

## Allies Have Seized Initiative Against Japs In The Pacific

### Drives in Italy and Russia Are Progressing; Allies Cross The Sangro

Even though the Fifth Army is bogged down in mud and despite recent reverses experienced by Russia around Zhitomir west of Kiev, reports coming from the far-flung battlefronts this week have been very encouraging. The bombing of Berlin has claimed the headlines, and possibly something will grow out of that devastating attack, but just now the action of the Allies in the Pacific, the crossing of the Sangro River in Italy by General Montgomery's men in force, and the renewed drive by the Russians on the Eastern front about 90 miles north of Kiev are recognized as important turns in the war.

With the capture of the Gilbert Islands in the south central Pacific in less than 100 hours, the Allies, it is apparent, have seized the initiative in that area against the Japs. The Allies are now seen looking toward the Marshall Islands group and to Wake in the north and to the important Jap base of Truk to the west. Late reports from the Pacific also tell how a Jap force of about 6,000 men was wiped out on Bougainville in the Solomons, and the sinking of four of six Jap destroyers without loss to the Allies. Important air victories have also been scored by the Allies in that area.

In Italy, the British Eighth Army has crossed the Sangro River near the Adriatic coast in force and established itself along a five-mile front. It is admitted, however, that the main German defense line in Italy has not been cracked, that the road to Rome is still hard and that bitter fighting is to be expected. The crossing of the Sangro and the establishment of the bridgehead constituted the greatest feat of the Italian campaign to date, it was declared by some military observers.

Official sources reported that the crack German 65th infantry division was thrown against the advancing Allies repeatedly from the high ground overlooking the river, but was bloodily repulsed. Prisoners from this division said they had strict orders to throw the attackers back into the torrent.

American casualties in Italy since Salerno were reported by Secretary of War Stimson yesterday. There were 1,613 killed, 6,361 wounded and 2,385 are missing.

Checking the German counterattack in the Kiev sector, the Russians have renewed their offensive north of Gomel and have driven forward on a 37-mile front, liberating 180 more towns and killing 20,000 more Germans. The action forced the abandonment of Gomel, last important railroad center on the Dnieper River. The city was left in ruins, but its fall cuts off the Germans in the south from those in the north.

The all-out air war on Germany continues, late reports stating that Frankfurt was attacked last night by hundreds of RAF bombers and that American planes crossed the Channel again this morning, their targets unannounced. Great damage was done in the raid last night, but the two-night attack earlier in the week on Berlin still holds the spotlight. Nuisance raids were directed against Berlin Wednesday night and again last night by mosquito bombers.

One-fourth of Berlin is in ruins and large fires are still burning today. It has been estimated that between fifteen and twenty-five thousand persons were killed in the two big raids Monday and Tuesday nights. No less than 2,000 persons, mostly women and children, went insane from shock received in the two big raids. Workers, including every able-bodied man and woman and children, too, are still digging for the dead and injured. Hitler, known to have been in the first raid, left Berlin in his special car Tuesday morning for an unannounced destination.

Following the developments in Berlin and on the Russian front, peace talk is coming to the front again. It is said that high ranking German officials inside and outside the German army are conferring with the Pope in an effort to bring about a peace. Some govt. leaders say that developments toward that end are to be expected around Christmas time. However, it is pointed out that the Allied terms calling for unconditional surrender are already known, that only the overthrow of Hitler and his henchmen and a complete acceptance of the known terms could bring an end to the war. During the meantime, plans are going forward for striking the final blow against Germany.

Competent military observers say that any conference among Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin probably would produce no radical alterations in the Allied plans for striking the final blow against Hitler.

Allied plans for the invasion of Western Europe now are in their final phases. They are going forward as fast as men, ships, guns, food and other supplies can be assembled. It is fairly certain that quite a few Martin County boys have been moved across the Atlan-

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## Series of Farm Meetings Will Be Held In County Next Week

In a series of meetings to be held in this county next week, Martin farmers will elect their Triple A committee for the coming year. Plans for the 1944 farm program will also be outlined at the district meetings, and it is possible that changes in the Selective Service rulings and regulations as they relate to farm registrants will be reviewed. These meetings are very important, it was pointed out, and farmers are urged to attend in large numbers and take part in the elections and discussions. Farmers who have any complaints now have an opportunity to make themselves heard. In addition to the election of community committeemen, the meetings will also elect delegates and alternates to

the county convention which will be held on Saturday, December 4. The county committee will be named at the convention.

