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In Sevastopol Battle

ed in Balkan Collinges In Past Few Days

After staging possibly one of the greatest sweeping drives in months, bert S. Peei, chairman of the Dem- 14; Robersonville, 28; Gold Point, the Russians are now closing in on the ocratic Executive Committee.

the important Black Sea base of While the county organization Sevastopol, but late reports declare dinarily is not burdened with du- In addition to electing delegates that the Germans are offering a stif-fening resistance there, indicating all democrats in good standing are cinct Democrats will on Saturday that the fall of the city will be de- urged to participate in the meetings perfect their own organizations, inlayed a short time.

The Moscow midnight war communique announced that troops of county convention. No hours or The county convention on April Gen. Andrei I. Yeremenko's indeplaces for the precinct meetings were 29 will perfect its organization, ineast through the Baidar valley were in hot pursuit of the enemy, who was abandoning arms and equip- their delegates and alternates to the May 4th. ment in retreat.

Gen. Geodor I. Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukrainian Army, however, was meeting "strong resistance" as it reached the doors of a powerful ring of German fortifications anchored on the heights east and northeast of the battle-scarred city. In yester-day's fighting the Fourth Army captured Mekenziev, three miles north-east of Sevastopol, across Sevasto-pol Bay, and Cherkez Kerman, eight miles east of the city.

Although the capture of Mekenziev placed the Russians just a little under three airline miles northeast of Sevastopol, they actually were about five miles overland from the city, for to reach it from Kekenziev, they would have to swing east and then west around the eastern end of Sevastopol Bay. Sevastopol is on the south shore of the bay and Kekenziev is 1 7-8 miles above the north shore.

At all points around the city the Russians were facing powerful for-tifications; and for that reason, military experts doubted continuing re-ports that the fall of Sevastopol was a matter of hours.

The stalemate, while subject to explode at any time, continues on the Italian front, a report this morning stating that the Germans fired flares on the Cassino front all during last night apparently in expectation of an attack. In the Anzio beachhead, the Allies yesterday recaptured a strong point.

The Allied air attack is in progress over western Germany today, and the invasion coast is still being day, is apparently being directed mainly on targets in the Balkans.

Seed In This County

| leave at least 25 children at nome. In accordance with recent instructions, the draft authorities are sending all men in the 18-25 age group

| For Gladstone Anthony Wednesday blasted at Sofia, Belgrade, Budapest and other objectives in those

The mighty demonstration of Allied air power over the Balkans was designed to halt the flow of supplies

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Prominent Educator ed demonstrations on the ceresan board to do but order hm to report for duty, povided he passes the pre-To Address Meeting visor of the Farm Security Administration.

Dr. Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association next Thursday evening, April 20, in the high school auditorium. The high school glee club will render a special program of music to open the meeting, which will begin at 8:30.

Dr. Erwin is a prominent educademand as a public speaker. He is miles from Williamston. scheduled to speak tomorrow in Durham at the State Convention of the treating of souds and the Durham at the State Convention of the treating of seeds, and the methods used for treating.

Thursday evening's meeting will the Bear Grass section on Friday, be the only night meeting of the last April 21, for the colored people.

The treating method is very simple to the colored people. a large representation of men and women will be present to hear Dr.

Mrs. Herbert Taylor, program members of other associations of out and placed in a barrel. Three this county to join the meet with the local association Thursday evening and it is expected that all the communities of the county will be rep-

Funeral Sunday For those present were cauthorised a direct getting in a hurry and rolling the barrel too fast, as that will see the same time as the contract of the contract o

last Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock around twice, lay the barrel down or Mrs. Eula Mae Jones who died again, and roll back the six revoluish, English, Dutch, Spanish, Gerrather suddenly at her home near here last Friday. Rev. Gower Crosswell, her pastor, conducted the last rites and interment was in the Mobley Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones, 42 years of age, suf-fered a stroke of paralysis late the evening before, and never regained

Surviving are her husband, Jas. Henry Jones; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Keel, of Portsmouth, and Lucille Jones, of the home; two sons, John Henry Jones, of Norfolk, and Jesse Moore Jones, of Everetts, and six sisters, Clevie and Mattie Perry, of Tarboro; Mrs. Joe Harvey, of Norfolk; Mrs. H. J. Dickens, of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. P. A. Johnson and Mrs. John Mielewski, of San Francisco, Calif.

