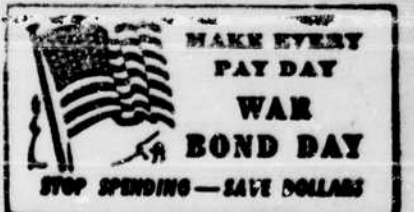


Everyone Must Help If This County Is To Reach War Bond Goal



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Allies Score Great Victory Over Japs In Marshall Islands

Russians Trap Ten Divisions South of Kiev; Fifth Army in Cassino

Outmaneuvering the yellow Japs, the Americans have scored a great victory in the Marshall Islands, late reports stating that control of the group is now firmly in American hands. The last of the Japs are being cleared from a corner of the Kwajalein. More than 2,000 Japs were found there when the Americans invaded the large mandated island group almost a week ago. All but 750 of the group were wiped out while American losses were limited to 27 dead and a comparatively small number of missing and wounded.

The area is not entirely clear of the yellow scoundrels, but Navy Seabees and Army engineers are said to have moved in and are patching up the big airfield on Roi island and it is expected that Allied planes will be using the field to help clean out the entire Marshall group.

In the Pacific, the Allies are now just about 1,000 miles from that great Jap base of Truk. There is a possibility that the Allies will try to neutralize it rather than invade the base. Wake Island, where the American defenders offered such a noble defense during the few days following the war's outbreak, will likely be vacated by the Japs, or else be driven off. That the Jap navy will be drawn out is still a possibility, but no sea engagements have yet been reported. The latest blow delivered against the Japs place the Allies approximately 500 miles northwest of Makin in the Gilberts.

In Italy, the American Fifth Army entered the city of Cassino yesterday, and its fall is expected within a matter of hours, according to late reports. Nearer Rome, the recent invasion is being extended against ever-growing resistance.

The Germans are making big news all along the 1,200-mile Eastern Front, the feature of the late reports being centered south of Kiev where ten German divisions—nine infantry and one panzer—numbering from 80,000 to 200,000 men, have been trapped. The trapped units have not yet surrendered, and it is not known whether they'll attempt to fight their way out.

No raids have been made over Berlin in recent nights, but the city is still groggy from the last attacks. During the meantime, American and British air forces have been carrying on an effective offensive against other strategic centers and the French invasion coast. In their gigantic raid on Wilhelmshaven yesterday, the Americans lost only four bombers and nine fighters.

Chief of Staff General George Marshall yesterday said that great battles lie just ahead, and urged people to realize "the need for a war task and necessity for sacrifice."

Following the release of the Jap atrocity stories, the yellow beasts are said to have changed their brains.

Many Guests Attend Kiwanis Meet Here

Qualifying for the honor over a period of years, Gilbert Woolard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Woolard, was presented the Eagle Scout emblem at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club here last night. The Eagle badge is the highest rank that can be attained by a Boy Scout, and Gilbert is the fifth boy in the town of Williamston to qualify for the honor.

For the presentation of the emblem the entire local Boy Scout troop was invited and dined by the club. Wheeler Martin, Scout enthusiast and leader of the boys, had charge of the program. He briefly reviewed the history of Troop 27 and introduced Mrs. Woolard, who presented her son with the Eagle badge. Jim Gaskins, of Wilson and Scott, executive for Eastern Carolina, and "Monk" Cobb, local Scout master, were also in attendance.

Ensign Harry Stubbs of the U. S. Naval Air Corps, and Miss Spruill, of Windsor, were among those to attend the special meeting of the local club. Maurice Moore, Jr., representing the high school, was given full membership to the club for the next four weeks. Other guests were, Ensign Burras Creecher, Jr., U. S. Navy; Lt. (jg) Russell Reebuck, U. S. Navy; Reginald Simpson, U. S. Army and member of the club, and Ensign Billy Clark, U. S. Navy.

County Board Education To Hold Meeting Monday

Members of the Martin County Board of Education will hold a regular meeting here next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, it was announced today by Mr. J. D. Woolard, board chairman. No special business has been scheduled for consideration at that time, it was learned.

