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Allied Armies Start All-Out Drive On The Italian Front

Shattering Blows Landed On Coastal Installations And Rail Centers

A mighty offensive, dove-tailing with the over-all invasion plan, was launched on the Italian fronts at midnight last night, first reports reaching here stating that the first objectives had been reached. Apparently designed to open the roads to Rome, the drive by the American Fifth and British Eighth Armies, including French, Polish and New Zealand soldiers, was described as the greatest and most powerful of any in the Italian campaign.

At 11 o'clock last night, the Allies laid down one of the greatest artillery barrages ever recorded in history. An hour later the troops started moving up, the first meager reports on the mighty drive merely stating that the first objectives had been reached as dawn broke this morning. The American forces were sweeping around the enemy along the Tyrrhenian Sea, and the British forces were reported pushing into the open valleys farther to the west.

The drive, planned and prepared on a large and sustaining scale, struck to the center of German invasion jitters, the enemy-controlled radio stating that the invasion was underway. The actual invasion, to be sure, has not started, but the power displayed by the Allies in Italy was so great that the Germans felt certain the inevitable had struck.

The Italian drive was certainly more impressive when the Allied air offensive roared into its 28th day. Following shattering blows dealt enemy railroad centers in Belgium and France yesterday and last night, Allied raiders were reported crossing the Channel coast today in an almost unbroken stream. Plastering fell, windows were broken and tile slipped from the roof of English homes across the Channel, the pounding across the way was so great. The sky was literally throbbing with planes. There is little wonder that the enemy radio cried invasion.

On the Eastern Front where the Russians are marking time to coordinate what is expected to be a great offensive, the Germans yesterday launched a strong attack against the Red Army bridgehead on the west bank of the Dniester River, a short distance above Tiraspol. The attacks were hurled back, and they cost the enemy an estimated 4,000 men and a large number of tanks.

Reports still maintain that the Russians are massing millions of men and vast quantities of material for a drive on the Eastern Front when the invasion is launched in the West.

Over in India and Burma where the Allies and enemy are both working to establish their positions before the rains set in, the fighting is going in favor of the Allies. In China, the Japs have succeeded in linking their northern and southern forces, but the rail route is not built for heavy traffic and the gain does not mean so much after all.

In the Pacific area, the Allies continue their air attacks against strategic enemy bases, and one report states that plans are being made in the Aleutians for an attack on Japan proper.

In this country, men over 30 years of age have been ruled out by the draft, and calls for men, 26 to 30, have been delayed for a few months.

Twenty-One Youths Register Last Month

Becoming eighteen years of age, twenty-one Martin County youths, six white and fifteen colored, registered for the draft in this county last month.

Their names and addresses follow:

- Mack Luther Peel, Jr., w, Williamston and Buies Creek.
- Willie David Rickerson, c, Robersonville.
- Willie Herbert Whitfield, c, RFD 3, Williamston.
- West Harris, c, RFD 1, Oak City.
- Paul Lawrence Slade, c, Williamston.
- Robert Latham, c, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Thurman Lee Raynor, w, Williamston.
- Lee Williams, c, Everetts.
- Leo Reddick, c, RFD 1, Williams-ton.
- King Edward Cratt, w, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Lester Augustus Chance, c, RFD 2, Robersonville.
- Milton Baines, c, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- Lloyd Saunders Hardison, w, RFD 1, Williamston.
- Walter Thompson, c, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Gray Garland Bunting, w, Oak City.
- Arber Lee Fields, c, RFD 1, Palmyra.
- Alvah Pierce, c, RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Wiley Benjamin Bunting, w, Hobgood.
- Willie Lee Rogers, c, Parmele.
- Elijah Dixon, c, RFD 2, Robersonville.
- David Lee Parker, c, RFD 2, Robersonville.

