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Drives In Russia and Pacific Theater Meeting With Marked Success

Battered by strong German atin that sector apparently in an effort enemy lines. to force the Allies to upset their time table for the continental invasion. At the same time, the Allies in Robersonville in 1916. At an early months before he was killed. apparently have weakened the invasion defense of the enemy by pulling strong forces from France.

The beachhead fighting was featured yesterday by the introduction of heavy four-motored bombers in the defense of the area. Good results were said to have been obtained, one report stating that enemy gun positions were wiped out.

The beachhead situation continues a bit critical for the Allies, and it is now believed that nothing short of a diversionary action will save the day. The enemy is thought to be gaining in the race to bring up additional men and supplies.

Around Cassino to the south, the Allies day before yesterday hurled massive forces against the defenses, but late reports state that the Germans are doggedly holding on to that position.

American casualties since the Salerno landing in Italy on September 9 were listed this week at 25,-665, including 3,707 killed, 16,510 wounded and 5,448 missing by Undersecretary of War Robert P. Pat-

On the Russian front, the Germans are still reeling and rocking under Red Army pressure, late reports stating that the Russians had trapped another 100,000 men and are already busy annihilating them. Following the fall of Nikopol, the Russians are now closing in on Krivoi Rog, great fron center in the Southern Ukraine. To the north, the Redy Army is closing in on Luga, the last major stronghold on the Leningrad-Pskov railway in enemy

A five months long and terrific drive has been brought to a close in New Guinea where the Australians yesterday joined American forces to gain complete control of Huon Peninsula. An entire Jap division was wiped out, and now the joined forces are looking toward Madang. Infantile Paralysis Mopping-up operations continue in the Marshalls, and important moves are certain to be directed from there in the future.

Air activities continue without letup over France and yesterday, American bombers were over Brunswick with telling effect.

Eighty-four German planes were knocked out of the air yesterday, but twenty-nine Allied bombers and eight fighters did not return to Alcounted for 55 of the places, a new record for a single day.

A transport plane, carrying 24 for Jamesville b persons, including eleven of the King as follows: military forces, crashed in the Mississippi about midnight last night, perished.

In Washington, the defeat of the subsidy program was considered almost certain in the Senate this afternoon. A veto is expected, and it is likely a compromise will be ef-

Test Blackout Is Very Successful Very Successful Very Successful Very Successful

The test blackout here last Tuesday night was rated one of the most successful held in this district, according to incomplete reports coming from the operations center. All lights here with one exception were out in record time following the sounding of the first signal, and wardens manned their posts quick-

ly and efficiently. Assistant Director of Civilian Defense Director Martin was here from the state office in Raleigh to ob serve the operation and he was mid to have been way well pleased with the work of the organization at this point. It was stated that one or two outlying districts could not be reached in the territory, but nearly all the calls were handled in record

Sgt. Lewis O. Price, representing the Army, checked the work of the wardens and fire watchers and he praised highly the work of the organization, and commented very favorably on the cooperation extended by the citizens.

A similar test is tentatively scheduled for the early part of May in this district, it is understood.

Locals Divide Double Bill With Scotland Neck Here

Playing the girls and boys from Scotland Neck's Brawley high school here a few nights ago, the colored high school basketball teams divided the double bill with the visitors, the girls losing 22 to 9, and the boys winning 26 to 20.

tion over Germany on November in this county and he visited his First Civil Action In Months 29, 1943, according to information great-uncle, Mr. J. C. Ross, in Rob-reaching relatives in this county a ersonville at least twice each year tacks and pounded by enemy artil- shot out of the artin Germany, but town of Burlington. He completed lery fire, defenders of the Allied in- only recently was his death an- his mechanical training at the Bocvasion spearhead at Anzio are ef- nounced by the War Department. ing Flying Fortress School in April fectively fighting back, and are be-lieved to be more than holding their ed. The young man could have been aerial gunnery, receiving his trainown. But it is admitted that the shot and killed or he may have been ing at Wendover Field, Utah, and enemy is exerting powerful pressure fatally injured in crash behind the Amarillo, Texas. Just prior to being

The son of the late William A. and age, he and his sister, the former Miss Virginia Ross, entered the Ken- tin County native to make the sution there he and his sister, Mrs. county at one time but natives of Virginia Ross Fogleman, went to other sections, have lost their lives Burlington to live and where his in the current war.

