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## Forced Retreat For Enemy On Road To Rome Now Indicated

### Russians Score Big Victory In Dnieper Bend Allies Active in the Pacific

Late reports coming out of Italy this afternoon stated that the Germans are burning towns and villages south of Rome, the action indicating that the enemy is making preparations to abandon his winter line before the eternal city. That a retreat will be forced is fairly certain now that the American Fifth Army is mopping up in the hills leading to the planes before Rome. The enemy, however, is offering a stubborn defense with his back to the Upper Garigliano River.

General Mark Clark's warriors, pushing down the western slopes of Mt. Maggiore and Mt. Camino toward the flatlands leading to the major German stronghold of Cassino, wiped out all by-passed enemy pockets except on the northwestern tip of the Maggiore incline and in the small village of Rocca Devandro, nestled against Camino.

On the Adriatic end of the Italian front the Nazis waged an equally desperate battle to hold the line guarding the important port of Pescara and the inland city of Chieti, throwing squadrons of tanks into a particularly heavy battle raging around the town of Orsogna, ten miles from the sea.

While the Italian campaign is in the forefront of the news, there is still talk about the invasion of the Continent from the west. President Roosevelt was in Malta day before yesterday and it is believed he will visit London "before American troops leave English shores" to participate in the final plans for the invasion of Europe across the Channel.

A great victory has been scored by the Russians in the Dnieper bend with the capture of an important railroad center. But it is now believed that the great Russian offensive of the year is being delayed that it might be timed with drives from the south and west.

Over in the Pacific, the Allies directed a costly attack against the Japs in the Marshall Islands, sinking two cruisers and several other Jap ships, and destroying 72 planes. Following that attack, American warships and carriers pounded the phosphate island of Nauru just west of the Gilberts and below the Marshalls. Details of the more recent raid have not yet been revealed. Tokyo today, following the recent developments in the Pacific, admits that the war is becoming "more ghastly and bitter."

RAF planes have just bombed important positions on the island of Crete, starting big fires and knocking out gun positions. Unofficial reports coming from Sofia today indicate that Bulgaria is making plans to sue for a separate peace with the Allies.

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## Eight Divorces Are Pending In Courts

In addition to the trial of a dozen criminal cases, the superior court convening here next Monday will consider breaking the bonds of matrimony in possibly eight or more cases. Six of the eight cases calendared to date were filed by colored plaintiffs.

Based for the most part on two years of separation, the following divorces are pending in the court: Louis Bond against Pecolia Bond; Simon Joshua Pritchett against Allie Mae Pritchett; Maggie Davis against Harry Davis; Willie Briley against Velma Briley; Clyde S. Batts against Adelaide E. Batts; Mary L. Spruill against Arthur Spruill; William Lawrence Tyner against Emma Eliza Tyner; and Frances Estelle Ryan against Thomas Ryan.

There are a few other civil cases on the calendar for trial. One involves an account of Lindsey Ice Company against Herbert Bunting. Referee Clay Carter is scheduled to file a report in the case of Luther Hardison against A. T. Whitley and others.

## Half Dozen Cases Heard By Justice

Justice J. L. Hassell opened court this week to clear the docket in his court following a week-end round-up of alleged law violators by local and county officers. In each of the six cases called, the trial justice imposed fines varying from \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Proceedings: Charged with disorderly conduct, Hardy Hodges and Arthur Roberson, colored, were each fined \$5 and tax with the costs.

W. Purvis, John Henry White, Woodrow Edmondson, charged with disorderly conduct, were each fined \$2.50 and required to pay the costs.

Edmondson, charged with drunk and down, was fined and taxed with the cost.

## PROMOTED



Rev. John W. Hardy, former rector of the local Church of the Advent, was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the Army's chaplain corps. Entering the service only last April, Lt. Hardy is now stationed in Oregon.

## James M. Mizelle Dies Suddenly At Home in Jamesville

### Funeral Services Are Being Held This Afternoon for Prominent Citizen

James M. Mizelle, well-known Jamesville citizen, died suddenly at his home in Jamesville Wednesday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, apparently from a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been working in and around the yard that afternoon and was believed to be in his usual health. After putting away his tools, he went into the house and within fifteen minutes, Mrs. Mizelle went into the dining room and found him lying face down on the floor dead. Mr. Mizelle had been in declining health for some time, but was able to be up, attending to his usual duties.

