

Smith and Griffin Win Close County Contest

Coltraine, Hampton And Daniel Win in Primary Saturday

Cherry for Governor and Hoey for U. S. Senate Win by Big Margins

Martin County and North Carolina virtually reached a political understanding last Saturday when candidates were nominated for various county, district and state offices. Of course, the nominees will have to go through the general election next November but that has long been recognized as a matter of form.

Possibly there were no big upsets, but the primary voting brought its surprises in the form of close county contests and the overwhelming victory scored by Clyde Hoey over the venerable Cameron Morrison. The dark feature about the primary election centers around the small vote cast and the absence of servicemen's ballots.

On the county ticket, Clarence W. Griffin for the State House of Representatives, J. C. Smith for judge of the recorder's court, and Joshua L. Coltraine for county commissioner in the Jamesville-Williams District, won, the first two by "uncomfortable" margins. Polling 1,226 votes, Griffin won over J. R. Winslow by a 77-count. Smith retained his bench seat when he polled 1,117. Coltraine led the county ticket with 1,356 votes to win over Chas. G. Gurkin who polled 833 votes. In the second district race for the State Senate, Roy Hampton, of Plymouth, led with 1,240 votes, Z. Vance Norman, also of Plymouth, running second with 1,019 and E. A. Daniel, of Washington, third with 849 votes. Incomplete returns from the six other counties in the senatorial district show that Daniel and Hampton won out over Norman.

With more than 1,700 of the State's 1,921 precincts reporting, Gregg Cherry is leading Ralph McDonald 176,087 to 128,401. Boyd taking a mere 1,636. About the same number of precincts gave, Hoey 196,281; Morrison, 74,842; Ritch, 5,986; Simmon, 3,191, and Newton, 1,954 votes in the race for the United States Senate.

Wide marginal victories were scored by L. Y. Ballentine, of Varina, for lieutenant governor, Secretary of State Thad Eure, Treasurer Charles M. Johnson and Auditor George Ross Pou. Johnson led the ticket in this county where substantial margins were given Eure, Ballentine and Pou.

In the gubernatorial race, Cherry carried about 70 counties, the margin of victory in some being only a few votes. Mr. Morrison carried only three counties, Martin, Richmond and Swain in the U. S. Senatorial contest.

lace and Worth led the ticket, the first with three votes for lieutenant governor and the second with four votes for State treasurer. The Republicans cast only six votes while the Democrats, falling 772 below the 1942 total, were casting 2,443 votes.

Hassell held the spotlight when it went solid for McDonald.

Plans Go Forward For Opening USO

The local USO committee is anxiously awaiting the coming of the workers to sand and finish the Hut floor. Also to add lights, windows, snack bar and other improvements to the main floor. Rev. John L. Goff reported today that they had been able to purchase a water-tank heater and that shower baths would now be installed, so that service men could refresh themselves while waiting their buses. Too, swim trunks will be provided service men for swimming in the Municipal Pool when it opens. In order to increase this excellent service for men in uniform, the USO will have to have much better cooperation from the War Mothers in Williamston. Any War Mother who will assist in operating the Service Center is asked to drop Mr. Goff, Mrs. W. O. Griffin or Mrs. Frank Weston a card stating the day and the time she can work as a Senior Hostess. Do this today, for the future support of the parent organization is dependent upon the variety and quality of service. Williamston War Mothers and friends of the boys in service, now is the time to make other mother's sons happy while they pass this way.

Return Applications For Fuel Oil Rations Now

Local War Price and Rationing Boards are now mailing out next season's fuel rationing re-application forms to all consumers, Theodore S. Johnson, district director of the Raleigh Office of Price Administration, has announced.

The sooner these applications are returned to the local boards, the sooner the boards can begin issuing fuel oil coupons, Johnson said.

General Mark Clark Is Predicting Fall Of Rome in Short Time

Fierce Resistance Is Offered By Germans; Air Attacks Continue Unabated

In a Memorial Day address in Italy today, General Mark Clark predicted that the American Fifth Army, spearheaded by the 87th and 88th Divisions, would be in Rome before many more days had passed. The two Divisions were reported today to be within sixteen miles of the Eternal City while some fighting is going on within fifteen miles of the psychological goal.

The prediction was made in the face of stubborn resistance and fanatical fighting, late reports stating that the Germans had thrown every available man and weapon into the desperate fight in an effort to stem the sweeping Allied tide and save the Nazi 10th Army from falling into a death trap at Valmontone.