few days ago. The young man was until he entered the service. He was first reported missing in action soon a young man of sterling qualities fter his plane was forced down or and bore a fine reputation in the transferred to a station overseas, he was located in Seattle, and was in Hester Mooring Ross, he was born England hardly more than two

Young Ross is the fourteenth Marnedy Home, Baptist orphanage near preme sacrifice for his country. Two Kinston. Following their gradua- other young men, residents of this

Draft Deals Fathers A **Heavy Blow In County**

PEANUT MEETING

Anxious to promote a fair peanut program and one that is acceptable to all growers, millers, shellers and consumers, Congressman Herbert C. Bon-ner conferred with J. B. Hutson of the Commodity Credit Corporation recently and arranged for a peanut meeting to be held in Washington on February 17.

"I particularly want a large group of growers to be present so that a thorough understanding can be had before the 1944 program is put into effect," Congressman Bonner said yesterday in announcing the meeting and inviting Martin County to send representatives for the discus-

It could not be learned who or how many would attend the meeting, but those farmers who criticised the two-price plan and then objected to the one-price program last year are invited to attend the meeting along with any others.

The annual infantile paralysis fund drive was announced just about complete today by Chairman L. B. Wynne, a last report showing that a total of \$1,154.92 had been donated directly in this county. Some donations were sent direct to Washing-ton and they will be credited to the

for Jamesville by Principal J. W.

Grade 1, Mrs. Alexander, teacher, \$4; Grade 2, Mrs. Manning, teachand it is believed that all aboard er, \$2.40; Grade 2, Mrs. Shaw, teacher, \$6.20; Grade 3, Miss Waters, teacher, \$6; Grade 4, Mrs. Woolard, teacher, \$11; Grade 4, Mrs. Holliday, teacher, \$2.20; Grade 5, Miss Rippon, teacher, \$1.70; Grade 6, Miss Godwin, teacher, \$6; Grade 7, Miss Dail, teacher, \$4; Grade 8, Mrs. Lee-son, teacher, \$5.50; Grade 9, Miss Jenkins, teacher, \$6.70; Grade 11,

Federal Tax Man Will Be Here Five Days Next Week

A deputy collector of the Federal Revenue Department will be stationed in the post office building here five days next week, beginning Tuesday, it was announced today. He will assist any taxpayer in preparing their federal income tax returns. Persons desiring assistance in preparing their income tax returns are asked to submit assembled data when they contact the government representative.

MORE CHECKS

Payments under the 1943 soil conservation program are reaching into high figures in this county. The distribution of 381 checks this week in the sum of 14,700, boosted the total payments to date to \$52,050.16. About half or 715 applications have been handled and 1,502 checks have been distributed.

It is estimated that about half the payments have been effected, and it is fairly certain that the total payments will pass the \$100,000 mark in this county.

It is understood that a few farmers have not yet filed their applications for the soil conservation payments as yet. They are asked to do so at their earliest convenience.

Sergeant William Ross, a native sister is now making her home. of Robersonville, was killed in ac- Sergeant Ross had many relatives

Report For Physical Report For Physical G. Barnhill was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his license revok-Exams, Leaving 100 Little Tots Behind prosect.

Married Men Are Two Main Groups Called

The second group of Martin County colored men to be called since the latter part of January left yesterday to report for pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg, no word having been received from the group up until early this afternoon. Approximately half of the contingent, or 46 men, were married, most of the remaining ones coming from the teenage group, and a few from industry. Nearly thirty of the men were drawn from the farms, their production to expectations. At least one in the group was said to have had suffideferment claim, but no work sheet was ever filed for him by his landlord or by the registrant himself, and it was too late to act after he had been notified to report. Inci-Drive About Ended dentally the man leaves at home eight or nine children, most of them under thirteen years of age.

Several of the group have four or five children and one has eight. Those men passing the physical and are subject to call within the next ninety days. Quite a few of the men reporting this week were re-

A report on the drive was filed for the pre-induction tests and their

Willie Parker, Jr., RFD 2, Rober-George Edward Brown, RFD 1.

Williamston and Brooklyn. William Henry Speller, Williams-

Samuel Wesley Hooper, James-ville and Washington, D. C. Jesse Atkins, Jamesville. George Wynne, Jr., RFD 1, Rob ersonville and RFD 2, Tarboro.