County Land Tax Sale Smallest in Many Years

Only 221 Delinquent Accounts Advertised For Sale On June 5th

Total of \$2,270.88 Reported Unpaid on Real Estate As of May 10

Martin County today is advertising its delinquent tax list, the collector, M. Luther Peel, pointing out that the number of unpaid accounts is the smallest in a quarter of a century, and that the unpaid amounts have reached a new low point. The list, while showing some real property owners still struggling along financially, reflects unusually healthy conditions on the money front, as a whole.

As of May 10, there were 210 unpaid accounts representing only \$2,270.88 in unpaid taxes on real estate. These figures can be better appreciated when one remembers those recorded just before Roosevelt went to Washington. At that time there were nearly 1,000 unpaid accounts and one-fourth of the tax levy that year or nearly \$52,000 remained uncollected. The delinquent list was not advertised until November that year.

Starting out with a levy of \$200,015.74, the collector has reduced the amount to \$8,486.21—\$6,215.33 in unpaid personal property taxes and \$2,270.88 due on real estate.

Many of the accounts are small and are traceable in many instances to estates, those in charge possibly having overlooked the obligations. The number of unpaid accounts and amounts still due for the tax year 1943-44 are compared with those for the previous year, as follows:

	Number of Delinquents	
	1942	1943
Jamesville	45	37
Williams	16	11
Griffins	5	3
Bear Grass	3	3
Williamston	60	50
Cross Roads	13	10
Robersonville	73	57
Poplar Point	2	0
Hamilton	29	21
Goose Nest	33	29
	279	221

	Unpaid Amounts	
	1942	1943
Jamesville	\$ 441.64	\$ 241.60
Williams	129.44	82.01
Griffins	47.95	73.36
Bear Grass	24.91	19.94
Williamston	689.59	417.41
Cross Roads	173.78	58.06
Robersonville	991.73	519.67
Poplar Point	30.07	0
Hamilton	764.07	291.04
Goose Nest	846.36	567.79
	\$4139.53	\$2270.88

It is likely that many will pay the accounts before the sale on June 5.

Mystery Surrounds Assault Case Here

The assault with a deadly weapon directed against James Willis Lloyd, local colored man last Saturday night remains unsolved, possibly because witnesses and parties involved refuse to talk. In a wide open gathering center for large numbers of the colored population, James Willis Lloyd was shot through the thigh that night. The case was virtually removed from the records this week when the victim and Willie James Rogers were fined \$2 each and taxed with \$5.50 costs for alleged disorderly conduct.

Other defendants in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here this week include the following: Dalton Carroway, charged with simple assault, was required to pay \$5.50 costs. Charged with disorderly conduct, Ella Stokes and Eloise Wiggins were each taxed \$5.50 costs. Clyde Silverthorne, making about his third appearance before his honor in as many weeks for alleged disorderly conduct, was directed to pay \$5.50 costs.

D. D. Hill, charged with simple assault, was sentenced to jail, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of \$6.15 costs. Robert Everett, colored, was required to pay \$6.50 costs in the case charging him with simple assault.

Former Coach Here Asks About His Boys

James E. "Frosty" Peters, former coach in the local high school, said in part: "I have been thinking about the boys that played for me on the Williamston High School 'Green Wave' football team of 1933, '34, '35. I expect most of them are in the service now, and I am sure The Enterprise carries something about them from time to time. "I am interested in the boys because I want to know what one of the grandest bunch of boys I have ever known are doing for themselves and the world. I think the people there will agree with me as the boys' record will speak for itself." Since leaving Williamston, Coach Peters worked in Burlington High School, Marshall Field Co., Leaksville, Andrew Lewis High School at Salem, Va., and completed his master's degree at VPI. He is now assistant superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of Virginia at Salem, but he plans to enter the service soon.

REGISTRATION

Tomorrow is the last day for potential voters to register for the May 27 primary election in this county. Those persons who attained their 21st birthday since the last election or those who will have reached that milestone on or before the last day of next November and who have not registered should get their names on the books in their respective precincts before Saturday, May 17, at 6 o'clock p. m. Persons who have moved into the State and have a year's residence should also register along with those who have moved from one precinct to another and have maintained residence in their new location for four months. Persons who previously participated in a general election will not have to register again to vote in the approaching primary.