The son of the late William Turner Mizelle and wife, Hester Davis Mizelle, he was born in this county, near Jamesville, 59 years ago the fifth of last October. After spending his early life on the farm, he joined two of his brothers in the operation of a mercantile establishment in Jamesville for a number of years, retiring from that business to enter the building trade.

He married Miss Maude Elizabeth Hinson of the Dardens Community in 1914 and she with three children, J. M. Mizelle, Jr., of Portsmouth; Mrs. Edward Stevenson, of Plymouth; and Miss Leah Frances Mizelle, of the home, survives. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Louis W. Mizelle, of Jamesville, and Mr. C. W. Mizelle of the Poplar Chapel Community, and a sister, Mrs. Jackson Holliday, of near Jamesville.

Mr. Mizelle joined the church at Poplar Chapel when a youth, possibly more than fifty years ago. He was active in the affairs of the church, and was a faithful member in its service, willingly accepting responsibilities and duties. He was also active in Woodmen circles for many years, and was interested and active in those things promoted for the betterment of his community.

Funeral services are being conducted from the Jamesville Christian Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Dennis Warren Davis and Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Bellthor. Interment will follow in the family cemetery near the old family home in Jamesville Township.

## Prisoner of Japs Said To Be Getting Along All Right

Rudolph Smithwick, a member of the Armed forces falling into the hands of the Japs at Corregidor, was said to be getting along very well in a communication received here a few days ago by his sister, Mrs. Charlie Thomas, who lives on Church Street. "I am not under treatment. Give my love to all the family," the young man now believed to be held a prisoner of the Japs in the Philippines, said in the communication.

He was in the Army eighteen months before Pearl Harbor.

