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Red Army Continues Plans Are Made in the County To Push Deeper into For Infantile Paralysis Drive **Poland's Territory**

Renewed Activity Reported by American Fifth Army on Italian Front

Breaking across the old border of Poland earlier this week, the Red Army is widening its wedge in that Norman, of Robersonville, was namterritory from day to day, late reports indicating that the Russians have driven at least twelve miles westward, taking eighty towns and villages from the Germans. The march into Poland has created new proplems on the diplomatic front, and observers are of the opinion that those problems will be further aggravated before they improve. Poland's underground army was inthere was little sign at first that the Poles had joined hands with the Russians in the fight against Hitler. Rusthe Soviet at the end of the last war rightfully belong to Russia. Germany encroached upon Poland on the west and Poland expanded its borders at the expense of Russia in years past. Russia further claims that there are no borders as long as Hitler remains unbeaten

In their latest push, the Russians yesterday killed 3,000 of the retreating Germans and also plunged southward to within 35 miles of the Warsaw-Odessa rail lifeline to the Dnieper bend.

Berlin intimated early today that part of Germany's huge Dnieper Bend army, estimated at between 500,000 and 750,000, already was fighting for its life against a Soviet pincers movement by the Red arm-ies of Generals Nikolai F. Vatutin and Ivan S. Konev.

A Moscow communique last night announced the capture of Rakitno in a fanwise sweep by General Vatutin's army, which Berlin said numbered 750,000 men besides "the reserves that still are moving up."

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through January 29.

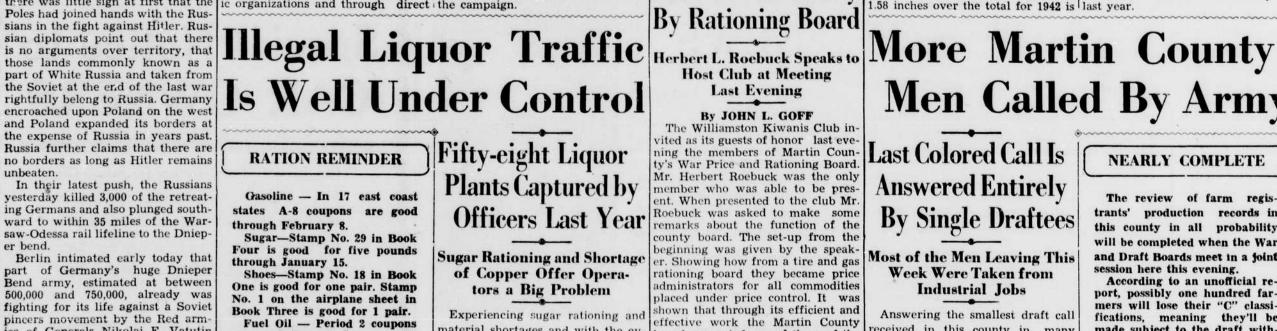
But Berlin broadcasts said the So viet army pushing toward central Poland mostly was "marking time." Axis commentators were far more concerned, it appeared, with the mas sive swing southward toward Rumania and southeastward into the Dnieper Bend.

County Truck Tire German broadcasts recorded by the Associated Press said frankly that General Vatutins' forces plunging beyond Belaya Tserkov toward the Cherkasy sector now were being aid-ed by " a new major offensive" be-

L. Bruce Wynne, clerk of the Mar- | mail solicitations. Coin collectors will tin County Superior Court, this week be placed in stores and other public was named chairman of the drive to places throughout the county. In ad-raise funds for the common fight dition to making silver contributions against infantile paralysis. The ap- to the collectors, the public will be

pointment was made by Dr. Ralph W. McDonaid, state chairman, and announced by R. W. Madry, publicity chairman, Chapel Hill. Mrs. Glenn approximately \$365," the raised ed as co-chairman, it was anne meed amount setting a new high record by Mary Pickford, movie actress who for the period since the program was is serving as national chairwoman inaugurated about ten years ago. No for the drive. quota has been assigned the county

