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# Jamesville Young Man Closer Unity Is Seen Killed in Action in Italy Meeting In Teheran

WAR RECORDS

Holding their second county-

wide meeting of the current

term here tomorrow afternoon, Martin County teachers will be

asked to carry through their pu-

pils an appeal for the praserva-tion of war records. Other than

the appeal and panel discussions

no business is scheduled for con-

already been assembled by the

collector of war records in this

county to fill a fairly sizable

book, but personal letters are needed if details are to be add-

ed. Every person is urged to

preserve every card and letter

from the servicemen, and those

messages the owners will sur-

render should be forwarded to

F. M. Manning, collector of rec-

ords at the Enterprise office. The

letters, after sorting, will be for-

warded to the State Historical

Commission, Raleigh, where they

will be included among the war

Man Is Arrested Late

**Sunday For Alleged** 

Robbery at Everetts

"Borrowing" Mule and

Raiding Store

Kelly LeRoy Salsbury, young col-

of Everetts, for the alleged robbery

robbery a few years ago, vigorously

parently was about exhausted at

mile from the highway, he found the

loot, including over \$100 worth of

cigarettes, a quantity of flour, sugar,

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**ROUND-UP** 

The round-up of alleged law

violators approached a new high

record here last week-end when

eleven persons were arrested and jailed. New liquor rations

had just been released and of-

ficers, observing the heavy vol-

ume of sales, anticipated trou-

Nine of the eleven were arrest-

ed and jailed for being drunk

and disorderly, and one each for

drunken driving and alieged rob-

Four of the group were white,

About twenty motorists, charg-

ed with driving in excess of fif-

ty miles an hour, were stopped near here Sunday night.

and the ages ranged from six-teen and seventeen to fifty-five

strong evidence against him.

records from this county.

Possibly enough material has

sideration at the meeting.

# Alston W. Gurganus Fourteenth County Man Killed In War

Believed To Be First Martin **County Draftee To Make** Supreme Sacrifice

Alston Wesley Gurganus, Jamesville young man, was killed in action in Italy on Sunday, November 14, according to a brief message received from the War Department by his mother, Mrs. Vera Gurganus, at her home in Jamesville last Friday. No details of the young man's death were given in the telegraphic message, but it was stated that a letter would follow. He was the fourteenth Martin County man known to have made the supreme sacrifice while serving his country. As far as it could be learned here, he is the first drafted man from this county to lose his life in the current war.

While the young man did not volunteer, he asked no deferment because of his essential work, and after telling his mother that he was ready and willing to go when his number was called, he left this county on August 10, 1942. Following a short stay at Fort Bragg, he was transferred to a training camp in Georgia, later going to Camp Pickett, Va., for a brief stop before sailing for North Africa. He was not in the first invasion, but he fought in the invasion of Sicily and later moved with his company to Italy.

His last letter to his mother was dated November 11, and reached its ored man, was arrested late Sunday destination just two days before the night by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Depmessage stating he had been killed uty Roy Peel and Officer Roberson, in action was received. In that letter he stated that he was getting of Merchant Harry Hardy's store along very well, and expressed the early that morning. Salsbury, poshope that all was well at home. He referred to the day as being Armistice Day, and although he did not denied the charge, but the officers mention lurking dangers or offer the are said to have worked up some slightest complaint, it could be read between the lines that he was longing for the war to end and for the opportunity to return home.

The son of Mrs. Vera Gurganus and the late Seth Gurganus, he was the family that he was going to Evborn in Beaufort County on November 28, 1919. Following the death of his father, the family about six years morning. ago moved from Pungo to Jamesville al G., Wilbur and Wade Gurganus, highway to a point this side of Beavall of Jamesville, and Elbert Gurgan- er Dam bridge. The feed supply apus, of Portsmouth, the latter having received an honorable discharge just a few months ago after serving about four years in the Army.

"He was a good boy and thoughtful in the woods, about a quarter of a around home," his broken-hearted mother said between sobs as the wails of a jute box and the yells of a thoughtless and boisterous crowd resounded in the humble little home from a "joint" just a few yards away.

## **Prominent Citizen** Dies At Her Home In Hassell Friday

**Funeral Services Held Sunday** For Mrs. Joseph T. Haislip

Mrs. Katie Archibald Staton Haislip, well-known and highly respected citizen of this county, died at her home in Hassell last Friday night at 10:55 o'clock. She had been in declining health since last March when she suffered a light stroke, but she was thought to be getting along very well until Saturday, November 29, when she suffered a heart attack,

the end coming gradually.