Stiffer Resistance County Democrats To Hold Offered By Germans Precinct Meetings Saturday

Mighty Air Offensive Center- organization in this county will be Saturday, April 29th. The various

held the following Saturday, April fins. 15; Bear Grass, 12; Williams-29, it was announced today by El- ton, No. 1, 22; No. 2, 24; Cross Roads,

that they are represented at the and secretary.

meetings on Saturday of this week ing votes in the county convention and in the county convention to be Jamesville, 16; Williams, 8; Grifwhile the county organization orWhile the county organization orsell, 5; Oak City, 15.

in their respective precincts and see cluding the election of a chairman

More Men Report For A large proportion of the physically handicapped require only careful job placement. Veterans will be hired in OPA offices and boards throughout the country as rapidly **Pre-Induction Exams**

CHANGES

Out of the thirty-nine appointments, only two changes the election precinct personnel have developed, according to Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman the Martin County Board of

Rupert Rawls, registrar for Goose Nest Precinct, resigned, and his brother, J. A. Rawls, was appointed to succeed him. L. R. Hamilton Precinct judge of election, tendered his resignation and he was succeed-ed by his brother, J. B. Everett.

It is understood that Mr. J. R. Winslow, member of the counboard of elections, is tendering his resignation since he has entered the primary as a candidate for the house. His resignation has not been announced and the State Board chairman has not named a successor.

pounded. However, the air attack, now going into its fourth straight In Treating Peanut dustrial. Thirty-five are married and they leave at least 25 children at home

Several Demonstrations Held By Agents During Past Several Days

Many farmers from different sections of Martin County have attended demonstrations on the ceresan board to do but order hm to report ed to take his bed. Yesterday, his James C. Eubanks, County Super- induction tests.

The first was held on Monday, duction examinations: April 10, at Ernest Hayes in the Dardens community. Due to sick-ness, Mr. Eubanks could not hold the Charlie demonstration, but Mr. L. L. Mc-Lendon, Assistant County Agent, went down and conducted it.

The second was held Thursday, April 13th, at Heber Smith's farm. five miles above Oak City, and the third was held Friday, April 14th, at Robersonville. A. W. VanNortwick's farm, three

The latter two were well attend-

The treating method is very simple, however, extreme care has to be exercised not to scar or skin the peanut seed. One hundred pounds Williamston. of seeds were accurately weighed ed in the barrel on the seed, after ed in the barrel on the seed, after which a head was placed over the Art Exhibit Open barrel. The barrel was rolled over and over until every seed was coated with the ceresan. At every dem-

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ROUND-UP

Local officers were kept fairly busy last week-end rounding up and jailing drunks. Five were arrested and jailed for being crunk and disorderly, and a sixth victim was jailed for issu-ing a worthless check. Several other persons were arrested for various alleged infractions of the law, but they arranged bond

and escaped a stay in jail. Three of the group arrested and jailed were white, and the ages ranged from 20 to 42 years.

Thirty-Six Of The Registrants Taken

Only One of the Group Leaving This Week Is Over 25 Years of Age

Approximately fifty white Martin County men left for an army center yesterday for pre-induction decrease the number of shoes availexaminations. The group was drawn for the most part, from the old registration and the selections were centered in the list of registrants whose ages ranged around 24 and 25 years of age. Twenty-four of the group are 24 years of age, and twenty-one are 25 years of age. There is only one man above 26 years of age, and he was reported to hold a non-essential job. One of the men is 18 and another is 19 years old.

Thirty-six of the men are farm-Farmers Interested ers, the eighteen others coming from a varied list of endeavors, mostly in-

ing all men in the 18-25 age group as rapidly as they are called, irre spective of occupation. It is possible for the registrant's employer to file a deferment claim, but it is fairly well established that unless the registrant is occupied in a critical industry or is producing sixteen war units there is little left for the draft

The following men were called to answer the current call for pre-in-Archie LeRoy Perry, RFD 2, Wil-

Charlie Bowen, RFD 2, Williamston.

Simon Jasper Barber, RFD 1 Jamesville. James Marion Peele, RFD 1, Wil-

liamston. Claude Halford House, RFD 2, Tom Earl Hale, RFD 1, Palmyra.

