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# **Hold South of Rome**

of Bombs on Berlin During Last Night

Despite increasing resistance and the possibility of a big battle, Ameri- ed, but an estimated sixty or more to report for physical examination can Fifth Army forces are driving are to report tomorrow for their pre- at the induction station. If he passes their latest invasion spearhead deeped into Italy south of Rome or in that territory just below the Tiber River to Littoria. Latest reports right away. They will return here able to be called at any time after Selective Service. Furthermore, all state that the British and American and all those who are placed in 1-A the 21 days, but if he is not called at registrants will be given pre-inducforces now hold more than 70 square miles of territory, that the cannon fire can be heard in Rome and that the Allies are driving forward on the Appian Way toward the city. The Germans are said to have counterattacked with tanks but were repulsed, and it could not be learned

troops are in danger of entrapment.

In the area of Cisterna, 12 miles inland from the landing port of Nettuno, the Allies have driven well beyond the Mussolini Canal, sending tank spearheads into the scrubpine hills. It was in this area that the Nazis made a local counterattack three days ago and front-line reports said the tank force was meeting desultory artillery fire.

About six miles up the Appian way, the Allies were reported from Cairo to have captured Velletri, 19 miles from the Casilina way, the rail highway system linking Rome with a voluntary basis during the first the Cassino sector of the Gustav nine days, will be pushed into high

guard that system the Germans were believed rallying their froces for an held in this county. These two meetattempted counterattack. Their re-sistance already was reported to in Robersonville tomorrow afterhave stiffened into sharp rearguard action, but an Allied official commentator said it was not yet serious. day night.

In their advance beyond the Mussolini Canal, Americans, supported by tanks, blasted small German groups from farm houses where they had established themselves after every they had established themselves after the district will approach and possibly pass its \$40,000 quota.

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Small Crowd Present for the Proceedings Last Monday Morning

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er evicting the owners. The Allied commentator said rethe Casilina way or to make a stand

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### Few Men Deferred In 18-21 Age Group

The recent order issued by Nation. al Selective Service virtually ruling out deferments for non-farm registrants 18 to 21 years of age, inclusive, will have very little effect in this county, according to an opinion coming from the chairman of the draft board. It was pointed out that there are very, very few county registrants in that age group holding de-

men will have little or no chance to escape the draft when they reach 18 years of age unless they are on the farm, and in that case they must meet certain production requirements.

The county draft board can grant deferments to the 18-21 age group in only a very few stipulated cases. It is possible for the board to defer those youths who are seniors in high school and who are just before completing the term. In other cases, the county board has no jurisdiction, but the registrant may appeal and in that case the State Director of Selective Service will issue a ruling determining whether the registrant is to be

## **Farmers Preparing** Tobacco Plant Beds Tobacco Plant Beds Tobacco Plant Beds Tobacco Plant Beds

With ideal weather prevailing, Martin County farmers, almost to the last one of 'em, started preparing and sowing their tobacco plant beds this week. There was so much activity on the farm front that one was almost led to believe that spring had arrived and that the farmers had set out on their unbroken schedule for another planting and harvesting sea.

Incomplete reports indicate that farmers are enlarging their plant beds in this county as the first step in preparing for an increased tobac-co acreage this spring.

Some few farmers will delay planting their tobacco seed until about the middle or latter part of February, but most of the beds were prepared this week in the county, it is believ-

## American 5th Army Board Starts Building Draft Enlarging Invasion Pool In the County This Week

RAF Drops 1,500 More Tons this week started building a draft induction examination. If he passes, pool by ordering a goodly number of he is placed in 1-A and then he recolored registrants to report to an turns for active duty at the end of Army induction center for pre-in- 21 days. Under the new plan schedduction examinations. The exact uled to go into effect tomorrow, he is number being called was not reveal- given not less than five days' notice induction examinations at the serv- the test, he returns home for a stay ice center. It does not mean that that of not less than 21 days. He will be number will be called for service in what is known as a pool. He is liwill be made subject to recall at any the end of 90 days, he will have to tion physical examinations at least time after 21 days up to 90 days. It is likely that a goodly number of men will be called during the early been received for February, but it is in the enlisted reserve now grantpart of February, and they will be expected that a fairly large number ed by the Army and the one-week value, no doubt, but little is to be the pre-induction examinations.