Announcing tentative plans for this year. the drive which gets under way dur- Chairm Chairman Wynne said that no ing the last two weeks of this month, birthday ball would be held because Chairman Wynne stated that no the cost of such an event was so great birthday ball would be held this year, and that, after all, little profit could Second Anniversary that direct appeals would be made be expected from that source. The to the people of the county. It is chairman plans to visit most, if not structed by the exile government in planned to advance the drive with London to offer no resistance, but the aid of the schools, women's civ- week or two to complete plans for Observed In County ic organizations and through direct the campaign.



material shortages and with the evare good through January 24. Period 3 coupons, now valid, re-main good through February er-watchful eyes of the Enforcement best in the State. The work of the Bureau on them, illicit liquor manu- board is now divided so that the origfacturers are leading a hectic life in inal board consisting of three mem-Martin County these days. In fact, bers, Mr. C. C. Martin, chairman; Mr. Meats, Fais-Brown stamps R the business despite the incentive Herbert Roebuck and Mr. J. A. Evand S are good through January offered by rationing of the legal erett, serve as a reviewing board. 29. Brown stamp T becomes good brands has been deserted by old- Reviewing all applications sent up January 9 and remains good

time manufacturers for the most by the oil, gas, tire, farm machinery Processed Foods — Green stamps D, E and F in Book Four part and the traffic is now believed and commodity panels, these are well under control. Those manufacturers who persist are good through January 20.

in their efforts have about whipped Mr. Mariin, the chairman, as well as he sugar shortage by substituting to the faithfulness of the members molasses, and in some cases by entering the black market for sugar. remarks were well received by the Black market business is costly, but large attendance of Kiwanians. the illicit liquor prices have soared, some reports stating that it has sold niversary of this board's service of the men had been to camp prev-

The listing of property for general taxation is progressing fairly rapidly in those townwhere the work was ships scheduled this week, according to a report coming from County Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen today

LISTING PROPERTY

Well over 160 owners had listed their properties in this township during the first three days, leaving about 1,700 to list in the district during the next three weeks.

For about the first time in taxation history, farmers in the county are listing fertilizers on hand in quite a few cases. The fertilizers are being listed at two-thirds of their cost value.

Last Evening

Local Rainfall Continues At Point Slightly Below Normal

After reaching the lowest point-ismall, it reflects an upward trend 31.76 inches in 1941-on record, the in the annual precipitation. annual rainfall for this section con- While at least one inch-or .99 tinued to reflect an upward trend of an inch, to be exact-was record

last year, but even then the total for ed during each month in 1943, the the year is almost six inches below rainfall record for the year is spotthe 10-year average and possibly ted. In March of last year, 4.58 inches eight to ten inches below normal. were recorded, the rainfall reaching The years of 1940-1942, inclusive, a high figure of 8.49 inches in July. are remembered as dry periods in The monthly fall began tapering off this section. In 1939, there were 55.48 sharply from that point until last inches of rainfall recorded on Roanmonth when 3.95 inches were record oke River at this point. The total ed, but despite the unusually heavy dropped to 37.89 inches in 1940 and rains in July, the total for the year to 31.76 inches in 1941. The loss of was about six inches below the 10-17.59 inches from 1939 to 1940 was year average.

followed by an additional drop of The current year has started off 6.13 inches in 1941, or a total decrease on the wet side, Hugh Spruill, who few spectators were present for the of 23.72 inches in two years. A slight makes the recordings, stating today gain was recorded in 1942 when the that more rain has already fallen and little interest was shown in the total rainfall amounted to 38.65 this month than in either January. inches. In 1943, 40.23 inches of rain 1941 and 1942, and half as much as continued for the defendants until fell here, and while the increase of the amount recorded in January of next Monday and two defendants .58 inches over the total for 1942 is last year.

Initial Session Of County Court This Year Is Short One

Judge J. C. Smith Clears the Docket in Less Than Two Hours Monday

Opening the Martin County Reorder's court for the first time this year, Judge J. Calvin Smith last Monday cleared the docket and adjourned the tribunal in less than two hours. There were only thirteen cases on the docket and when it is considered that no session had been held in two weeks, the number can

be rated as unusually small. Very first session of the court this year. proceedings. Several cases were failed to appear when called in open ourt.