Elbert Wilmer Barber, RFD 1 Jamesville. Alonzo Otha House, RFD 3, Williamston and RFD 1, Oak City. Hugh Burras Bailey, RFD 2, Wil-

liamston and Hopewell, Va. Charlie Gilbert Mobley, RED 1 Williamston and RFD 1, Plymouth. Elmer Haywood Swain, RFD 2,

Joseph Herbert Cullipher, RFD 3,

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In Club Hall Here

ere on display in the local themon's Crub com uns week and sie pubman and American masters.

A small admission fee is being asked, and the proceeds will be used in buying pictures for the local schools.

Several Food Items Are Removed From Ration List

In a special order issued last week-end by the Office of Price Administration, shortening, salad oil and cooking oils were removed from the ration list, effective Monday, April 17th.

Retail and wholesale merchants will find it advisable to inventory those items to protect themselves against point losses, it was suggest-

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

Veterans Quickly Find Jobs Of the 11,516 veterans who ap-

mediately during a demonstration program opened in January by the U. S. Employment Service, the War Manpower Commission announced.
This service for veterans will be the service for veterans will be t continued and expanded to USES local offices throughout the country, where veterans will be permitted to "shop around" before decid ing on a job. Job opportunities for pendent maritime army advancing fixed, the county chairman express-toward Sevastopol from the southing the hope that the precinct lead-committees and the naming of deleers will meet at their convenience gates and alternates to the State they were for the handicapped vetof WMC, based on recent studies Placements of handicapped workthroughout the country as rapidly as vacancies occur. About 2,500 vacancies occur each month.

New Shoe Stamp Announced Beginning May 1, Airplane Stamp 2 in War Ration Book Three may be used for buying one pair of rationed shoes, OPA announced. The new stamp and Airplane Stamp 1 will be good indefinitely. Stamp 18 From County Farms in Book One will expire April 30. From May 1 through May 20, children's low-priced shoes (maximum \$1.60 per pair) in sizes 8 1-2 through 12, and misses' and little boys' shoes in sizes 12 1-2 through 3 will be ration-free. In 1943 sales of civilian Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co rationed shoes exceeded production by more than 53 million pairs, which made it necessary late last year to able to civilians.

More Articles for Farmers Of approximately 3,000 farmers in terviewed in a recent survey, near ly half reported they had no trou

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Prominent Citizen Of Hamilton Died In Hospital Today

Funeral Services Will Be Held Joe Harvey Farmer, ville, 3 tires and 1 tube.

W. Gladstone Anthony, prominent Hamilton citizen, died in a Rocky Mount hospital this morning at 4:15 o'clock following an illness of only a few days. He had been in declining health for possibly several months, but he continued active uncondition became worse and he was removed to the hospital where, it was repotred, his blood pressure dropped to around thirty. Death was attributable to that and a complica-

tion of ailments. The son of the late J. B. and Lula Anthony, he was born in Hamilton 54 years ago last September. In and 3 tubes. early manhood he was married to Mrs. Erin Shields Herring of Hob- tire and 1 tube. good. A son, R. G. Anthony, of Portsmouth, survives the union. Several years ago he was married to Miss Susan Alligood of Hamilton. Besides his wife and son he leaves a sister, Mrs. W. J. Beach of Hamil-

Mr. Anthony spent most of his life farming, but in recent years he was engaged in the mercantile business and more recently he was employed by timber interests in the Hamilton section. Few men were ever held in higher esteem in his community than Mr. Anthony was. He placed his own interests second to that of his fellowman, and friendships were Scoutmaster Gets placed before his own financial considerations. In fact, it is said that he spent most of his life and time in the unselfish interest of others, accommodating his friends and aiding the needy willingly and often. His friendly and helpful acts stand as some time, Marion Cobb, for nearly starting operations just as soon as bers of the county board of elections.

CANCELLED

Regardless of their job status, no men thirty years or older are to be drafted for military service for the present, at least, according to reliable information received here this morning. The list of men in the 18-25 age group, inclusive, is to be exhausted first and men 26-29, inclusive, who are not in "essential" jobs are to be called before men thirty years and older are called, it was explained. Had the order been received

a few days earlier, most of the men leaving this county last Thursday and Friday would have had their 'aduction cancelled, it is understood.