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Heard By Court Last Monday Morning

hown in the proceedings and Judge Calvin Smith and Solicitor Elbert Peel worked a little longer than usual in clearing the Martin County Recorder's Court docket last Monlay. While no large crowd was present for the various trials, more people were in the courtroom than had been found there in fairly recent sessions. The trial of a civil case, the first handled by the court in many nenths, featured the proceedings. in the case of James Leathers against inations. dgar Davis, the court awarded the plaintiff \$11.60 in wages allegedly due, but the plaintiff was taxed with the cost. It was pointed out that the defendant had tendered the plainiff \$11.60 just before the trial. Other proceedings:

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with speeding, Norris Adams

Charlie Hoell, Jr., charged with damaging personal property, pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving Jas J. Garland Pilgreen ed for twelve months. A second case, charging the defendant with a similar infraction of the law, was not

Seth Weathersbee, charged with drunken driving, pleaded guilty and Non-essential Farmers, And was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

Charged with drunken driving, Nathan G. Thompson pleaded guily and was fined \$50, required to pay the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year. The court recommended that he surrender his liquor ration book to the county al-

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Griffins Farmer Makes Visit To Town Thursday

Mr. N. T. Tice, well-known citizen and farmer of Griffins Township Manning and William E. Pilgreen. records having failed to measure up ited here yesterday afternoon, the trip being one of the few he has cient production units to support a He was accompanied by Mrs. Tice made to Williamston in some time. and a son. While he continues quite feeble, Mr. Tice is holding his own.

MOVE CAMP

According to unofficial information received here today, approximately 500 Italian prisoners of war will be moved from Windsor to the new camp near the plant of the Williamston Package Manufacturing Co. here over the week-end. Under construction for several weeks, the

camp In 192 with rows of small winterized tents and mess halls for the men of war and special quarters for the camp complement. Captain M. L. White heads the camp personnel.

Brought into this section last fall to help relieve the farm labor shortage, the prisoners in more recent months have been engaged in various types of industry, some working at lumber mills and others at fertilizer plants. The camp at Windsor is being abandoned.

Using Big Bombers To Check the Enemy In Anzio Spearhead Native Of County Loses Life Judge Calvin Smith Calls Eight Cases in The County's Court The County County Th

Martin County Has About 12 Six Townships Are There was a little more interest Men in Its Selective Draft Pool Over The Top With

dozen Martin County colored men inations yesterday. "on tap" or in the draft pool. This limited reserve was gained out of about 65 men called the latter part go and who are not to go, there is of January for pre-induction exam-

County Last Monday

Escaped With Minor Injuries

In Auto Accident on Same

Road the Night Before

Greenville - James Garland Pil-

youth, was instantly killed last Mon-

day night about 7:45 when a '36 Chev-

rolet coach in which he was riding,

plunged into the side of a '40 Ford

trailer truck parked on the Stokes

highway about eight miles from

Greenville. Five others were in the

car, including Mrs. Verno Jackson,

who suffered a broken leg and cuts

about the head. Receiving minor in-

juries also were Hally and Anna

Nora Jackson, daughters of Mrs. Ver-

According to eye-witnesses, the

truck, driven by Charlie Spruill, Ne-

gro, and owned by S. A. Wallace, of

Robersonville, was parked across the

highway in approximately a 90 de-

gree angle and was loaded with a

tractor and livestock feed. The driv-

er of the truck, Spruill, of Roberson

ville, stated that he and other men

were unloading the tractor, and the

rear wheels of the truck were in the

ditch on the left hand side of the

road. He further stated that no

flares had been distributed along the

highway, but he did have a man

flagging cars, and the car driven by

Pilgreen failed to stop and was going

at a high rate of speed when it hit

Funeral services will be conduct-

Saturday afternoon of the house to

Rev. D. W. Alexander, Free Will Baptist minister of Bethel. Inter-

ment will follow in the Roberson-

Rebecca Pilgreen of near Roberson-

ville; thre brothers, Will and Luther Pilgreen of near Robersonville, and

Clayton Pilgreen of the home; three

sisters, Mrs. M. E. Jackson of Rober-

sonville, Mrs. Julius Warren of Den-

ver, Colo., and Mary Lois Pilgreen

of the home, and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Daven-

Surviving are his mother, Mrs.

the truck.

ville Cemetery.

port of the home.