Proceedinge:

The court recognized a reconcillition in the case charging Hubert L. Everett with non-support and judgment was suspended.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with speeding, Sam Carrick was fined \$10 and taxed with the

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Fred Webster Moretz with speeding. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Charlie Whitaker, colored, was lined \$50 and had his license revoked for one year, and was taxed with the court costs in the case charging him with drunken driving.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost and on the further condition that the defendant meet certain health requirements in the case charging Frank Smith with violating the health laws.

Adjudged guilty over his own lea of innocence, Elmer "Tank" Bennett was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs in the case charging im with larceny.

The case charging Robert Edwards with hit-and-run driving was coninued until next Monday.

In the case charging Rufus Whitehead with non-support, the court County Bookmobile suspended judgment when it appear-ed that an allotment had already been made for the defendant's child. A continuance until next Monday vas granted in the case charging G. H. Manning with issuing a worthless

> Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Guy



Answering the smallest draft call effective work the Martin County eceived in this county in many board was rated one of three of the months, eleven colored draftees left a few days ago for an Army induction center. No official report has been received, but it is understood that only a few of the group were accepted. It will be three weeks or more before an official "audit" on the men will be made available. No official report has been received

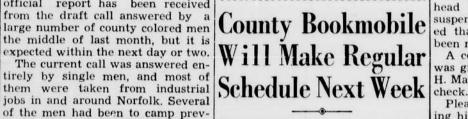
from the draft call answered by a large number of county colored men the middle of last month, but it is expected within the next day or two. The current call was answered enof the several panels. The speaker's tirely by single men, and most of jobs in and around Norfolk. Several

The celebration of the second an-Reduced for Month some reports stating that it has sold inversary of this board's service iously and were rejected. Some oth-for as much as \$24 a gallon. Copper brings to mind that had it not been for its splendid service our county for its splendid service our county into a service our county inthe service our county into a service our county into a se

NEARLY COMPLETE The review of farm registrants' production records in this county in all probability will be completed when the War

and Draft Boards meet in a joint session here this evening. According to an unofficial report, possibly one hundred farmers will lose their "C" classifications, meaning they'll be

made subject to the draft within the near future. During the meantime, draft authorities in several industrial areas, mainly in Norfolk, are reviewing the cases of those registrants who were deferred in this county on account of work in vital war industries.



gun by General Konev's Second Ukraine Army inside the Dnieper Bend.

A 65-mile gap separates the two Russian armies, and Berlin said the Germans in the upper part of the Dnieper Bend now were being hit from both the east and west. Axis broadcasts also reflected alarm over the rapid Soviet progress toward the

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Local Youth Writes From Parris Island

Writing between "shots" from Parris Island, South Carolina, Murray "Buck" Holloman says, "I wish all the boys could take the training here. It is something that will do them good in time to come. This is a wonderful camp and I believe when they turn us off for combat duty we will make good Marines.

"I am getting along fine and enjoying every minute of it. The food is a hundred per cent better than that the people speak about, and it is food that will really build the body. This island is very large and very pretty to "look at." It's not anything like Fort Bragg. The worst experience I have had was going into the gas chamber without a gas mask for two minutes and then running for fresh air or breath.

"In the mess hall was plenty of turkey for everybody at Christmas "You should see the hair cut they

gave me. The barbers don't cut a tubes. small portion-they get it all. The clothes they issue us are the very tubes: best," the young Marine wrote.

Poultry Truck To Resume Its Schedule Next Week

Idle for two weeks because the operating personnel was sick, the poultry truck operated in this county by the Greenville Poultry Company will resume its regular schedules next week, it was announced today by the manager, Rufus Mayo. Every effort was made to maintain the schedule during this and last week, but it was impossible, Mr. Mayo said.

Three Cases Heard By Justice J. L. Hassell

Three cases were heard by Justice J. L. Hassell in his court here this week.