Three Political Contests Are Developed for May 27 Primary

olied for jobs, 6,361 found work im- Large Number Tires Allotted In County

Issuance Last Friday Largest Recorded During Past Several Months

The Martin County War Price and some time during the day and elect convention to be held in Raleigh on erans of the last war, in the opinion Rationing Board panels hit a liberal streak last Friday night when they allotted 128 tires, including 55 Grade I's, 64 grade III's and nine for trucks. The issuance was the largest recorded at any one time in this county during recent months.

Issuing at a previous Grade I tires in error to J. H. Gray and D. N. Hix, the board last Friday substituted Grade III's, it was point-Truck tires and tubes were issued

s follows: G. and H. Builders Supply Co. Villiamston, 2 tubes. Roberson Slaughter House, Wilamston, 2 tubes.

Overton and Oscar James, RFD 1 Villiamston, 2 tires and 1 tube. H. H. Worsley, Oak City, 1 tire. Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co.

Villiamston, 2 tires.

W. E. Dudley, Williamston, 1 tir nd 1 tube. Williamston, 1 tire and 1 tube. J. E. Andrews, Williamston, 2 tires

and 2 tubes. Grade III tires and passenger tubes vere issued as follows: Gladys Pierce, Jamesville, 1 tire

nd 1 tube C. D. Pittman, Williamston, 1 tube Gomer Taylor, Williamston, 1 tire. C. E. Flanagan, Hobgood, 1 tire. Elmo Bullock, Robersonville, 2

G. H. Martin, RFD 2, Williamston, McKinley Williams, RFD, Palmy-

a, **2 ti**res.

Claud Simmons, Robersonville, Joseph Leggett, RFD 1, Roberson-

Joe Harvey Farmer, Roberson-Willie Lanier, RFD 2. ville, 2 tires and 2 tubes.

James Murphy, RFD 2, Robersonville, 2 tires. Romas Peel. Jamesville, 2 tires and 2 tubes.

W. J. Johnson, Oak City, 1 tire. A. P. Hyman, Palmyra, 1 tire and tube.

Pete Wilson, RFD 2, Williamston, tire and 1 tube. Elisha Dickens, RFD 2, Roberson-

ille, 1 tire and 1 tube. Lennie Manning, Williamston, 1 tire and 1 tube. J. S. Crandell, Robersonville, tire and 1 tube.

Mrs. E. W. Jones, RFD 3, William ston, 1 tire. J. H. Gray, Robersonville, 3 tires

A. L. Williams, Robersonville, W. B. Watts, Williamston, 1 tire. P. L. Lee, Oak City, 1 tire.

J. H. Bland, RFD 1, Oak City, tire and 1 tube. H. O. Peele, Williamston, 1 tire and 1 tube.

Vernon Davis, Jamesville, 1 tire and 1 tube. Thirston Lynch, RFD 1, Oak City,

E. R. Johnson, Robersonville, 1 tire (Continued on page six)

Good "Send-Off"

Serving as scoutmaster here for four years clerk of the Martin Counfour years clerk of the Martin Counpossible. It was stated that he planruner of the members of the members

> Tens of hundreds of men have left Tens of hundreds of men have left the county, but the parade last Fribanks. During the past twentyday was the first farewell gesture four hours the stream had risen that had been planned for the men answering the call to the colors. It was a surprise for Mr. Cobb and the

County Schools Make Changes In Schedules

other boys.

In an effort to release as much labor as possible for farm work, many of the county schools are changing their daily schedules. In most cases the daily session gets underway half an hour earlier, while in other schools, the session is opened even earlier and ended soon after the noon hour.

Beginning tomorrow, the Williamston schools will open the morning session at 8:50 o'clock.

REVIVALIST



Rev. N. J. Ward, of Tarboro, is conducting a series of revival services in the local Pentecostal Holiness Church. The meeting will continue through May 1. A former pastor of the local church the minister is well remembered here as an able preacher. The public is invited to hear him.