The Martin County Draft Board gained in many cases. At the pres-working under recent instructions, ent time, the registrant is called for

added to the draft pool. The change will be called some time during the in handling the examinations has its latter part of the month to report for eliminated. These changes become

# pulsed, and it could not be learned if the enemy would try to bring up more reserves in an effort to drive the invasion forces back to the sea or strengthen his position on the outskirts of Rome for a bloody defense of the Eternal City. Driving inland from their beachheads on the Tyrrhenian Sea, the Allies have reached the hill country lying before the last direct rail and highway link between Rome and the Gustav line where 100,000 Nazi troops are in danger of entrapment. **Schedule Bond Rallies** In Several Townships

# **Roads Begin Drive** In Schools Tonight

Big Event Scheduled in Robersonville Tomorrow; Bear Grass Wednesday

The \$729,000 War Bond Drive, after getting off to a splendid start on gear in Cross Roads and Griffins Along the face of the hills which Township this evening when the first in a series of big rallies are to be

Cross Roads will have a speaker from the Italian War Prison camp sistance had slackened generally a- and Mr. S. L. Roberson, of Roberlong the Cassino front, a possible in- sonville, will auctioneer. The show dication that the enemy was pulling starts at 7:30 this evening. Chairman tin County Recorder's Court dragged troops back from that line in con- Paul Bailey states that a good num- to a slow conclusion last Monday siderable numbers, either to protect ber of valuable prizes will be offer- morning at 11 o'clock. Much time ed to the high bidders and a lively meeting is anticipated. The dis- to prepare their cases, and the protrict has already made a good start ceedings, as a whole, attracted very

> "Uncle - Rufus" and his special the court morn, including the judge, hunters will appear on the Rober, himself, and the lawyers and court sonville program and the show will officers. be broadcast over Station WRRF. The event is certain to attract a large

> Professor T. O. Hickman and his assistants are working to make the for one reason or another. rally in Bear Grass next Wednesday night the greatest of its kind ever held. The rally will be followed by called for trial, and papers were an all-out canvass in the district.

Plans for rallies in other districts being shown in the current bond issuing a worthless check. It does mean, however, that young drive than in any of the other three.

Following a spotted canvass of the business district here by representative business men this week, members of the local Women's Clubs started a house-to-house canvass this morning. They are anxious to get

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#### Improving In The Brown **Community Hospital Here**

Mrs. Sylvester Peel, who has been undergoing treatment in the local hospital for more than two weeks, continues to improve. While her condition is much better, she continues very weak, but is expected to be able to return to her home in Griffins

#### TAX LISTING

"If those persons who have not listed their properties were to report to their list-takers in an unbroken line, it would be im-possible to complete the task by Monday evening of next week in some townships," Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen said today. Commenting on the apparent negligence when it comes to listing property, the tax supervisor said that only a few townships would complete the task on time. List-takers will sit in some of the townships after next Mon-day, but listings will be subject to penalty after that day.

#### BANDAGES

Exhausting the supply some weeks ago, volunteers in the lo-Red Cross bandage room have been advised by the project chairman, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, that new material has just been re. ceived, and that more workers are now needed to handle the latest assignment.

The bandage room, located over the Western Auto Store on Main Street, is open each afternoon and evening, and new recruits are urged to report for

# Judge J. C. Smith Calls Eight Cases

day Morning

Described as a most uneventful one, the regular session of the Marwas spent waiting for the litigants

Judge J. C. Smith called eight cases during the one and one-half hours the court was held in session, but several of them were continued

Henry Thomas Walston, charged with speeding, failed to answer when issued for his arrest. A continuance was granted until

are pending, late reports from the the first Monday in April in the field stating that more interest is case charging G. H. Manning with The case charging Isaiah Hill with

bastardy was continued until the first Monday in July, 1944. Charged with larceny, Willie Bullock was adjudged not guilty. Bill Aldirdge Moore, charged

with speeding, was fined \$10 and re-

quired to pay the costs. He pleaded guilty to the charge. Charged with bastardy, James A Manning had his case continued unthe first Monday in July of this

A continuance was granted the defendant until Monday, February 7, in the case charging Jas. G. Barnhill with drunken driving. Pleading guilty in the case charg-

ing him with speeding and operating tigation. a motor venicle without a driver's license, Sam Simmons was sentenced

#### (Continued on page six) Few White Men Are **Accepted By Army**

According to an unofficial report heard here yesterday, only two of the approximately fourteen white men leaving the county last Tuesday for an Army induction center were accepted for service outright. It was said that Leggett Roebuck, Jr., drew a 1-A rating along with another young man whose name could not be learned immediately. Two men, Russell Griffin and Neal Jones, were temporarily rejected, but they were advised that they are subject to call for limited service most any time after the next thirty days.