The first in the series of meetings will be held next Wednesday night, December 1st, at 7:30 o'clock in the school houses at Jamesville and Everett and in the county house in Williams Township.

On Thursday night, December 2nd, meetings will be held in the Farm Life School, the Hassell School and in the agricultural building in Williams Township.

The last group of meetings in the series will be held Friday night, December 3rd, in the schools at Bear Grass, Oak City and Robertsonville. Every farmer in the county is eligible to participate in the elections.

## County Farmers To Make Tax Report By Middle of December

### All Farmers Are Advised To Make Certain Their Income Status

Making farm income tax returns for 1943 is one of the important jobs to face North Carolina growers next month, says Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service.

He points out that the farmer is required to file a declaration with the U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue as to his 1943 income and pay the estimated tax on this income on or before December 15.

To assist farmers in making out these returns, the Extension Service has issued a special publication, War Series Bulletin No. 27, entitled "Making Farm Income Tax Returns." Growers can get copies at the county agent's office or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh.

Application blanks for filing the declaration may also be obtained at the office of the county agent. Deputy collectors will visit each county before December 15 and these men will assist farmers in completing their declarations. Announcement will be made as to when the collector will visit your county and his itinerary will be given.

The Collector of Internal Revenue has pointed out that if there is a change in income or expense between December 15 and 31, such changes will be reflected in the final report which the farmer must make on March 15.

Where a farmer made tax payments on March 15 and June 15, these payments will apply on the 1943 taxes under the "pay as you go plan" and the balance of the taxes are payable with the declaration of December 15.

Philip B. Woodley, deputy collector, will be in the Williamston Post Office on December 1, 2, 3, and 4; to assist farmers in filing their 1943 estimated income tax return which is due Dec. 15th.

Several individuals are assisting farmers in preparing their returns, and every farmer is advised to make certain of his income tax status. In past years, very few farmers in this county have filed income tax returns or paid any tax. No exorbitant tax payments are to be expected this year, but farmers will find it advisable to investigate and make certain that they are complying with the law.

Quite a few farmers in this county have already prepared their income tax returns, but a last-minute rush is now in prospect.

## Aged Woman Passes At Home In County

Mrs. Nancy Wynne, one of the county's oldest and highly respected citizens, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Wynne, in Cross Roads Township last Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. She suffered a stroke of paralysis about three years ago and had been confined to her bed since that time. Last Saturday she suffered a second stroke, and her condition was immediately considered critical.

During her affliction she was a patient sufferer, seldom complaining and always looking on the bright side of life.

The daughter of the late Perry Roberson and wife, Mrs. Wynne was born in this county 96 years ago. She married Robert Wynne who died twenty-three years ago. She is the last member of her family and leaves no immediate relatives other than her daughter, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wynne was a member of the church at Christian Chapel for many years, and up until her health failed she was faithful in her attendance upon its services and in its work.

Funeral services were conducted at her late home Thanksgiving afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry. Burial was in the Roberson family cemetery near the home.

## FARM BUREAU

The annual Martin County Farm Bureau membership drive is to be completed in this county next Tuesday, it was announced this week by Mr. C. L. Daniel, president of the organization. All canvassers are to report their memberships at a meeting to be held here that night, and a last appeal is being directed to them urging a last round-up of potential members.

The organization in this county is recognized as one of the strongest in the State, and the leaders hope to maintain that standing. According to last reports, the drive is about fifty members short of last year's total and about 150 short of the goal for the new year.

## Quiet Observance Of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was quietly observed throughout this section, preliminary reports reaching here indicating that possibly the real meaning of the day was more marked this year than at any time in many years. Locally, the observance centered around a union religious service in the Presbyterian Church where the congregation was described as the largest reported at a similar service in years.

Local traffic was light for the most part, but there were many travelers at certain periods during the night before and late last night. The volume of traffic on the highways was light, for the most part, but heavy during short periods. No wrecks were reported and as far as it could be learned there were no accidents.

While many sportsmen turned to the woods and fields, the number with gun and dog was hardly up to the figures reported in previous years.

While the day was observed as a general holiday, heavy industry continued operations without let-up. Farmers, for the most part, turned from their harvesting to the woods with their guns and dogs, but in a few instances threshing machines were in operation.

Only two holiday weddings were reported in the county, the number falling considerably below the average. Marriage licenses were issued earlier in the week to H. Ernest Leggett and Viola Price, both of Hamilton, and to Mack Wynn and Martha Roebuck, both of near Williams-ton.