American tanks and planes began a systematic destruction of Velletri, 18 miles southeast of Rome and 10 miles southwest of Valmontone, as the Germans turned the town into another Cassino in an effort to hold the mountainous base of their line.

Another American column drove within a mile of Valmontone itself in an extension of the Ardena salient, pocketing large groups of Germans who fought on to their death as snipers or saboteurs.

The British Eighth Army, rushing up from the southeast in a five-mile gain today, drove within 30 miles of the Velletri-Valmontone front along the Via Casilina and to the north reached Arce, cutting the enemy's alternate escape road through Alatri.

Three German divisions—30,000 to 45,000 men—were written off as virtually destroyed but Field Marshal Albert Kesselring dipped into his reserves north of Rome for more men to hurl into the advancing Allied vortex.

Parachutists fanatically resisted the Eighth Army's advance but were being crowded, along with the 10th Army remnants they were assigned to protect, into the pocket funneling through Valmontone.

On the broad, swinging front at the base of the Alban hills, the Germans were countering with flame-throwers, giant Mark VI "Tigers" and remote-controlled "beetle" tanks the closest approach to Rome since the original Anzio landings last January 22nd.

While the Allied land armies move in on Rome, the combined air forces continue their devastating raids on enemy targets. Yesterday, one of the largest American aerial task forces to go into action so far blasted plants in Poland, Germany and Austria, and disrupted communications in France and Belgium. One hundred enemy craft were shot down and the raids cost the Allies 45 planes. The raid yesterday followed a fierce one the day before.

In the Pacific area, Truk has been bombed again, and in northern Burma.

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TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

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

OWI Reports Ga Food Situation

Although farm population of the United States is four million less than during the last war, American farmers produce 47 per cent more food in 1943 than in 1918, the Office of War Information said in reporting need for four million volunteer farm workers until after harvest this year. Comparing this year with last; apples, peaches, pears and cherries will be more plentiful; slightly less fluid milk and cream will be consumed; less chicken will be available; eggs will continue plentiful. Other highlights: wartime increases of income and food have enabled millions of Americans to increase their diets; rationing will be needed until the war is won; current point-free meats will remain reasonably plentiful, with some cuts of better grades less plentiful; the present point holiday on canned vegetables is only temporary and on some meats may be temporary; the 1943-44 citrus fruit production will be 10 per cent higher than last year; the last half of 1944 will show less butter and lard, but more margarine, shortening and vegetable oils than during the first half; sugar supply is adequate but no increase in household allotments is in sight this year. For nutritional reasons, the report recommends home production of Vitamin C-rich foods, such as tomatoes and consumption of milk, meat and enriched cereals as sources of riboflavin and niacin.

Weather Stripping For Homes

Weather stripping felt and the wood to keep stripping rigid will be in good supply at retail stores, the War Production Board said. A fair amount of zinc for stripping double

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Plans For Fifth War Loan Drive Are Advanced For Counties In This Area at Meeting on Sunday

Local Seniors Hold Closing Exercises Last Friday Night

Graduating Class Is Smallest In Years; Awards Are Announced

Successfully completing eleven years of work in the local schools, twenty-two young men and women were graduated in the high school auditorium last Friday evening, the seniors arranging and handling the program for the most part without help.

Following several numbers offered by the members of Miss Kathryn Mewborn's glee club, the comparatively small group of visitors were welcomed by David Roberson, salutatorian. Several short papers were read, Miss Jane Goff choosing for her subject, "What It Means To Be Great." Maurice Moore, Jr., discussed "Science and the Future," and Joseph E. Wynne, the valedictorian, spoke on "The Freedom We Defend." All of the topics were timely and were ably handled by the young graduates.

Diplomas were presented to the graduates by their home teacher, Miss Doris Leach, and the awards were announced by J. C. Manning, superintendent of county schools. The Junior Woman's club cup was

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LOSES LIFE



Ensign William Edward Ballard, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Ballard, of Williamston, was fatally injured in a plane crash in Texas last week. Funeral services will be held here Thursday.

Martin County Has Quota Of \$856,000 To Raise In Drive

Impressive Plea Is Made by State Chairman For All-out Support

Meeting in the George Reynolds Hotel here for four hours last Sunday, forty-one bankers, newspaper representatives and State and regional directors mapped plans for the Fifth War Loan Drive scheduled to get underway in Region I and throughout the entire nation on June 12. Acting as the group's gracious host, Mr. Billie Woolard, regional chairman from Greenville, outlined the serious business before the meeting, and introduced State Chairman Lineback, who frankly discussed the need for an increased support of the war program by everyone on the home front and pointed out that more and greater sacrifices must be made.

