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Increased Bombing In May Will Open Path For Invasion

Russians Open Final Drive To Recapture Crimean Port Of Sevastopol

Apparently the Allied Air Forces will be given another opportunity to knock out or, at least, soften up the European fortress before an actual invasion is launched, according to observers. A new bombing record was established in April when Allied airmen dropped eighty-one thousand tons of bombs on Hitler's domain. The plans call for about one hundred and fifty thousand tons to be delivered this month, and it is figured that that much dynamite will soften up Hitler and his fortress.

During a fifty-hour period recently, it is estimated that nearly 12,000 Allied planes were over the Continent, the blows having been directed at targets over a wide area, including the invasion coast and objectives in France, Belgium and Germany. The oil fields in Rumania have been reduced to a low state of productivity in recent attacks. Today, American bombers are over France and Belgium in great numbers attacking airfields and rail yards. Last night the British lost ten bombers, and yesterday American airmen shot down 119 German planes in one of the most devastating raids yet delivered against Berlin.

Ending an eighteen-day lull, the Russians have launched a final and all-out attack to recapture the important Crimean port of Sevastopol. Strong defenses have been cracked there and the Red Armies are now holding important heights overlooking the city.

On the Italian land front, two sharp German cracks at the Allied defenses—one on the Anzio beachhead, the other on the Carigliano River front—about 15 miles south of Cassino—were thrown back over the week-end.

On the Adriatic front—where Allied fliers on Friday burst the Pescara Dam—German positions were flooded.

Navy Search Planes operating out of advanced Aleutian bases have blasted Japanese installations on Paramushiro and Shumushu in the Kuriles. Large fires were started by the raiders who encountered no enemy air interception but did fly through heavy flak and heavy-calibered defense guns.

From the mid-Pacific comes news of more air attacks on enemy bases in the Carolines and the Marshalls. Ponape was hard hit as were coastal

Few County Farmers Going To South Carolina For Plants

Apparently, considering that the tobacco plant situation is hopeless for them, some few farmers in this county...

and border counties in search of plants. The first search was started Sunday when a number of farmers, headed by James Russell Cherry, Alton Harris and Bob Bailey, all of Bear Grass, started for South Carolina in cars pulling trailers. What success they had, if any, could not be learned here immediately. Troubled over the poor prospects in this county, other farmers are inquiring after plants with the intention of going to the border or into South Carolina for plants.

It is generally believed, however, that most farmers will wait for their own plants to grow or bargain with

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

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

Meats-Fats Requiring Red Prints

The only items for which red ration points will be needed are beef steaks (except flank steaks), roasts, butter, margarine, cheese, eggs, products and evaporated milk, the Office of Price Administration announces. Three red stamps (30 points) will become valid every four weeks instead of every two weeks because of the wide selection of meats available without points. At present, red stamps A8 through T8 are good, but no more stamps will become valid until June 3.

Facial Tissues Go To War

Use of facial tissues by war plants for cleaning precision metal parts and polishing lenses and increased use in hospitals are cutting into civilian supplies to some extent, the War Production Board says, but, with reasonable conservation, supplies in general should meet all essential demands. Production of facial tissues has been maintained at the 1942 rate for the last two years.

Men Overseas May Order Gifts

American service men overseas may again order Christmas gifts this year for their friends and relatives in the United States, the Office of War Information reports. The men make their selections from catalogues at Army exchanges or Navy ship services and list them on order blanks. The orders are then sent to the United States to be filled and mailed for Christmas. WPB recently announced that it will approve manufacturers' requests that are certified by the Army Exchange Service or Navy Ship Service Stores for additional allocations of material or containers necessary for these orders.

Hospitals Distribute Penicillin

More than 1,000 hospitals in the United States have been selected to serve as depot hospitals for the limited civilian distribution of penicillin, the WPB announced. The hospitals should receive their first shipment on May 10.

More Irons To Be Produced

Authorization to produce a total of 193,625 electric flat irons in 1944 have been granted two manufacturers in Mansfield, Ohio, and one manufacturer in New York City, WPB said. The total authorized production is now about 395,000 irons.

Transport Lines Must Be Clear

"This is invasion year," the director of ODT said, and the transportation system must be free to respond to any demands that the occasion may make upon it. The unessential traveler will have only himself to blame if he is indefinitely stranded, or finds his Pullman reservations summarily canceled, or finds passenger schedules temporarily disrupted and intercity buses completely swamped, the director said.

Round-up

War Food Administration says: Manufacturers of ice cream are permitted to make more and richer ice cream during May and June in anticipation of a heavier-than-usual production of milk during this period. For our armed forces, 25 to

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Colored Man Shot Late Last Saturday

James Willis Lloyd, young colored man, was painfully but not seriously shot following a disturbance at Brown's cafe on Washington Street last Saturday night about 11 o'clock. Entering the hip from the back, the bullet, fired from a small calibre pistol, ranged downward and almost penetrated the thigh. The bullet was removed later that night, and Lloyd was walking around a bit Sunday.