## Liquor Plants Are Wrecked In County

While there is some doubt if the illicit liquor manufacturing business is gaining a foothold, it is fairly apparent that the trade is making an effort to reestablish itself in this county. At one time, ABC enforcement officers reported only an occasional still, but this week they wrecked several.

Raiding along the Martin-Beaufort boundary last Tuesday, the officers poured out 250 gallons of molasses beer and wrecked a 50-gallon capacity gas drum used for a still. Later that day, the officers poured out 100 gallons of molasses beer at another plant.

Wednesday, Officer J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel wrecked a plant fully equipped in Bear Grass Township and poured out about 150 gallons of sugar beer. A second site was found, but very little manufacturing equipment could be found.

Later in the Reedy Swamp section of Williams-ton Township, the officers found another plant and poured out about fifty gallons of sugar beer. The equipment had been removed and could not be found.

## Nineteen Men Accepted From County By Army

According to an unofficial report received here, nineteen of the approximately thirty Martin County men reporting to an Army induction center last Tuesday were accepted for military service. All but one of the men reporting from Williams-ton were said to have been accepted, but their names could not be learned immediately.

## ENSIGN



Successfully completing his preliminary training at Pensacola a few days ago, Burras A. Cramer, Jr., is now an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. His transfer to another school for advanced training is now expected before he will be assigned to combat duty.

## Verdict Set Aside In Lone Case Tried In Superior Court

### Tribunal Takes Recess Tuesday Afternoon Until Next Monday Morning

The Martin County Superior Court, opening a two weeks term last Monday for the trial of civil cases only, folded its tent for the week late Tuesday afternoon after spending the greater part of two days hearing a \$1,500 damage suit brought by R. A. Cramer and Brother against J. S. Whitley. The court will resume its work next Monday morning when Judge Walter Bone of Nashville comes to the county to take over the bench duties.

Just before closing for the four-day Thanksgiving recess, Judge Luther Hamilton, of Morehead City, tried a divorce case, but the action required only a few minutes. Leander Griffin brought suit against Annie Moore Griffin, but neither of the litigants was present. The plaintiff is in the service and could not get a leave of absence and the defendant, offering no opposition to the proceeding, did not appear in court. The plaintiff's brother supplied the facts, and the jury digested them in a matter of seconds. It is about the second time in recent years that a divorce has been granted in this county without either the plaintiff or the defendant being present.

After working on the Cramer-Whitley case until early Tuesday afternoon, the court turned it over to the jury at 12:08 o'clock. After deliberating the issues for more than two hours, the jury returned to the courtroom and announced a verdict allowing the plaintiffs a judgment in the sum of \$750. The jurymen shortly thereafter were dismissed for the term, and a few minutes later Judge Hamilton set the verdict aside, explaining that the plaintiff was entitled to recover \$1,500, the amount asked, or nothing. He also pointed out that the amount of the damage claimed was not in dispute, that the \$750 apparently was a compromise verdict and therefore should be set aside. The case, scheduled to be tried all over again, will hardly be calendared before next March or

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## Youth Graduates In Aerial Photography

New Haven, Conn.—Aviation Cadet Lawrence R. Lindsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lindsley, a member of one of the largest graduation groups since the beginning of the Army Air Forces Training Command School at Yale University, was commissioned a second lieutenant last week upon the successful completion of a course in photography. Rated as a technical officer, he is now prepared to assume duties with a tactical unit of the Army Air Forces, according to Col. Charles T. Arnett, Commanding Officer.

Graduation ceremony of the AAFTC was held in the auditorium of the Sterling Law Buildings before an audience of classmates and friends the audience taking part in the ceremony by pinning gold bars on the new officers.

Following a work-crammed curriculum while stationed here at the Training Command School, Lieut. Lindsley studied projection printing and the assembling of mosaics, planning of photo missions over enemy-occupied territory, aerial camera installation and maintenance, and training in laboratory organization and operation.

When assigned to a tactical unit the new officer will have charge of a crew of enlisted men who have been trained as specialists at other AAFTC schools.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways last week made a perfect driving record and duplicated the feat accomplished in the corresponding period a year ago. To date, the number of accidents is only three behind the figure reported for the first 47 weeks of 1942, but the number of injured is the same while there has been one more killed this year than last.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

47th Week Comparison			
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1943	0	0	\$ 000
1942	0	0	0 000
Comparison To Date			
1943	56	36	5 10,175
1942	59	36	4 7,308

## Offers Picture Of Farming In State During War Period

### Extension Workers Outline Production Needs For War and Home Front

Appearing before Martin County farm leaders in the courthouse recently, representatives of the North Carolina Extension Service and the Triple A offered a timely picture of farming in this State during the war period, and outlined production needs for the war and home fronts.

