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BLOOD PLASMA

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Palau Last Week

In two special announcements toaccounted for by American underseas craft to almost 700 since Pearl will be reported there. Harbor. The other announcement sounded. It could mean that Manila had been subjected to an air raid, or it could have followed a practice raid. There are indications, however, that MacArthur is one his way back to Manila.

Although silence is still maintained by the Navy Department, the recent attack made on Palau, about 500 miles east of the Philippines, by a task force is believed to have been a very successful and far-reaching one, according to preliminary reports coming from unofficial sources. One report stated that Jap ships pulled away from the island before the American task force could reach it, the action apparently giving the attackers free range. The raid was admitted today when the Japs advanced unrecognized claims following what they described as a running battle with our forces. The Japs would have the world believe that two American cruisers, a carrier and a battleship were sunk, but the enemy claim has little standing.

While the attacks hold the spotlight in the recent news coming out of the Pacific, progress is being made in other areas in that theater. General MacArthur announced today that the campaign in the Admiralties was just about closed, that 3,000 Japs had been killed, others captured and still others had escaped in the late stages of the round-up there. Other atolls have been taken in the Marshalls without much opposition.

A picture of the plight which the enemy in the Caroline Islands may soon face has been sketched by the War Department review of Pacific strategy which disclosed that more than 100,000 Jap troops have been ensnared in a gigantic trap reaching from New Guinea to the Mar-

This has been accomplished by a strangulating sea - air blockade, coupled with the seizure of strategic points and air bombardment of other forces are perishing by hundreds handled. from diseases and starvation.

The review said the net has been so tightly drawn that nine out of every ten ships attempting to bring not been paid be advertised the early in supplies have been sunk; while part of May for sale on the first more than 60 percent of the Jap Monday in June. No detailed report barges trying to run the Allied blockade have been destroyed.

The performance now is being tising time, it is certain. repeated in the Caroline area where

The situation in India is still not first of June. very encouraging, but authorities being turned back.

heavy blows against enemy move- cause he was in the service. ments. The raids were planned in an effort to block the shipment of oil accounts was examined, the report and grain and other supplies out of showing that the county now holds that territory into Germany. One \$60,614.82 in its general fund, \$39,report states that the Germans are 914.78 in the school fund, \$78,872.98 in rushing more troops toward Rumania apparently to make a stand in cash in banks and about \$100,000 make a stand in cash in banks and about \$100,000 men leave on Thursday of next week sene out of the big tank and placed it in the truck fuel tank to complete the run to Raleigh.

Funeral services are being conducted at the Biggs Funeral Home in day. against the Russians who today are in government bonds. advancing over a seventy-mile front fifteen or more miles inside that cut and removed, the commission-

Town Authorities **Hold Short Meeting**

Meeting in a short session last night, the local town commissioners limited their attention to a "bull" session in the main, handling current bills and carrying over all business until a later meeting.

The committee named to make a study of a recreational center proposed for the colored population said that it did not have a report ready, but would try to devote some time to it before the next meeting.

Several persons applied for the chief of police position made vacant by the death of W. E. Daniel month before last, but members of the board intimating that things were moving along all right in the department, took no action. The applications, one coming from as far away as Washington, D. C., were not placed before

Americans Reported Reports Point To Large Gain Over Manila In The In Personal Property Values

A sizable increase—possibly a mil-been tabulated at this time. lion dollars—was predicted this week | Supervisor Carstarphen said that Navy Continues Silent About in the assessed property valuations nearly all the gair, was traceable to

day, the Navy disclosed that fourteen two of the largest and two of the townships, but as a whole nearly all more Jap ships had been sunk in the smallest in the county, and if the personal property items carried a neighborhood of the Philippine Is- unit gain holds for the other four, higher valuation, it was explained. lands, boosting the total enemy ships the million dollar gain will mater- Mr. Carstarphen, while admitting ialize. The pulp mill is in one of the that the sizable increase in properfour, and possiby a substantial gain ty values, would make possible a re-