no Jackson, of Hookerton, Clarence

18-year-old Robersonville

It is most assuredly a slow and cost-teen failed to report. All but one of ly process, but the Selective Service the eighteen, Phillip Burnett, have System has started building up a been accounted for, most of them draft pool in this county, one report making a delayed trip to the Army stating that there are now about a center for their pre-induction exam-Now that the men are in the pool

and there is no question who are to

CRASH VICTIM

some doubt as to how and when the men will be called from the pool. The men subject to call within 90 Some think they will be called withdays and not before the expiration out 21 days' advance notice, others of 21 days, include Phillip Peter- believing they will not have to leave son Barnes, Charlie Freeman, Jr., within 21 days after they are noti-Willie Williams, George Roberson, fied to report for induction. All Melvin Langley and James Thadger doubt is expected to be cleared up Modica for the Army, and Haywood Shortly, and during the meantime, Bridgers, William Vance Ormond, Selective Service is working to Jr., Lewis Harris, Walter Raleigh build up its draft pool in the counfurst was fined \$15 and taxed with he cost.

Macklin, Jr., and William Earl Balty. Many colored men left the countaine for the Navy. It was reported ty yesterday, and many white men unofficially that 38 in the January are expected to report for pre-incall were rejected, that about eigh-iduction about the last of this month

Surpluses To Spare

Sales Lagging In Four Areas And "E" Bond Purchases Not Up To Expectation

With six of the ten townships eaching and passing their quotas, sizable margins in some cases. the Fourth War Bond Drive today s nearing its assigned goal of \$729,-000 in Martin County, the district chairman, Herman A. Bowen, anouncing late last night that the ales now stand at \$721,145.25, or \$7,-54.75 short of the county-wide goal. That the challenge will be met to he last penny and more is indeed ertain, but the people of this couny are asked to remember that the quota has not yet been met in its entirety and that the sale of "E" onds is lagging in most of the town-

There was only one doubtful spot in the county early today as the several chairmen commented on the drive in their townships, and there a strenuous effort is being made to reach the goal. A big rally in Oak City tonight is expected to net quite a few thousands of dollars, or more than enough to carry the county over the top. A successful drive there will leave only three townships on the "low" side. Williams citizens are finding the sale a difficult assignment to handle. Chairman D. V. Clayton for Williamston is still optimistic over the prospects of reaching and passing the quota, but just now, as is the case in several other townships, the sale of "E" bonds is not up to expectations. Hamilton, while trailing in the percentage comparisons, is reported to have sufficient applications for bonds to go over the top, but no reprt n bond deliveries could be had.

At the present time, Bear Grass s holding the spotlight in the bond drive. Total sales there are more than double the quota. Jamesville, exceeding its quota by nearly \$14,-000, ranks at the top in the percentage of "E" bonds sold. Out of a total of \$33,557.50, the people there invested \$30,762.50 in "E" bonds. Griffins has a fairly high "E" bond investment percentage, and the ratios are very favorable in Williams, Robersonville, Poplar Point, and Goose ported by districts, as follows: \$3,656.25; Griffins, \$31,035.50; Bear Grass, \$16,253.25; Williamston, \$82,-Of Local Resident 106.25; Cross Roads, \$13,758.50; Robersonville, \$108,927.25; Poplar Point, \$6,581.25; Hamilton, \$6,900.00, and

\$ 20,000

10,000

40,000

25.000

309,000

25.000

220,000

10.000

45.000

20,000 \$ 33,757.50

4,986.25

42,525.50

60.248.25

29.753.75

272.888.75

232.637.75

10,911.25

Funeral for Mother

son of Mrs. Effie Roberson Mob-

bley and the late Louis N. Mob-

ley, natives of this county, was

killed in an Army bomber crash

in Pennsylvania on December

4, 1943. He was buried several

days later in Cross Roads Town-

Funeral services were conducted Goose Nest, \$7,406.25 last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Total sales, including all types of her late home in Hertford for Mrs. bonds, are listed by townships, as Joseph F. Elliott, mother of Mrs. follows, with the quotas for com-Charles H. Godwin, Jr., of William parison:

time, Mrs. Ellion was taken critical- Jamesville ly ill last Saturday and died early Williams the following morning at her home. Griffins The Rev. Mr. Reavis, pastor of the Bear Grass Hertford Methodist Church of which Williamston Mrs. Elliott had been a devoted Cross Roads member for many years, conducted Robersonville the last rites, assisted by the Rev. Poplar Point Mr. Stevenson, a former pastor of Hamilton the family. Interment was in the Goose Nest Hertford Cemetery. Mrs. Elliott, 66 years of age, had

visited her daughter and made a number of friends in Williamston. Besides her husband and her daughter, Mrs. Godwin, she leaves three children, Miss Thelma Elliott, teacher in the Halifax Schools; Mrs. Dennis Holliday and Miss Ruth Elliott

Local Parents-Teachers To Meet Next Wednesday

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will hold its February task, and the three months spent at meeting in the grammar school Endicott passed rapidly and with- auditorium next Wednesday afternoon, February 16, at 3:30 o'clock. will discuss the services of the public health department.