The registration, while showing added interest during the past few days, continues unusually small in this county.

Body Of Man Found In The River Near Here Last Monday

Stanley Outlaw Believed To Have Been Murdered Last November

A man's body, said to have been in an extremely advanced state of decomposition, was removed from the Roanoke River here last Tuesday afternoon, unofficial reports stating that the discovery furnished a missing clue in a five-months-old murder case over in Bertie County.

The body with much of the flesh missing, was found about two miles up the river last Monday by Dink Hardison, fisherman. He anchored the body near that point and reported to officers, Goodwin Byrd, Bertie coroner, coming here Tuesday to conduct an inquest. State Bureau of Investigation agents were also called, but their findings have not been officially learned.

According to information gained here, the body was that of Stanley Outlaw, 73-year-old colored man who lived in Indianwoods over in Bertie County and who had been missing since about the 27th of last November. According to one report identity was definitely established, and there was some evidence that the man had been corded and possibly weighted and dumped into the river while alive.

Reports reaching here stated that the old man's granddaughter was living with him, that a young Negro whose name could not be learned immediately visited the Outlaw home about a mile from the river against Outlaw's wishes. Returning home on or about November 27, Outlaw found the young man there, and they went to the woodpile for a talk. The granddaughter is said to have told officers that she saw the young man hit her grandfather, that he did not kill him. Going away for a short time, the young man returned in an automobile, packed the old man in the car and hauled him away. He had not been seen or heard from since.

Japanese Submarine Seen Here Thursday

Making a brief stop on South Houghton Street here a midsize Japanese submarine was viewed and examined by a large crowd yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. The driver of the large tractor-trailer truck carrying the sub stopped long enough to get a cup of coffee before continuing the trip to Plymouth and Edenton.

Captured about the time the yellow Jap scoundrels raided Pearl Harbor, the submarine was brought to this country and is being displayed from one end of the nation to the other. Manned by only two men, the sub weighs forty tons and is 81 feet long. Hardly large enough for a man of medium height to stand upright in, the sub has double propellers, conning tower. Most of the machinery has been removed, wooden replicas taking its place while two wax figures resembling Japs hold their stations at the periscope and machine controls.

FISHING

The season for hook and line fishing in inland waters will not open until Saturday of next week, May 20, it was announced by County Game Warden Bill Abbott.

Ordinarily the season opens on May 10, but the opening was delayed this year because fishing was permitted up to and through the Easter season this year, it was explained. Thinking the season opened on May 10, some few sportsmen were seen going to the creeks and other small streams during the past day or two.

More Men Report For Pre-Induction Exams

Call Yesterday Largest Answered In County So Far

Draft Draws Heavily from the Colored Ranks on County's Farms

In answer to one of the largest pre-induction draft calls ever received in this county, more than one hundred colored men, literally packed into two trailer busses, left yesterday for preliminary examinations at Fort Bragg. According to an unofficial count, 105 men were in the contingent, one report stating that four others had been transferred to other boards and that about ten failed to report. "We are turning the names of the delinquents over to the FBI for action," Board Clerk O. S. Anderson said.

The call drew heavily from the farm registrant group, about 92 of the number coming from the farms. With about two exceptions, all the men were under 26 years of age. One registrant was only seventeen days too young to miss the call. Another registrant was delinquent and was called even though he is over 26 years of age, and still another registrant had left the farm and was included in the call.

Forty-nine of the men are married and they leave sixty children at home. Names of the men called, their registration and latest addresses follow: James Arthur Grimes, Robersonville and Baltimore.

George Cleveland Brinkley, Robersonville and RFD 1, Littleton. George Howard, RFD 1, Robersonville and RFD 1, Bethel. Manuel Ralph Wilson, RFD 2, Robersonville. Daniel Slade, Robersonville. Emmett O'Neal Thomas, Williamston and Norfolk.

