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Berlin Bombed Last Night For The Sixth Time In Four Weeks

Sixth Army Starts New Drive Toward Rabaul: Russians Gain Around Kiev

Aside from a costly attack upon Allied shipping, at Bari, Adriatic coast port, news coming from all theaters of war today is considered encouraging for the Allies. Berlin was effectively bombed by the RAF last night for the sixth time in about four weeks. The American Sixth Army waded into the Arawe Peninsula to start a new drive on Rabaul, important Jap base on New Britain. The American Fifth Army has scored new gains in the capture of several important positions on the Road to Rome, and the Russians, after a see-saw fight for several weeks, scored gains for the second successive day against the Germans just west of Kiev. The condition of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, stricken with pneumonia some where in the Middle East, was reported somewhat improved today, and President Roosevelt is traveling toward Washington to complete one of the most momentous trips ever undertaken by the head of any nation.

Few details of the last night Berlin bombing were released, but it was said that 1,500 tons of bombs were dropped and that the British lost thirty planes. Conditions in the German capital are pretty bad, one report stating that at least 2,000 persons died of influenza there during the past few days.

The news coming out of the Pacific is meaningful following the invasion of New Britain island. The major drive, launched by General MacArthur's Sixth Army under the direct command of General Walter Krueger, is destined to wipe out Rabaul, important Jap base in that area. The landing, made Wednesday morning, was not costly, it was reported, and the Americans soon established themselves and are now cleaning out resistance points inland. Jap attempts to shake the invaders off with plane attacks are meeting with little success. It is understood that the drive is supported by large forces, that new and secret weapons were used for the first time by the Americans.

In Italy, the American Fifth Army has just scored new gains with the capture of several important positions. Two weeks ago, about forty German bombers visited the unprotected Allied base at Bari on the Adriatic, sinking seventeen Allied ships, five American, and causing more than one thousand casualties.

Moscow says nothing about three new large-scale offensives the Germans claim the Russians have started, but the see-saw fight in the Kiev area is, at last, turning in favor of the Russians. For the second successive day, the Red Army has forced a German retreat in that area. Reports state that the Germans are moving men from the Eastern Front and are trying to bolster their lines with the transfers in Italy. Traffic through the Brenner pass has been blocked, and Hitler is having his problems aggravated.

Two Hurt When Car And Truck Collide

Two persons were hurt and considerable property damage resulted when an automobile driven by Rodney Small, Bertie colored man, skidded into the path of a pick-up truck driven by Warren Nicholson, white man, on West Main Street, near the hospital, at 5:30 Wednesday afternoon during the snow storm. Small's wife was said to have suffered a dislocated hip and was hospitalized. Jasper Davis, white, riding with Nicholson, was painfully but not dangerously cut on the head. He was treated in the local hospital and released a short time later.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$150 and that to the old model Chevrolet car at \$100 by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident.

Small, driving into town, apparently applied his car brakes, causing the machine to skid on the snow-covered highway and strike the truck.

Masons Here Elect Officers For 1944

Hugh G. Horton was elected Master of Skewarkee Lodge 90 for the coming year at the annual election of officers last Tuesday night. He will succeed K. D. Worrell, who has served during the present year. Other officers elected Tuesday night are as follows: Ben D. Courtney, Senior Warden; George Harrison, Jr., Junior Warden; J. D. Woolard, Treasurer; and J. C. Anderson, Secretary.

In addition to the five officers elected by the membership, several other places are to be filled by the newly elected Master. It is expected that he will announce the appointments within the next two or three weeks. The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

Wreckage of Bomber in Which County Boy Lost His Life



This pile of wreckage is all that remained of a four-engine B-24 Liberator bomber, which crashed near Elverson, Pa., late in the night of December 4th, killing nine men instantly. A tenth man died a few days later in a hospital, and as far as it could be learned here, the eleventh man on the ill-fated ship

continues in a serious condition. Rufus N. Mobley, Martin County young man, was one of those killed instantly in the crash. (Army Air Forces Photo, released through the courtesy of the Reading (Pa.) "Eagle.")