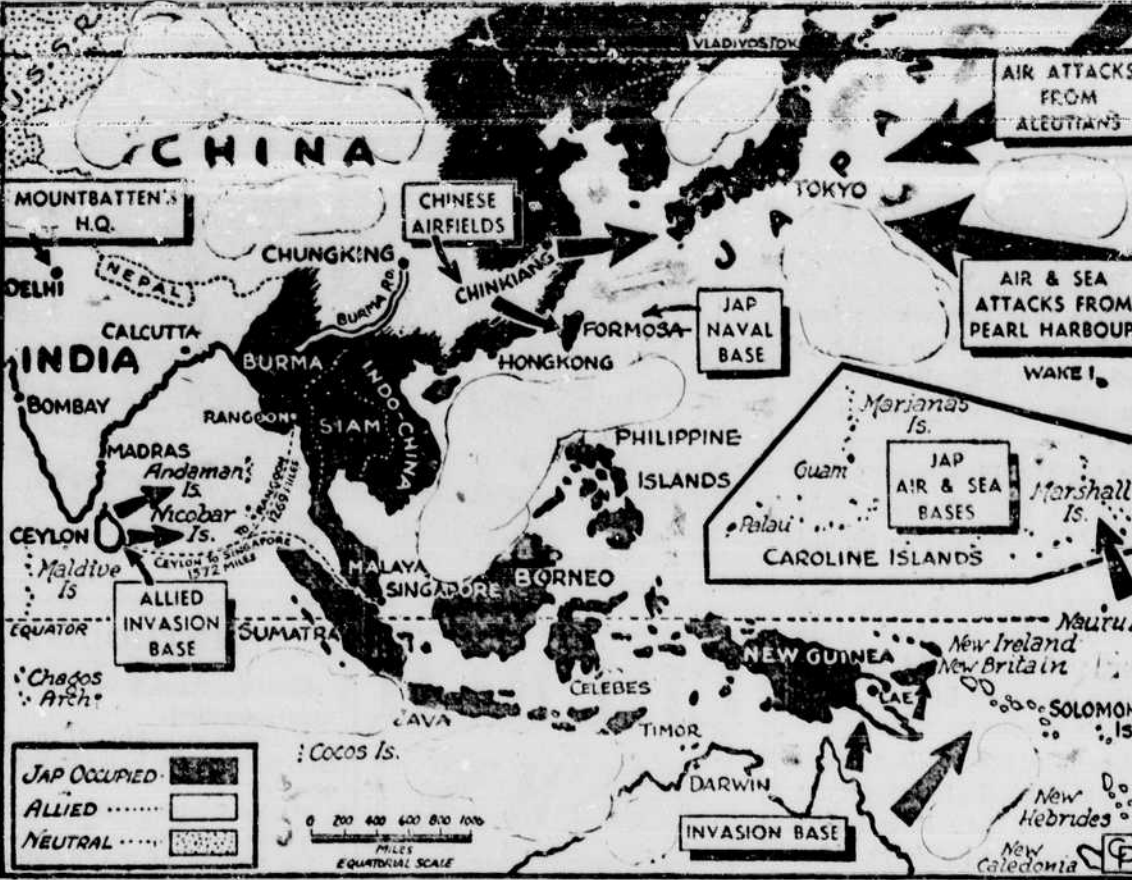
## NO ACTION

Holding its second meeting early this week, the Martin County War Board reviewed about 150 farm production records, but took no definite action toward reclassifying any of the "C" registrants, according to one report coming from the agricultural building. The records reviewed were those of farmers in Cross Roads Township.

At a meeting tonight, the board is scheduled to review farm records submitted by farmers in Griffins Township.

It has been pointed out that action taken by the War Board is not final, that the Draft Board will decide the final classifications.

## FIRST RUMBLINGS OF STORM THAT SWEEPS ON JAPAN



FROM DELHI, where military unity is finally established and the admiralty flag of Lord Louis Mountbatten now waves, to the tiny dots that mark the Marshall Islands, the rumbling of approaching storm echoes loudly throughout Nippon. This map gives a comprehensive idea of places and events in the forefront at the moment, as well as the targets for tomorrow. At the right, the arrow from the Mountbatten quarters indicates that internal frictions have been smoothed out and Lord Mountbatten has achieved a conglomerate but unified collection of Hindus, Chinese, British, Yankee and assorted races. At right the island-hopping campaign is getting under way with the Marshalls, current goal, indicated by arrow. In China arrow points to air base regions from which attacks on Formosa have been staged. Nearby is the vast "rice bowl" area of China, scene of much fighting. The thrust through Burma and the jungle belts is beginning and there are indications that Mountbatten has his eye on other invasion areas indicated by arrows in the lower left. (International)

## Fifteenth Martin County Young Man Loses Life In The Service

### Rufus N. Mobley Is Killed In Airplane Accident Last Week

#### Body Being Shipped Here for Burial in Cross Roads Township

Tech. Sgt. Rufus N. Mobley, son of Mrs. Effie Roberson Mobley and the late Louis N. Mobley, was killed instantly about midnight last Saturday when a big B-24 bomber crashed and burned near Reading, Pennsylvania. He was one of nine Army fliers to die in the crash, two others are believed to have parachuted to earth, reports stating they were seriously hurt.

According to information received here late last evening, the young man's body was shipped from the Pennsylvania city last night at 6:12 o'clock, but it could not be learned immediately when it would reach here. According to plans announced by a member of the family, the body will be buried in the old Mobley Cemetery on the Bud Mobley farm in Cross Roads Township. Detailed plans for the funeral have not been announced. The Biggs Funeral Home here was advised that the body was being accompanied by military escort, but the time for its scheduled arrival was not given. It is thought possibly that the body would reach here late today.

The young man is the fifteenth Martin County man to lose his life in the service of his country.

According to a report released under an Elverson, Pa., date line earlier this week, the plane was making a routine flight from Will Rogers Airfield, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Reading, Pa. Scores of farm people saw the plane circling over a wide area in Berke and Chester Counties, near Elverson, Pa., before the wreck, presumably searching for a landing place, but the cause of the crash was not revealed immediately. The plane is believed to have turned off its course because of low visibility and was traveling toward Philadelphia when it crashed. Elverson and Morgantown volunteer firemen and townspeople attracted by the blaze, found the charred bodies of the men in the debris.

Sgt. Mobley was born in the Cross Roads section of this county about 24 years ago. When he was about ten years of age, he moved with his parents to Beaufort County and a short time later they located in Edgecombe County where he attended the Conetoe schools. Upon his graduation there, he entered the Army, the family later moving to Bertie County before settling in Northampton where his father died last April. Following Mr. Mobley's death, Mrs. Mobley moved to Fayetteville to make her home with a daughter, Mrs. Edna Gregory, and a son, Benjamin Mobley. Besides his mother, sister and brother in Fayetteville, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Eva Pritchett of Salt Lake City, Fla., and Miss Marie Mobley, of Richmond. He also leaves a number of relatives in this county, including an aunt, Mrs. Mack James, of Everetts.