The most important thing today is furnishing men for the armed forces, and the time has come when agriculture should and must furnish its quota part, the spokesman was further quoted.

The county draft board members were warned to get the men, meet the quotas or else resign. It was also understood that if the draft officials did not meet their assigned quotas, their resignations would be demanded.

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Hundreds Of Boy Scouts Will Hold Camporee Next Week

are scheduled to hold a five-county camporee on the high school grounds

announced today by Council Scout officials. The youths will gather here from five counties, including those from Beaufort, Washington, Pitt, Bertie and Martin. In addition to the youths, the camporee is expected to attract prominent Scout officials, including members of the district committee, executive board of directors and other leaders interested in Boy Scout activities.

Assistant Scout Executive Norman Scrivener of Greenville stated in a letter to Mr. Wheeler Martin here this week that many of the troops in the other counties had already started making preparation to attend the camporee, that they were keenly anticipating the event.

The youngsters avoid asking much, out camp fire wood and a few other incidentals will be furnished locally.

According to the tentative program, the main event will be the Big Mass Campfire Friday evening, May 19, but the entire camping period will be marked by activities of some kind. A final and detailed program will be announced the early part of next week.

Local scouts, numbering about fifty, are making ready to entertain the visitors, and they are eagerly looking forward to the three-day camporee. Visitors will be warmly received during the camporee, it was announced.

Fifty-one Tires Are Allotted In County By Rationing Board

Hundred Tires Are Now Pending

Fifty-three tires, thirty-two for passenger cars and pick-up trucks and twenty-one for trucks, were issued by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday evening. No certificates for Grade III tires were issued.

That the tire shortage has not yet been relieved is evidenced in the large number of applications now pending before the board panels. Since it was announced a short time ago that holders of "B" gas rations were eligible for Grade I tires, the applications have poured into the board office in large numbers, and today it would require 233 Grade I tires to meet the demand. The shortage may be relieved in due time, but just now the situation is not very encouraging, especially for those who need tires and need them now.

Grade I tires and tubes for cars and pick-up trucks were issued to the following:

- Dr. E. E. Pittman, Oak City, one tire.
- H. L. Davis, Jamesville, one tire.
- C. U. Rogers, Williamston, one tire.
- A. L. Oakley, Robersonville, one tire.
- Heber Peel, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Mary W. Taylor, Williamston, one tire.
- Eli Rodgers, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- L. C. Roebuck, RFD 1, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes.
- Mack D. Coltrain, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- M. Little, Robersonville, three tires and one tube.
- Mrs. Edmond Harris, Williamston, two tires and two tubes.
- E. R. Johnson, Robersonville, one tire and one tube.
- Williamston Package Co., one tire and one tube.
- N. R. Daniel, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes.
- W. F. Thomas, Hamilton, one tire and one tube.
- F. L. Haislip, Hamilton, one tire and one tube.
- R. L. Whitehurst, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- H. P. Mobley, Williamston, one tire and one tube.
- Thermon Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.
- J. C. Mobley, Jamesville, one tire.

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Farm Deferments Are Ruled Out At Meeting

County Board Will Review Deferments Previously Granted

Definite Instructions Issued At District Meeting In Greenville

Deferments for farm registrants 18 to 25 years of age, inclusive, have just about been ruled out, stock and barrel, according to unofficial but reliable reports received here following a district meeting of draft and war board officials in Greenville yesterday.

Briefly stated, any registrant not engaged in a critical occupation, and it has been ruled that there are few or none in this area, is in line for the draft according to his order number if he is eighteen years or older and was not 26 years old on or before last March 24. The five youthful farmers who were recently deferred in this county will have their cases reviewed, and it is indeed likely that their classifications will be changed back to 1-A and that they will be made subject to call, possibly in June. It isn't likely that they can be made ready in time to answer the Navy's May call on or about the 25th of this month.

Under the new interpretation of the recent rulings covering the induction of men 18 to 26 years of age, every man on the farm who is in that age group can expect to be called. The board in this county in keeping with a similar policy followed in other counties had decided not to take the last man from a farm. This policy was rejected, and only physical hardships will be recognized in the future; that is, if there is an invalid and the registrant is the only one at home, then the case might be recognized as a hardship. But if the holding of a registrant closes the farm, and leaves the family alone, it will not be recognized as a hardship, according to definite instructions issued to the draft board members from twenty counties in Greenville this week.