Superior Court In Final Session Of Term Late Tuesday

Juvenile Court Judgment Affirmed in Case Against Colored Boy

After getting off to a slow start last Monday, the Martin County Superior Court, convening a regular term for the trial of both civil and criminal cases, increased its momentum and by late Tuesday afternoon had cleared the docket and handled several civil cases. Judge Walter Bone of Nashville presided, his appearance in the county being the second as the court's presiding officer in three weeks.

Proceedings not previously reported: Two divorces, both based on two years of separation, were granted, one to Frances Estelle Ryan against Thomas Ryan, and the other to Mary L. Spruill against Arthur Spruill. All the litigants were colored. Several other divorce cases were scheduled for trial, but they were not called.

In the case of S. F. Peel against L. R. Gurganus, the court rendered a judgment declared the plaintiff the rightful owner of certain properties.

The court confirmed the referee's report in the case of Luther Hardison and others against A. T. Whitley and W. G. Hardison. The judgment gives the defendant, Whitley, possession of certain lands and plaintiffs were taxed with the case costs.

A judgment in the sum of \$210.25 with interest from March 30, 1943, was granted Lindsley Ice Company in its case against Herbert Bunting.

A judgment handed down by Judge L. B. Wynne in the county's juvenile court was affirmed by the court. C. B. Wilson, young colored boy, was sentenced to a correctional institution at Hoffman by Judge Wynne for allegedly setting fire to several homes in Williamston in recent months. Wilson, through his counsel, appealed to the higher court. While the juvenile court judgment was affirmed, Judge Bone ruled that commitment was not to issue for ten days or as long as the delinquent boy is kept with his mother in New Jersey. Commitment is to issue at the end of the days if the boys is still in the county, or at any time thereafter if the child is found in the county.

MORE CHECKS

Martin County farmers will receive approximately \$85,000 for cooperating with the Triple A soil building program this year, according to estimates based on receipts just recently reported. This week, 164 checks representing 110 contracts or applications and amounting to \$5,936.40, were distributed in this county, boosting the total money received to \$11,063.01. So far, 399 checks representing 207 of the approximately 1,600 farm contracts in the county, have been delivered. It was learned from the office of the county agent here today.

Cold Wave Strikes, Tying Up Traffic Over A Large Section

Sweeping down from the north last Tuesday night, a meaningful cold wave gave this section its first real taste of winter. Disregarding the scheduled appearance of Ole Man Winter on or about next Wednesday, the cold wave forced the mercury down to eight degrees above zero, and snow, falling early Wednesday morning and continuing for about eighteen hours, covered the earth with a six-inch blanket.

Schools were forced to close ahead of announced schedules, and an acute fuel shortage stared many residents in the face. Possibly the most serious trouble centered itself around travel, highway, rail and air. While only one road accident was reported in this immediate territory, there were many in other areas, incomplete reports state. An airplane of the Eastern Air Lines was forced down two and one-half miles west of here. Mail schedules were stopped for more than eighteen hours late Wednesday and

early Thursday, and passenger buses were halted, and little traffic was seen on the streets and highways during the latter part of the snow storm and for several hours early yesterday morning. Possibly one of the most serious traffic accidents in the State was the one near Fayetteville early yesterday morning when an A. C. L. streamliner ploughed into a wreck, killing between 75 and 80 persons, and injuring many others.

Local fuel dealers this morning were still a day or more behind in filling their orders which, in most cases, were strictly rationed in an effort to tide the ill-prepared over the emergency. The cold wave aggravates the local fuel situation which has already been declared serious. However, there was no suffering, and with the exception of one fire in Hamilton, no one had been burned out of his home up until early this morning in this area.