The State Director offered a clear picture of the war financing program and stressed the growing need for individuals to participate in the program. He explained that last year, 87 billions of dollars were raised through the sale of securities, that 35 billion were purchased by individuals and the remainder by banks and insurance companies. During the period, the national income was 150 billion dollars, of which 95 billion were spent for consumer goods, rents and various other items. The surplus should be invested in war bonds, he pleaded, and it has been pointed out that the people of the nation will do well to start sacrificing after an honest-to-goodness fashion if we on the home front are to handle the small task expected of us.

The chairman explained that in the first bond drive, individuals bought only 12 percent of the total. The figure was increased to 18 in the second, and to 28 in the third. During the Fourth Bond Drive, individuals bought nearly one-third of the issue.

Of the 57 billion needed to finance the war in 1944, individuals are being asked to invest 32 billion. Twelve billion are expected from increased corporate reserves and state and local governments are expected to purchase seven billion dollars worth. It was declared by Mr. Lineback that 96 cents of every dollar raised goes into the war, that most of the bonds sold in the first four drives are still in the hands of the original owners. Less than eight percent of the investments have changed hands.

After going into all details about the program and the urgent need for putting the drive across, the State Chairman showed a picture of the terrible and bloody fight when the Americans took Rendova Island and the Munda airfield in the Southwest Pacific. The picture showed the sacrifices American servicemen are

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Accept Twenty-One Out Of Fifty-Three Men Answering Call

Sixteen of Group Accepted by Army For General Service

Of the approximately fifty-three Martin County white men answering the May 19 call for pre-induction examinations at an Army induction center, twenty-one were accepted. Sixteen were chosen for general service in the Army and five were lined up for service in the Navy, according to an official audit coming from the local draft board office.

While most of the men accepted by the services came from the farm, more men in non-farm work passed the physical exams in proportion to the total number reporting, it was said.

Certificates of physical fitness had not been mailed up until yesterday to the men passing the examination, meaning that they will not be called within the next twenty-one days, at least. In some cases, men accepted

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Local Youth Is Fatally Injured in Plane Crash

Will Hold Services For Wm. E. Ballard Thursday Afternoon

Young Man Died in Hospital Early Last Saturday Morning

Ensign William Edward Ballard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ballard of Williamston, died in a Navy hospital at Corpus Christi, Texas, at 4:45 o'clock last Saturday morning of injuries received in an airplane crash there two days before. Details of the accident could not be learned here, but it was stated that the young man, an instructor in the air force, never regained consciousness, and that his student pilot was killed instantly.

Ensign Ballard is the nineteenth Martin County man to make the supreme sacrifice for his country.

Born in Williamston 21 years ago the 27th of last September, Bill attended the local schools where he was popular among his classmates. Following his graduation here in 1939, he attended Wake Forest College one year, and studied diesel engineering at State College, Raleigh, for one term. He then entered the war industry at Newport News, and while working there he asked for his release and joined the air corps, entering the service on November 9, 1942. Following his basic training at Salem College, Roanoke, Va., he studied at Waynesboro, Va., and Athens, Ga., later going to Memphis, Tenn., Corpus Christi and Kingsville, Texas. He was commissioned an en-

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

A fitting and timely tribute was paid to the memories of Martin County's war dead in a special memorial service held in the Baptist Church here last Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. A small crowd, including eight or ten World War I veterans, were present.

The several ministers of the town and representatives of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion participated in the service. Dr. W. R. Burrell delivering the memorial address.

No complete list of the dead from the county in the current war was read, the service having been planned in keeping with the general observance of Memorial Day today.

CONTRIBUTION

The contribution of North Carolina in building the Army of the United States to nearly 7,500,000 officers and enlisted men and women is 181,692, as of January 1, 1944. Headquarters Fourth Service Command revealed today.

This included 170,300 men and 2,392 women. The total strength of North Carolina in the Army on January 1, 1944, was given at 161,000 men and 1,733 women, while 31,805 men and 676 women have been separated from the service by discharge or other means.

The total number given as entering the service does not include personnel who entered prior to November 1, 1940.

Local Girl Wins Literary Contest

Miss Katherine Manning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Manning, won first prize in the Salem College annual Literary Contest recently, it was announced in the May 12th issue of the Salemite, college newspaper. The first prize was \$25 cash.

Announcing the winners during a recent assembly, Miss Grace Siewers said, "The Literary Contest was judged according to variety, possibilities as a nucleus for a permanent personal library, and on general make-up."