The daughter of the late Archibald and Fannie Virginia Grimes Staton, Mrs. Haislip was born near Hamilton on October 14, 1877. About forty-six years ago the was married to Joseph T. Haislip, prominent citizen in civic and county affairs until his

death about four years ago.

Mrs. Haislip lived in Hamilton all
her life and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was an active and devoted member of the Hassell Christian Church for more than thirty years. She was devoted to her home and family and enjoyed a large circle of friends.

She is survived by five children, Mrs. C. L. Nelson, J. A. Haislip, and amounting to \$5,066.61, had been received up until late Monday, it was all of Hassell; Mrs. J. Roy Martin stated. and Miss Thelma Haislip, both of Greenville, and Staton Haislip, of Newport News. She also leaves a checks, the payments were larger ready for delivery to the State of-librother, L. G. Bass, of Wilming- than they had expected, some run- fice, leaving about 800 contracts to

last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock than \$10. There are approximately applications. Some have not report-from the home by Rev. J. M. Perry, 1,650 farm contracts in force in the ed their soil building practices, add-

# For War Following

Conference Plans Certain To Be Revealed in News Before Long

The ail-important conferences held by Roosevelt, Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek and later by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin have been ended, and while the reports from Cairo and Teheran created no sensational excitement, observers saw in the meetings the foundation for a greater unity and well-laid plans for the promotion of the war. Lengthy dispatches have been released officially, but it is believed by many that the important plans laid by the two conferences will be revealed only in future developments on the battle fronts.

Some believe that plans were advanced at Teheran for a three-way ffensive-east, west and south-to eliminate Germany, but the conference stressed unity of purpose, one report quoting the Big Three as follows: "We came here with hope and determination. We leave here friends in fact, in spirit and in purpose." The text also stated, "From these friendly conferences we look with confidence to the day when all the peoples of the world may live free lives untouched by tryranny and according to their varying de-sires and their own consciences."

As an after climax to the first two big conferences, a third meeting was held, Churchill, Roosevelt this time talking over the situation with President Ismet Inonu of Turkey. Observ-Kelly Salsbury Charged with Turkish airports and the use of the ers were quick to see the loan of Dardanelles. Other observers see Turkey coming in as an actual combatant with an accepted role in a possible invasion of the Balkans. That some action is expected in that area is evidenced by the moving in of added German motorized divisions toward the Turkish border and more German fighting men into

With Hitler's hope for a negotiatsessing a court record for alleged ed peace shattered by the conferences, attention reverts immediately to the fighting fronts.

The American Fifth Army is pushing forward on the western and of Making his home with a sister on the line in Ltaly, taking Mt. Camino the Bailey farm, not so very far from where isolated German troops are Everetts, Salsbury left last Saturday Everetts, Salsbury left last Saturday being mopped up. On the eastern night about 12 o'clock, explaining to end of the line, the British Eighth Army has offset recent setbacks and eretts to "break 'em at a pool game." is pushing forward again.

In Russia ,the Red Army has scored additional gains in White Russia Notified at 8 o'clock of the robbery and important victories have been where he worked for Gaines and Sheriff Roebuck started an investi- reported for the Russians in the Kirkman as lumber inspector and gation. Advised that a bag of chick- Dnieper bend. The Russian weather en feed was among the goods stolen, is proving bad for the Germans a a little over a year ago. Besides his the officer trailed the robbery by gain, late reports stating that halfmother he leaves four brothers, Roy- bits of scattered feed along the frozen Germans were being taken

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#### that point, but the officer continued on the trail by the imprints made Numerous Cases Of on the trail by the imprints made by a wire on the cart wheel. Back Influenza Locally

While it has not reached the epidemic stage, influenza is said to be spreading rapidly in this community. No over-all estimate on the number of cases could be had today, but facts, is being released by the Office Harrison, confined to his home with one physician reported two dozen of Price Administration. cases in a single day, another reported more than a dozen. Reports could not be had from other sources, including those where no doctor was can't load an ocean-going tanker place on the night police force.

not very severe. The victims ordi- Falls, Texas. some are troubled with nausea. The victims are confined for only a few days, but doctors are warning ev-

after the fever "goes off," The appearance of the sickness is gulf and Atlantic ports. not considered alarming at this time. but some doctors are not very optimistic over the outlook. "It can in tankers which carry between 60,reach serious proportions," one physi- 000 and 154,000 barrels per trip. On cian pointed out late last night in an average a tanker left a gulf port days while the truck here was out expressing his opinion. According to every 100 minutes. one report, there were 400 influenza deaths in England last week.