told about air attacks on islands in ed: Williams, \$33,395; Griffins, \$76,- duction or the size of the reduction. 368; Bear Grass, \$45,672; Williams- "Budgets and other items must first the same area. A broadcast from ton, \$236,145; Robersonville, \$223,- be taken into consideration," he ex-Manila heard this morning, stated 511: Poplar Point, \$14,107. Valuation plained. No report on corporation that the all-clear signal had been figures for Jamesville, Cross Roads, listings has been received, and their Hamilton and Goose Nest have not values are not considered.

The prediction was based on reports hardly more than \$10,000 of the total coming from six of the ten townships to date represents gains in real where the increase now stands at property values. Automobiles carried \$629,198 The six townships include part of the increase in most of the

duction in the tax rate, he would not The following gains were report- comment on the possibility of a re-

Army Calls Its First

White Men from the

County's Draft Pool

Men; Fathers Leave Five

Children at Home

Fifteen Martin County white men,

the first to be called by the Army

from the white manpower pool in

this county, left early this morning

for final induction at a service cen-

ter. Six of the men are married, four

of them leaving five children be-

when production units did not meas-

Names of the men reporting for

Ernest Cornelius Jones, Williams-

Russell Leonidas Griffin, RFD 2,

Bruce Wilson Coltrain, RFD 1,

William Jay Council, RFD 3, Wil-

Rufus Vernon Bunting, Williams-

James Wesley Lee, RFD 1, Oak

John M. Leggett, RFD 1, Rober-

Joseph Major Ward, Roberson-

Irvin Eugene Farmer, Roberson-

John Dawson Leggett, RFD 2, Wil-

Gorden Errol Johnson, Roberson-

Dailas Charles Jones, Jr., RFD 1,

Harry Charles Jones, Jr., RFD 1,

Robert Daniel Perry, RFD 1, Wil-

All but two of the group took their

pre-induction examinations on Feb-

ruary 22. Those two, examined prior

to that time, were placed in 1-A for

limited service and were only call-

ed this week. There were one or two

A large number of colored regis-

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Car Parked On Fill

No one was hurt but considerable

lamage resulted about 11 o'clock

last Thursday night when a big Cad-

illas driven by John Roy Jones and

wned by R. E. Harris, both of Green-

ville, plowed into a parked car on

the Roanoke River fill, about one

The parked car, a 1937 Chevrolet

owned by Hillary Hubert Hoggard,

was stopped on the fill when a tire

went flat and the owner had return-

ed to Williamston to get help. The

Cadillac, a 1942 model and traveling

east, plowed into the rear of the

Chevrolet and knocked it about 33

feet and then went over the side of

Investigating the accident, Patrol-

man W. E. Saunders estimated the

damage to the Cadillac at \$300 and

that to the Chevrolet at \$150.

mile east of the river.

ure up to the old requirements.

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rille and Chapel Hill.

Six of the fifteen men answering

More Martin County Men Called By Army

ROUND-UP

While few persons were round-ed-up and actually jailed, local officers had a busy period last week-end in the wake of the release of liquor ration coupons. Two persons, one white and one colored, were arrested and jailed Saturday. Several fights were reported, but the attackers handled their work and ran before officers could overtake them. A small liquor still was rounded up within the town limits and a few minor disturbances were reported here and there during the week-end.