Plane Forced Down Near Hamilton Road During Snow Storm

Captain John F. Gill Escapes Injury in Emergency Landing

Flying an Eastern Air Lines passenger plane from New York with Manteo as his destination, Captain John F. Gill, veteran transport pilot with headquarters in New York, was forced down just off the Hamilton Highway near here, during a heavy snow storm late Wednesday afternoon. The pilot, traveling a special mission alone, was not injured and damage to the plane will hardly exceed \$1,000, it was estimated.

"The ceiling was closing in rapidly and when the carburetor iced up I started looking for an open space," Captain Gill said. He brought the five-passenger ship down in Ferner Pate's field garden, ripping off a number of bean poles and smashing the underbelly of the ship. The pilot explained that it was impossible to use his landing gear, that a skid landing was the only type to be considered. Under the conditions, the landing was considered just about perfect.

Leaving New York shortly before noon, Captain Gill taxied down to Washington for a short stop and continued with no advanced warning of a localized weather disturbance in this area. A weather flash was given him while in flight, advising him of a local weather disturbance near the coast. Within forty miles of his destination, Captain Gill changed his flight and was traveling west to avoid the storm when he felt its full fury in this area and was forced to land his ship. After changing his flight, the pilot had planned to land in Raleigh and continue from there.

Definite funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, but it is planned to hold the services in Concho Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will follow in the cemetery there. Elder W. E. Grimes is being asked to conduct the last rites.

OPEN NIGHTS

Beginning next Wednesday local stores will remain open until about 9 o'clock to accommodate busy shoppers.

Local automobile owners are again being asked to leave their cars at home or park them off the streets to make room for the ever-increasing number of visitors.

It was announced today that local stores and business in general will observe a three-day schedule for Christmas, suspending activities late on Friday evening of next week and reopening the following Tuesday, December 28.

Lot Harrell Dies At Home Near Here

Lot Harrell, retired farmer, died at his home on the old Greenville Road last evening at 6 o'clock following a long period of ill health.

The son of the late John and Charity Grimes Harrell, he was born between Oak City and Hamilton 62 years ago last June. He spent most of his life in that area, moving to Williamston about eight years ago or a short time after he suffered a stroke of paralysis. He had suffered two strokes since that time, and his condition had been serious for some time. He was an invalid for many months.

He married Miss Harriett Neal and she survives with seven children, Lot, Jr., Mrs. Carl Ange, John Edward, Henry, Fannie, Robert and Charity.

Seventy-Two Tires Allotted in County By Ration Board

Board Will Hold Its Last Session Before Christmas Here Tonight

Seventy-two tires were released in this county last Friday night by the War Price and Rationing Board. Nineteen of the tires were of the Grade I type for car and pick-up trucks.

The board also issued a certificate to John W. Green, farmer, real estate and timber dealer, for the purchase of a new automobile.

J. E. Andrews, charged with speeding, had his A rations suspended for thirty days.

The board will hold its last meeting before Christmas on Friday of this week, it was announced.

Grade I tires and tubes for cars and pick-up trucks were released to the following:

- Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.
- John A. Ward, Williamston, two tires.
- Sim Bell, RFD 1, Williamston, one tube.
- William Fields, Palmyra, one tube.
- Jasper Spruill, RFD 1, Oak City, one tube.
- J. M. Dixon, Robersonville, one tube.
- H. H. Williams, Everetts, one tube.
- L. M. Meeks, Robersonville, one tube.
- W. H. Vanderford, RFD 2, Robersonville, two tubes.
- Claude Winstead, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube.
- Joshua L. Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- N. M. Hyman, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tire and one tube.
- A. E. Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, one tire and one tube.
- Jack Smith, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire and one tube.
- Mrs. Alice B. Tyson, RFD 1, Hobbogood, one tire and one tube.
- K. S. Bunting, Oak City, one tire and one tube.
- John A. Ward, Jr., RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Leslie S. Ayers, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire.
- Peter Bellflower, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tire.
- A. T. Perkins, Robersonville, three tires.
- Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Williamston, one tube.