The Selective Service spokesman said agriculture, as a whole, is essential, but he declared, and scored his words with emphasis, that the individual farm is secondary to the need for men. Some will possibly lose their fertilizer and experience a financial loss, but millions of men now in the armed services have already had their financial reverses, but the loss is small compared with what it will be if this war is not won, the spokesman was quoted as saying.

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Plans Are Complete For Demonstration

Plans were announced complete today for holding a special cooking school and food conservation demonstration program in the Legion Hut on Watts Street here tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Preparations have been made to accommodate 300 or more visitors, many of whom are expected here from surrounding counties. The general public is invited, and valuable prizes, including two \$25 war bonds are being offered.

The program, one of the most timely and complete ever planned in this part of the State by Miss Virginia Blount, V. E. and P. Company home economist, is attracting nationally known figures.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

One person was badly hurt and several were slightly bruised in auto accidents in this county last week-end.

Long about this time last year, highway accidents were taking human life at the rate of one a week. So far this year only one person has been killed in the county in motor wrecks.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

18th Week Comparison			
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge			
1944	2	1	\$ 100
1943	1	0	1 000
Comparison To Date			
1944	19	6	3450
1943	16	6	2550

Sergeant Roberson Hopes to Get Home Before "Too Long"

Tells About Martin County Boy in Recent Letter From England

Expressing his appreciation for the papers (The Enterprise and Robersonville Herald) Sgt. Oscar E. Roberson, Martin County young man, tells in a recent letter from England about Edgar Taylor, county boy missing over Europe, and points out that they are giving the enemy "double action," casually expressing the hope that he will be able to return home before "too long."

His letter follows: April 25-44.

Dear Publishers: First, I want to apologize for not having written before thanking you for the favor of sending me the two local newspapers. I've been getting them regularly now for about two years and have enjoyed them to the fullest extent—especially the social news, about who's who, where and when.

I find that the Martin County boys are really being spread over the world and doing a "bang up" job with all branches of the armed forces. Quite a few are making good names for themselves that will not be forgotten soon by their country and friends. Many of the local boys are over here but I haven't succeeded in contacting any of them. My working and free hours are so irregular that it is difficult to arrange plans and dates, but perhaps later I will have better luck.

I'm getting along all right, but working hard and getting a little war weary. Had two furloughs since I've been in the E. T. O., one spent in London and the other in Edinburgh, Scotland, both very nice.

I've noticed several articles in the paper concerning Edgar Taylor, of Williamston, and thought that it might be of interest for you to know that I knew him well. He not only was stationed at my base but was flying in the plane which I crew, or maintain, when he was shot down over Germany. He had almost completed his tour of missions at the

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REGISTRATION

According to incomplete reports, comparatively few new names have been added to the election registration books in this county during recent days. The books will remain open until 6 o'clock p. m. on Saturday of this week, and those persons who are 21 years or older and who have not registered are invited to get their names on the books.

Registrations are being handled at the Roanoke Chevrolet Company by Registrar John Henry Edwards for the No. 1 precinct and by O. S. Anderson in the city hall for the No. 2 precinct in Williamston. The books are also open in the eleven other precincts in the county.

Pvt. LeRoy Godard Writes To Friends From England Base

British Really Speak English, "But We Do Not", Private Godard Declares

Landing not so long ago in England, Pvt. Leroy Godard addressed the following letter to Friends and Neighbors in Martin County:

"I will drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along over here in England.

"This leaves me feeling fine and I hope it finds each one that reads The Enterprise the same, if not better.

"I have been taking The Enterprise ever since I have been in the Army, and I have seen in it a lot of letters from boys overseas and I want to put a few lines in there, too.

"Well, I was inducted in the Army last August the tenth at Fort Bragg and I had my twenty-one days leave and went back on the first of September. I stayed at the reception center at Fort Bragg sixteen days and then we were sent to Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. There I was in the Sixty-third Division. I took my basic training there and then I went home in January on furlough, but on December the 16th I got a telegram from home stating that my father had died, so then I went home and it was a very unhappy furlough for me.

"After I got back off my furlough in January I had made up my mind to volunteer for overseas my first chance. About the middle of January one day we were out in the woods on a problem and the company commander came out in the woods where we were and said that he wanted thirty volunteers for overseas replacements, so I was the first man to give him my name.

"After a stay of a few more days there we packed up and were ready to go. We took off one morning bright and early not knowing where we were going. In about two days we reached Fort Dix, N. J., and there we were all split up and sent to different companies. It was at night when we got there and I didn't know anyone, but in a few minutes I went over to the mess hall and met the mess sergeant, and he was then my best friend in sight.

"I had to get up early the morning after getting to Fort Dix and go over and get an exam, and a shot or two. This was a new outfit and I didn't think that I was going to like it much, but after I got used to it, I like it fine.

