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## Terrific Air Attack Is Directed Against Targets In Europe

### Land Fighting Still Centered In Bitter Struggle For Sevastopol

A new chapter in the Allied air war was written in a 30-hour unbroken and terrific attack against Hitler's European fortress. After smashing objectives over a wide area, the American Air Force continued its work with the apparent aim of blasting an invasion path through the Nazis' steel and concrete "Atlantic Wall".

The great parade of destruction from the air started Tuesday when 2,500 U. S. and British planes struck at Berlin and targets in northern France. The combined air fleets, including Russia's, boosted the estimated weight of their pre-invasion bombing to 316 tons an hour, sending within the 30-hour period perhaps as many as 6,500 aircraft over the continent with 9,600 tons of explosives and incendiaries.

Tuesday night more than 1,000 great RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes dropped more than 4,400 tons of bombs—an all-time record—into rail yards and shops in two suburbs of Paris and at Rouen and Tergnier, near Laon. Swift plywood Mosquito bombers added fuel to Berlin's fires. At the same time a great force of Russian bombers plastered railroad yards at Lwow, one of the most important transportation centers of Poland.

Hardly had the last all-clear been sounded over Europe before 1,000 U. S. Air Force heavy bombers, escorted by a like number of 8th and 9th Air Force fighters, swept over the Ruhr valley, plastering the great aircraft factories of Kassel and raising fires and explosions in four Luftwaffe parks where the Nazis assemble their aerial reserve strength.

Some bomber groups reported encountering as many as 150 enemy fighters at a time, while others saw none. U. S. fighters shot down sixteen enemy planes and bomber gunners got five more. The Americans lost five bombers and two fighters. Later, 8th Air Force Liberators, escorted by Thunderbolt fighters, hammered the invasion coast in the Pas-de-Calais area. Medium bombers of the 8th, covered by 9th Air Force, RAF and Dominion fighters, hammered fortifications in northern France.

New A-20 Havoc attack bombers of the 9th were reported in action over France for the first time.

Land fighting is still centered in the bitter struggle for Sevastopol where it is fairly apparent the Germans are making a last stand. Dispatches from Moscow paint an exciting picture of the situation, describing the emotion of the Russians as victory draws near. It was reported that Soviet commanders gave the veterans of the siege the right of way in attacking defenses. A front dispatch said, "Every clump of trees, every rise in terrain, every telegraph pole stirs deep memories of the siege of 1941."

Red Army troops coming steadily up from their rear bases, occasionally halted to kneel on the ground for a moment and take off their caps.

It was a poor lookout for thousands of Axis troops jammed into the shaken city, Moscow reported that one reason the Russians had been able to hold out in Sevastopol in 1941-42 was that they had the use of big guns set in concrete. These were destroyed before the city was given up, and the Germans had never been able to replace them. With virtually no air protection, since the last air fields were in the hands of the Russians, and with the Red Army's guns sweeping the harbor, the situation of the shattered and battle-weary Nazi troops from all over the Crimea, was entirely without hope.

Among the stories that have been cropping up fairly regularly from Italy, the one about "signs of an offensive being prepared" is most recent.

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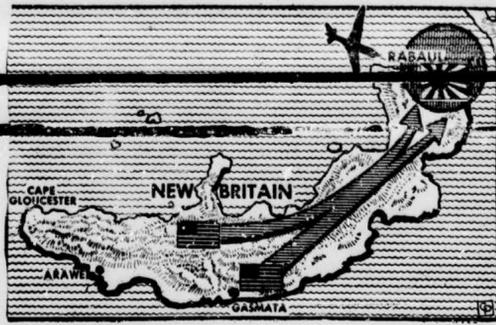
## Plans Complete For Fat Livestock Show

Plans were announced just about complete today for holding the first annual independent fat livestock show in this county. The event will be held in the Planters Warehouse, Williamston, next Thursday.