# First Government Checks Are rest of the tanker fleet had to be diverted to supply the European and Received By County Farmers

senting 97 farm contracts and

According to reports coming from

The first Triple A checks earned ments are being paid for the in-under the government 1943 soil con-creased production of Irish potatoes, servation program were delivered the consideration running as high as to Martin County farmers this week, \$20 an acre in those cases where it was learned from Miss Mary Car- goals were established and met. Most starphen, clerk in the county agent's of the payments were based on soil office. A total of 145 checks, repre- building practices and allotments for cotton and tobacco production.

According to Miss Carstarphen, approximately 500 applications for the special payments have been forwarded to the Raleigh office and another some of the farmers who received 300 are being processed and made ning as high as \$150 each. Very few be handled. In many of those cases Funeral services were conducted of the checks were drawn for less the farmers have delayed filing their Robersonville minister. Interment county, and based on the first reing to the delay. It is proposed to was in the Hamilton Cemetery.

port received, the farmers will resend the contracts for Jamesville, was in the Hamilton Cemetery.

The last rites were largely attended, expressing the high esteem in which Mrs. Haislip was held.

port received, the farmers will rescent the contracts for Jamesville, send the contracts for Jamesville, Robersonville and Oak City for the committeemen to canvass the farmers which Mrs. Haislip was held.

For the first time, incentive pay-

## **TOWN - FARM** IN WARTIME

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

Farmers' Tax Decdline Dec. 15 Farmers are required to file deo larations of estimated 1943 income and Victory tax and make a payment by December 15th. Farmers who elected to make declarations September 15th when most other persons made them, will need only to make an installment payment December Persons who made declarations September 15 and wish to amend them or those who made no declarations but since have had a change in income to require them, also should file by December 15. Persons with tax installments due on that date will receive bills from the local Collector of Internal Revenue.

Reduce Meat Point Value The entire list of rationed beef tems has been cut two or three ration points, making the most meat available to civilians since rationing began late last Mar Many pork cuts remain at the reduced value set by OPA in mid-November, and point values of lamb, mutton and practically all yeal remain unchanged This means an increase of approximately 30 per cent in the housewife's meat ration for December as compared with the ration set at the beginning of November.

Keep Draft Board Informed A farm worker who fails to keep nis local Selective Service Board informed of a change of address or occupation may be reclassified or possibly inducted into the armed forces. Only the Selective Service Board with whom the individual has registered has authority to grant him a temporary release for non-farm work which will protect his deferred class-

Coal Production and Prices The highest weekly production ecord in more than 16 years was established by the U.S. bituminous coal mines during the first full week of operation under the new wage ontract between the government and the miners, according to Harold L. Ickes, Solid Fuels Administrator for War. Production for the week ended November 20 was estimated at 12,-700,000 tons. Bituminous coal price ceilings were raised an average of 17 cents a net ton to compensate op-

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# **Gives Facts About** Use of Gasoline in Waging World War

Summary of Reports Prepared by Office of War Information

American motorists have mumbled and grumbled, lied and cheated about gasoline rationing, knowing little about the necessity for cutting down or out the pleasure trip and unnecessary driving. Few facts could be revealed, but now a comprehensive report prepared by the Office of

The third installment follows: The main problem of wartime petroleum transportation is that you alongside the refinery at an inland For the most part, the sickness is point like Tulsa, Okla., or Wichita

narily are running fairly high temperatures, and most of them suffer- a seaport where an ocean-going tank- City on December 15 in connection ed with "splitting" headaches while er is loaded and sent on its mission with the location of airports. It was

on wartime gasoline stocks have immediate section, that the delegaervone to remain in at least two days been made in the regions east of the tion will only attend the meeting as Rockies because of their nearness to

Before the war, 95 per cent of the east's gasoline came around Florida

The Axis knew this. As soon as The Axis knew this. As soon as ed to forward the resolution to the war broke out, the Axis concentrated Washington officials and to the submarine attacks on coast wise Washington Daily News for publicatankers and sank many of them. The tion.

verted to supply the European and Pacific theaters. It was up to the government to im-

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#### **COWS**

Purchased by the three dairies — Edgewood, Taylor's and Grimes' a solid carload of Holstein cows was unloaded here yesterday, one of the dairymen estimating that the dairy additions will add approximately 60 gallons of milk to the county's daily supply.

The cows were purchased in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and were accompanied by a specialist in the car. They were just about one week reaching here.

It is encouraging to note that Martin County dairymen despite the fact that they are operating at or below cost are trying to do all in their power to maintain and increase the milk supply.