His leave ended, the young See Association members and school bee reported to Quointset Point, patrons are assked to attend the

POLITICS

Little mentioned during re cent months, politics is gradually coming to the front in the State with the possibility that the various campaigns will start gaining momentum rapidly the early part of next month.

Stopping here for a short while today, Dr. Ralph McDonald, with his campaign manager, Mr. E. D. Broadhurst of Greensboro, briefly discussed the political field, and sounded a very optimistic note. Recalling the strong support accorded his candidacy back in 1936, Dr. Mc-Donald today again expressed his appreciation for that loyal support and hoped his candidacy for governor this year would receive a similar support.

21,555.00 11,881.25 25,000 \$729,000 \$721,145.25 **Business Increases** In Justice's Court

/.lmost a dozen defendants.were arried before Justice J. L. Hassell in his court here this week, the records reflecting a marked increase a crime front activities. Proceedings:

Charged with being drunk and isorderly, Leon Bond, Harry Lee Speller, Samuel Joyner and James Purvis were sentenced to the roads "Health" will be the theme of the for thirty-day terms. The sentence meeting. Miss Mary Taylor of the was suspended on condition that Martin County Health Department the defendants pay \$7.50 costs each and stay out of Buck's Place on Washington Street.

Leon Roberson, charged with simple assault, was directed to pay \$8.50

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Clyde Silverthorne was directed to pay \$8.50 costs.
Grover Dixon, Edgar Hyman and

Willie Bond, booked for disordery conduct, were each fined \$2.50 and taxed with the cost. James Ruffin was directed to pay \$7.50 costs in the case charging him

with being disorderly.
N. S. Nichols, booked for breaking and entering, was sent to the higher courts under bond in the sum

Presbyterian Young People To Meet Tuesday Evening

There wil be an important meetbyterian church next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers and other matters of importance will be taken up at this meeting, it was announced

Williamston Youth Tells About Exciting Times He Had During Months In Pacific

Never critical of his lot and reerving all opinion that would condemn or approve the way the war s being fought, Bill Holloman, young son of Mrs. W. J. Smith of Williamston, after much pleading and prodding finally "loosened up" and recently told about his first months in the United States Navy as a member of the Seabees. The young man, holding the rat-

ng of petty officer, 2-c, was bombarded with questions for more than two hours while he was spending his first long leave at home here. His experiences were so many and of such a colorful nature, he admitted that it would take many addiional hours to review all the happenings on his trip to the Southwest Pacific and his stay of about eight months on Guadalcanal.

His story gained in the two-hour interview will be offered in a series of short articles to be carried in this paper. Some of the details cannot be offered on account of censorship rules, but it is reasonably certain that his story, even though it is necessarily curtailed, will be read with much interest by his many had spent many months in Wash-had spent many month friends and acquaintances.



BILL HOLLOMAN

riends and acquaintances.

ington City and had made many general construction work. The crossQuitting a good-paying job as a friends there during that time, but construction worker on the War De- his country's call came first and in a but the young man admitted that partment's pentagon Building in short time he was numbered among his heart throbbed in his throat un-Washington, D. C., and voluntarily surrendering all claims to deferment, the young man volunteered Providence, Rhode Island. He was numbered among his heart throbbed in his throat until five submarines, hovering in the (Continued on page six)

already toughened for most any out incident. He enjoyed a short leave, and during that time he is remembered as a very youthful looking lad, a lad whose age would not have been placed at more than eighteen years. His leave ended, the young See-

Rhode Island, for advanced training. Following a few weeks spent there, the young man was transferred to a port of embarkation on the East Coast. On December 1 he was sailing for an unannounced destination in the company of tens of thousands of youthful fellows, mostly Marines.

Christmas came and went and the troop ship, one of a fairly large number in a convoy, continued to plow to the southwestward. One or wo small islands were visited and the convoy started breaking up, the last day of December finding the young man and his construction batng, was without serious assident