

## Fifth Army Repulses Third Major Enemy Attack In Beachhead

### War Heads Warn That Hardships and Heavy Casualties Ahead

While it is all but admitted that Allied plans have been thwarted in Italy, there is little doubt but what the American and British forces are making the most of the situation in the Anzio beachhead by materially reducing the number of Germans with deadly artillery fire and plane attacks. This week, the Allies sent a third major German attack reeling back in the Italian hot spot. Using radio controlled tanks loaded with a thousand pounds of high explosives, the Germans tried to drive against the beachhead defenders. Before the tanks could reach their objectives, Allied artillery knocked them out of action, the "secret weapons" exploding in the faces of the Germans. Yesterday, the Allied air force went into action in a big way and blasted the German positions. Nearly every type of plane was used to great advantage in ripping open the German positions.

No late information has come from the Cassino front to the south, but a frank report from official sources admit that Allied casualties in Italy in the past two weeks numbered slightly more than 8,000.

Visiting the beachhead battle lines this week, General Mark W. Clark said his forces were intact and that the situation is well in hand for the present, at least.

Commenting on the new German weapons, one reporter said:

Within one week the Nazis have demonstrated not less than three new weapons, but all three give the impression that they have been thrown into the fight rather hastily.

The most important and potentially the most dangerous is a kind of "land torpedo" for anti-tank work, quickly dubbed "beetles" by the Allied soldiers. They are small tanks of a low silhouette, radio-controlled by means of a single aerial and carry 1,000 pounds of high explosives.

The theory is that these tanks, which are really big bombs on caterpillar treads, can be directed against a chosen target and then blown up by means of remote wireless control.

The Allied communique states that the "beetles" were "poor specimens" and it is reported that often the wheels would spin without making the projectile move. Fourteen of them were blown up by Allied fire and not one reached the Allied lines in the beachhead.

A second new weapon was sighted the other day over France by a British Mosquito pilot who said he did not believe his eyes at first. The novelty was a twin-airplane, two two-engined Heinkels joined together at the wing tips with a fifth motor stuck into the joint. If the German plan was to build something to make everybody wonder about its purpose.

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## Elementary Grades Present Program

The Williamston High School auditorium was filled to capacity last Tuesday evening when the grammar school pupils presented a program of varied entertainment in behalf of school patrons and the local parent-teacher association. Approximately two hundred and fifty children from grades one through seven combined their talents in the presentation of a program which provoked much favorable comment from the audience.

The third grade toy orchestra opened the program playing the "Shoemaker's Dance," "Playing in the Band," and "Oh! Dear What Can the Matter Be." Dressed in colorful costumes, the thirty-five children, directed by Master Philip Coltrane, set the tempo for the splendid entertainment which followed without delay for one hour and a half. Song dramatizations, readings, short playlets, stunts, and special songs featured the program.

A serious note was sounded in the final number, "Mother Goose Helps Defense." Second grade pupils dressed in costumes of the Mother Goose characters reminded the audience of the many things which should be done to help "Uncle Sam" during these troubled times.

Mrs. Harold Everett, finance chairman of the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association, reported that over seventy-five dollars was raised for association activities.

### Infant Dies Following Short Illness Thursday

Patricia Kay, three and one-half months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lilley, died in the local hospital yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. Taken ill about ten days ago, the child developed pneumonia and was removed to the hospital this week.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home of her parents in Griffins Township this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Gower Crosswell, Presbyterian minister. Interment will follow in the Lilley Cemetery, not far from the home.

## County Oversubscribes Bond Quota By Nearly \$100,000

Investors, the Fourth National War Bond Issue was oversubscribed by almost \$100,000.00, Herman A. Bow-

day in announcing a complete report on the bond sale in Martin County. A task that many financiers considered next to impossible when it was launched back in January, has been accomplished with a tidy surplus to spare. Nine of the ten townships reached and passed their quotas, and while the record speaks for itself, particular attention should be given Jamesville Township where the original quota was more than doubled through the purchase of "E" bonds alone. Township Chairman Chas. Davenport and his workers did a good job. The reports were favor-

able.

### VALUATION INCREASE

A healthy increase in Williamston Township property values is reflected in a preliminary tax listing report just released by Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen. According to the preliminary figures compiled by List-taker O. S. Anderson, property values in the township went over the three million-dollar mark for the first time. Listings for 1944 were placed at \$3,191,952, the resulting gain being approximately \$230,000 in excess of the 1943 assessed figure. All of the increase except approximately \$6,000 is traceable to gains in personal property values, it was learned. Complete figures for the other nine townships in the county are not yet available.