The young man had been in the service about seven years, serving during much of that time in foreign

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## Annual Christmas Pageant Will Be Presented Sunday

The glee clubs of the Williamston High School will present a Christmas pageant in the high school auditorium Sunday evening, December 12th, at 7:30. The presentation will be a joint worship service for the various churches in Williamston.

This year's pageant commemorating the "Nativity" will be the fourth annual Christmas pageant presented in the local school under the direction of Miss Kathryn Mewborn, music director. One hundred and twenty young people comprise the high school and junior high school choruses which will render the Christmas music.

Changes have been made in both the stage settings and the music presented in previous pageant scenes. Outdoor scenes supplant the cathedral scenes used in former years, much of the Christmas story being told from a setting on an "Hill of Bethlehem."

The familiar and well-loved Christmas songs sung in previous pageants will be heard again Sunday night, in addition to many other carols.

The Christmas story is told in song and by a narrator. Scenes and tableaux are: The Prophecy, The Annunciation, The Arrival at Bethlehem, The Angel and the Shepherds, The Nativity.

The public is urged to join in the evening of worship.

## SLOW

While there are a few greeting cards making their appearance and the volume of holiday packages has been slightly increased during the past few days, Christmas mailing is progressing mighty slow at the local post office, according to a statement made today by Assistant Postmaster F. Earl Wynne.

"Mailings of Christmas gifts in November were insufficient to assure that deliveries of all gifts can be made on time, although the public is cooperating better than last year," a report just released by the Post Office Department reads.

The public is still urged not to delay in mailing greeting cards and packages, but delivery is no longer guaranteed by Christmas. Packages may be mailed at any time, however, even right up until Christmas, but not for guaranteed delivery.

## Officers Destroy Two Liquor Plants

Illegal liquor manufacturers in this county are making little progress so far in their efforts to ease the shortage of liquor, according to a report coming from ABC Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck yesterday.

As far as it can be learned there is little activity on the illegal manufacturing front in this county, and those who attempt to operate are having their cars and wares. Raiding in Robersonville Township this week, Officer Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked a gas drum and poured out fifty gallons of molasses beer. On Wednesday they wrecked another steam plant in Hamilton Township and poured out three barrels of sugar beer.

## Local Bandage Room Has Been Closed Temporarily

The bandage room over the Western Auto Store, has been temporarily closed according to Mrs. Jimmy Taylor this morning.

"The bandage room will reopen just as soon as we receive more supplies," she said.

## KILLED



Pfc. Alston Wesley Gurganus, son of Mrs. Vera Gurganus of Jamesville, and the late Seth Gurganus, was killed in action in Italy on November 14, relatives were notified a few days ago. He was the fourteenth Martin County man to make the supreme sacrifice in the current war.

## Record Number Of Cases In County's Court Last Monday

### Judge J. C. Smith Holds Four Hour Session Before Clearing Docket

Calling possibly the largest number of cases than at any other time since he has been on the bench, Judge J. Calvin Smith held the county recorder's court in session for four hours last Monday before clearing the docket. Around thirty cases were on the docket, and large crowds were attracted to the court room during the long session.

Speeding cases appeared on the docket again, unofficial reports stating that many motorists, given an inch, will take a mile and that they would want to crowd sixty or more into a single hour. Speedsters, or other law-breakers, for that matter, have no friend in court and the 35-mile speed law is still in effect. In the absence of Solicitor E. S. Peel, who was sick, Attorney Clarence Griffin prosecuted the docket.

Proceedings of the court: Charged with non-support, Henry Hattem was directed to continue to pay \$6 a week for the support of his child and to reappear on the first Monday in December, 1944, for further judgment. Bond in the sum of \$150 was required.

A capias was issued for Ernest T. Gihman when he failed to pay the costs in the case charging him with non-support.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging B. W. Nash with issuing a worthless check.

The cash bond was ordered forfeited in the case charging Jennings Thomas Coolidge with speeding, the defendant failing to answer when called.

R. S. Holloman, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and reckless driving, was adjudged not guilty.

Laura Jenkins, charged with violating the health laws, failed to answer and her arrest was ordered.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with non-support, Johnnie E. Howell was sentenced to the roads for a term of twelve months. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$50 immediately and the guaranteed payment of \$7.50 a week for the support of his children during the next twelve months at the end of which time he is to reappear.

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## Brother Of Local Man Held Prisoner By Nazis

Reported missing in action on September 13, Charles W. Taylor, brother of Mr. Herbert Taylor of Williamston, is now being held a prisoner by the Germans, it was learned this week. The communication, coming from the War Department, stated that a letter would follow. So far the letter has not been received and no details of the young man's case could be learned.