Two men, Hassell Worsley and William Lester Bunting, were held

over for further examination.

#### **TOWN - FARM** IN WAKTIME

A weekly news digest from the rural press section of

Selective Service Changes

Occupational deferments general ly will be denied 18 to 22-year-old registrants other than those in agriculture, fathers and non-fathers alike, unless they are engaged in activities in which deferment is specifically authorized, according to 21 days before being inducted. period granted by the Navy will be

effective February Social Security For Farmers Social insurance for farm operators, farm workers, business and professional men, household workers, and employees of governmental and non-prefit organizations was recommended by the Social Security Board year. in its eighth annual report. The board urged inclusion of these groups in an expanded social security program which would include insurance against costs of medical and hospital care without disturbing the present principle of free choice in selection ron Lanier, c; Ernest M. Staton, c of physicians or hospitals. The board Alfonza Jones, c; Thurman Williams, social insurance system should be set up now while earnings are "at rec- Turner, w; Elbert Bryant, c; Wilber

To Stabilize Ration Buying Power the present 48-point allotment.

Pre-War Baby Carriages Back

in the Church of the Advent here Marvin E. Haislip, w; H. R. Smith, ed the delivery list, the first group yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Jr., w; Arthur Thomas Smith, w; even though examinations and elimfor Harry Murden (Myrt) Stubbs N. Irving Hyman, w; W. B. Cannon, inations had been handled, was mark. who died of a heart attack in Wash- Jr., w; J. H. Bryant, w; Spencer L. ed "failed to report." It is now all ington City last Friday. Rev. Edwin Harrell, w; F. Shirley Harrington, straightened out, and according to F. Mosley, of Kinston, former rector w; Dewey Stalls, w; Sam Short, Jr., in the drive to reach its quota of \$25,little attention. At one time there of the church here, conducted the were less than fifteen persons in little attention. Were less than fifteen persons in little attention. Were less than fifteen persons in little attention.

> cific with the U.S. Navy Air Corps, arrived here Wednesday to attend

A son, Lt. Harry W. Stubbs, sta-

was stricken while walking on a son, c; T. E. Hale, w; Noah Parker, c; street in the capital and died in an ambulance while on the way to a hospital. The body was brought here hospital has been hospital. The body was brought here hospital has been hospital. The body was brought here hospital has been hospital hospital. The body was brought here hospital hospit Tuesday afternoon and lay in state E. Wiggins, c. at the Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street until time for the services yesterday in the church.

#### **Auto Crashes Into** Rear Of School Bus

Ford driven by C. B. Roberson crash. Spruill, c; Sol W. Baker, c; Robert ed into the rear of a school bus on Staton, c; Tom G. Pilgreen, w; Jonas Highway No. 64, one mile east of Thomas, c; J. R. Fisher, w; Milton Holly Springs, last Wednesday af- L. Robinson, w; Mackie H. Hyman, ternoon. No damage was done to the c; Shepherd Lynch, c; Pen Locke, c bus, but the repair costs to the car Richard Raynor, w; Floyd Letchwill approximate \$50, Patrolman W. worth, w; McKinley Williams, c; S. E. Saunders said following an inves-Roberson stands charged with

reckless driving and he is to be given a preliminary hearing next Monday, Patrolman Saunders said this Farmers To Report

#### SERIOUSLY ILL

Pfc. Julian Jackson is seriously ill in an Army hospital some where in the Mediterranean theater, according to a telegra-phic report received here yesterday morning by the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jack-son, from the War Department. It was said he was suffering with an abscess in his throat. No details were mentioned in the message, but it was said that a letter would follow.

The young man entered the service less than a year ago and has been overseas about seven or eight months, serving much of that time in the postal service in

## Fourth War Bond Drive Almost **One-Third Completed In County**

the OWI news bureau)

Are Announced for Farmers In County Total of 1,609 Placed in the

"C" Classifications

**Draft Authorities** Completing the review of production records a short time ago, Martin County Draft authorities are arnouncing more "C" class farm regis-

Preferred Classes By

trants today. The men, having successfully "ne gotiated" the draft hump in 1943, are soon to be asked to submit their 1944 plans. If their plans come up to expectations, the farm registrants now holding "C" classifications can well expect draft immunity for another

"C" classifications not previously announced follow: Goose Nest Township
John L. House, w; Council C.

Smith, e; Richard Davis, e; William H. Bland, w; Askew Green, c; Hebc; B. Jasper Whitfield, w; R. N

ord levels" in order to have it in full operation for the post-war period.

