

Using Big Bombers To Check the Enemy In Anzio Spearhead

Drives In Russia and Pacific Theater Meeting With Marked Success

Battered by strong German attacks and pounded by enemy artillery fire, defenders of the Allied invasion spearhead at Anzio are effectively fighting back, and are believed to be more than holding their own.

The beachhead fighting was featured yesterday by the introduction of heavy four-motored bombers in the defense of the area.

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. Patterson.

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.

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.

Air activities continue without let-up 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 Al.

A transport plane, carrying 24 persons, including eleven of the military forces, crashed in the Mississippi about midnight last night, and it is believed that all aboard 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 effected.

Test Blackout Is 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.

Assistant Director of Civilian Defense Director Martin was here from the state office in Raleigh to observe the operations and to see how well the organization at this point.

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.

Native Of County Loses Life In Air Battle Over Germany

Sergeant William Ross, a native of Robersonville, was killed in action over Germany on November 23, 1943, according to information reaching relatives in this county a few days ago.

The son of the late William A. and Hester Mooring Ross, he was born in Robersonville in 1916. At an early age, he and his sister, the former Miss Virginia Ross, entered the Kennedy Home, Baptist orphanage near Kingston.

Following their graduation there he and his sister, Mrs. Virginia Ross Fogleman, went to Burlington to live and where his sister is now making her home.

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. Bonner 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 to the discussions.

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

Infantile Paralysis Drive About Ended

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.

A report on the drive was filed for Jamesville by Principal J. W. King as follows:

- Grade 1, Mrs. Alexander, teacher, \$4; Grade 2, Mrs. Manning, teacher, \$2.40; Grade 2, Mrs. Shaw, teacher, \$6.20; Grade 3, Miss Waters, teacher, \$6; Grade 4, Mrs. Woodard, 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. Leeson, teacher, \$5.50; Grade 9, Miss Jenkins, teacher, \$6.70; Grade 11, Mrs. Ange, teacher, \$3.50; Grade 12, Mr. Holliday, teacher, \$4.10; coin containers, \$3.34; sale of lapel symbols, \$13.36.

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.

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 \$52,950.16.

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 filled their applications for the soil conservation payments as yet. They are asked to do so at their earliest convenience.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Eight Cases in The County's Court

First Civil Action in Months Heard By Court Last Monday Morning

There was a little more interest shown in the proceedings and Judge J. Calvin Smith and Solicitor Elbert Peel worked a little longer than usual in clearing the Martin County Recorder's Court docket last Monday.

In the case of James Leathers against Edgar 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 plaintiff \$11.60 just before the trial.

Other proceedings: Pleading guilty in the case charging him with speeding, Norris Adams Hurst was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost.

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

Seth Weathersbee, charged with drunken driving, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for twelve months. A second case, charging the defendant with a similar infraction of the law, was not pressed.

Charged with drunken driving, Nathan G. Thompson pleaded guilty and was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

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 until early this afternoon.

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Griffins Farmer Makes Visit To Town Thursday

Mr. N. T. Tice, well-known citizen and farmer of Griffins Township and a semi-invalid for months, visited here yesterday afternoon, the trip being one of the few he has made to Williamston in some time.

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.

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

Never critical of his lot and reserving all opinion that would condemn or approve the way the war is 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 rating 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 additional 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 friends and acquaintances.

Quitting a good-paying job as a construction worker on the War Department's pentagon Building in Washington, D. C., and voluntarily surrendering all claims to deferment, the young man volunteered for service in the Seabees on August 8, 1942, his 21st birthday. He had spent many months in Washington City and had made many friends there during that time, but his country's call came first and in a short time he was numbered among the thousands receiving their "boot" training at Camp Endicott, near Providence, Rhode Island. He was

Fourth War Bond Drive Nearing \$729,000.00 Goal In This County

Martin County Has About 12 Men in Its Selective Draft Pool

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The men subject to call within 90 days and not before the expiration of 21 days, include Phillip Peterson Barnes, Charlie Freeman, Jr., Willie Williams, George Roberson, Melvin Langley and James Thadger Modica for the Army, and Hayward Bridgers, William Vance Ormond, Jr., Lewis Harris, Walter Raleigh Macklin, Jr., and William Earl Balance for the Navy.

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J. Garland Pilgreen Loses His Life in Pitt County Last Monday

Escaped With Minor Injuries In Auto Accident on Same Road The Night Before

Greenville — James Garland Pilgreen, 18-year-old Robersonville youth, was instantly killed last Monday night about 7:45 when a '36 Chevrolet 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.

According to eye-witnesses, the truck, driven by Charlie Spruill, Negro, and owned by S. A. Wallace, of Robersonville, was parked across the highway in approximately a 90 degree angle and was loaded with a tractor and livestock feed.

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Funeral for Mother Of Local Resident

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her late home in Hertford for Mrs. Joseph E. Elliott, mother of Mrs. Charles H. Godwin, Jr., of Williamston.

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Local Parents-Teachers To Meet Next Wednesday

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will hold its February meeting in the grammar school auditorium next Wednesday afternoon, February 16, at 3:30 o'clock.

"Health" will be the theme of the meeting, Miss Mary Taylor of the Martin County Health Department will discuss the services of the public health department.

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Six Townships Are Over The Top With Surpluses To Spare

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

With six of the ten townships reaching and passing their quotas, by sizable margins in some cases, the Fourth War Bond Drive today is nearing its assigned goal of \$729,000 in Martin County, the district chairman, Herman A. Bowen, announcing late last night that the sales now stand at \$721,145.25, or \$7,854.75 short of the county-wide goal.

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.

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Business Increases In Justice's Court

Almost a dozen defendants were carried before Justice J. L. Hassell in his court here this week, the records reflecting a marked increase in crime front activities.

Proceedings: Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Leon Bond, Harry Lee Speller, Samuel Joyner and James Purvis were sentenced to the roads for thirty-day terms. The sentence was suspended on condition that 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 costs.

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

Grover Dixon, Edgar Hyman and Willie Bond, booked for disorderly 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 of \$200.

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