William Henry Daniel, Jamesville and Williamston. Stephen Griffin, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston. Frank Art Williams, Williamston and Norfolk. Moses Herbert Chavis, Jamesville. William T. Williams, Williamston. Andrew Walker, RFD 2, Williamston and RFD 2, Elizabeth City. Oscar Paul Cherry, Hamilton. Willie Floyd Scott, Robersonville. Hubert Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston. William Ewell, RFD 3, Williams-ton.

Larry Thomas Ruffin, Robersonville. Albert Williams, Everetts. John Abner Stokes, RFD 1, Robersonville. John D. Daniel, RFD 2, Williamston. Lewis Henry Frazier, RFD 1, Jamesville. Robert Lanster, RFD 1, Robersonville and RFD 1, Oak City. Eddie Sanders Clemmons, RFD 3, Washington, N. C. Wheeler Men Latham, RFD 3, Williamston. George Richardson, RFD 1, Robersonville. Melton People, RFD 2, Robersonville. Zollie Brinkley, RFD, Robersonville. Richard Benjamin Jones, RFD 1, Oak City. Alfonsa Slade, RFD 1, Robersonville. Chester Peele, RFD 1, Jamesville. John Wesley Dunn, RFD, Robersonville. Nathaniel Broaden, RFD, Robersonville. Harry Best, RFD 1, Oak City. James Roy Moore, RFD 1, Williamston. Michael Boston, RFD 1, Jamesville. Willie Odell Williams, RFD 1, Palmyra and Scotland Neck. Alexander Wynn, Hassell. Wilson Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston. Thurston Spruill, RFD 1, Palmyra. George Edward Williams, Williamston. Abe Purrington, RFD 3, Williamston. J. Roper. Autlander Purvis, RFD 3, Williamston. Abraham Cordon, RFD 1, Jamesville. Alvin Darphy Windley, Jamesville and Norfolk. LeRoy Broddy, RFD 2, Robersonville. Jeremiah Wallace, RFD 2, Robersonville. Jeremiah Wallace, Everetts.

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Judge Calvin Smith Calls Fifteen Cases In Recorder's Court

Tribunal In Session Until Noon Clearing Unusually Large Docket

The Martin County Recorder's Court was in session until the noon hour last Monday clearing the unusually large docket. Judge J. Calvin Smith called fifteen cases during the session which was featured by the case charging a defendant for a second time with drunken driving. A fairly sizable crowd was present for the proceedings.

The case charging John D. Daniels with non-support was not pressed with leave. Lollie Williams, charged with drunken driving, failed to answer when called in open court, and papers were issued for his arrest. The case charging Turner Ward with non-support was not pressed. Charged with violating the health laws, Mary Jane Jones was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the court suspending the term upon the condition that she pay the costs and meet certain health requirements.

The case charging Linwood Baker with non-support was not pressed. The case charging William Jenkins with violating the health laws was continued until May 22. In the case charging LaSalle Andrews and Russell Armstrong with the theft of corn syrup from Merchant Eli Bowen, both defendants pleaded not guilty. Armstrong was adjudged not guilty, and Andrews, found guilty, was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the costs. It was stipulated in the judgment that Andrews is to remain regularly employed and that he is to have no intoxicating liquors in his possession.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Baker Council pleaded guilty of illegal whiskey in his possession, and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant is to be regularly employed and have no intoxicating liquors in his possession. He is to serve two days in jail, beginning on Saturday of this week.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Charles Carson with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Charlie James Kincaid was found not guilty in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Woodrow Ipoeks was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

In the case charging Reginald Chesson with an assault, the defendant pleaded guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued until the second Monday in November, 1944, upon the immediate payment of the court costs. Facing the court for a second time for alleged drunken driving, Levi Wilkins was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. His license to drive a motor vehicle was revoked for one year. The case charging Oscar Williams with non-support was called for further hearing, and when it appeared to the court that the defendant had not complied with a former judgment, he was sentenced to the roads.