MacARTHUR WITH OFFICERS WHO REVEALED ATROCITIES



AT HIS HEADQUARTERS somewhere in Australia, Gen. Douglas MacArthur is pictured on Aug. 4, 1943 after meeting the three American officers who escaped from Jap prison camps in the Philippines to bring home a tale of horror. A joint army and navy report, based on their experiences, tells of the mistreatment and murder of thousands of Americans taken prisoner when Bataan and Corregidor fell. The officers are (l. to r.): Lt. Col. William E. Dyess (killed recently in an air crash), Albany, Tex.; Comdr. Melvyn H. McCoy, Indianapolis, Ind.; Gen. MacArthur; Lt. Col. S. M. Mellnik, Dunmore, Pa. Signal Corps photo. (International)

Marriage Licenses Hold To Average Number in January

Most of Contracting Parties in Their Late Teens or Early Twenties

Despite war, high water and all that, the number of marriage licenses issued in this county during the first month of 1944 held to about a normal average. However, it looked at one time as if the issuance would reach a new low point. Less than half a dozen marriage contracts were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger before the 28th of the month, but those youths in their late teens or early twenties boosted the business during the last few days. There were very few contracting parties over 30 years of age.

Five licenses were issued to white and ten to colored couples in the county last month, as follows:

White
William Watson Walters and Mildred Hedrick, both of Jamesville.
Warren Johnson Smith, of Champagne, Illinois, and Hazel Mae Saunders, of Four Oaks and Bear Grass.

Alton B. Siffquires, of Greenville and Newport News, and Lula Baker, of Oak City.

Colored
George Rodgers and Katie Bell Gorham, both of Williamston.
Hallie Peel and Katie Bell Keel, both of RFD 1, Williamston.

John D. Mason and Rosa Lee Little both of RFD 2, Williamston.
James Andrew Wynn, of RFD 2, Robersonville, and Naomi Lynch, both of Williamston.

Andrew Jones and Esther Mae Ore, both of Williamston.

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Grass Woods Fire Does Little Damage

Its origin undetermined, fire swept over several acres of field grass and woods just off Pine Street and the Hamilton Highway on the north edge of the town yesterday afternoon. Very little damage was done, but wood piles, fences and a few outbuildings were threatened.

Receiving a call, local fire department volunteers worked for more than an hour trying to keep the fire from spreading into a large tract of woods.

TIRE QUOTAS

Despite an announced "tightening" of rationing regulations for Grade I car tires, the current month tire quotas are almost as large as they were for January, according to information released this week by Mrs. Irene Blount, chief rationing board clerk.

The quotas for January and February are compared as follows with the January allotments being shown first: Grade I tires, 106 and 104; Grade III's, 144 and 127; Passenger tire tubes, 126 and 203; Truck tires, 35 and 34; Truck tire tubes, 37 and 34.

No cars were allotted the county for the current month.

Postal Receipts Reached An All-Time High Last Year

Postal receipts reached an all-time high figure here last year, a report from the post office stating that the revenue jumped from \$24,870.89 in 1942 to \$28,849.56, an increase of almost \$4,000. The gain, according to Assistant Postmaster F. Earl Wynne, is not traceable to any one source, but was supported mostly by individuals. Possibly the increased correspondence directed to servicemen corresponds for a greater part of the increase. Postal employees handling the rural free deliveries are convinced that the volume of mail coming from the rural communities reached an all-time high during last year.

The record increase is reflected in stamp sales for each of the four quarters. Reporting revenue in the sum of \$6,603.43 for the first three months of 1943 as compared with \$6,030.73 for the corresponding period in 1942, the office here had an income of \$6,908.44 in the second quarter as compared with \$5,576.90 for the months of April, May and June, 1942. In the third quarter of last year, revenue jumped to \$6,679.36 from \$6,094.64 recorded in the corresponding period of the preceding year. When the office patrons opened their Christmas mail barrage in the third quarter mostly for the servicemen, they boosted the stamp sales from \$7,168.62 in 1942 to \$8,757.34 for the last three months of 1943. The increase of nearly \$1,600 represents a sizable increase in the sale of 3-cent stamps.

Money order business jumped from \$147,351.22 in 1942 to \$179,248.02 last year, the business reaching a peak last September when \$25,261.46 was sent mostly to mail order houses.