## Triple A Payments Nearing \$100,000.00

Martin County farmers, participating in the Triple A soil conservation program, have received a total of \$85,142.78 to date, according to information released this week by the office of the county agent. It was pointed out that 1,076 applications had been handled and that checks had been delivered to 2,352 farmers. Last week, 703 checks, amounting to \$30,155 and representing 306 applications, were distributed to farmers in this county.

It is understood that there are about 500 applications pending, and the agent is of the opinion that the total payments will exceed \$100,000.

In a few cases, Martin County farmers have not formally filed applications for the special soil conservation payments. They have been notified to report to the agent's office, and unless they do so soon, the payments will be forfeited.

### Former Williamston Man Receives Purple Heart

Pfc. Thomas C. Maynard, former Williamston young man, has received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action and a special commendation for outstanding performance under fire during the Salerno invasion, at which he was driver of a fire direction center's motor vehicle. He is with an artillery unit of the famed 45th Infantry Division, and saw action in Sicily as well as Italy. In the commendation from his commanding general, Pfc. Maynard is praised for "outstanding courage and devotion to duty" during the critical period of the Salerno battle, "with total disregard for his own personal safety" while under constant enemy fire. A brother, Sgt. John O. Maynard, is in the South Pacific.

### PROSPERITY

There may be no profiteering, but a spot review of the tax listings in one county township reflects a healthy prosperity. According to County Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen, eighty-three colored citizens listed property holdings, and out of that number fifty-five listed automobiles, mostly high-priced creeping wrecks. No comparison could be had for the listings a year ago, but it is understood that quite a few of the cars were purchased last fall about the same time that the third war bond drive was in progress.

Reports from various lending agencies would seem to indicate that the prosperity is not well founded. It is understood that more farmers are borrowing money this year than last.

## Hot Time

Fred Taylor and Pfc. Tom Barnard, of Williamston, boys spent a night together in London, England. The Germans came over to deliver the most "eggs" since 1941. It was an exciting time but the young men said in a letter this week that they enjoyed being together.

## Judge Calvin Smith Calls Seven Cases In County's Court

### Defendant Is Fined \$100 for Driving Auto Without Operator's License

Judge J. Calvin Smith called seven cases during the regular session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when the docket was cleared in a little over an hour before another unusually small number of spectators. There were only four white and five colored persons in the audience, but they followed the proceedings very carefully.

The feature of the proceedings for the day came when Judge Smith imposed a \$100 fine in the case charging J. H. Gardner with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. According to the evidence offered during the trial, the defendant, a Nash County man, had been in the courts at least once for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. In addition to the \$100 fine, the man was directed to pay the costs of the case, and Judge Smith recommended that no driver's license be issued the defendant within the next twelve months.

Howard Cherry, charged with violating the liquor laws, was fined \$50 and taxed with the court costs. The defendant had pleaded guilty when the case was called last week. A continuance was granted at that time until Monday of this week.

The case charging James Willis Williams with bastardy was not pressed. Charged with drunken driving, James Elbert Peal pleaded guilty and was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

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### USO CENTER

Meeting here this week, local citizens discussed plans for opening a United Service Organization Center in the American Legion hut for servicemen. It was pointed out that the men stationed at the war prisoner camp here were entitled to a recreation center, and efforts are being made to have the national organization cooperate in providing such a center. No details of the proposed plan have been released, but it is believed the program will materialize, according to indirect reports coming from Dr. John D. Biggs, local USO chairman.

During the meantime, plans are being made to move the recreation center for local boys and girls from the legion hut to a new location to make room for the regular USO center.

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

"Guadalcanal was for the most part a deserted spot in creation, but the pioneering spirit of American and British business interests had traced an important soap ingredient to its source there," Bill Holloman, petty officer 2-c, said in continuing his story about the Southwest Pacific jungle. The soap interests formed a connecting link for the few natives with the outside world. But where business dared tread, devoted missionaries had already blazed a trail, and, according to the young serviceman, had handled after a noble fashion an effective work there. "The work and sacrifices of the Christian missionaries made it easier for us," Holloman declared, stating that he had been greatly impressed by the missionary movement and its work.

Malatia, an island about seventy miles away, was the headquarters for trade and business transactions, but each year the natives would enter into contract with the British to work in the Palm groves on Guadalcanal. A grown man was placed under contract for \$15 a year, and settlement was, as a general rule, effected in articles of various description, including some tobacco.