Over Half of Tires Released Were of the Inferior Cra le Type

Eighty tires of all types were isued to applicants in this county last Friday night by the War Price and Rationing Board, most of the tires being of the inferior type. Grade I tires for cars and pick-up

rucks and tubes were isseud to the ollowing: F. C. Stallings, RFD 1, Jamesville, wo tires and two tubes.

V. G. Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, Dalmer G. Manning, RFD 1, Wil-

amston, two tires. John L. Hassell, Oak City, one tire. Asa R. Harris, RFD 2, Williams-

on, one tire. C. U. Rogers, Williamston, one tire. Arthur Modlin, Jamesville, two

ires and two tubes. Mrs. Mamie G. Taylor, RFD 2, Wiliamston, one tire.

Joshua L. Coltrain, RFD 1. Wiliamston, one tire and one tube. M. H. Ange, Jamesville, two tubes. W. E. Dunn, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

W. R. Banks, Williamston, two ires and two tubes. W. I. Skinner and Co., Williams on, one tire and one tube. Woolard Hardware Co., Williams-

on, two tires and two tubes. Truck tires and tubes were rationd to the following: Town of Robersonville, two tires

nd three tubes. State Highway Patrol, Williams on, four tires. John A. Manning, Williamston,

our tires and four tubes. E. L. Glover, RFD 1, Oak City, one Vance L. Peel, RFD 1, Oak City,

Williamston, one tire. D. W. Etheridge, RFD 1, Bethel our tires and two tubes. Zeb V. Price, RFD 1, Jamesville one tire and one tube.

Grade III tires and tubes were isued to the following: Alex Roberson, Parmele, one tire David H. Mizelle, RFD 1, Jamesille, two tires and one tube.

Andrew Haislip, Robersonville wo tires and two tubes. A. E. Downs, Hassell, one tire and

Herbert Lassiter, RFD 1, Williamon, one tire and one tube. C. P. Hopkins, RFD 3, Williams-

on, one tire and one tube. Lawrence E. Coltrain, RFD 1, Wiliamston, one tire. D. B. Latham, RFD 1, Palmyra,

ires and two tubes.

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# **Town Board Holds Short Session Here**

With very little business before them, the local town commission- precaution was taken yesterday to ers were in session only a short time War Information and giving a few last evening. Commissioner G. H. influenza, missed his first meeting in

many months. No action was taken on the application filed by Hoyt Holliday for a

G. H. Harrison was named to represent the town along with Mayor J. L. Hassell and county officials at pointed out that there are no plans For that reason, the heaviest drains for the location of an airport in this interested representatives of the

own and county. The board adopted a resolution expressing its grateful appreciation to the Town of Washington for the use of a fire truck and driver for several of operation. Mayor Hassell was ask-

# Eighty Tires Issued Name Committeemen In County By Board Last Friday Night For Triple A In County



Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, former local Presbyterian minister, was recently promoted to the rank of captain. He is stationed with the Army on the west coast.

## County Authorities Plan For New Year At Meeting Monday

Perfect Organization, Name C. D. Carstarphen Tax Supervisor

Entering the second year of their current term, the Martin County Commissioners in session here yesterday perfected their organization, reviewed the last fiscal year audit, named a tax supervisor for 1944 and handled routine matters.

Board Chairman R. L. Perry was re-elected, E. S. Peel was reappointed county attorney and John W. Bland was named superintendent of the county home, all succeeding themselves. Bonds for the various officers were inspected and approv-

was appointed to succeed himself as Taylor. tax supervisor for the year 1944. He Williams Township: R. J. Hardiwill name his list-takers during the next few days and discuss with them Gardner. at a meeting to be held on Decemone tire and one tube.

W. T. Hyman, Robersonville, two The board discussed possible values for a few items, tentatively suggest-A. T. Perkins, Robersonville, three ing that peanuts be listed at \$5 a bag. Before the listing work is started on January 4, the commissioners will discuss values to be placed on motor vehicles. Last year, the Automobile Blue Book was used as a guide to start with, but the commissioners thought that the values were too high and a twenty per cent reduction was ordered. Much work had avoid the unnecessary work for an-

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#### LIQUOR BOOKS

Approximately one out of every four, or 5,981 persons in Martin County possesses a liquor ration book, according to a review of the registration recently handled in Williamston and Robersenville. More than two-thirds of the registrations, or 4,156, were handled in Williamston, and it was estimated that sixty per cent of the registrants were colored citizens.