Sponsored by the various civic organizations in the county, the show is certain to meet with much success. Club members and farmers, in general, are expressing much interest in the event, and the Farm Bureau is taking an active part in promoting the show. The Farm Bureau is holding its annual meeting that day, and many of the members are planning to attend the stock show just before going to the high school to hear Deacon I. O. Schawb, director of the State Extension Division, Raleigh.

The public is cordially invited to visit the show next Wednesday afternoon when the exhibits are placed in the warehouse or the following morning when the judges will make the awards and the entries are offered for sale at public auction.

## 40,000 JAPS RETREAT TO RABAU



OUR CAMPAIGN to take New Britain, which started in December with landings at Cape Gloucester and Arawe, is drawing to a close with an estimated 40,000 Japs being wedged into Rabaul, where they are expected to make a last stand. Once a mustering point for enemy warships, Rabaul has been pounded into near-uselessness by Allied aircraft. Eighty tons of bombs were dropped during the latest assault. (International)

### SPECIAL PRAYERS

The Williamston Ministerial Association in its session Wednesday agreed that when word comes of the beginning of the invasion of the continent of Europe that all churches will be opened for prayer and meditation and in conformity with this plan the Christian Church will be opened and for the first hour the organist, Mrs. W. C. Manning, will play selections from the great hymns of faith and hope of the church for the comfort and inspiration of those who meditate in its sanctuary.

## Soldier Discusses Several Topics In Letter From Italy

### Red Cross Is Carrying On A Splendid Work, Winborne Declares

Writing from Italy a short time ago, Pfc. Osmer S. Winborne discussed several topics relating to the war, politics and the home front. He talked briefly about the splendid work handled by the Red Cross and cited a letter written by his commanding officer to a Delaware paper.

The letter reads, in part: "I thought you might be interested to know what the American Red Cross is doing for all the soldiers here, so I am sending a copy of our major's letter to his home town paper in Delaware. I wish to say he speaks for all of us when he mentioned the good work done by our two Red Cross workers here. When a patient comes to our receiving station day or night, the first person he sees is a Red Cross worker with hot coffee, cigarettes and sandwiches. You can imagine how this cheers up a patient coming in from the front lines cold and dirty."

"We had one man from Martin County as a patient in Casablanca, but he soon returned home. When I went to see him I had several 'Enterprises' and he surely was glad to see them. I mailed six to Leslie Coltraine a few days ago. I had a letter from him and he is getting along all right. "I came to Italy on the invasion. It was my second one so far. All our men got in, but all our hospital equipment and the ship were lost. Six of the men received medals for saving lives. We now have a new hospital with lights and water in a real tent city here in an oat field."

"Here's hoping the 4-F boys will start driving more carefully so there will be fewer accidents at home. When we finish this war we don't want to go home and find some of our citizens injured for life by careless drivers."

"Concerning the elections, I am sure Roosevelt is the man we need and hope he will be elected again. I am positive we do not need any more men like Reynolds and Bailey in Washington."

"Your editorials are the kind we like, so keep up the good work on the home front."

The young man closed with best wishes to his friends.

## Three In Race For The State Senate

According to certifications filed with Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, by board chairman in Washington and Beaufort Counties, three candidates are in the race for the two seats in the State Senate from this, the second senatorial district.

A. E. Denie, Washington man, filed to succeed himself in the senate. The other two candidates are Roy Hampton and Zeb Vance Norman, both of Plymouth.

The names of the three candidates will appear on the county democratic primary ticket along with the names of candidates for the house of representatives, judge of the county court and county commissioner for the Jamesville-William District, and they will be voted on by the entire county.

## More Men from This County Accepted By The Armed Services

### Seventeen of Group Passing Examinations Recently Are Married

Out of the large group of Martin County colored men reporting for pre-induction examinations at a service center on April 8, fifteen were accepted by the Army, eight by the Navy, and one by the Marines. It could not be learned officially, but one reliable report stated that fifty-seven in the group were rejected on account of physical defects, that eleven scheduled to report for the trip failed to report.

Seventeen of the men accepted are married, and they have seventeen children.

Only one man in the group is 26 years old, the ages of the others ranging from 22 to 25.

The men are subject to call within the next ninety days after the next three weeks.