To Advertise Real **Estate For Taxes Early Next Month**

Assistant Home Agent Named By Commissioners In Session Monday

Continuing in session a greater part of yesterday, the Martin Coun-Williamston. ty Commissioners cleared their calendar, but according to the minutes ston installations which has so paralyzed of the meeting very little business enemy communications that Jap outside that of a routine nature was

The commissioners ordered all real estate upon which 1943 taxes had City. could be had, but the list of unpaid accounts is certain to be the small-It disclosed that since last Octo- est in many years. Ninety-one per ber 2,685 Japs have been found dead cent of the 1943 levy of \$200,327.82 from wounds, disease and starvation has already been collected, and much alone on the Huon Peninsula of New of the unpaid balance of \$18,136.34 will have been paid before adver-

The commissioners appointed Miss U. S. sea and air power already is Mumford of Kenly to assist Miss Milengaged in reducing the strong en- dred Pigg, home agent for the counemy bases at Kusaie, Ponape, Truk, ty. The new appointee, her salary to Palau and possibly other points in be supplemented by a county appropreparation for amphibious invas- priation of \$50 monthly, is to enter upon her new duties on or about the

Tax relief orders were issued to state that the Jap threats there are William Boston, Sr., of Jamesville Township and to M. O. Crisp of In the Mediterranean area, sharp Goose Nest. Listed in error, the taxes men in the February examination patrol action was reported early to- charged against Boston were, 90 in Italy, were over the Hungarian \$1.01 for 1941. Crisp was relieved of report since the induction call was day in Italy. American planes, based cents for 1943, 98 cents for 1942 and capital of Budapest again last night poil taxes in the sum of \$2.15 for the second time, and directed each of the years 1942 and 1943 be-

The statement of the treasurer's

Advised that the timber had been ers lowered the valuation on 50 acres of land belonging to Mrs. W. B. twen in Bear Grass Township. All members of the board were Cadillac Plows Into

WASTE PAPER

A second collection will be made by school children here Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The drive is to be centered on the north side of town tomorrow, and on Thursday the children will make a house-tohouse canvass in New Town. Householders are asked to bundle their waste paper and old magazines and have them ready for the children.

During the meantime, deliveries will be accepted at the grammar school building, it was an-

Several tons of scrap paper have already been collected and sold to the paper mills for prices ranging from \$15 to \$22 per ton.

Navy call for five million pints of blood this year, the DAR organization throughout the nation is soliciting funds to advance the blood bank for servicemen.

heading the drive in Windson and Williamston, explained that those areas where no nobile units are operated for the collection of blood, are being asked to contribute funds to support the movement and to even buy blood if necessary. The solicitations are being advanced without remuneration to the canvassers, either for their time or expenses.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

More Sugar for Home Canning

able with Sugar stamp 40, application should be made to the local ration board on form OPA R-323, which will be furnished upon request by the office of the local board, OPA announces. The entire transac-Six of the Group Are Married cal boards for a maximum of 250 on the Turner farm, about a mile pounds for this purpose. Sugar beet away from the spot where the othand sugar cane growers may get 25 er part of the ship fell. The engine the sugar produced from their 1944 ploded and burned. crops by applying to distributors

who processed their crops. Rubber Situation Still Stringent the call are in their late teens, the Although the nation is now proages of the others ranging from twenty to thirty-five years. At least four of the group are believed to have lost their farm classifications the life of a tire at 35 miles per plained with a stiff shoulder and a long as well as usual up until about two weeks ago when his condition miles per hour and three times long- The tips of his ship propeller bent grew noticeably worse. However, he Melville Vernon Wynne, William-

Consumer Goods Survey A check-up on how well Govern-

goods for apparel. Why Make Declarations? mental requirement in the "pay-as- Virginia. you-go" system, the Bureau of In-

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Oil Truck Stolen Here And Driven To Raleigh Saturday

"Borrowing" a big oil truck from ice, but they were not instructed to the Harrison Oil Company here early Saturday evening, someone It is understood that the pool will drove the machine to Raleigh and be depleted the latter part of next deserted it on the streets there. A week when those men who passed the supply of motor oil on the truck and pre-induction examinations on March personal articles left in the truck by 10 are called for induction. Accord- the driver, Bruce Chesson, were not tims" Monday afternoon, the army known, took several gallons of kero-

The truck, left at the Central Filltrants is expected to leave soon for ing Station to be serviced last Saturday, was not damaged and was returned here by Daniel Lilley and

NEW HOURS

Beginning next Monday, the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board office will be open to the public each weekday from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1 to 3 p. m. Heretofore, the office has been closed to the public each Monday, Tuesday and Saturday afternoon.