Between 30 and 35 per cent of the total registrants were women, and of that number ten per

cent were white. It is conservatively estimated that the number of persons registering for liquor books is at least 1,000 greater than the number of electors on the registra-

# Practice Blackout Scheduled ber 5, 1890. She was married to John Hermit Heath in 1909 and located in Thursday by Army in District

In accordance with instructions start, meaning that pedestrians are from the Eastern Defense Command to seek shelter, motor traffic is to and the Fourth Service Command, a practice air raid drill for this area fifteen minutes by the blue, meaning will be held Thursday night begin- that pedestrians may walk the streets Heath, stationed in Bermuda; Elbert ning around 9:30 o'clock.

of Civilian Protection forces with- is given about 10:10 p. m. in the shortest period of time and on short notice. Therefore, the yellow test and will be limited to the Eliza-

ing around 9:30 o'clock.

It was pointed out that the drill lights, but no electric lights are to is being called for the primary pur- be turned on in houses or other pose of testing complete mobilization buildings until the all-clear signal Mrs. Octaves Barber, both of James-

and first blue signals will be omit- beth City, Williamston, Washington ted. Heretofore, a blue signal - a and Wilmington warning districts.

long two-minute blast of the fire signal—and Williamston districts. The Williamston district includes ren—called for all lights to be turned out, but pedestrians were allowed to walk the streets and traffic was continued with dim lights. The instructions for the test Thursday night call for a red signal at the losserve the rules.

And Williamston warning districts. The williamston district includes county.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, Elder B. S. Cowin, at the home. Interment will follow in the family cemetery on the home farm.

# Few Changes Made In Personnel For The Coming Year

Small Crowds Present in Most Of the Meetings Held Last Week

Community and county commiteemen for administering the Triple A program during the coming year in this county were named in a series of meetings held throughout the county last week, the election of a county committeeman at a convention held in the agricultural building last Saturday morning climax-

ing the series of farm elections. The twelve community meetings for the most part were poorly attended, the numbers ranging from about half a dozen in the Williamston-Poplar Point district to 85 in Bear Grass. The attendance upon the Williamston-Poplar Point meeting was so small that a postponement was considered necessary and a last-minute election was held Saturday morning shortly before the county con-

vention was convened. Very few changes were made in the personnel for the district, and only one change was made in the county committee. Farmer C. G. Gurkin, of Jamesville, was elected to succeed Mr. C. C. Martin who was forced to retire on account of ill-

Discussing the tentative farm program for 1944, leaders found that most farmers were not greatly interested in the plan calling for a 20 per cent increase in their tobacco plantings, especially was this true in those cases where the farmers were in the "C" draft classifications and more than half of their production units were based on tobacco.

Names of the community committeemen for the coming year are, as follows:

Williamston-Poplar Point Townships: R. T. Griffin, M. L. Peel and Mayo Hardison.

Robersonville Township, No. 1: R. S. Everett, S. T. Everett and J. R. Robersonville Township, No. 2:

Commissioner C. D. Carstarphen C. L. Keel, H. H. Roberson and Fred

son, C. L. Daniel and Walter L. Jamesville Township, No. 1: W. C.

ber 20 plans for handling the work. Ange, E. N. Modlin and L. R. Gard-Jamesville Township, No. 2: A. L

Modlin, H. A. Sexton, J. Carl Grif-Hamilton Township: D. R. Edmondson, W. E. Purvis and W. J.

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# Mrs. Hermit Heath to be done in making the change, and Passes At Her Home **Early This Morning**

Services Will Be Conducted In Williams Township at 3 O'Clock Wednesday

Mrs. Ada Irene Heath died at her nome in Williams Township at 12:25 o'clock this morning following a long period of declining health. About five years ago, Mrs. Heath suffered a light stroke and that was followed nearly two years ago by another. She partially recovered to the extent that she was able to be up and attend to a few duties around her home. Almost a month ago, she suffered a third stroke, and her condition had been critical since that time. Members of the family were called to her bedside a few days ago, a son, Pfc. Jesse Heath, stationed with the Army in Bermuda, reaching home just two hours before the end. She suffered much during her long illness

but seldom complained. The daughter of the late John Robert and Elizabeth Pitt Leggett, she was born in this county on Decem-Hermit Heath in 1909 and located in Williams Township. Mr. Heath died five years ago. A devoted mother, she was faithful in her home and held membership in the Primitive Baptist Church at Skewarkey, rendering a neighborly service willing-

ly to a friend in need. She is survived by six sons, Raymond Heath, of Williamston; John T. Heath, of the home; Pfc. Jesse Heath, of Griffins Township; Bennett and Dulen Heath, of the home; and four daughters, Mrs. Grady Modlin, ville, and Mrs. L. C. Moore and Miss Jerelene Heath, both of the home. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Otis Lilley, of Petersburg, and a halfbrother, Luther G. Leggett, of this