"We have now landed safely in England and I like it fine over here. I have been on a few passes and have met a few of the British girls and they are pretty fine girls, but not as good as the girls back there in good old Martin County, and they never will be.

"The British were hard to understand when we first got here, but I am about used to them now, and their talk isn't as bad as I once thought it to be. The British really speak the English language, but we don't.

"Well, this is about all I have to say to all you folks, so stick together and maybe most of us boys will be coming home soon.

I often read other papers from other parts of the world, and from over here too, but The Enterprise is

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J. N. Robbins New Revenue Collector

J. N. Robbins, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for Martin, Bertie and Chowan Counties, is replacing Mr. Phillip Woodley, who has resigned from the bureau to go into business. Mr. Robbins is living in Windsor, and will be in the Bertie County Court House every Saturday from 8:30 to 5:15. He will be in the Williamston post office every Friday from 8:30 to 2 o'clock and in the Edenton post office building, basement floor, in Edenton, each Monday from 8:30 to 2 p. m., to assist taxpayers with Federal returns. Deputy Robbins' mailing address is Box 112, Windsor, N. C.

Young Soldier Hurt In Fall From Auto

Pvt. Joseph F. Doherty, young Brooklyn soldier and a member of the guard at the local prisoner of war camp, was dangerously but believed not critically hurt when he fell from the running board of an automobile on East Main Street here while returning to his station at 5:50 o'clock last Saturday morning. Suffering a fracture of the skull, he was rendered unconscious, but partially recovered before reaching a Washington hospital, it was said. The local institution was filled to capacity, it was explained. Removed to the Camp Butner Army Hospital yesterday, the young man was said to be getting along very well this morning, and his recovery is expected. He will be a patient in the hospital for some time, however.

Pvt. Doherty was married to Mrs. Lucille Ramey Dail, local young woman in Washington last Friday.

In an automobile accident late last Friday night near Bear Grass, several colored persons, two men and a woman, were slightly hurt. Their names could not be learned and few details of the accident were available. It was stated that the car, traveling at a rapid speed, was unable to negotiate a curve on the Bear Grass-Greenville Road, that it ran into a ditch and turned over. The auto belonged to a car dealer in Greenville.

Announce Finals In School At Oak City

On Tuesday night at 8:30, May 9th, Mrs. J. B. Bowers will present her music pupils in a recital with the program as follows: Piano and vocal solos, musical recitations, ballet and tap dancing, 2nd grade orchestra with Hazel Etheridge accompanist and dances accompanied by Gladys Mizelle.

On Thursday night May 11th the Ruritan Club of Oak City will entertain the Seniors of Oak City School at a barbecue supper. There will be a guest speaker to be announced later.

Sunday May 21st at 3:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville will preach the annual sermon in the school auditorium.

Thursday May 25th at 8:30 P. M. the seniors will give their class exercises and receive their diplomas.

Cast for Operetta In School Thursday

"Patience or Bunthorne's Bride" will be presented by students of the Williamston High School Thursday, May 11 at 8:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium. The cast of the famous operetta includes a chorus of sixteen girls as Raptuous Maidens, a chorus of sixteen boys as Dragoon Guards, and eleven principals as follows:

- Reginald Bunthorne, Joe Wynne;
- Archibald Grosvenor, Hal Dickens;
- Colonel Calverly, Billy Myers;
- Major Murgatroyd, J. D. Lilley;
- Lieutenant the Duke Donstable, Al Ward;
- Mr. Bunthorne's Solicitor, Fred Wheeler;
- Patience, a dairymaid, Alberts Swain;
- The Lady Angela, Frances Jarman;
- The Lady Saphir, Angela McLawhorn;
- The Lady Ella, Louise Griffin;
- The Lady Jane, Eliza Daniels.

Costumes for the presentation of the famous operetta were received yesterday morning from a Boston costumer and rehearsals are now in progress.

"Patience" is one of the better known Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, and Thursday night's production promises to exceed last year's presentation of H. M. S. Pinafore in music appeal and interest. The story is that of the rivalry of two poetic fanatics and their antics are calculated to provoke much laughter.

The students and directors have given every care to preparations for the presentation, and it is expected that a large crowd will be present.

Big Crowd Attends Jamesville Picture

A large crowd gathered in the Jamesville auditorium Friday night to see "The Battle of Russia," in a movie. The picture was interesting and well received by the community.

Before the picture was shown, Mr. David Harrison opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Charles Davenport then introduced S. Sgt. C. G. Lehner of the Norfolk Fighter Wing, who talked about the importance of maintaining the Wednesday afternoon watches from 1 to 5 p. m. His remarks in regard to the Jamesville post and its observers were very complimentary.

After making a few remarks in regard to Russia and its people, he was assisted by Pvt. Buck in showing the picture.