Miss Manning is being graduated by the college next Monday.

Negro High School Ends Term Friday

Holding the first in its series of commencement exercises last Sunday evening, the local Negro High School will end a very successful term on Friday night of this week when diplomas are presented to 21 graduates and certificates are awarded to nine pupils, Principal E. J. Hayes announced.

Rev. S. N. Griffith, rector St. John Evangelist Church, Edenton, preached the commencement sermon Sunday, and yesterday the Gold Medal and Silver Medal contests were held.

Tomorrow, friends of the school are invited to inspect the industrial exhibits, and Thursday, the high school will present the play, "We Couldn't Marry Five." The graduation exercises will be held Friday at 8 p. m.

Prisoners of War Doing Good Work

According to indirect reports reaching here, German prisoners of war stationed at the Williamston camp are doing an efficient and good work on the farms in this section. Approximately 100 of the prisoners are being assigned to farm tasks at the present time, but it is possible that the number to be made available in the future will be increased, especially during Irish potato digging.

J. C. Johnson, Bertie County farmer, employing twenty of the men, is said to have transplanted sweet potato plants on about eight acres last Thursday and Friday. It was declared that the men did a good job, that had the farmer known he could have employed the men, he would have made plans to plant more acres to the crop.

Father Of Local Teacher Dies At Wendell Home

L. T. Britt, prominent farmer-merchant of Wendell, died at his home there last Saturday morning following an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were conducted in the Wendell Baptist Church Sunday afternoon and interment was in Oak Ridge Cemetery at St. Pauls.

Mr. Britt was the father of Miss Ruth Britt, a teacher in the local schools for the past two terms.

Unofficial Tabulation of Vote Cast in Martin County Last Saturday

The unofficial tabulation below shows the vote, by precincts, cast in the primary election vote in this county last Saturday. While the totals are subject to correction, it is fairly certain that any changes will not materially affect the contests as they were decided by the electorate. With the help and cooperation of the registrars and others, the following returns were tabulated by The Enterprise by 10 o'clock that night, and it was impossible to verify them with the official count in time for publication today.

State Senate	Representative	County Judge	Commissioner	United States Senator	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Secretary of State	State Auditor	State Treasurer																
Normal	Hampton	Daniel	Winslow	Griffin	Coburn	Smith	Coltraine	Gurkin	Morrison	Hoey	Newton	Ritch	Simmons	McDonald	Cherry	Boyd	Haistead	Ballentine	Lyda	Eure	Crawford	Pou	Hunter	Johnson	Phipps
Jamesville	Williams	Griffins	Bear Grass	Winston 1	Winston 2	Cross Roads	Rob'nville	Gold Point	Poplar Point	Hamilton	Hassell	Goose Nest	TOTALS												
111	123	64	88	145	157	79	48	189	96	91	4	1	8	149	90	0	29	137	17	151	48	124	55	162	18
31	34	22	32	41	26	46	24	24	24	30	1	0	41	28	0	9	32	5	43	8	33	12	43	4	
64	108	87	11	250	177	62	181	55	103	94	1	2	4	105	50	1	14	119	10	138	27	106	20	116	11
26	94	68	55	108	86	72	111	34	103	37	0	3	2	105	50	1	10	77	6	84	20	70	18	68	20
136	155	94	89	185	199	74	177	34	173	83	2	3	0	184	87	1	51	180	6	217	36	178	58	211	23
178	221	140	99	260	263	99	235	117	244	92	1	9	2	115	26	0	20	77	3	87	20	69	29	83	15
69	50	42	81	65	35	113	65	60	61	51	1	1	0	230	157	2	64	246	10	280	58	256	74	298	34
160	205	174	351	41	27	367	215	124	82	261	4	11	6	37	38	1	18	39	2	45	21	44	19	54	7
36	30	37	73	2	10	66	40	26	12	57	0	0	3	37	38	1	12	49	0	51	14	43	16	46	14
33	52	31	59	31	29	66	52	26	53	22	0	3	1	23	29	0	19	7	3	84	17	69	25	81	12
70	54	34	91	24	37	77	68	27	59	45	0	4	2	83	29	0	7	48	0	51	4	48	7	54	1
45	44	12	45	19	8	47	52	3	49	8	0	1	0	59	0	0	7	88	0	95	20	75	33	96	15
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1019	1240	849	1149	1226	1117	1231	1356	833	1127	936	17	51	34	1559	777	9	340	1403	75	1641	333	1393	438	1629	198