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Mrs. Mollie E. Harris Passes In Hospital Thursday Afternoon

Funeral Services Are Being Conducted Here This Afternoon

Mrs. Mollie Elizabeth Harris, widow of Reuben H. Harris, died in a Raleigh hospital yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock following many years of ill health. Her condition had been critical since she suffered a stroke about a month ago, the end following a second stroke suffered early yesterday. The victim of infantile paralysis when she was quite young, Mrs. Harris never fully recovered, her health breaking nearly thirty years ago.

The daughter of the late Simon S. and Mary Woolard Perry, she was born in Bear Grass Township 72 years ago. After attending the schools in her home community, she studied under the late Professor M. Whorter in Bethel and later went to school in Greenville. Interested in the youth of her community and section, she applied for and received her teacher's certificate from the late Rev. Thos. Houghton, a member of the Martin County Board of Education, and held her first school at Lilly's Hall in Griffins Township in 1892. She later taught at Biggs School in this Township. She is remembered by her pupils as a lovable character and one who was deeply interested in their welfare.

After teaching several years, she was married to Mr. Harris and continued to make her home in Bear Grass for some time. Employed by the old Martin County Good Roads Association, her husband built a home and moved to Williamston where she is remembered as a good neighbor. Mrs. Harris was a member of the local Methodist church for many years, and although her health made it impossible for her to attend, she faithfully maintained her membership.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Geo. Roberson of Griffins Township and Mrs. E. W. Garrett, of Lenox, Ga., and four brothers, W. A. Ben F., and R. L. Perry, all of Williamston, and Dr. S. B. Perry, of Hopewell, Va.

Funeral services are being conducted at the Biggs Funeral Home here this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. B. T. Hurley, assisted by Rev. John L. Goff. Interment will follow in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Jamesville Youth Writes From India

Writing from somewhere in India where he has been stationed for some time, Sgt. Edward S. Brown, of Jamesville, stated that he had met John B. Roberson from Williamston on April 28th. It is assumed that it was a happy meeting, but the sergeant said, "This is a small world, after all."

The young man, one of five brothers now in the service, had little to say about himself, but he was apparently impressed with the several verses centering around the "Draft Dodger." The poem's author unknown, has been published here previously, but it will be run again soon at the special request of Sgt. Brown.

The sons of Mrs. Dare Brown, of Jamesville, Carroll, Jimmy, Howard, Tommie and Edward are serving either in the Army or Navy, and a sixth one, Elwood, is in the 18-26 age group. It is believed that comparatively few Martin County men are in the Indian war theater. Very little has been heard from the men in that area, at least. Dr. E. W. Furguson, former head of the health department in this county, spent some time in the distant country, but he returned months ago. It was intimated that life there is a bit raw and rough, but that the boys were getting along very well.

To Present "Hansel And Gretel" Soon

"Hansel and Gretel," adapted from the opera of E. Humperdinck and A. Wetze, by Bertha El Smith, will be presented by the pupils of the Elementary school Friday evening, May 19th, in the high school auditorium. The Junior Glee Club, composed of pupils from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, will render the choral music, and the Grammar School Glee Club will furnish the cast and group numbers.

The student cast of five principal characters is being moulded into the realistic characters found in the opera. This is a small world, after all. The young man, one of five brothers now in the service, had little to say about himself, but he was apparently impressed with the several verses centering around the "Draft Dodger." The poem's author unknown, has been published here previously, but it will be run again soon at the special request of Sgt. Brown.

The presentation of "Hansel and Gretel" will be the second student opera to be presented this season. Proceeds from the high school opera "Patience" presented last evening and from the coming presentation will be used to purchase music and records for music work in the local schools.

Local Library Reports Several New Sponsors

Response to the letters sent the friends of the Williamston Public Library is very encouraging. To date there have been eighteen new givers to the library. There is still need for additional help in order that the library might grow in service. Many new titles are coming in and will be furnished for publication within the next few days. Support your library.