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spots, news from the battlefronts these past few days is a bit more encouraging. At the same time, the diplomatic front is in the picture in a big way, and news from the Big Three-Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin-conference is eagerly await-

The high spots in the news on the progress of the war are in Italy where the British Eighth Army scored a victory after a four-day battle along the Sangro River line, and where the American Fifth, after making limited gains, has launched an attack apparently on a big scale.

The British Eighth was reported to have trapped large numbers of Germans and to be driving the enemy remnants in full retreat toward new defenses twenty miles beyond the broken winter line.

According to a German broadcast, the Fifth Army has opened a major drive in western Italy and the British, without quoting any source, said that the advance of Lt. General M. W. Clark's troops is "going well."

The Germans had lost 2,000 men as prisoners, hundreds more killed and most of their equipment on the Adriatic front, and late front reports indicated that their losses would run far higher.

By battling into the outskirts of Casoli, 15 miles inland from the Adriatic, General Montgomery's dry the considerable German force defending a mountainous 12-mile section of the lower Sangro valley. Their escape to the southwest was had cut across the lateral road near facts, is being released by the Office Castel di Sangro.

of Price Administration. Paving the way for a possible coordinated offensive in the west by General Clark's Fifth Army, swarms of Allied planes blasted out a 20-mile section of the Nazi lines around the Rome road below Casino. American troops opened up with artillery after throwing back five counterattacks in 48 hours in the crucial sector north of Cenafro.

On the Eastern Front, the situation is still considered critical for the Russians in the Kiev sector, but in other areas, the Red Army is tightening its grip at Zholbin and are apparently aiming at the important city of Minsk. Bitter fighting con- burns one gallon of gasoline a mintinues in the Dnieper bend where ute. the Russians are gradually pushing

An. Army transport burns 33,000 TP.

won.

Carolina Motor Club Bureau

The new office of the Carolina livered during the course of the next

No license bureau has been main-

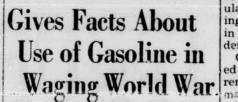
Motor Club operated this year by few days. The price of the tags is

Harrison and Carstarphen in the same as it was last year.

of combat.

is apparently coming up a bit short according to the latest available report on cotton ginnings released for this county by Strelsa Griffin, special agent for the Bureau of the Census.

According to the report, 3,123 bales of cotton were ginned from the 1943 crop in this county up to November 14 as compared with 3,900 bales ginned from the 1942 crop in the corresponding period. Ginnings last year climbed approximately 5,000 bales, while this year, it is believed that a large portion of the crop has already been made ready for market or has been marketed already.



Summary of Reports Prepared by Office of War Information

American motorists have mumbled ed to report. and grumbled, lied and cheated about report follow with their addresses: men outflanked and left high and about the necessity for cutting down John Reginald Pierce, RFD 3, Wilor out the pleasure trip and unnecessary driving. Few facts could be to Plymouth. James Thomas Uzzle, Jamesville revealed, but now a comprehensive! report prepared by the Office of and Greenville, transferred to Greenbarred by Eighth Army troops who War Information and giving a few ville. Kenneth Geo. Curtis, Williamston

> The second installment follows: mi Planes, tanks, trucks, jeeps, am-David Graham Ball, Williamston bulances, motor boats and portable and Winston-Salem, transferred to engines are all fueled with gasoline. Raleigh. James Albert Smithwick, RFD In addition, gasoline is used to Williamston and Elizabeth City heat sterilizers for surgical instru-

> transferred to Elizabeth City. ments-to light lamps in field op-Joseph William Hardison, RFD 3. erating rooms-to refrigerate blood plasma-to heat soldier quarters and Williamston and Plymouth. James Epps Bullock, Williamston. fire cook stoves.

> Sixty per cent of all the ship ton John Theodore Gurganus, Williamnage used to invade North Africa ston was tankers carrying gasoline. Raymond Floyd Wallace, James-It takes 12,500 gallons of gasoline ville

> to train one pilot. Benjamin Alexander Daniel, RFD An Army light tank in action Jamesville.