The public is urged to note the change in the office hours and arrange their visits to conform with those hours. It was pointed out that certain reports have to be filed and that correspondence work requires much time, that while it is necessary to limit the hours the office is open to the public, the new schedule should prove more satisfactory than the one now in effect, Herbert L. Roebuck, assistant chairman, stated.

Two Planes Crash In Practice "Dog Fight"

Don E. Johnson, former coun-

ty solicitor and son of Mr. and

Mrs. Don Johnson of this county,

was recently promoted to the

rank of lieutenant (jg.). He is

stationed somewhere in North

Africa. Ensign John Eagles, for-

mer assistant farm agent, saw

Lt. Johnson a short time ago in

Passes In Hospital

For War I Veteran

a meal, and a short time later mem-

bers of the family, finding it impos-

sible to wake him, called the doctor

and had him removed to the hospi-

The son of the late William Simon

and Louise Roberson Manning, he

was born in Williams Township on

July 11, 1888. He moved to William

ston when a youth with his parents

and had made his home here since

that time, except for the period he

spent in the Army. On May 31, 1917,

he volunteered and entered a Na-

tional Guard unit at Goldsboro. He

orable discharge seven days later.

the Pacific: Mrs. Thos. Earl Martin. of Jamesville and Miss Polly Man-ning of the home, survives. He also

of Williamston and Mrs. W. N. Ains-

ley of Columbia, N. C., a half-sister,

Mrs. J. C. Crawford, and a half-

Prior to his entrance into the war

NO INSTRUCTIONS

The Martin County Draft

Board has not yet received offi-

cial instructions calling for the

scrapping of the 16-war units system for farmers, it was learn-

ed today. In accordance with the

latest instructions received, and

until additional ones reach here

the board will call virtually all

registrants between the ages of

18 and 25, inclusive, for pre-in-

It is quite possible that even

though the registrants in the

designated age group are called

for pre-induction exams, their

cases will be reviewed, possibly

under the new instructions, be-

fore final orders for actual in-

duction examinations.

duction are issued.

of a heart attack.

Plane Crashes Near Oak City On Friday

Second Ship in Forced Landing Ten Miles Away; No One Badiy Hurt

Two young Army pilots, Lt. R. W Higgins and Lt. G. D. McDowell, barely escaped with their lives about 2:10 o'clock last Friday afternoon when their P-47 Pursuit planes crashed in mid-air a short distance north of Oak City, Higgins, his plane torn apart, parachuted to earth and McDowell rode his ship to safety in a forced landing after gliding ten

Stationed at Seymour-Johnson Field, Goldsboro, the two pilots were To get canning sugar in addition engaged in a practice "dog fight" apto the five pounds per person avail- proximately 20,000 feet in the air over the Oak City area when Higgins made a turn and the other plane plowed into him, cutting the tail of his ship in two just back of the pilot's seat. The rear part of the plane drifted earthward and was not tion may be handled by mail, one greatly damaged in the fall. With all opplication serving for all who live the controls gone, the other part of at the same address. In order to make the Higgins plane went into a spin, it unnecessary to send ration books the pilot stating that he unfastened through the mail, the spare stamp his safety belt and made ready to 37 from War Ration Book Four is bail out. Just as he slid the canopy attached to the application form for back, the suction pulled him out at each person applying. Families that about 13,000 feet. The main part o preserve and can food at home for the plane crashed into a hog pen sale to others may apply to their lo- in the backyard of a tenant house pounds of ration-free sugar for each and nose of the plane burrowed inmember of their families as part of to the ground almost ten feet, ex-