Hannibal J. Haislip, w; Woodrow Spruill, c; Leamon E. Spruill, w; Under the new ration token plan Nathan T. Bryant, c; Charlie Louis, effective February 27, the housewife Jr., w; Russell Cotton, c; Fate Wilwill be able to buy about the same liams, c; Rufus Locke, c; Jake amount of rationed processed foods Purvis, c; Arthur Warren, w; J. J. and meats-fats as she can now. Point Sills, w; William L. Harrell, w; values will be adjusted so the individual's allotment of 60 points for Jones, c; James Hardy, c; Clinton buying meats and fats will buy the Hale, w; J. A. Stalls, Jr., w; Adolsame amount as the present allot-ment of approximately 64 points. Similarly, under the token plan the 50-point allotment for processed liam Thos. Brown, w; Peter W. Burfoods will buy an amount equal to nett, c; C. D. Purvis, c; W. E. Early,

In County's Court

Pre-war model baby carriages, strollers, walkers, and pushcarts will L. L. Fields, Jr., c; R. R. Thompson, of about eleven called. M. Mobley, w; Thomas Wilford, c; report, four men were accepted ou Tom Marshall Haislip, w; Turner Parker, Jr., c; Roman Locke, c; Har-

Dennis Franklin Bunting, w; L. R. load reached the station after a shor Turner, w; Preston Bullock, c; Rufus delay, but the leader was not on that For H. M. Stubbs Turner, w; Preston Bullock, c; Rufus delay, but the leader was not on that Lynch, Jr., c; Ernest Lee Jones, c; bus and the group had no delivery Thurston Lynch, Jr., c; Ernest Lnch, list. A special delivery list was prec; Hurdford Smith, w; Johnny pared, and then when the second bus Funeral services were conducted Smith, c; John Jasper Dolberry, c; load arrived and the leader present-

est rites. Interment was le Wood-Henry Bryant, c, Sam O. Williams, c; Marion S. Harrall, w. M. Franking by the Way, and one by the Marine Mills, w; Stanley Earl Stroud, w; tioned some where in the North Pa- James Hardy Council, w; Luke Harrell, Jr., w; Wiley N. Craft, w; J. L.

Ernest Wooten, c; Ben a Jones, c; Ben Cross, w; Jesse Staton, c; J.

Rudolph Coffield, w; Elbert Clark, c; Collins Smith, c; Dennis Holliday, w; Richard E. Hale, w; James E. Leathers, c; George D. Williams, c; Cleo Williams, c; J. T. Matthews, w; Arthur Cotton, e; William A. Parker, c; Verna Land, James Dixon and Wil-Thomas Myrick, c; Elijah T. Baker, c; Frank Leathers, c; Walter Jones, c; No one was hurt and no great dam- E. H. Harrell, w; Alexander Dolberge resulted when a 1357 model ry, c; Joe Purvis, c; Freston W. Davis, c; Ernest Bellamy, c; Robert (Continued on page six)

Martin County farmers owning two or more farms and who are considering combining their farm op-erations are asked to report the changes immediately to the office of the county agent. In most instances where one farmer owns more than one farm there are contracts for each farm. Under such an arrangement it is not proper to shift tobacco al lotments from one farm to the other, but if the several farms are covered by a single work sheet, the farmer may grow his entire tobacco allotment on one farm.

Only in a few cases is it possible to divide a single contract to cover several farms, a representative stating that separate contracts are to be had only when a farm is sold or there is

#### CAPTAIN

James D. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walters of Jamesville, was recently promoted to the rank of Captain in the U. S. Army Air Forces, it was learned here this week.

#### recommended that a comprehensive c; Arthur Sprindle, c; Berman Rogers, social insurance system should be set c; B. Jasper Whitfield with R. R. Men Reporting For Service Last Month

Seventeen Men Out of Large Colored Group Are Accepted

just received, seventeen Martin County colored men were accepted in December for service in the Army, tually complete picture to date of Navy and Marine Corps. The repor Jr., w; Noah Bryant, c; Tom Spruill, c; William J. Johnson, Jr., w; Morris January call. According to the last

vey Lee Parker, c; Jimmie Baker, w; men at the induction center. One bu one report seventeen men out of

Corps. Nine others were transferred. Men accepted by the Army: Rich ard Vine, Asa Tom Lanier, William Bunch, w; Virgil Savage, c; Bithel Walter Wilson, Roy Ormond, Jr. According to a direct report brought here this week, Mr. Stubbs was stricken while walking on a and Curtis James.

Knight, George Harris and William Clifton Stancil.