Truck tires and tubes were released to the following:

- C. L. Tyson, RFD 1, Oak City, two tires.
- J. S. Whitman, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- Zeb V. Price, Plymouth, one tire and one tube.
- Slade, Rhodes and Co., Hamilton, one tire and one tube.
- John Gurkin, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.
- W. I. Skinner and Co., Williamston, two tires and two tubes.
- Tractor tires were rationed as follows:
- Lindsley Ice Co., Williamston, two tires.
- Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Williamston, one tire.

Farmers Continued In "C" Groups By Boards

SCHEDULE

Working to arrange the longest possible holiday and the only one of the year for The Enterprise force, the management announces the following publication schedule:

The current edition is out a few hours ahead of schedule. The next edition is scheduled to make its appearance next Monday, and will be followed by another on Wednesday. In keeping with an old, old custom, there'll be no edition on Tuesday following Christmas. Those wishing to have announcements made public, are asked to note the publication schedule changes.

Draft Hits Colored Fathers A Terrific Blow In The County

Current Call for Selectees Is Largest Received In Recent Months

That much if not all the talk heard about not sending fathers into the service is unfounded was evidenced this week when thirty-seven colored fathers in this county were scheduled to answer the December draft call. The thirty-seven fathers are leaving 81 children behind, one of them, Robert Charlie Hyman, of RFD 1, Palmyra, accounting for seven, their ages ranging from one and one-half years to 13 years. Thirty-six of the fathers are married, and it is understood the other father leaves one child. There are three childless married men in the group, and there are about forty single men, most of them just recently reaching the age of eighteen years.

Eight of the group called to answer this month asked to be transferred to other boards. The requests were granted. Several of those called this month have made at least one previous visit to the induction center, but they are being recalled under changed regulations.

The names and address given at time of registration and last known home address follow:

- Asa Tom Lanier, RFD 1, Williamston.
- Mavin Parker, Robersonville.
- Theodore Sandy Brown, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Curtis James, RFD 2, Robersonville and Williamston.
- Samuel Stokes, Williamston and Richmond.
- James Gray Eason, Robersonville.
- Robert Brown, RFD 2, Robersonville.
- Dawes Byrd Carter, Parmele.
- Edgar Warren Simmons, Williamston.
- John Henry Taylor, Robersonville and Tarboro.
- Daniel Ryan, Williamston.
- Samuel James, RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Robert Fluboy Williams, Parmele.
- Narven Baker, RFD 3, Williamston.
- James Alfred Crandle, Parmele and Bethel.
- Augustus Harris, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Julius Theodore Evans, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Columbus Freeman, Jr., RFD 3, Williamston.
- John Watson Bonds, Williamston.
- Robert Charlie Hyman, RFD 1, Palmyra.
- Robert Lee Pierce, RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Grandy Pemberton, Everetts and Portsmouth.
- Willie Howard Daniel, RFD 2, Robersonville.
- Richard Vine, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- Charles Wilder, Williamston.
- James Edward Ridley, Williamston.
- William Midgett, Williamston.
- William Clay Brown, Williamston.
- Major Latham, Williamston.
- Geo. Washington Wynne, Jamesville.
- LeRoy Smith, Williamston.
- William Oscar Clemmons, RFD 3, Williamston.
- James Henry Moore, RFD 1, Williamston and RFD 5, Greenville.

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Neal Godard Passes After Brief Illness

G. Cornelius Godard, farmer-timberman, died at his home near Gardner's Creek at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, following a brief illness. Pneumonia was believed to have been the immediate cause of his death, but he had suffered with asthma and complications. Mr. Godard was in Williamston the afternoon before his death the following morning. He complained then of being sick, but his condition was not considered serious at that time. He returned home later that afternoon, and his condition soon became critical.

The son of the late Opehus and Ida Manning Godard, he was born in Williams Township 43 years ago. He farmed as a young man, and later entered the timber business and was employed by the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company at the time of his death.