Milton Saunders Raynor, RFD 3, Williamston and Oak City. Cecil Edgar Williams, RFD 1, Rob-

ersonville and Williamston

ing to an official report just releas-

Only Four Single White Men ed by the draft board. It could not Deferments Are Exhausted in be learned officially, but it was re-liably estimated that thirty-one men from the county were rejected, twelve for physical reasons, seven-

The real meaning of war, while teen on account of mental or low litcnown to quite a few already back eracy standards, and two for other home, was further advanced yester- causes. In the last two cases, the men day when thirty-five white fathers are believed to have remedial physiregistered in this county were called cal ailments and are subject to reo report for final examinations at call. any Army induction center. Sixty- As far as it could be learned, the

five little children were left behind, first colored man from Martin Counnot knowing whether their dads ty was drafted for the Marine Corps would be accepted or rejected. Dur- last month. Noah Christopher C. ing the meantime about 41 families Hargett, Jr., was signed up for servare facing an uncertain future, spec- ice with the Marines, according to ulating on the possibility of break- the "audit."

ing up house-keeping and crowding Curtis James and Booker T. Hookin with relatives here, there or yoner failed to report for the trip to the induction center, but they later Only four single men are includshowed up and are likely to accom-

ed in the number answering the cur- pany the next group of colored men rent draft call, and only six of the leaving for the reception center. Two men were transforred, Wilarried men have no children:

Five men called to report were liam Degraffread to Warrenton, and ransferred to other boards and have Johnnie Cook to Norfolk. already left or will leave for the in-Four men were accepted by the duction stations within the next few Navy and fifteen by the Army, as

Are Included in Draft

Call for November

days. Only one man, Albert Rober- follows: son, of Jamesville and Norfolk, fail-Navy: Hosea James, William Hen-

ry Person, William Purvis, James The names of the men called to Oliver Williams; Army: Harold Payton Chance

James Daniel Mizelle, transferred liamston and Creswell, transferred from Norfolk; Simon Peter Brown Jasper Hilliard Lynch, Samuel Moses, David Griffin, James Arthur

Sutton, Hudson Best, James Earl Purvis, Tilmon Richard Hodges, Willie Lee Andrews, William Warren and Miami, Fla., transferred to Mi-Purvis, Solomon Beyd, Geo. Wil

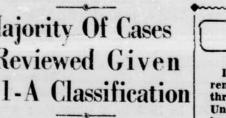
liams, Jr., William Seth Owens.

Court Adjournment Ordered Wednesday

Completing jury trials Tuesday af

ternoon, the Martin County Superior Court ended a scheduled two-weeks term for the trial of civil cases only last Wednesday morning after Judge Walter Bone heard a motion seeking permission for J. E. Smithwick and his mother to see their daughter and granddaughter at certain intervals.

The motion was granted. In granting a divorce to Shelbert Ores in his case against Esther Ores, Jesse Archibald Council, RFD 3, the court gave the mother custody of their child and decreed that the Darrell Simpson, RFD 2, Williamplaintiff petition for dependency allotment awarded by the government Wm. Kader Lilley, RFD 1, Wilwhere the father is in the service. Upon his discharge the court ruled that further petition may be had by either party. In the case of Mrs. Fannie Whitfield against Walter Hales, the jury found that the plaintiff was not en-Joseph Raymond Whitaker, RFD titled to possession of eleven shoats The jury also found that the plaintiff had agreed to give the defendant one-half of the increase in the value of the pigs and that the pigs were valued at \$50 at the time they were taken.



Few Cases and Draft Hits **Essential Industry**

In a four-hour session here last evening, the Martin County Draft Board reviewed sixty deferment claims filed by the registrants' employers. A majority or 32 of the group were placed in the 1-A classification. In some instances several deferments had already been granted the registrants, and the board members were of the opinion that others would hardly be in order. As a result, quite a few registrants now holding essential but not critical jobs were given 1-A ratings and are now

subject to call possibly by the latter part of January. A few deferments were granted when the board found that the re-

moval of the registrants at this time would adversely affect agriculture or other vital industry. It was pointed out that the removal of some registrants just now would cause a few

repair shops to close. Registrants holding jobs of a critical nature were automatically deferred. The following classifications were

andled: William Henry Bland, w, Hassell, -A, deferred for six months.