Edgar Warren Simmons was epted by the Marine Corps.
The following men were transfer

red to other boards, and their induction status is not yet known: King David Rogers to Havre de Grace, Md. liam Powell to Norfolk; Eugene Gay Leo Council and John Wallace, Jr. to Philadelphia: William Sherrod Cherry to Washington City, and Orange Simmons to Newport News. The four colored men accepted by

he Army and Navy in January were (Continued on page six)

#### Undergoing Treatment In The Local Hospital

arly part of this week for treatment of a stubborn case of arthritis, Mr W. Amos Perry was reported much Farm Plan Changes improved today. "I am much better than I was when I came here," Mr. than I was when I came here," Mr. Perry said this merning.

#### WARNING

National Selective Service yesterday issued an over-all warning to farm registrants enjoying "C" classifications. The statement, offered without any elaboration of the fine points, merely stated that any farm registrant who does not add to the food supply will be made sub-

ject to the draft immediately. Farmers, who are subject to the draft, are again reminded that they cannot produce tobacco and nothing else and maintain their preferred draft classifica-

#### Leaders Optimistic As Sales Go Upward **During Second Week**

**Bond Rallies Planned and All-**Out Canvass To Begin Within Few Days

Investing a total of \$273,430.00, Martin citizens late yesterday afternoon had almost reached the onethird mark in the drive to raise \$729,000 in this county during the Fourth War Bond Drive now underway throughout the nation. The first tabulated report, believed to be almost complete for the first nine days of the drive, was admittedly encouriging and brought optimistic comnents from County Chairman Her. nan A. Bowen and township chairmen and canvassers in nearly every

one of the ten townships. The purchases for the most part, vere voluntary and without direct solicitation in most cases, meaning that the county quota should be reached without too much difficulty when the individual canvassers start their all-out drive during the next few days. If one-third of the amount an be subscribed without direct solicitation, with some few exceptions, the leaders of the drive sincerely believe the other two thirds an be raised.

Supplementing the voluntary purhases and direct canvasses, several ownships are holding rallies this week and next, and the reports are awaited with interest. "We hope to reach our quota and go over the top," two district chairmen said this week in announcing rallies for their dis-

The following figures offer a vir-

1-	the bond drive by townships:		
1		Quota	Amt.Raise
e	Jamesville	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,379.2
st	Williams	10,000	2,006.2
ıt	Griffins	_ 40,000	1,387.5
	Bear Grass	25,000	4,724.2
1-	Williamston	309,000	109,276.5
N	Cross Roads	25,000	9,931.2
e	Robersonville	220,000	103,487.5
	Poplar Point	10,000	3,450.0
t	Hamilton	45,000	12,268.7
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\$729,000 \$273,430.00 Of the amounts raised to date, the ollowing figures represent the sale of "E" bonds by townships: Jamesville, \$17,379.25; Williams, \$2,006.25; Griffins, \$1,387.50; Bear Grass, \$4,-724.25; Williamston, \$52,276.50; Cross Roads, \$1,931.25; Robersonville, \$56,-(Continued on page six)

## Several Cases Heard By Justice Hassell

Following a fairly long period of little activity, Justice J. L. Hassell reported an increase of business in is court during the past few days. James Purvis, colored man charged with the theft of \$78, was bound over to the superior court under a oond in the sum of \$200. Sam Congleton, the prosecuting witness, aleges he dropped the bundle of meney while Purvis was riding with him and that Purvis got the money.

Charged with being disorderly, Howard Pate and Clarence Pate were taxed with \$6.50 costs each. Elbert Whitehurst, charged with eing drunk and disorderly, was sen-

tenced to the roads for thirty days, the justice suspending the sentence on condition that the defendant pay \$8.50 costs and remain out of town for twelve months. Louvenia Roberson, Sam Roberson and Leon Roberson, charged with be-

#### Entering the local hospital the Bauly Injurce In Bicycle Accident

ing disorderly, were required to pay

\$8.50 costs each.

Miss Evelyn Holliday, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Holliday, was dangerously but not critically hurt when she fell from her bicycle near her home in the Macedonia community of Bear Grass Township last Wednesday afternoon. Her forehead was badly cut and she suffered a fracture of the skull. Reports from the local hospital this morning stated that she was recovering rapidly and was getting along very well.

Miss Holliday remembers very little about the accident. She recalled feeling a bit sick and it is believed that she fainted and fell off her bike, her head striking the pavement. She partially recovered from the blow and tried to walk to her brother's home for help, but was unable to do so. She was found sitting against a tree near the church a short