Higgins, his foot tangled in the parachute rope, was in a bad plight as he fell earthward head first. It was his first jump, but he executed ducing synthetic rubber faster than the maneuvers expertly, free himraw rubber was consumed in this self and made a fairly good landing country any time prior to 1941, mil- about two miles from the spot where itary and civilian demands still ex- the main part of the plane crashed. ceed the supply, the Office of Rub- His right shoulder and right leg ber Director discloses. Low speed were bruised, but he wasn't sure limits must be enforced and all tires whether he received the injuries recapped if essential driving is to while leaving the plane or in landbe maintained during the critical ing. Treated in a doctor's office in months ahead, the rubber director Oak City, he was soon able to be warns. He reminds motorists that out, but late that evening he com-

about 18 was able to be up most of the time. Lt. McDowell years of age, stated that the fast Last Saturday he spent most of the "bus" started vibrating and shaking day in bed, but got up that evening ment measures have helped to alle- to pieces. He cut off the power and and went to the doctor for a dose of viate shortages of civilian goods will started gliding, looking for a landbe provided by a consumer goods ing place. Crossing the Roanoke and home, he dropped off into a coma, survey now being made by the Of- its lowlands, the youth brought his and Sunday morning members of the family visited his room and thought he was sleeping. He did not get up for War Production Board. Merchandise on the Cobb farm about ten miles to be surveyed includes miscellan- north of Windsor just off the Lewiseous household articles such as bob- ton-Windsor Road. He was not hurt bie pins, safety pins and cleansing and no great damage was done to his tissue; clothing for men, women and ship. The young man, during the few children; household linens; and yard hours he was without word from his "buddy" was greatly upset, but much relieved when he learned Hig-The income tax declarations re- gins had parachuted to safety. Higquired by April 15, this year, of gins is from Farmington, Mass., and ome 15 million persons are a funda- McDowell is from Mannington, West

The accident was the first of its ternal Revenue explains. Only by kind ever reported over this county. means of these declarations is it pos- | Several planes have crash-landed | sible for the bureau to learn how and others have made forced landmuch tax is due from those whose ings, but it is fairly certain that the crash last Friday afternoon was the first to take place in the air over this

The crash of the Higgins plane at tracted sight-seers by the hundreds Manning, a student in Lynchburg in the Oak City section, and several College, Lynchburg, Va., Jerry C. patrolmen were dispatched to the scene to assist in handling the traf-

the Pacific, aided young Higgins in leaves two sisters, Mrs. R. B. Brown locating a doctor and reporting the

10 are called for induction. According to notices received by the "vicing to notices r

Illicit business- liquor manufac- at 4 o'clock by Rev. John L. Goff. turing in this case-broke into town Interment will follow in Woodlawn a short time ago, the daring feat Cemetery here. eliminating transportation risks but, at the same time subjecting the own- back in 1917, he was associated with er to operation risks. How long he the late J. C. Crawford in the operaoperated is not definitely known, tion of the sheriff's office in this Community Store but Albert Askew, colored man, had county. an almost ideal set-up for manufacturing monkey rum.

Equipped with an old oil drum or arbide barrel, a short section of copper tubing and a 50-gallon barrel, Askew operated the plant in his home. He had the beer barrel buried under a trap door in a barn or smokehouse near his dwelling. When the beer was ready, he would move the still into the house where he used a coal-burning stove to furnish the heat and turn the smoke out the chimney. Once the run was completed, he would move the equipment back to the barn

Getting a lead on the illicit busiess, Officers John Roebuck, Chas. Moore and ABC Officer Joe Roebuck raided the premises on White Street near the cemetery and found the equipment. It was not in operation at the time. Askew was placed under bond for his appearance in the county court next Monday.

Over Hundred Tires Allotted in County By Rationing Board

Nearly 500 Applications For fires anding in This County at Present

A total of 103 tires was rationed by the Martin County board last Friday night, the issuance being the largest reported in recent months. Despite the liberal allotments, there are an estimated 500 applications for tires pending before the board. It is reported that some of the applicants in the big group are unable to understand how vehicle owners with preferred ratings can get tires and gas, too, and use them for fishing, shopping, general travel not connected with their work, and in some cases for the alleged transportation of illicit liquors.