Rufust Taylor and Clyde S. Batts, charged with being drunk and disorderly, were required to pay \$8.50 costs each.

E. Roy Brown, charged with disturbing the peace, was required to pay \$6.50 costs.

Total of Seventy-Nine Tires Are Issued by Board Last Friday

Allotment Greatly

A marked reduction has been made in the number of truck tires allot- iron-clad way of beating the enforcement bureau officers to the draw. J. ted this county for the current month but the number of Grade I tires for H. Roebuck, serving as deputy shercars and pick-up trucks was mater- iff and head of the Alcoholic Beverwills increased A study of the qua-lage Control Enforcement Bureau,

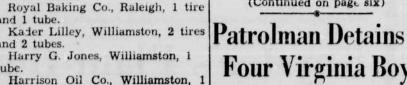
with the aid of Deputy the seems to indicate a prove see with the aid of Deputy Roy Past of the trafficers Little Theft Ring for car tires, but that efforts are be- last year. It is believed that the maning made to safeguard the supply of ufacturer and bootlegger, confrontnatural rubber which is used in ed by these main obstacles, came greater proportions in the manufac- nearer going out of business than in any other period in many years. ture of truck tires.

The county has been allotted 106 With an effective enforcement being Grade I tires for the current month carried relentlessly on and with raas compared with 88 in December. tioning of legal brands in effect, it small ring, were partly if not com-The quota also allows the distribu- is certain that many people in this pletely cleared up this week with the tion of 144 Grade III tires and 126 section possibly came nearer recog- arrests of three young white men, car tire tubes, 35 truck tires and 37 nizing the meaning of prohibition Cecil Williams, Ernest Tilghman and truck tire tubes. The county had 46 than they did even back in prohibi- Joe Mobley. The charges will be airtruck tires last month. tion days.

During last year, Officer J. H. Roe- J. C. Smith next Monday. A total of 79 tires was rationed by the board at its regular meeting last buck, aided mainly by Deputy Roy Friday night, as follows:

Martin County Transfer Co., Robvestment of about \$1,450. The offi- Williams, three bags of peanuts from Williamston Supply Co., 2 tires

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Four Virginia youths, their ages is understood that the sale of the anging from 14 to 17 years, were de-peanuts has been traced.

tained by Patrolman W. E. Saunders

Florida.

tioning Board office. Sheriff Roe-

buck was in the office at the time

and when no one could help young

Graybill, the sheriff suggested that

State Trooper Saunders could lend

a helping hand. After hearing the

story, the trooper borrowed the car keys and notified the Virginia police.

An urgent plea soon came, the par-

ents urging the officers to hold the lads until they could come for them.

Friends replenished the group treas-

ury and the lads saw the show and

spent the night in the hotel, but

Graybill did not forget to point out

to the sheriff that he certainly help-

ed them out when the trooper was

called in.

NO HOLIDAY

Truck tires and tubes:

and two tubes.

and 1 tube.

and 2 tubes.

tire and 1 tube.

ston, 7 tire and 1 tube.

tube.

ersonville, 7 tires and 4 tubes.

Harry G. Jones, Williamston, 1

Tilmon Coltrain, Williamston, 2

Automobile Grade I tires and

Grace Whitley Maynard, William

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Borrowing about 1,200 gallons of gasoline from a neighbor, authorities forestalled an interruption of the school schedule in this county yesterday. It was considered quite likely last Tuesday that the schools would be forced to close Thursday because the supply of gasoline for operating the busses was just about exhausted. The delivery was made just in time to prevent an interruption.

The approximately 1,200 gallons will make possible the operatica of the busses for about five days. Officials could not be reached for a statement today, but it is believed additional deliveries will come through to guarantee continued operations.

but gasoline and oil drums have been would have been in the grip of an insubstituted, quite a few farmers ex- flation that might have throttled our plaining that their hog swill barrels great war effort and defeated the

"walked" away over night. But cause of democracy. May we not onwhile the manufacturers were "beat- ly wish for the board a continuation ing" sugar rationing and material of its high service, but a growing ap shortages, they have discovered no preciation for its worth by the citizens of our county and country. In a congratulatory message to the board members, W. Hance Hofler,

bassed on without fear or favor.