Hubert A. Satterfield, w, Williamston, 1-A. Burnie Byron White, w, William-

months.

Julian Clarence Peel, w, Hassell and Jacksonville, 1-A. Leon Theopsia Brown, c, William-

ton, 4-F. Jesse Atkins, c, Jamesville, 1-A.

John Gray Taylor, w, Robersonville, 2-A, deferred until March 1, 1944.

J. S. Crandall, w, RFD 1, Roberonville, 1-A. Willie Bonner, c, Everetts, 1-A.

James William Garris, w, Williamton, 2-A, deferred six months.

Connie Bert Clark, w, Williamson, 2-A, deferred six months. Navin Howard, c, Williamston, 1-A.

Joseph Adolphus Roberson, Jr., w, Williamston, 1-A. Raymond Thomas Johnson, w, Has- to a story of genuine love.

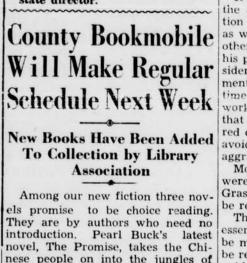
sell, 2-A, deferred six months.

Mathon Baldwin Dunn, w, Wil-Carroll has been a favorite st

In recognition of their services rendered gratis during the past three years, the President of the United States issued the followto be exact-lost their "C" classifications when the Martin County ing citation to members of the War Board reviewed the first of a-Martin County Draft Board this bout 2,000 farm production records

week: "The President of the United States of America has awarded this certificate of appreciation to Messrs. R. H. Goodmon, Jesse Ward and J. H. Ayers in grateful recognition of uncompensated services rendered their country in the administration of the Selective Service System."

The certificate bearing the system seal, carries the signature of the President, Governor Broughton, Lewis B. Hershey, director, and J. Van B. Metts, state director.



nese people on into the jungles of ston and Norfolk, 2-A, deferred six Burma. The theme of the story stresses the desperate need for the white man and the Chinese to understand each other. Again the author has drawn her characters from her intimate knowledge of the many groups of Chinese people. Most of the action centers around Lin Tang, one of the Chinese leaders, and American-educated Mayli, whom he loves and who goes with the troops s a nurse.

Those readers who enjoyed My Friend Flicka may enjoy another visit with the McLaughlins at Goose Bar Ranch. Mary O'Hara's Thunderhead goes further than the tale of boy and his horse. It is the story of individuals battling for something they do not have which develops in-

As the Earth Turns, by Gladys H. all of RFD 1, Robersonville. Charlie Bowen, w; Lemuel Harri-

trants who were given preferred ratings, and it is now quite plain that production efforts and the registrant's attitude in general will have much to do with ratings in the future. The authorities are "weeding

out" those whose production records fell short of the goal, and those who met the production records in 1943 will be called upon to meet 1944 goals if they are to retain the preferred draft ratings.

recently. The action marked the

first check-up on those draft regis-

It was unofficially learned that he authorities are basing their action on individual accomplishments as well as on production records. In other words, a registrant may have his production, but the board is considering how he meets the requirements. If he employs others from time to time to do most of his curn work, the board is of the opinion that he is not deserving of a preferred classification, that he is possibly avoiding the draft and certainly is aggravating the farm labor problem. Most of the men whose records were reviewed recently live in Bear Grass Township. Other records will be reviewed from time to time.

The names of those men ruled nonessential by the War Board will not be made public just now. They will be reviewed a second time and made public along with others, it was announced.