The second in a series of articles relating to the discussions as they relate to needs and problems, follows:

### Reserve Food Supplies

For every member of the armed forces stationed in the United States, there must be a 3-months' reserve supply of food. This is about what our wholesale food dealers figure on for civilian needs.

When that same fighter goes "overseas" he must be provided with a 9-months' food reserve, about 1,400 pounds, rather than a 3-months' reserve. This larger supply provides for the time factor in transporting the food from the producer to the soldier. It also includes a small reserve against ship sinkings and other war losses.

The more men sent "overseas," the larger will be the "reserve food supplies," which will have to be built up.

The average "soldier" eats 1 1/2 times as much as he did in civilian life. Multiply 1 1/2 by 10 million fighters and this equals food for 15 million average people.

If 4 million men are sent "overseas" and they require three times the normal food reserve, this amounts to food for 12 million fighters stationed in the United States. Since the fighter eats 1 1/2 times as much as in normal life, the total food reserve for the 4 million overseas fighters is as great as for 18 million people at home. And so the problem grows.

### Lend-Lease

England and Russia must be sent some food. In England we are helping to supply both the civilians and the armed forces. Practically all the food sent to Russia goes to the Russian army.

We have a clear-cut choice. We will be able to shorten the war by giving our Allies all the food we can spare. We can sustain them, keep their factories humming, and their soldiers fighting—killing our enemies. Or, we can run the risk of dulling their spirit and their will to fight—by keeping all our food for our armed forces and civilians.

England produced about 45 per cent of her food requirements before the war. Under trying conditions her farmers have increased their production of food by 50 per cent. This is just about the maximum of what they can do. All arable land is now under cultivation.

England must trade for the remainder of her food. America has furnished a vital 10 per cent of England's food requirements. Canada has shipped more food to England than we have.

Lend-Lease works both ways. Last year Australia and New Zealand furnished our American forces with almost as much beef as we shipped to all countries receiving Lend-Lease

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## Review Classifications For Farm Registrants

### Draft Officials And County War Board Joint Meeting Here

#### RECORDS

The names of about forty Martin County farm draft registrants are being turned over to the Draft Board by the War Board this week for action. It was pointed out that these registrants had not prepared and returned their crop production records within the specified time, and that there is nothing else to do except classify the men in the I-A group.

Members of the Martin County War Board are expected to start reviewing the production records next Monday night.

## Native Of County Passes Suddenly In Dayton, Ohio

### Funeral Services Tomorrow For C. F. Getsinger in Washington City

Mr. C. Fernando Getsinger, native of this county, was found dead in his hotel room in Dayton, Ohio, last Wednesday, the victim of a heart attack. While subject to light heart attacks during the past few years, Mr. Getsinger was as well as usual when he left his home in Chevy Chase a short time ago, and news of his death came as a shock to relatives in Maryland and in this county.

The son of the late John Conrad and Sarah Brown Getsinger, he was born in Griffins Township 62 years ago. After spending his early life on the farm where he was trained in the ways of a Christian home, he accepted a job with Baker and Roberson in Palmyra. The foundation for a promising future in the merchandising field was built there, and a few years later he located in Rocky Mount and formed a business partnership for the operation of the Rocky Mount Shoe and Clothing Co. While in Rocky Mount he joined the Methodist Church and was held in high esteem in business, religious circles. About twenty years ago he became associated with the Irving-Drew Shoe Co., of Portsmouth, Ohio, and was on a business mission for the firm when he was stricken some time during last Tuesday night. Since leaving Rocky Mount he had made his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, making fairly frequent visits to his old home to renew acquaintances of a host of friends in this section.

He leaves his wife, the former Miss Agnes Wacksmuth, and two sons, Christian Getsinger, an aviation cadet now stationed in Arkansas, and Richard Getsinger, who is with his mother in Washington. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Maggie Roberson, of Griffins Township, and two brothers, Perlie E. Getsinger, also of Griffins Township, and J. Sam Getsinger, Martin County register of deeds.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon and interment will follow in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sam Getsinger, Mr. Perlie Getsinger, Mrs. Asa Hardison and Mrs. Thelma Getsinger Barden, of Plymouth, left here this morning to attend the last rites tomorrow.