## Red Cross Will Launch Annual Drive Monday

Final plans for launching a drive to raise \$6,200.00 for the Red Cross were formulated by Campaign Chairman V. J. Spivey and Chapter Chairman J. C. Manning at two meetings held here Wednesday afternoon and evening. The drive is to get under way in the five chapter townships—Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston—next Monday morning, the chairman expressing the hope that a greater portion of the amount will be raised during the week and that the task will be completed by the end of the following week.

## Hundreds Volunteer To Help Raise 1944 Goal In This Chapter

### Williamston Asked To Raise \$3,650 in Drive Starting Monday Morning

For the most part, the faithful few will again lead the drive, but the chairman point out that quite a few new volunteers are pledging their services and will help canvass every nook and corner in the districts. Mrs. Walter Brown and Mrs. Camille F. Ing Turner will again lead the campaign in Jamesville Township. Mrs. R. J. Hardison continues to head the work in Williams Township. Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, renewing her pledge to do all she can for the Red Cross, stated at the meeting Wednesday afternoon that she was quite certain Griffins Township would reach and pass its quota. "We hope to get to work and complete the drive within a few days," Mrs. Lilley said. Mrs. Pete Mendhall is succeeding Mrs. H. U. Peal as chairman of the Bear Grass Township canvass. After ably serving the organization and leading other similar campaigns, Mrs. Peal explained that sickness in her family made it almost impossible to head the drive there this year.

At a meeting this morning, Chairman Spivey lined up his canvassers for Williamston Township. Messrs. N. C. Green, G. H. Harrison, Wheeler Martin, Dr. John D. Biggs and H. L. Barnhill will head the special gifts committee, and the two women's clubs will handle the residential canvass within the town. In the rural

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## Navy Draws First Men From Draft Pool In Martin County

The first men to be drawn from the Selective Service Draft Pool in this County were drawn out this morning when five were directed to report for immediate induction into the Navy. The five men, all colored, are reporting to Raleigh where they will receive their assignment instructions. It is understood that the men along with about ten others were placed in the draft pool last January 29th after successfully passing their pre-induction examinations. According to an unofficial report about half dozen more colored men will answer an Army call the early part of next week.

At least three of the group leaving today are married men, and they are

## County Bookmobile Will Make Regular Schedule Next Week

The bookmobile will have many new books next week. For those who have been asking for plays, there is the new one, Tomorrow The World, by Gow and Arnaud. It is the story of a young German boy whose father was killed by the Nazis and of the struggle the boy had over here in the home of an American family. This was an outstanding stage success of '43.

A book for good background reading in foreign affairs is Der Fuehrer, by Konrad Heiden. It is Hitler's rise to power from the beginning until he became absolute dictator of Germany.

The journalist, Leland Stowe, has produced another book as the result of his second foreign assignment which covered the Orient. He says this book is reporting-plus. Many incidents related could never have found their way through the censor's office. Now they have been told in They Shall Not Sleep.

Wingate Raiders is an account of the adventures that raised the curtain on the battle for Burma. It is a story based on personal experience and available documents of the expedition.

Australia's foremost woman journalist who knows the country's history and geography has written this historical romance grounded in fact. The story of Matthew new Flinders who named Australia and charted its whole coast is related in My Love Must Wait by Ernestine Hill.

To bring relief to the many weary readers is Bernice Richmond's Winter Harbor. It is the delightful account of how the author and her husband made a home of a light-house on the Maine Coast.

Rogue's Company gives more escape reading. H. H. Kroll chose a period of adventure in the early 19th century and related the life of a young fellow with none too many scruples who set out to make a fortune.

Shirley Seifert has a new historical novel, Those Who Go Against the Current. Here is the story of a most unpredictable Spaniard, Manuel Lisa, another young fellow whose heart was set upon making a fortune.

Many new mysteries and other light fiction are now ready. The bookmobile's schedule follows:

Monday, March 6—9:30, Edwards Service Station; 10:00, Hamilton School; 11:00, Hamilton Bank, 11:45, Oak City School; 1:45, Barrett's Drug Store, Oak City; 2:45, Smith's Store on Palmyra Road.

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## ESSAY CONTEST

High school pupils in Martin County still have time to enter the Pulpwood Essay Contest being conducted by the North Carolina Pulp Company. A few pupils have already submitted their contest papers to The Enterprise, but others will be entering in the rules if they get their papers in by Friday, March 10.