The steady annual business increase enjoyed by the post office for the past ten years is reflected in the following stamp sales:

1933	\$12,488.13
1934	15,394.95
1935	17,477.19
1936	17,935.26
1937	20,702.69
1938	20,721.76
1939	20,985.40
1940	22,010.11
1941	22,610.07
1942	24,870.89
1943	28,849.56

County Bookmobile Will Make Regular Schedule Next Week

Weather prevented the scheduled trip of the bookmobile in this county on Monday, January 10. All books due that day were renewed and may be returned when the bookmobile makes its scheduled trip next Monday, February 7.

Some of the new books available this month are listed: "Good Night, Sweet Prince", by Fowler; "Persons and Places", by Gessie Santavara; "I Was on the Regiment", by Amedeo Willoughby; "Hallelujah", by Fannie Hurst; "Winter Wheat", by Mildred Walker; "Arrival and Departure", by Koestler; "The Chings of China", by Clark; "No Day of Triumph", by Redding; "Without Love", (a play) by Barry.

In addition to these listed for adults, there will be many new junior books ready when the bookmobile makes its regular schedules in the county next week, as follows: Monday, 9:30, Edward's Service Station; 10:00, Hamilton School; 11:00, Hamilton Bank; 11:45, Oak City School; 1:45, Barrett's Drug Store; 2:45, Smith's Store on Palmyra road. Tuesday, February 8: 9:30, Hassell School; 10:00, Edmondson Service Station; 10:30, Hassell Post Office; 11:30, Gold Point School; 1:00, Gold Point, Johnson's Service Station; 2:30, Robersonville Public Library.

Wednesday, February 9: 9:00, Williamston High School; 10:00, Everett School; 11:00, J. S. Ayers Store, Everetts; 12:00, Cross Roads Church; 1:30, Elementary School, Robersonville; 2:30, Robersonville High School; 3:10, Parme Post Office. Thursday, February 10: 9:00, Williamston Elementary School; 10:35, Griffin's Service Station; 11:00, Farm Life School; 1:15, Corey's Cross Roads; 1:45, Bear Grass School; 2:30, Terry Roberson's Store; 3:00, Wynne's Service Station.

Friday, February 11: 10, Jordan's store, Dardens; 11:00, Browning's Store; 11:45, Poplar Chapel Church; 1:15, Jamesville School; 2:30 Brown's Store, Jamesville.

Infantile Paralysis Fund About Double Initial County Goal

Nearly \$1,000 Reported and Chairman Says All Reports Not In

Assigned a quota of \$534, Martin County has already reported \$915.14 collected in the infantile paralysis fund drive, County Chairman L. B. Wynne stating late yesterday that he was confident the original assessment would be more than doubled when all reports are received. Several schools are yet to report, it was explained.

A liberal support was accorded the drive in every quarter. Mrs. Glenn Norman, co-chairman for the county, stating that Robersonville broke all its previous records. The schools did an effective work in soliciting funds, and the direct mail appeals passed all expectations. Sending out 191 direct mail appeals, the chairman had received an even 100 replies up until noon yesterday, boosting the total by \$340.75.

Contributions by direct mail and reports by schools and other agencies promoting the drive follow:

Lions Club, \$25; W. I. Skinner and Co., 15; Kiwanis Club, \$10; W. C. House, \$10; Farmers Supply Co., \$10; Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Walker, \$10; B. S. Courtney, \$10; Margolis Bros., \$10; C. C. Fleming, \$10; Mrs. C. C. Fleming, \$10; W. G. Peele, \$7.50; F. E. Weston, \$6.00; Rationing Board, \$6; Agricultural Building, \$5.50; R. L. Stallings, \$5; J. Dawson Lilley, \$5; K. P. Lindsley, \$5; R. W. Salsbury, \$5; N. C. Green, \$5; Mrs. V. G. Taylor-Purvis, \$5; Mary Louise Taylor, \$5; Mrs. Emily E. Smithwick, \$5; William Gurganus, \$5; Asa J. Manning, \$5; J. Eason Lilley, \$5; Martin-Elriott Co., \$5; Elmer R. Edmondson, \$5; Joshua L. Coltrain, \$5; Harrison Oil Co., \$5; C. T. Gaines, \$5; J. H. Edwards, \$5; Dr. John D. Biggs, \$5; Jesse Keel, \$5; F. U. Barnes, \$5; D. R. Davis, \$5; J. S. Whitley, \$5; Mrs. L. B. Harrison, \$5; Woolard Furniture Co., \$5; Geo. L. Cooper, \$5; C. A. Hough, \$5; C. A. Askew, \$5; M. L. Peel, \$3.50; Mrs. Mamie G. Taylor, \$3; Mrs. A. R. Dunning, \$3; Charlie Davenport, \$3; J. S. Ayers, Sr., \$3; E. D. Purvis, \$2.50; J. H. Ayers, \$2.50; H. A. Bowen, \$2.50; M. M. Levin, \$2.50; W. L. Brown, \$2.50; W. M. Davis, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Daniel, \$2; J. H. Lillard, \$2; L. C. Brown, \$2; J. C. Manning, \$2; Clarence Griffin, \$2; J. Sam Getsinger, \$2; L. A. Clark, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Durkin, \$2; Mrs. H. J. Haislip, \$2; Sidney Beacham, \$2; James M. Peel, \$2; Roy L. Ward, \$2; J. L. Hassell, \$2; D. V. Clayton, \$2; W. J. Beach, \$2.