Three brothers, all well known in the civic and business life of this and other sections, preceded him in death. They were Messrs. Alexander, John A., and Thomas R. Getsinger.

## Seal Sale Supports Tuberculosis Drive

Since a fund of eighty dollars was made available to the Martin County Health Department by the tuberculosis association a month ago for the purchase of films for X-ray pictures of those unable to pay the cost of seventy-five cents, ten plates have been made of indigent patients found suspicious of early tuberculosis by fluoroscopic examination. Two of these patients have been found with positive tuberculosis. One was a young white man, the other a middle-aged Negro. Both of these cases can and will be saved from a lingering illness and a long time in which they are a menace to others.

This work was made possible by the purchase of tuberculosis seals which is carried on by the tuberculosis association each year at this time.

One of our major public health problems of Martin County is the prevention of tuberculosis which we are just finding out since we have the facilities to ferret out the active cases, take care of them in the county sanatorium, and keep a watch over the contacts with fluoroscopic and X-ray examinations.

The seals are well spent as the work will benefit every citizen of the county. It might take a hundred fluoroscopic examinations to discover one case for X-ray but it is worth the trouble and expense.

## Draft Officials And County War Board Joint Meeting Here

### New Ruling Likely To Alter Size of Plantings To Certain Crops

Meeting in joint session here last Tuesday night, members of the Martin County Draft and War Board reviewed new rulings and regulations relative to the status of farm draft registrants and interpreted them to mean that the "dead wood" in the "C" classifications is to be eliminated. The board members, agreeing to start a review next Monday night of the approximately 2,300 farm production records submitted by "C" registrants, are convinced that marked changes will be necessary in the county's farm program if many registrants are to maintain their preferred classifications. While an increase in tobacco acreage is asked by one agency, the Selective Service System says that no registrant may base more than 50 per cent of his production units on tobacco or any other single crop. It is quite possible for the registrant to plant as many acres of tobacco as he pleases, but the individual will be allowed only six units for tobacco production even though he plants ten, fifty or 100 acres of tobacco.

According to a report coming from the joint meeting of the officials here last Tuesday night, it is the opinion of Selective Service and various agricultural interests that the 1943 program for agricultural deferments was too liberal. In an effort to arrive at a basis which will protect all bona fide farm producers and yet prevent deferment of some who might possess the required skill but are claiming deferment on the basis of war units which result from the efforts of others, the State United States Department of Agriculture War Board is advancing several changes in the policies adopted in support of farm deferments.

To reduce the opportunities for a farm registrant to obtain deferment on units produced by the efforts of someone else, the following policy is announced: "Not more than one-half of the total war units required for deferment may be made from any one crop, nor more than 75 per cent of the required war units from any two crops combined. It is believed that this policy will more uniformly distribute required farm labor over a twelve-month period and will prevent registrants from farming cash crops for eight months or less and spending the remaining period in other industries."

The new instructions also provide: "No consideration should be given to an agricultural deferment of one who has remained in war industry until just prior to his scheduled release for induction on a replacement schedule;

"That no consideration should be given to an agricultural deferment of a registrant when there is evidence that a relative ejected a tenant or permitted one to leave who could have been retained in order to provide the war units which would justify the registrant's deferment;

"That when a registrant hitherto engaged in other than agricultural endeavor goes on a farm, it will be necessary that the production on that farm be increased by the number of units required for deferment, if the registrant is to be deferred. For example, if there were two men on the farm this year and they produced 24 units, it will be necessary that the production be increased to 36 units, if the registrant goes on the farm as additional help and is to be recommended for deferment.

The county officials were also directed to check closely all production records and see that the terms of the classification agreement have been met. They were also directed to report all "C" registrants who have quite the farm.

That the "C" classification has been abused in some instances is more or less admitted in the order directing the authorities to investigate "any case brought to their attention wherein a farm deferment is being criticised by the public as unjustified, or in cases where it is alleged that the person deferred is employing his time in idleness or some activity other than the agricultural endeavor for which he was deferred."

During the next sixty or ninety days, members of the War and Draft Boards will meet jointly to consider reclassifications. All farm registrants are to file quarterly reports in the future, and it has already been pointed out that the reports must be filed on time or else, and else in this case means a call to the Army.

It was agreed at the meeting this week that the War and Draft Board officials would call in witnesses when needed, that every effort possible would be made to protect the classifications of the deserving and to "weed out" the undeserving.