Mr. Roebuck paid high tribute to

(Continued on page six) **Broken In County**

A series of small-scale thefts, believed to have been committed by a

ed in the county court before Judge The three are indicted for the

Bud Williams, father of Cecil, in ceived in this county, but they are

Robersonville Township, and five expected to be larger. bags of peanuts from Elijah Spruill, also in Robersonville Township. Williams and Tilghman have adnitted the thefts and they involve Four Virginia Boys Mobley who denies and they involve Mobley who denies any connection with the alleged crimes. The sovwith the alleged crimes. The soy

beans were sold in Plymouth and it

It had not been admitted by them, here yesterday when they became but Sheriff C. B. Roebuck who has stranded and could get no gasaline worked steadily an the case for sev-to continue their planned trip to cral weeks, believes the boys know

something about the theft of sixteen David R. Davis was installed as pres-Driving his mother's old 1937 mod- bags of peanuts from Agriculturist l Plymouth, John Robert Graybill, Bill Peel on the Joe Lilley farm, and of Alexandria, Va., started south last fourteen bags from Farmer Ellis

Tuesday morning with his young Malone in Bear Grass Township. The companions, Jack Sutherland, Rich-Peel peanuts were stolen from a rd Hansbrough and John McDoug- shelter on the farm, and the others all. They were in no hurry and yes- were stolen before Farmer Malone to the community in an hour when terday morning at 9 o'clock they had could get them out of the field back just reached the Martin County Ra- in November.

MORE CHECKS

More checks, issued under the 1943 soil conservation program, were delivered this week to Martin County farmers, boosting the total to \$32,284.52. The amount, issued to 820 farmers, represents 487 farm contracts.

Not quite one-third of the contracts have been serviced, and if the same ratio is maintained for the remaining one, it is now believed the total payments will approximate \$100,000. time ago. Names and addresses of the men answering the current month call

follow: James Mayo, Williamston. George Woolard, RFD 1, William-

ston and Norfolk. Grandy Pemberton, Everetts and

tion. Gwen Bristow's new book, To-Portsmouth. Charles Delmas Wooten, Williammorrow Is Forever, finds its modern ston. Wooten was transferred to the setting in California-another story Martin County Board by the one in beginning in the last war and con-

Aaron Dallas Andrews, Phoebus, They are dived one of close telegrams "unford County. Và., and Parmele. Earl Webbson Williams, RFD 1,

Williamston and Norfolk. Lewis Coffield, Robersonville and Norfolk.

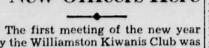
Ailen Coffield, RFD 1, Robersonville and Norfolk. Joseph Nichols, RFD 1, Williams-

ton and Edenton. James Spruill, RFD 1, Robersonville and Norfolk.

William Taylor, Hamilton and New Bern. A call for white registrants slight-

ly larger than the one received by Peel, wrecked fifty-eight liquor theft of ten bags of soybeans from the colored draftees is to be answer-plants as compared with seventy-one Farmer Roy Taylor's tobacco barn ed on or about the 25th of this month. problems to solve and their men in wrecked in 1942. Valued at about \$25 shelter on the night of December 17. The white call is expected to take each, the plants represented an in- six bags of peanuts from Augustus several married men with children. No February calls have been re-

is there. Or is it a tragedy? Why does Victoria have a struggle to find her Kiwanians Install **New Officers Here**



by the Williamston Kiwanis Club was finds Cornelia Otis Skinner and Em- the remainder will be used in Marnew officers. Lieut. Gov. Hugh G. the screen play for their first book. perculosis, principally in the county Horton, of the Sixth District, had it a prove main to go with all the sanatorium. charge of the installation service.) war stories and is not recommend-

ident: Walter T. Martin as vice president; James C. Eubanks as secre

to the incoming officers, stated that theirs was an obligation of service the community had many and serious demands made upon it. That the success of the club depended upon the manner in which the club met

John L. Goff, president; Herman A. Bowen, vice president, and James C. Eubanks, secretary and treasurer. President Davis then gave to each member a copy of the committee ap-

The board of directors for the coming year are: Marvin Britton, Bill Carstarphen, David Hix, Hugh Horton, Wheeler Martin, Jodie Woolard Bruce Wynne and John Goff.

supper by Mrs. Gower Crosswell .-Reported.

