wil-

His letter follows, in part: "Received my first mail today

one of the most beautiful spots in mond D. Harris, Capt. R. T. Harringthe world somewhere in Italy. For the first time since I have been in the Army, I have a wonderful job Harrington, Vernol F. Jackson, Don 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 re-Mahler, W. L. Manning, Jerry Man-

### Plans For Program To Be Explained Within A Few Days

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

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.

The 1944 farm production goals were tentatively suggested and accepted by the group, a review of the program showing that the county has been favored, so to speak, in the crop allotments for the coming year. Briefly stated, the farmers of this county are being asked to increase their tobacco plantings by approximately 3,000 acres and decrease their food, feed and oil crop plantings by about 2,300 acres. This is an exceptional production proposal in the face of increased demands for increased food and feed production by approximately 500,000 acres.

The following acreage tabulation, showing the proposed goals for next year, the goals for 1943 and variations, suggests what is expected of Martin County farmers in 1944 as Judge J. Calvin Smith held the compared with what they did in 1943,

> Suggested 1943 1944 Goals Goals Varia'n 22,500 22.500 646 49 100 33 100 2943 927 516 000 Wheat 200 10,467 5.927 24,579 Soy Beans 1,500

The proposed program was dis-

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### was placed on probation for two Write A Letter To County Servicemen

The case charging R. L. Sykes Since publishing the names of a with an assault was continued for number of Martin County young men the defendant until Monday, Decem- serving in the armed forces with the suggestion that their friends take time out and write them a letter or other's property, Calvin Bullock was send a card or two, The Enterprise has supplied a goodly number of Judgment was suspended upon the addresses. It is regretted that the payment of the costs in the case 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 ony of the young men whose names Writes From Italy have been listed may send or bring their letters by The Enterprise of their letters by The Enterprise office and they will be properly ad-Writing from somewhere in Italy dressed, or addresses will be subthe early part of this week, Sgt. mitted to known parties if they call Jimmy A. Williams told his parents, by the office.

The following names are those of liamston, that he was getting along young men serving in the Navy, Marines, or Coast Guard, and a few in other branches of service:

John H. Bland, Bill Burroughs, C. since I have been here. I really feel happy and better. Yes, I have been to all the places you read about.

B. Clark, Jr., Chas. T. Bowers, Bennett Daniel, Grady H. Davenport, M. G. Davis, J. E. Edwards, Wm. H. Gur-"I am fine and enjoying myself in ganus, John Hatton Gurganus, Edmember what I went to school for ning, Whit C. Purvis, S. E. Perry, when I first entered the service." Jr., Wm. Staton Peel, Staton B. It is believed the young man is on Price, C. C. Rawls, Jr., Russell Roearadio team serving with the public buck, Tom Skinner, Dan Sharpe, relations division. One of his recent letters bore the approval and signature of General Mark Clark.

Alonza T. Spruill, Ben Weaver, W. B. Watts, Jr., C. B. Wilson, Dillon C. Wynne, E. P. Cunningham.

### 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 devestation 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 con-

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 ail 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