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Vandals Break Out Store Windows Here

Vandals ran loose on Washington Street here some time during the early morning Wednesday, breaking out several store windows. As far as it could be learned, nothing was missed from any of the stores, police stating that apparently the destructive acts were prompted by thoughtlessness or down-right, common meanness.

A large hole was knocked into the plate glass in one of the Martin Supply Company windows, the owners finding a small piece of pipe wrapped with tape inside. A small hole was knocked in a panel glass in the door leading into Claude Leggett's store, and the large plate glass window of the Williams Hardware Company was broken.

Police, covering their beat on the street about 5:30 that morning, stated that they did not notice any damage at that time, and they are of the opinion the windows were broken about 6 o'clock.

Service For Youth Week Observance

The Christian Youth Fellowship of the local Christian Church will be host tonight between 8:30 and 11:00 o'clock, to the high school age groups from the other churches in town. An evening of recreation and wholesome fun will be enjoyed. Invitations were sent out last week to the young people through their various churches.

On Sunday evening, which marks the close of "Youth Week," there will be a special church service at 7:30, in honor of youth. The youth from all the churches are participating. Miss Kathryn Mewborn will accompany the congregational singing, led by a choir of young people. The high school trio, composed of Misses Alberta Swain, Frances Jarman and Ethel Taylor will sing "The Lord's Prayer." Mr. Goff, pastor of the host church, will speak directly to youth, using "as his" message, "Youth in the Church."

While this is a service designed for youth, adults are expected and will be especially welcomed.

War Bond Drive Over \$251,000.00 Short Of Quota In This County

PLANT BEDS

No one would offer an estimate, but numbers of farmers questioned in the county during recent days are agreed that a record yardage has been planted to tobacco seed this season. With favorable weather prevailing in recent days, an estimated 95 percent of the growers in this county have completed the preparation of their plant beds.

As a general rule, the yardage has been increased by 20 percent or even more, the farmers apparently making the first preparations to increase their crop acreages even though many admit they can't figure how they will be able to handle the greater plantings.

Costs of the bead, excluding labor, range from about \$10 to \$15 per 100 yards, according to estimates offered by many farmers.

Short Session Of Recorders Court Is Held Last Monday

Small Attendance Reported For Trial Of Five Cases Of Little Consequence

Law violations are holding to an unusually low point in the county these days, the records showing that Judge J. Calvin Smith has the situation well under control for the present, at least. A crime outbreak may develop at any time, but the disturbers of the peace have not been creating enough business to keep the Martin County Recorder's Court in session very long during recent weeks. Occasionally, the trial of a case carrying little weight will be dragged on and on in the court by a tiresome and sometimes disgusting argument, but for the most part, the trials have been short and snappy during recent sessions.

Last Monday, the court was in session less than an hour, Judge Smith calling only five cases. The docket carried very little interest, and the attendance while larger than it was the week before, continued very small. At one time during the session there were no more than three white spectators in the audience, but possibly twenty or more colored persons were in the courtroom, near a wreck case.