He married Miss Jennie Holland and survives with two daughters, Mrs. Monis Stalls, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Lucille Godard, of the home and five sons, LeRoy, of Camp VanDorn, Miss., Norman, Herbert, Ernest and Robert Godard, all of the home. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Peaks, of Portsmouth, and Mrs. Woodrow W. Bland, of Norfolk.

Funeral arrangements are being delayed pending a message from his son in the service.

GINNINGS

A report just released by Strelsa Griffin, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, shows that 3,274 bales of cotton were ginned in this county from the 1943 crop as compared with 4,682 bales ginned from the 1942 crop during the corresponding period.

Total ginnings for 1942 approximated 5,000 bales. It is believed that just about all the 1943 crop has been prepared for market and that the total this year will fall approximately 1,500 bales short of the total recorded in 1942.

Registrants Not To Get Non-Essential Rating At Present

Final Action on Farm Production Survey Expected Within Next Few Days

While the reclassification of some farm registrants is being delayed, the Martin County Draft Board this week announced that a goodly number of farmers had met the 1943 production requirements and are being continued in "C" classifications or groups. It was pointed out by Chairman R. H. Goodmon that no farm registrant had been rated as non-essential so far, that the registrants' farm production records would be reviewed in their entirety before final action could or would be taken.

According to the rules and regulations, those farmers who met the 1943 production requirements will soon have to file their plans for 1944. It has been pointed out that no registrant may be allowed more than six production units on any one crop or more than three-fourths of the required units on any two crops combined.

The draft board this week announced that the following men apparently had met 1943 production requirements and were entitled to "C" classifications:

- M. B. Barefoot, Rufus Crandall, L. Cleo Jackson, J. Robert Bland, Wm. Henry Bridges, S. T. Wynn, Williamston; James H. Taylor, A. O. Rouse, Lester Bryant, W. Earl Mobley, Thurman C. Wynne, Joe Henry Lawrence, S. T. Wynn, Robersonville; Wm. H. Little, Daney E. Mobley, Sam Austin, Herbert F. Leggett, Julian Crandall, Alfonso Ewell, Reavie Everett, Dennis Little, William H. Taylor, Johnnie Williams, Hallie Bess, Leander A. Purvis, Jas. Hubert Wobbleton, Thomas R. Harrison, A. Z. Clark, L. H. Jones, William J. Clark, James Ervin Stalls, Jesse Woolard, Silas McCoy Leggett, Nathan T. Wynn, Jesse B. James, David L. Roberson, Jesse Ben Rawls, Ernest W. Wynn, R. H. Stalls, R. L. Mobley, Simon Harrison, John L. Daniel, Roosevelt Crandall, Alonza Black, Gaston James, John H. Wynn, E. Z. Mobley, W. Archie Mobley, Jr., Herbert Jackson, William H. Leggett, J. J. Leggett, Johnnie Mizell, Harmon D. Rodgers, Thurman K. Peaks, Bryant Wynne, Vervin R. Peaks, Peter Little, Jr., Vernon W. Phelps, Sam H. Clark, L. Mills, Jr., Curtis R. Mobley, Claude Clark, Rexie H. Modlin, J. Hyman Clark, C. B. Gurganus, Alonza T. Reaves.

Arthur Bailey Gurganus, George Keel, G. W. Wynn, W. C. Wynne, John Wesley Rhodes, Louis Ward Clark, J. Ollie Keel, Thad M. Roberson, Leroy Clark, L. A. Shaw, B. Paul Leggett, Tommie S. Griffin, W. L. Aushorn, Paul Dixon, Herman H. Williams, Oscar Ayers, Will Bunn, Hopie Brooks, W. Leamon Roberson, J. Andrew Roberson, Paul McKeel.

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Man Said To Have Been Hurt In Car Accident

No details could be had and no report had been filed with the highway patrol early today, but it was reported that a man believed to have been named Wynne was hurt in an automobile accident some where in Bear Grass late last night. One report stated that possibly the man suffered a broken back.