Names of the men accepted by the Army and their addresses: Braddy Moore, RFD 1, Parmele and RFD 5, Greenville.

William Henry Bullock, RFD 1, Hassell.

Ralph Spruill, Williamston. Samuel Thomas Williams, Williamston.

Jesse Bennett, RFD 1, Oak City. Willie Junior Williams, Robersonville.

Louis Henry Jones, RFD 3, Williamston.

Nathaniel Hopkins, Robersonville. Clifton Peel, Williamston. John Junior Highsmith, RFD 1, Jamesville and RFD 1, Washington, N. C.

William Broadie, RFD 2, Robersonville. Arthur McIntyre, Williamston. Lester McGinnis, RFD 1, Palmyra, and Portsmouth.

Abram Woodrow Wrisby, RFD 1, Williamston. William Henry Daniel, Jamesville and Williamston.

Abner King Riddick, RFD 1, Williamston, was accepted for service in the Marine Corps.

The following men were accepted by the Navy: Jasper Peterson, RFD 1, Oak City. Joe Dave Smithwick, RFD 1, Williamston.

Cleveland Manning, RFD 1, Williamston. George Daniel, RFD 2, Williams.

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## Several County Men Now at Seabee Camp

At least three of the Martin County young men reporting for Navy duty last Friday are now at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. Whether they have been transferred from the Navy to the Seabees could not be learned, but a report from one of the boys states they are undergoing the Seabees.

Marion Cobb, former clerk of the county draft board, Bernard Harrison and William W. Gurganus have been heard from and they are at Camp Peary. Two others in the group leaving here last Friday have been transferred to the Marines, it is understood. They are William Galette Crawford and Durward Carl Brown.

### LIBRARY

The directors of the Williamston Public Library sent out letters last Monday to all the old friends and many new friends asking that they underwrite the library's program for expanding service for the year beginning as of April 1. The response to date is most gratifying and it is hoped that many more will respond to this most worthy call. It is possible that some friend of the library has been overlooked in getting out this letter, and if so, it was not intentional. They may contact the librarian, Mrs. J. C. Cooke, or the chairman, Rev. John L. Goff.

## State School Man Addresses Parents And Teachers Here

### Points To Need For Planned Education In Postwar Period

Dr. Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Schools, addressed a group of parents and teachers assembled in the high school auditorium last night, discussing the necessity of planning now for education in the post-war world. Scarcely a hundred persons were present to hear the prominent educational leader speak.

Reviewing national problems arising out of the period following World War I, Dr. Erwin pointed to our experience in that post-war period as an example of what happens to a nation unprepared to cope with the problems of peace. "The problems arising out of this war," said the speaker, "will be more difficult to solve intelligently than have been the problems connected with gearing our economy to war production and to the needs of war. Intelligent citizenry and their leaders should prepare now for the time when peace changes our economy and returns millions of men to their homes, men who have served their country in its hour of need and are entitled to whatever benefits of employment and happiness it may be able to offer."

"Each generation has to protect its heritage and prepare for its destiny. Proof of this we can see in the history of Russia and France. Today Russia is not the Russia of 1914, nor is France the France of the last war. Each is the extreme of power and humiliation, all of which has come and has been made in a generation of men. In America we must devote our efforts to plans which will enable the present generation to rise to the place of responsibility and prominence which all true Americans cherish for our nation. If we are unprepared for peace, a wave of enjoyment, idleness and crime may engulf our land and destroy our heritage."

Speaking specifically of educational problems, Dr. Erwin refused to blame juvenile delinquency entirely upon the schools. "There are," he said, "more fathers away from home than ever before in the history of our country. More mothers, too, are engaged in industry. Congested living conditions in many areas aggravate the problem as does the emotional crisis being experienced in every home which has members facing combat service."

"When peace is declared," said Dr. Erwin, "the interrupted education of our young men and young women must be continued for all who desire and will take advantage of it."

The speaker was introduced by Superintendent J. C. Manning. Mrs. Meyer Levin, president, presided over the meeting.