Three county prizes, carrying a combined value of \$7.50 in war stamps, and a district prize—a \$25 war bond—are being offered. Special judges will select the winning papers for the county prizes, and the best papers will be turned over to a special committee of the pulp company who will judge the district papers.

Martin County boys and girls competing in the contest are asked to send their papers to Pulpwood Contest Editor, The Enterprise, Williamston.

## Elementary School Holds Bond Rally

Pupils of the Williamston Grammar School staged their own stamp and bond rally last Wednesday morning at 10:30, selling \$1,672.50 in war bonds and stamps.

Jake Taylor, well-known tobacco auctioneer, conducted the rally in which over 75 special gifts donated by interested parents and children were sold to the highest bidders. The auction was a new experience for many of the children, and the bids were raised so rapidly at times that it was difficult to hear them. The cakes, pies and numerous gifts were very much in demand, and cake bringing-a-cake hunt was a popular item. Bids ranged from one dollar upward, with most of the items bringing large prices.

Of the sales made, large purchases were in bonds, only \$322.50 being invested in war stamps of ten-cent, twenty-five cent and one dollar denominations.

The grammar school rally and the recent high school rally have resulted in purchases of \$2240.00 in stamps and bonds.

Phillip Barnes was bound over to the county court for trial when probable cause of guilt was found in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Daniel Miles, just recently off the roads, was returned for a thirty-day stay when he was adjudged guilty of disorderly conduct. Miles was a defendant in a second case charging him and Charles Fuller with robbery of the person. Fuller was placed under bond in the sum of \$50, and a \$200 bond was required of Miles. The two are scheduled to appear for trial at the next term of superior court.

George Radford Shaw was taxed with \$7.50 costs when he was found guilty of disorderly conduct.

In the case charging him with disorderly conduct, Arthur Nicholson was required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Charged with riding a bicycle on the sidewalks in the business district, Roosevelt Scott was taxed \$6.50 costs.

Joseph Peel, charged with being drunk and disorderly on the highway, was fined \$2 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Lee and Percy Tyner were each fined \$2 and directed to pay the court costs.

Several County Youth Men In Auto Accident

Ray Turner was cut and painfully bruised and W. T. Brown, Livingston Earl Hyman and Gene Tyson were slightly bruised and shocked when their car crashed into the rear of another in Enfield last Friday night.

The young men, all from this county, were attending a dance over in the Halifax town. The car, belonging to H. C. Brown and driven by his son, was badly damaged, one report stated.

## TAX RETURNS

While the 1944 tax income pull-in is causing many to pull their hair, yell and dig deep down in their pockets, it is causing others to smile broadly. Possibly those smiling now, paid through their nose, so to speak, when paying high prices for food, clothing and rent to maintain their families all through the year.

According to C. D. Carstarphen, who is assisting many in preparing their income tax returns, those persons of moderate income and having two or more children, are actually entitled to rebates in most cases.

Two colored men, employed in a business where the withholding tax schedule was in effect, this week filed their income tax returns and were advised they are due about \$50 each.

Holloman formed a strong friendship with a 15-year-old boy named "Taboo." They worked together and spent much of their spare time exchanging stories of their lives and native lands. The boy told how the five missionaries—two women and three men—were captured by the Japs. According to his story, the three male missionaries were bound to stakes and the natives were gathered around to witness the bayoneting of the men by the Japs. It is not clear what became of the two white missionary women, but Holloman said that they were mistreated and later killed. The willful and cruel murder of the three white men impressed the natives, and they were forced into slavery without much complaint. Their scant rations and harsh treatment were accepted, but the natives were not long in learning who their friends were and there was little wonder why they shouted when the Americans landed.—(To be continued.)

The American forces were welcomed, the black men taking their places in assigned jobs while a few actually bore arms against the Japs. The men were very dark, low of stature and had "pot" stomachs which their large feet easily supported, maintaining all the while a perfect balance. They could travel easily through the jungles and were even better than the Japs for scouting work.

During the first few weeks on the island, Holloman bought a few souvenirs, paying for them with a couple of cigarettes or offering some trophy of little value in exchange. Among his souvenirs was a grass skirt, the native surrendering the hand-made article willingly for a couple of cigarettes. He "drove" several other bargains, but it wasn't long before the natives discarded their own monetary system and mediums of exchange for real American money. Bats' and shark teeth and small shells constituted the monetary system, the natives string-