The following men apparently met production and other requirements and were ruled essential;

Slade Peele Revels, w; Johnny W. Rogers, w; Tobe Hopkins, c; Grover Woolard, c; Milton Goff, w; S. L. Rogers, c; J. Collin Griffin;w; Joe White, c; Carl R. Garrett, w; Joe Shepherd Holliday, w; Ralph B. Holliday, w; Raymond Bowen, c; G. Washington Manning, c; E. M. Mendenhall, w; Perlie Lee Rogers, w; and L. J. Peel, w, all of RFD 1, Wil-

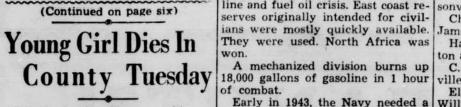
liamston. Hubbard Bullock, w; G. W. Cowin, w; Charlie Bullock, w; Henry O. Gurganus, w; Jasper Cowan, w; Robert H. Leggett, w; James Arthur Peel, w; Willie Bullock, w; Marvin S. Cowen, w; James G. Bullock, w;

son, w; Cushing B. Bailey, w; Clin-

Jenkins, w; George A. Roberson, w;

capture of Kiev reveals the most horrible atrocities of the war. The approximately one million inhabitants were reduced to a few hundred thousand, and most of them were reduced to skin and bones. More than 100,000 were machine-gunned to quickly meet emergency needs of death in a ravine in a three-day our highly mechanized army must ville and Elizabeth City. slaughter task. Their bodies were later recovered and burned, the German murderers then killing the Russian prisoners in an effort to clothe

the atrocity in secrecy. In the Pacific area, the Allies continue to improve their positions, but



Early in 1943, the Navy needed a Myrtle Louice Simpson, thirteen 600 per cent increase in its East coast years old, died at the home of her gasoline supply. Pipelines and tank parents, Mr. Arthur Simpson and cars, previously scheduled to carry wife, Mrs. Betty Tyre Simpson, in civilian supplies, were used to ca

Williams Township last Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. The young girl, a pupil in the Farm Life School, needs will occur again, and facts had been ill for about two weeks. | about them cannot always immed Besides her parent, she is sure the be made public Delays in vived by two sister, Rachel and shipments to battle fronts cannot be Loretta, and three brothers, Gar- made known to enemy agents. land, Dewey and Wesley Simpson.

For these reasons neither military Funeral services were conducted needs nor the size of available civilat the home yesterday afternoon at ian supplies can be controlled any 10:30 with all members present. 3:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harring- more certainly than the fortunes of ton. Interment was in the Tyre (Continued on page six) Cemetery, near the home.

Smith Roberson, of RFD Roberson- ice.

bile license tags start at 368,001. On- stated.

trucks and four car trailers.

gailons of fuel oil a day Meeting Emergency War Needs The fortunes of war can never be Williamston. predicted exactly. Unforseen emergency needs arise continually. To ston prevent needless loss of life, to as-

sure success in battle, reserves to liamston. Thomas James Blount, Sr., James-Percy Staton Cherry, RFD 1, Wilbe kept available at all times. How the Armed Forces Obtain Thelton Roy Alexander, Roberson-

Gasoline It could not be revealed at the time

but the sinking of 14 large tankers Williamston. bound for North Africa was respon-Alton Roy Keel, Everetts. sible for last winter's Eastern gaso-Ralph Edward Roebuck, Rober-

line and fuel oil crisis. East coast reonville and Berkley, Va. serves originally intended for civil-Charles Audrey Lilley, RFD 1, ians were mostly quickly available. Jamesville and Wilmington. They were used. North Africa was Harry Crawford Taylor U Harry Crawford Taylor, William ton and Norfolk.

C. H. Branton, RFD 2, Roberson-

ille.

Ellis Rudolph Donaldson, RFD 3. Williamston and Ahoskie. Robbie Leland Waters, RFD 1.

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Ministerial Group In Meet Tuesday

The Williamston Ministerial Association met in the study of the Baptist Church on Tuesday morning at The association voted to cooperate

with the plan of the high school in presenting a Christmas pageant on Sunday evening, December 12th, in First New Auto Tags Sold By the high school auditorium.