Association

face-to-face with her first husband

The Hills. Here one meets the three

"young Farmans" who try to find

their places in the world today. Their

careers and romances find their way

Lawrence portrays the lives of av-

Victoria Grandolet by Bellamann

the author of King's Row, promises

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DELINQUENT

While a goodly number of

draft registrants have been a bit

careless in advising the draft

board of any changes in address,

comparatively few in this coun-

ty have been listed as delin-

quent. At the present time seven

registrants are listed as delin-

quent in this county. Most of

them were reported to the Unit-

ed States Attorney during the

Their names and last known

addresses are: Kelly Purvis and

Arlander Page, Robersonville;

Tem Council, RrD 1, Bethel

Joseph Lawrence Portsmouth

James Gardner, Jamesville; An-

drew Llovd, Williamston; Robert

Charlie Hyman, RFD 1, Palmyrs.

All of the men are colored.

past few weeks.

service to add to their anxiety.

into the swift moving plot.

Mrs. Keves has used another fam-

for one year. In the case charging Simon Shep-

pard and Ben Biggs with an assault, The activities of the holiday seaa continuance was ordered when the son are over and the bookmobile redefendant, Sheppard, failed to apturns with many intriguing titles to pear. Papers were issued by the begin the New Year. Again there are court calling for his arrest.

three favorite authors among the fic-Pleading guilty in the case chargng him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and with speeding, Leon Sykes was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

When the defendary las. Blount, head to pay a fine and court costs from the War Department during the in the case charging him with larfirst war. Years afterward she found ceny, the court invoked a sentence herself again in a happy home and requiring him to serve four months imagine her reaction when she came on the roads.

iliar background for her story, Also Seals Sets Record

The sale of Christmas seals in this A Tower Of Steel by Josephine area reached an all-time high figure during the holiday season, accorderage, ordinary people. Four women ing to an incomplete report filed this week by Mrs. Ben D. Courtney, seal sale chairman.

With one or two districts yet to report, Mrs. Courtney said that a total of \$461.07 had already been turnto be another Rebecca. The setting ed in, the amount exceeding the quois similar and the mysterious tragedy ta by \$161.07. Reports were filed by several schools in the area, as follows: Everetts, \$22.05; Williamston posiltion secure as mistress of White Cloud? High School, \$25.00; Williamston Grammar School, \$31.88; Bear Grass, Those two "impossible" girls are \$36.20; Jamesville, \$43.00; and Farm at it again. Yes, the authors of Our Life, \$47.23.

Hearts Were Young And Gay are One-fourth of the amount raised back in print together. This time We will be turned over to the North Car-Followed Our Hearts To Hollywood olina Tuberculosis Association, and ily Kimbrough in California writing tin County in the fight against tu-

> **Hearing Monday For** Driver Of Death Car

James Garland Rogers, young Bear Grass white man, will be given formal hearing before Justice J. . Hassell here next Monday evening at 8 o'clock in connection with the death of Herbert Harrison as a result of an automobile accident on the Washington Highway near Wil-

iamston last Sunday. As far as it could be learned today, no charges had been brought against the driver of the death car, but he will automatically face a manslaughter charge.

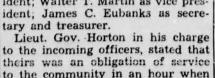
Mrs. W. R .Burrell Continues **Quite Ill In Local Hospital**

Confined to the local hospital with an attack of influenza and complicaions, Mrs. W. R. Burrell was reported some brighter this morning. It was stated, however, that she continues quite ill.

these demands. The retiring officers were: Rev

pointments for the new year.

Music was furnished during the



featured by the installation of the