The combined glee clubs of the Williamston High School rendered a special program of music to open the session. Under the direction of Kathryn Mewborn, the young people sang: The Star-Spangled Banner, Scott; The Lord's Prayer, Malotte; A Medley of American National Airs, Furey; Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, Jerome Kern; Excerpts from the Opera, "Patience."

Dr. Erwin was a guest of the Kiwanians at a rock muddle at Jamesville just before the meeting here.

## Six Defendants Are Tried In Court Here

As a result of a round-up of alleged law violators here last weekend, Justice J. L. Hassell had six defendants before him in his court during the past few days.

Charged with carrying, Linwood Speight and James Earl Purvis were each taxed with \$6.40 costs.

Clyde Silverthorne, making his second appearance before the trial justice in as many weeks, was required to pay \$8.50 costs in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Lin Williams was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$6.50 costs.

In the case charging them with disorderly conduct, Clyde Brown was required to pay \$8.50 costs and Lollie Williams, \$7.50.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly in Jamesville last Saturday, McKinley Latham and Jeff Atkins will be brought before Justice Hassell here tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock for trial.

## Scotland Neck To Play Locals Sunday

Williamston's colored baseball team will meet a strong nine from Scotland Neck in the colored school park here Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, it was announced by Manager Charles Johnson today.

The locals have won three of the four games they have played so far this season, and the game Sunday promises to be one of the best this year.

Seats are being reserved for white fans and a large crowd is expected to attend the game.

## No Definite Policy Is Fixed For Drafting Farm Youths By Board In Long Session Here Last Night

### County Contributes Record Amount For Crippled Children

### Recent Easter Seal Sale Was Most Successful Ever Advanced

By MISS MARY TAYLOR

The men, women and children of Martin County who gave generously of their time, energy and money during this year's Easter Seal Sale for Crippled Children will be gratified to know that it is the most successful on record. To these public spirited citizens the Martin County Society for Crippled Children extends its thanks and congratulations and expresses the hope that its co-operation in this splendid enterprise will continue to make possible for the physically handicapped those opportunities we feel all Americans should enjoy.

Contributions have been received from the following donors:

L. Bruce Wynne, \$1; Miss Ida Roberts, \$1; Miss Dorothy Simpson, \$1; J. C. Eubanks, \$1; Mrs. Luther Carter, \$1; M. L. Peel, \$1; Harcum Grimes, \$1; C. B. Roebuck, \$1; C. D. Carstarphen, \$1; Woodland Hardware Co., \$1; Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick, \$5; Jno. L. Goff, \$1; Belk-Tyler, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Kader Lilley, \$2; G. H. Harrison, Sr., \$5; Friend, Hamilton, \$1; Mrs. T. F. Harrison, \$5; Judge J. C. Smith, \$1; R. L. Smith, \$5; I. M. Little, \$5; Dixie Motors Co., \$7.50; Dr. A. J. Osteen, \$1; J. C. Manning, \$1; Friend, Oak City, \$1; Peele's Jewelry, \$5; D. R. Davis, \$5; Williamston Peanut Co., \$5; D. V. Clayton, \$1; W. G. Peele, \$5; Mrs. Anna Harrison, \$1; J. W. Watts, \$5; R. A. Haislip, \$2; E. G. Anderson, \$1; J. M. Saunders, \$10; V. G. Taylor, \$5; Nat Israel, \$1; J. H. Ayers, \$2.50; G. H. Harrison, Jr., \$1; Dr. E. T. Walker, \$5; Clarence Griffin, \$1; Friend, Williamston, \$1; B. S. Courtney, \$2; Rossell Rogers, \$5; Mrs. J. E. Smithwick, \$1; J. S. Gotsinger, \$1; R. L. Coburn, \$1; J. V. Champion, \$5; R. W. Salsbury, \$1; Joshua L. Coltraine, \$5; Mary Louise Taylor, \$5; Farmers Supply Co., \$1; Joe Mike Mitchell, \$1; Mrs. L. B. Harrison, \$5; Miss Cora Proctor, \$5; Mrs. R. J. Peele, \$1.50; John A. Manning, \$1; Sam Zemon, \$1; Frank Weston, \$1; Waldo and W. E. House, \$2.50; Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Ward, \$2; C. B. Clark, Sr., \$1; Mrs. Carrie Morrison, \$5; W. B. Harrington, \$1; Moore Grocery Co., \$5; Mrs. J. A. Eason, \$1; A. J. Manning, \$1; Mrs. Kenneth White, \$1; Miss Mildred Pigg, \$1; V. J. Spivey, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. John Wier, \$1; Dr. John Biggs, \$5; C. O. Fleming, \$5; Mrs. Johnny Gurkin, \$1; Rev. B. T. Hurley, \$1; D. L. Speight, \$1; Irving Margolis, \$5; Robertson's Slaughter House, \$5; Martin-Elliott, \$5; Mrs. Effie Waldo, \$1; Mrs. L. T. Fowden, \$1; W. I. Skinner, \$5; Friend, Hamilton, \$1; Dr. V. E. Brown, \$5; Mrs. Roy McClees, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Noah Rogerson, \$1; W. L. Howell, \$1; Dr. W. R. Burrell, \$5; O. W. Hamilton, \$1; Mrs. C. L. Winslow, \$1; G. G. Woolard, \$1; J. E.