Solicitor Elbert S. Peel prosecuted the docket.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with non-support, Jafus James was adjudged guilty, and the court sentenced him to the roads for nine months. The sentence was suspended upon the condition that he pay his wife, Geneva James, \$100 for the support of their children, and the costs of the case. The payment of the costs was demanded then and there, and the \$100 is to be paid within sixty days, the court ordering him to report at the

Receives Letter from Red Cross In Italy

The Barnhill Supply Company of Everetts received a cordial and appreciative letter from a field director of the American Red Cross in Italy this week. The note was prompted by the sending by this Martin County firm to the boys in the service several thousand cigarettes, accepted by the field director, the cigarettes were distributed among the sick and wounded.

GAS SHORTAGE

Another gas shortage is in prospect for the schools in this county according to official information coming from the office of the superintendent here late yesterday. It is not likely, however, that the schools will be forced to close, it was explained. The company holding the supply contract has promised the school authorities to make a delivery before next Tuesday when the supply will be exhausted if it is not replenished during the meantime.

While it is possible that the civilian supply will run low between now and the 15th of the month, there is no indication so far of any shortage.

Bear Grass Is Over The Top Following School House Rally

Few Dark Spots Appearing In Some Districts As Drive Enters Third Week

Martin County's Fourth War Bond drive today is approximately \$250,000.00 short of the assigned goal, causing some to express doubt if the goal will be reached. County Chairman Herman A. Bowen is confined to his bed by illness and could not be reached for a statement, but following a bond rally in Bear Grass Wednesday evening he was optimistic over the outlook. The bond picture is bright in several townships, but in others it is a bit dark. Complete reports could not be had, but a semi-official tabulation of the drive figures last night showed that the sales during the past week fell below \$100,000, and unless the tempo is increased in several townships, the campaign will fall short of its goal. One of the dark spots in the bond picture is found right here in Williamston where the drive is little more than half complete with a greater portion of the total being represented in "negotiable" securities. Robersonville, with a quota of \$220,000, has already handled more than \$100,000 in "E" bonds alone. According to the latest but apparently not complete figures, the drive in Williams Township is hardly more than one-fifth complete. It is about three-fourths complete in Griffins, and approximately one-third complete in Hamilton, and Goose Nest, and a little over three-fifths finished in Poplar Point.

There are only nine more days in which to purchase "negotiable" bonds and credit for "E" bond purchases will be allowed only through the 29th of this month. Unless a spirited punch is delivered soon, the county will hardly reach the goal.

The bright side of the picture is found in Jamesville and Bear Grass townships where the drive has reached and passed the district goals by wide margins. Cross Roads was reported to have reached its quota earlier in the week, and there is a good possibility it has, but several selling agencies could not be contacted in time to complete the tabulation for that district. The report for Williamston is not quite complete, but late reports are not expected to change the amount as of late yesterday.

Loyal and patriotic citizens of Bear Grass, while comparatively few

Local Pupils Active In March Of Dimes

Pupils of the Williamston schools gave loyal support to the annual drive for funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis during the past week. All grades participated in the March of Dimes, contributing a total of \$187.51 to aid in the fight against infantile paralysis.

Grammar school contributions totaled \$95.41, high school contributions, \$72.10.

The sums reported by each grade room follow:

- First grade, Miss Talton, \$5.00; Miss Turnage, \$8.00.
- Second grade, Miss Crawford, \$3.10; Miss Benson, \$2.30; Miss Baker, \$3.00.
- Third grade, Mrs. Bunting, \$6.00; Miss Manning, \$6.00.
- Fourth grade, Miss Elliott, \$12.60; Miss K. Bradley, \$12.00.
- Fifth grade, Mrs. Coburn, \$4.50; Mrs. Crosswell, \$3.40.
- Sixth grade, Mrs. Eagles, \$5.00; Miss E. Bradley, \$24.51.
- Seventh grade, Miss Whitley, \$4.20; Mrs. Hassell, \$3.10.
- Eighth grade, Miss Golden, \$16.00; Mrs. Manning, \$18.70.
- Ninth grade, Miss Britt, \$6.30; Miss Watkins, \$6.00.
- Tenth grade, Miss Reynolds, \$14.00.
- Eleventh grade, Miss Leach, \$3.80.

Represent County At Farm Bureau Meeting

Messrs. S. L. Roberson, Van G. Taylor, C. L. Daniel and T. B. Brandon represented Martin County at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Farm Bureau held in Raleigh Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

"It was a great meeting and an enormous presentation was there," Mr. Chas. Daniel, president of the Martin County unit, said.