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Jamesville Young Man Killed in Action in Italy

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.

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.

His last letter to his mother was dated November 11, and reached its destination just two days before the message stating he had been killed in action was received.

The son of Mrs. Vera Gurganus and the late Seth Gurganus, he was born in Beaufort County on November 28, 1919. Following the death of his father, the family about six years ago moved from Pungo to Jamesville where he worked for Gaines and Kirkman as lumber inspector and yard man until he was drafted just a little over a year ago.

"He was a good boy and thoughtful around home," his broken-hearted mother said between sobs as the walls 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.

The daughter of the late Archibald and Fannie Virginia Grimes Staton, Mrs. Haislip was born near Hamilton on October 14, 1877.

Mrs. Haislip lived in Hamilton all her life and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home by Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister.

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

Closer Unity Is Seen For War Following Meeting In Teheran

Conference Plans Certain To Be Revealed in News Before Long

The all-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.

Some believe that plans were advanced at Teheran for a three-way offensive—east, west and south—to eliminate Germany, but the conference stressed unity of purpose.

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 Lamet Inonu of Turkey.

With Hitler's hope for a negotiated peace shattered by the conferences, attention reverts immediately to the fighting fronts.

The American Fifth Army is pushing forward on the western end of the line in Italy, taking Mt. Camino where isolated German troops are being mopped up.

In Russia, the Red Army has scored additional gains in White Russia and important victories have been reported for the Russians in the Dnieper bend.

Numerous Cases Of 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 one physician reported two dozen cases in a single day, another reported more than a dozen.

For the most part, the sickness is not very severe. The victims ordinarily are running fairly high temperatures, and most of them suffered with "splitting" headaches while some are troubled with nausea.

The appearance of the sickness is not considered alarming at this time, but some doctors are not very optimistic over the outlook.

First Government Checks Are Received By County Farmers

The first Triple A checks earned under the government 1943 soil conservation program were delivered to Martin County farmers this week, it was learned from Miss Mary Carstarphen, clerk in the county agent's office.

According to reports coming from some of the farmers who received checks, the payments were larger than they had expected, some running as high as \$150 each.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

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

Farmers' Tax Deadline Dec. 15

Farmers are required to file declarations of estimated 1943 income and Victory tax and make a payment by December 15th.

The entire list of rationed beef items has been cut two or three ration points, making the most available to civilians since rationing began late last May.

A farm worker who fails to keep his Local Selective Service Board informed of a change of address or occupation may be reclassified or possibly inducted into the armed forces.

The highest weekly production record 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 contract between the government and the miners, according to Harold L. Ickes, Solid Fuels Administrator for War Production for the week ended November 20.

Gives Facts About Use of Gasoline in Waging World War

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.

Town Board Holds Short Session Here

With very little business before them, the local town commissioners were in session only a short time last evening.

No action was taken on the application filed by Hoyt Holliday for a place on the night police force.

Gasoline must be transported to a seaport where an ocean-going tanker is loaded and sent on its mission overseas.

Before the war, 95 per cent of the east's gasoline came around Florida in tankers which carry between 60,000 and 154,000 barrels per trip.

The Axis knew this. As soon as war broke out, the Axis concentrated submarine attacks on coastwise tankers and sank many of them.

COWS

Purchased by the three dairies—Edgewood, Taylor's and Grimes' a solid carload of Holstein cows was unloaded here yesterday.

Eighty Tires Issued In County By Board Last Friday Night

Over Half of Tires Released Were of the Inferior Craje Type

Eighty tires of all types were issued to applicants in this county last Friday night by the War Price and Rationing Board.

F. C. Stallings, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes.

Woolard Hardware Co., Williamston, two tires and two tubes.

Herbert Lassiter, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

A. T. Perkins, Robersonville, three tires and two tubes.

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 Robersonville.

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

Practice Blackout Scheduled Thursday by Army in District

In accordance with instructions from the Eastern Defense Command and the Fourth Service Command, a practice air raid drill for this area will be held Thursday night beginning around 9:30 o'clock.

It was pointed out that the drill is being called for the primary purpose of testing complete mobilization of Civilian Protection forces within the shortest period of time and on short notice.

Name Committeemen For Triple A In County

CAPTAIN



Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, former local Presbyterian minister, was recently promoted to the rank of captain.

Few Changes Made In Personnel For The Coming Year

Small Crowds Present in Most Of the Meetings Held Last Week

Community and county committeemen 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 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.

Very few changes were made in the personnel for the district, and only one change was made in the county committee.

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

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

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

Robersonville Township, No. 2: C. L. Keel, H. H. Roberson and Fred Taylor.

Williams Township: R. J. Hardison, C. L. Daniel and Walter L. Gardner.

Jamesville Township, No. 1: W. C. Ange, E. N. Modlin and L. R. Gardner.

Jamesville Township, No. 2: A. L. Modlin, H. A. Sexton, J. Carl Griffin.

Hamilton Township: D. R. Edmondson, W. E. Purvis and W. J. Daniel.

Mrs. Hermit Heath Passes At Her Home Early This Morning

Mrs. Ada Irene Heath died at her home in Williams Township at 12:25 o'clock this morning following a long period of declining health.

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.

The daughter of the late John Robert and Elizabeth Pitt Leggett, she was born in this county on December 5, 1890.

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.

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