Plans are under way for a Christmas eve service in the Presbyterian church at 10:30. The music will pe furnished by members, of all the church choirs. The public is invited

to plan now to attend. A watch-night service is being sponsored also by the association. This service is being sponsored also by the association. This service will George Reynolds Hotel building two tained here in recent weeks, but be held in the Christian church at doors from The Enteprise office on recognizing the convenience a local 11:30 of New Year's Eve. An invita-Main Street here has been opened branch offers to the people of this tion is extended the community.

only a few minutes last Wednesday section, Messrs. W. H. Carstarphen morning when the first 1944 state and N. K. Harrison agreed to open A meeting of all Bible school superintendents of the town is called automobile license tag was sold. Hoke the bureau and maintain the serv- for Monday, December 6th, at 7:30 in the study of the Baptist Church.

ville, bought the first tag, and by late | In addition to issuing licenses, the Plans for a real effort in Bible school yesterday afternoon thirty-seven local office will transfer titles, issue other car owners had bought the replacements and handled other busrecruitment will be undertaken at this time.

new yellow and black tags. Licenses iness relative to motor vehicle reg-The association elected Rev. Gower Crosswell as its president for were also issued to owners of four istrations and licenses. No licenses will be issued by the local office for next year. Dr. W. R. Burrell was The numbers of the new auto- motorcycles and public cars, it was elected as secretary and treasurer. Thees officers succeeding B. T. Hurly 1,000 of the car tags have been | While there may be an extension ley as president, and Rev. John L.

delivered to date, Manager W. H. for purchasing the tags for 1944, the Goff, as secretary and treasurer. Carstarphen explaining that the Motor Club bureau is asking that The next schoduled meeting of the

A judgment in the sum of \$602.60 was given the Standard Fertilizer Company in its case against Guy Shavender.

A voluntary non-suit was taken by the plaintiff in the divorce case brought by John Ester Riddick against Nina Bell Riddick. It was brought out that the plaintiff was a resident of the State of Michigan.

The case brought by Henry A. Johnson against H. C. Norman and involving ownership of certain property was continued.

THE RECORD

SPEAKS . . .

Running wild, so to speak,

so and so figuring in it.

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The following tabulations of-

fer a comparison of the accident

trend: first, by corresponding

weeks in this year and last and

for each year to the present time.

48th Week Comparison

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Comparison To Date 59 41 5

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liamston and Chicago, 1-A.

Herbert Jasper Rives, c, RFD 3, Williamston, 1-A.

William Latham Thrower, w. Wiliamston, 2-A, deferred six months. Herbert Edward Lee, w. Williamton and New Bern, 1-A.

Bernard Swain Harrison, w, Wilamston, 1-A. Willard Wrayvaughn Carson,

w. Parmele and Rocky Mount, 1-A. Lorenzo Leon Jackson, w, Roberonville and Wilmington, 1-A.

Murray Clemmons Liverman, Oak City, 2-A, deferred for 90 days. Rudolph Elem Brinkley, w, Wiliamston and Leland, N. C., 1-A.

Alton Edward Grimes, w, Rober onville, 2-A, deferred six months. William Alton Daniel, w, Williamton and Snow Hill, 1-A. Wil

Meville Vernon Wynn, liamston, 1-A.

Henry Samuel Johnson, Jr., Hamilton, 2-A, deferred until Feb. later literary life.

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Army Accepts Seven to be Australia. Martin County Men

According to reliable but unofficial information received here, the into words. Her sketches should be Army accepted seven of the Martin welcomed relief in this troubled County men answering the Novem-| time. ber draft call. Twelve other men were kept by the Navy and Marine

Martin County motoristsne Corps, but their names and individ through with several 2 ick ual assignments could not be learnmarks for the accident record ed. One report stated that Lawrence last week. The number of high-Spencer, father of six children, had way accidents is just one behind been accepted either by the Navy or the figure reported for the first the Marine Corps. According to esi-48 weeks of 1942. Othe. columns mates, the man's family will receive in the record paint a pretty dark about \$180 a month under the allotpicture in the accident trend, esment act, and he will draw appecially is that so in the face of proximately \$28, boosting the total gasolinc and tire rationing. It is for the family as a unit to about \$208 doggone certain that not all the per month. And that figure does vehicles figuring in the latest acnot take into consideration the man's cidents were being used strictly for business or on "A" gas. It is a sad commentary in the face of the needs of the day when more than one declares that there could nardly be an accident on sonville. the town's main street without