Reports state that the tire situaion has been eased to some extent, but the allotment for April is hardly as large as the one made in March However, an extra allotment last month made the large issuance last Friday night possible. This month. 100 Grade I tires, 101 Grade III's, 45 truck tires, 144 car tire tubes and 24 truck tire tubes have been allotted for rationing. Grade I tires and tubes were re-

eased to the following:
J. R. P. Griffin, Williamston, one

Robert S. Gurganus, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube. John Daniel Roberson, RFD 2, Robersonville, one tire. Charlie Forbes, Robersonville, one

Wm. Lewis Manning til and one tube. James A. Roberson, RFD 1, Robrsonville, one tire and one tube. Noah Boston, Jamesville, one tire nd one tube.

Early Sunday Night L. Roberson, Robersonville, hree tires and two tubes. R. V. Bunting, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Funeral Services Are Being

A. P. Hassell, Jr., Williamston, one Conducted This Afternoon A. P. Hassell, Jr., Williamston, one

Vaden B. Hairr, Jamesville, two William Lewis Manning, World tires and two tubes War I veteran, died suddenly in a L. C. Brown, Jamesville, one tire Washington hospital at 6:40 o'clock and one tube

last Sunday evening, a very short J. W. Rogers, RFD 2, Williamston while after he was entered in the one tire and one tube institution. A victim of diabetes and J. H. Gray, Robersonville, one tire in failing health for a number of

years, he was believed to have died C. S. Vanlandingham, Williamston two tires and two tubes. In retirement for a number of C. C. Fleming, Jamesville, one

tire and one tube. Reuben A. Edmondson, Hamilton, one tire.

L. A. Croom, Robersonville, four ires and two tubes Clelle Moore, Robersonville, two

tires and one tube. M. E. Roberson, Robersonville, one insulin. Retiring upon his return

tire and one tube. Mrs. H. J. Haislip, Oak City, one tire and one tube.

Dr. Robert C. Hicks, Williamston two tires. David N. Hix, Williamston, one

tire and one tube. Mrs. A. E. Downs, Hassell, one tire and one tube

Kneezer Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires. Palmer Taylor, Robersonville, one

ire and two tube: John Mobley, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube D. Andrew Griffin, RFD 1, Wil-

iamston, one tire and one tube. R. R. Thompson, Palmyra, one Richard Bryant, Bethel, one tire served overseas from March 29, 1918

and one tube until July 12, 1919, getting his hon-G. W. Keel, Robersonville, one tire and one tube He was married to Miss Lennie J. J. Whitley, Robersonville, one Jones of this county January 22, 1920

and she with four children, Gordon Ben James, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire. Manning, U. S. Navy somewhere in

Virginia-Carelina Chemical Co., Williamston, one tire and one tube. Johnnie Bland, Hamilton, one tire. E. R. Addrews, Robersonville, one

tire and one tube Coy Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube

J. E. Andrews, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Harry H. Roberson, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. J. E. Hedrick, Jamesville, one tire.

Better Chevrolet Co., Roberson ville, one tire and one tube. P. M. Matthews, Williamston, one

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Robbed Yesterday

Prizing the lock off with something like an automobile tire tool, robbers entered Walter Johnson's small community store on West Church Street sometime between three and four o'clock yesterday morning and hauled away about \$300 worth of merchandise. The thieves centered their attention on tobaccos, clearing out a fairly large stock of cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and socks. Possibly a few other articles were stolen, but they were not missed immediately.

A member of the family, sleeping in the home a few feet from the store was said to have heard a noise between 3 and 4 o'clock that morning, but thought the racket was caused by the wind. A neighbor heard a car crank up between her home and the store about the same time.