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## Scrap Paper Drive Great Success Here

Section two pupils of the local sixth grade recently completed a most successful waste paper drive.

Miss Edith Bradley, teacher and director of the collection, announcing this morning that nearly 9,000 pounds of cardboard, newspapers and other types of paper were accumulated and sold to the North Carolina Pulp Company in the lower part of this county.

Making \$78.64 out of the undertaking, the sixth graders are planning to buy a flag pole for the grammar school building.

The drive was the second one conducted here in recent weeks, the pupils in the grades from one through the sixth having collected and sold waste paper for \$40.27 in the first round-up.

### MAKING CHEESE

Working to relieve the cheese shortage in this county, Miss Ida Roberts, associate Farm Security Administration supervisor, is planning two demonstrations on "the making of American cheese." The first of the demonstrations will be held in the county courthouse tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for colored families. A demonstration for white families has been planned for May 4th.

The manufacture of cheese at home offers an opportunity to use surplus milk for family use, leaving the whey, as is the custom, for poultry and hogs.

## LIEUTENANT



W. Martin Anderson, local youth, was just recently graduated a lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps at Napier Field, Alabama. He is spending a few days at home. His twin brother, Arthur, is to be a bombardier and he came in from Las Vegas, Nev., last night for a short visit. A third brother, Oscar, Jr., is a captain overseas.

## Few Cases On Civil Calendar for Trial In Superior Court

### Hardly Enough Cases to Keep Court Going Few Days In Second Week

With hardly enough cases on the calendar to keep the superior court in session more than a few days, the Martin County Bar Association scheduled no cases at all this week and it isn't likely the tribunal will hold forth longer than next Wednesday. No court of any kind was held this week. Judge R. D. Dixon, of Edenton, will open the court next Monday for the trial of civil cases only.

No important cases, or, at least, none of a sensational nature, are on the calendar, and the court is not expected to attract very much attention. Sixteen cases have been calendared, including six divorce actions. All six divorce cases are based on two years of separation, but one of them is being contested.

The suit brought by Critcher Brothers to recover \$1,500 from Jesse Whitley as a result of a truck wreck near Williamston last year is on the calendar. The case was tried last November, but the verdict giving the plaintiffs a judgment in the sum of \$750 was set aside. The court ruled at that time that the full amount or nothing should have been allowed.

The town of Williamston is suing E. P. Cunningham for an alleyway leading off Smithwick Street between the hotel and Malcolm Simpson properties. The defendant claims that other property owners have blocked the alley, and that the town had abandoned its claim to the right-of-way.