The names of the young men ache Army are, as follows:

Delmas W. Clark, Marvin T. Win-They are to return to the induction fine" under the present set-up.

me pararroopers wanted, Bennie while but the main business sched-Weaver, young son of Mr. and Mrs. uled for the day will center around In a meeting to be held on Decem-

life in Maine for several years. Here Ernest East Cox, w, Williamston, is another such heartwarming story ton Davis, c; Willie G. Mason, c; in Dunnybrook. The Warrens are portrayed with astonishing reality Charlie Rogers, w; Zack S. Cowin, only because they are Mrs. Carroll's w; J. Floyd Ward, w; William Godard, c; Ralph C. Mobley, w; Plum own family and neighbors. The glamour, romance, and excitement surpasses the average novel because it is actually true.

who never grew beyond the size of

ten year old. She records her strug-

gle, both mental and spiritual, to find

Harriet, a play in three acts, has

been heralded as one of the great

historical dramas of our times. It is

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place for herself in this world.

W. Bruce Whitehurst, w; Henry Felton Rogers, w; W. A. Bailey, Jr., w; Ralph Mason, c; Jesse Bowen, c; El-A biography of outstanding quality bert S. Harris, w; R. G. Regerson, Katherine Butler Hathaway's par-Jr., w; Luke Biggs, c; J. Melton Matial account of her life which she tells in the Little Locksmith. It is ione, w; Tommie L. Roberson, Jr., the "deep and loving analysis of in- w; Henry White, Jr., w; Gussie Rogers, c; Leroy Hopkins, c; Andrew timate family relationship" of a girl

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Backlot Fire Fills Store With Smoke

backlot, fire charred the door facing and filled Rose's dime store with smoke here on Main Street early last Wednesday evening. It was reported that very little damage, if any, was done to the store stock and the

much cost. Firemen soon brought the fire-under control, but it as stated that much damage would have almost certainly resulted had the rear door of the store not been covered with tin.

but one report stated that the fire was started by a prowler in the backlot.

County Authorities To Make Ready for the 1944 Tax Year

Monday, the Martin County Com- scheduled to name a supervisor and missioners will perfect their organi-ration for 1944 and immediately law zation for 1944 and immediately lay of the list-takers serving last Janboard, lodging, clothing, medical at- plans for handling the tax program uary have applied for the job to be tention and the few other items, the for the new period. A minute review handled next month, and it is quite cost of which his "Uncle" has wil- of bonds for the various county offi- likely that a few changes in the listlingly accepted. Mr. Spencer and cers is scheduled and renewals will ing personnel will be made. Mr. John his family formerly lived in Rober- be approved. A detailed review of R. Peel who listed properties in this the county's financial condition, township last year will be out of the which, according to preliminary re- State on the tobacco markets and repted out of the November call by ports, is very good, is on the agenda. the appointment of a successor is al-As far as it could be learned, no most certain. It is understood that changes in the organization of the one or two other list-takers are reerry. Benjamin R. Weaver, Clifton county's governing body is anticipat- signing, and as far as it could B. Moore, Joseph N. Campbell, Way-lon R. Brown and Robert B. Jones. that things were moving along "just the job.

No revaluation of properties will Routine matters will hold the at- be made next year, and the work, for When told that he was just what tention of the meeting for quite a the most part, will be of a routine

Frank Weaver, hurriedly expressed plans for handling the 1944 tax pro- ber 20, the tax authorities will dehis desire to take the Army straight. gram. The rate was fixed some time termine a fixed schedule of values.

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge center on December 15.

Starting a new fiscal year next | ago, and now the authorities are

based on the life of Harriet Beecher Stowe from her marriage to Calvin Starting from a trash pile in the Stowe through the publication of her controversial novel and into her C-O Postmaster is a humorous and enlightening account in words and drawings of American soldiers aboard a transport bound for "desdoor facing can be replaced without tination unknown" which turned out Another one in the lighter vein is It could not be learned definitely,

Katherine Brush's Out of My Mind. She has expressed the things so many of us have felt but never put