High Water Delays Seine Fishing In The Roanoke River

As Serious in Some

Delayed week after week by high ty-wide basis and not restricted to water, seine fishing in the Roanoke districts. at Jamesville is hardly expected to After dragging along for weeks. get into the picture this season, according to late reports coming from headquarters of the important in- new life last Friday and Saturday dustry. It will be possibly ten days when three contests were developed. or two weeks before the water falls Clarence W. Griffin, Williamston atnough to permit seine operations, torney and citizen of Griffins Town The best part of the season is al- ship, will be opposed by J. R. Winsready spent, and ordinarily opera- low, Robersonville farmer, in the tions are discontinued in early May. race for a seat in the lower house of

The herring shortage this season the North Carolina Legislature. has held prices to a record high lev- R. L. Coburn, Williamston attorel, reports stating that the fish have ney, and J. Calvin Smith, Robersonbeen selling "green" for as much ville attorney, are competing for the as \$18 and \$20 per thousand, that the county judgeship. small-scale fishermen have been unable to supply more than a fraction around the Martin County commis-

of the demand. Coming in the face of rationed liams district with Joshua L. Colfood, the fish shortage is recognized as serious in some quarters, especially among the lower-income groups where the herring rated high on the

regular menu. Operations have been interrupted for short periods during past seasons, but this is one of the few times in the history of the business that activities at the fishery have been

some distance in fairly large num- the Secretary of State. Simon Short, Oak City, 1 tire and bers in past years, have been few in In some few instances, state balnumber this year. It is fairly certain lots have already been mailed to the that the fishing season, for the most applicants in distant lands. County part, has been a complete failure, ballots will follow just as soon as

held to a low minimum in the Roan- seats are certified and the printers oke this season, record catches of can handle the order. distribution was limited.

ned to operate for a few days, if no vote, the members of the artified

of the sound field to operate for a few days, if no vote, the members of the armore sounding the sound the s only one and one-half inches.

FILING FEES

While they will hardly offset the expenses, filing fees advanced by the several political candidates in this county amount to well over \$100, or \$132.50, to be exact.

Fees were paid as follows: House of representatives, \$6 each; constable, county commissioners, board of education members and county surveyor, \$5 each; county judge, \$12 each; county solicitor, \$9; treasurer, \$6, and register of deeds, \$26.40.

Candidates Without Opposition Declared **Democrat Nominees**

Races Created for the State House, County Commissioner and Recorder

Last-minute bids filed late Saturday afternoon completed the county's political roster with three candidates to spare, it was officially announced by Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin Board of Elections. Contests were developed for the house of representatives, judge of the county recorder's court and for county commissioner in the Jamesville-Williams district. It is possible that a senatorial contest was created, but no candidates had been certified up until today, and the political line-up for that office could not be definitely learned. It was reliably learned, however, that Roy Hampton and Z. V. Norman, both of Plymouth, had filed for the two senatorial seats in the second district, and that possibly Pamlico and Beaufort were offering candidates. No one in this county filed for one

f the two district senatorial seats. With the exception of the three offices to be contested, all candidates were declared the party nominees, the line-up remaining the same with one exception. John W. Eubanks, member of the Martin County Board of Education, did not file and his place will be taken by Ferd W. Holliday, subject to legislative appointment the early part of next year. If the action of the party is recognized and there is every reason to believe Herring Shortage Recognized that it will be recognized, then the county will have two members of the board of education from the same district. The election of county board of education members is on a coun-

The third county contest centers sionership in the Jamesville-Wil-

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Applications For **Absentee Ballots**

The number of applications filed all but wiped out for an entire sea- in this county for absentee ballots for servicemen and service women The fishing business handled by was doubled over the week-end small operators has been advanced when about 25 members of the armin the face of unusual handicaps and ed forces applied for the proper votcatches have been very small. Indi- ing forms. Most of the applications viduals, coming to the Roanoke from were received through the office of

While herring fishing has been candidates for the second senatorial

perch have been reported. The perch | The number of applications for market has been flooded, but their absentee ballots has been unusually small in this county. It is not too According to a report reaching late for a relative to apply for a balhere yesterday, Mr. C. C. Fleming, lot for a son, brother, husband or owner-operator of the plant at cousin in the service. The applica-Jamesville, is watching the water tion forms may be had from the pre-

Gets His Wings

Napier Field, Ala., April 15th — Wheeler M. Anderson, 20, of Williamston, today received the silver wings of an Army Air Forces pilot and was sworn in as a second lieutenant at ceremonies at Napier Field, Alabama, an advanced single-engine pilot training school of the Army Air Forces Training Command. Son of O. S. Anderson, Sr., Williamston, N. C., Lt. Anderson is a

graduate of the Williamston High School and attended Mars Hill Colege for two years. Previous to enlistment in the AAF he was employed by the N. C. Pulp Company, Plymouth, N. C.