Based on two years of separation, the following divorces are on the calendar for trial: Robert E. Harrell against Agnes Harris, Louis Bond against Pecola Bond, Maggie Davis against Harry Davis, Willie Briley against Velma Briley, Cass Robert Leary against Sallie Woodley Leary, and Samuel Sneed against Lizzie Mae Sneed. Most of the litigants are colored citizens. The defendant in the Bond case alleged that the plaintiff deserted her and that he had refused to contribute to her support, and it is fairly certain

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## Jamesville Store Robbery Solved

The robbery of the Jamesville liquor store last January 27 was solved this week when three out-of-county colored men were arrested. Their names could not be learned immediately, but a report reaching here stated that they had admitted the robbery. They were formally charged with the crime Wednesday when Justice J. L. Hassell issued a warrant upon a request made by ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck.

Few details could be had in the case, but it is planned to place the men on trial in this county in June.

During the night of January 27, the three men were said to have forced an entrance to the Jamesville store and trucked away about 32 cases of liquor valued at about \$600.

## Blanket Draft Order Affects Non-Farmers In 18-26 Age Group

### Board Discusses Possibility Of Drafting or Leaving All Farm Youths

Without definite orders other than to meet the monthly quota, members of the Martin County Draft Board met here last evening and for nearly four hours discussed possibly the most perplexing problem to come before them during their nearly four years of service. There is little doubt that while the draft has been a serious business all the while, it has now reached a climax, and members of the board frankly admit they are at a loss when it comes to advancing a policy that will supply the armed services needed men and at the same time maintain an unbroken economy on many farms in the county. The board members also admit they are unable to advise farm registrants what to do, whether crop plantings should be handled or abandoned.

With a blanket draft order in effect for all non-farm registrants between the ages of 18-25, inclusive, the board members centered their attention on the farm draft from every angle without determining a definite policy, but a fairly definite trend was apparent in the classification of about two dozen colored registrants who only recently passed their physical examinations at a service center. In those cases the board recognized hardship cases but ruled that thirteen of the sixteen farmers in the group were eligible for the draft. It is quite possible that the others will be called to report for final induction, but such action was postponed until more study can be given the problem.

According to a report heard today, the board discussed the possibility of drafting every registrant between the ages of 18 and 25, inclusive, with the understanding that the draftees may carry their cases to the district appeal board for final action. Under this proposed plan, the board would possibly consider hardship cases, but other factors such as dependency and financial considerations would not be recognized. There is little doubt but what some farms would lie idle under the plan. Selective Service officials having been quoted as saying that right now a man with a gun is more important than a man on a subsistence farm.

On the other hand, the board finds that many of the farmers in the 18-26 age group are "essential," to draft this one and leave the other would only add to the confusion. In fact, the board says there are borderline cases, that with no definite order or instructions to follow it would be humanly impossible to administer the job fairly and impartially. Considering the problem from this angle, the board would defer all farmers. But at the same time, orders for more men are coming in, and if the quotas are not filled from one group, the weight of the draft will, in all probability, be shifted to registrants in older groups, including fathers and irrespective of occupation or financial considerations.

A member of the draft board stated this morning that he wished he could advise young farmers what to do. He recognizes the critical period on the farm and at the same time he recognizes the need for men in the armed services.

It is estimated that there are about 400 farmers in the 18-25 age group in the county, that there are around

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## County Housewives Can Fish And Roe

There has been a growing interest in canning fish and fish roe among Farm Security Administration families in this county, according to reports coming from Miss Ida O. Roberts, associate FSA supervisor, for Martin and Edgecombe Counties.

Several demonstrations have already been given. They were held in the homes of Mrs. Ernest Hays, Dardens; Mrs. Heber Smith, Oak City; Mrs. A. W. VanNortwick, Williamston RFD 3, and Mrs. Seth Weathersbee, Oak City. There were 26 women in attendance at the demonstrations. Miss Roberts has additional demonstrations scheduled that will enable all FSA women to attend.

At the same time Miss Myra Scull, associate district FSA supervisor, gave a demonstration on meal planning and preparation. A complete meal was prepared and served to the women present.

Miss Roberts will be glad to answer any questions on fish canning if interested parties will call 145-W or write her in care of the Farm Security Administration, Williamston.