## SOLDIER'S RATION

A soldier in one year eats, in terms of meat, 400 pounds of hogs (live weight), or 500 pounds of broilers or fryers, or 500 pounds of beef cattle. He needs a case of eggs, or about 30 dozen; 45 gallons of milk, or a pint a day; and 52 pounds of butter. As to potatoes, it is 4 1-3 bushels of Irish potatoes or 5 bushels of sweet potatoes. Give him 260 pounds of fresh and canned vegetables, 230 pounds of tomatoes or citrus fruits, and 100 pounds of other fruits. Grow about 3 1-2 bushels of wheat for him because it takes this amount to furnish him with 234 pounds of bread.

## Superior Court Will Open Regular Term Here Next Monday

### Less Than a Dozen Criminal and Very Few Civil Cases Scheduled For Trial

Opening a regular term here next Monday for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, the Martin County Superior Court is expected to remain in session only a short time before clearing the docket. Less than a dozen criminal and only a few minor cases are scheduled for consideration.

Judge Walter Bone, of Nashville, is returning to the county after presiding over a special session of the court last week. There are no sensational criminal cases on the docket, but the court is expected to attract fairly sizable crowds. Possibly the case that will attract the greatest attention is the one charging Robert Lee Andrews, colored man, with fatally assaulting Walter Wallace Bailey, young white man. He will not face a murder charge according to the wording on the warrant which charges him with an assault with a deadly weapon resulting in Bailey's death. The attack was made on October 20 at a community fair in Robersonville and climaxed a disturbance in which Bailey and others are alleged to have had a part or created.

Other cases on the docket include the following:

Elbert Whitehurst, charged with being drunk and disorderly and damaging property. The case has been continued on two previous occasions. Final disposition is expected in the case charging Arthur Council with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The case was continued last September under prayer for judgment. Council was driving the car that ran down and injured Mrs. Mamie Raynor the latter part of last August.

The case charging Cortez Rogers with carnal knowledge of a female comes up for trial after being continued in September. Robert Seymour Bullock is scheduled to be tried for drunken driving after appealing from a judgment in the lower court.

Charged with stealing \$5 from Luther Sheppard, the defendant, Ernest Everett Stated, appealed from the judgment handed down in the lower court.

Hardy Smallwood is slated to be tried for allegedly raping Esther V. Bell on October 23 in Cross Roads Township.

D. H. Hill is charged with robbing Johnnie Smallwood of \$4 in cash at the point of a gun on Williamston's east main street the 20th of last month.

Kelley LeRoy Salsbury is facing the court on two counts, for allegedly robbing Harry Hardy's store in Everetts and the temporary larceny of Farmer Allen's mule and cart.

Roosevelt Fagan is charged with receiving stolen goods, namely, an automobile belonging to H. F. Wil-

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## Sale Of Christmas Seals Progressing

The annual sale of Christmas seals in this district is progressing rapidly, according to Mrs. Betty Courtney, chairman, who announced today that two-thirds of the quota had been successfully handled.

Sales approximating \$205.42 have been made to date, the figure representing the sale of special T. B. bonds, mail contributions and book sales. It was stated that \$86 was received through the mails from direct appeals.

Mrs. Courtney is anxious to push the drive to a successful close tomorrow when "Bangle Day" will be observed. School children will make the canvass, offering little double-barred cross pins and Santa Claus buttons for contributions of ten cents or more. Mrs. C. G. Crockett is chairman of the Bangle Day committee.

Tomorrow marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Robert Koch, the brilliant scientist who discovered the TB germ, and Bangle Day sales will serve to continue the fight started by the scientist in 1882.

## Two County Youths Leave For Station

Accepted for service in the U. S. Marine Corps, Chester Lee Crocker and Murray W. "Buck" Holloman left yesterday for their training station at Parris Island, South Carolina. They first reported to the induction center at Fort Bragg on the 23rd of last month.

Youth Crocker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Crocker, of Rocky Mount, has been in this county for about a year and a half, farming with his uncle, Mr. Jodie Haislip, near Robersonville. Young Holloman is the son of Mrs. W. J. Smith, of Williamston. Up until a few weeks ago he was employed in Portsmouth ship yard.

Seven Martin County boys will report for active duty in the Army at Fort Bragg next Wednesday.