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INVASION OF FRANCE BEGUN

Invasion Of France Overshadows News From Other Fronts

Drive in Italy Recognized As Powerful Factor in **Progress of War**

The Allied invasion of France early today pushed news from other fronts into the background, but the drive in Italy is still to be recognized as a powerful factor in the progress of the war. The same holds true on other fronts in Russia, in Dalmatia, in China, on the Pacific islands and in far-away India and Burma where men are offering their lives with equal heroism in clearing the world of mad men.

While it is recognized as a great psychological victory, the fall of Rome last Sunday can be recognized as the real beginning of the end for Adolf Hitler and his henchmen. The city was found 95 per cent intact, but from the strict military sense the real damage is being inflicted upon the retreating Germans. The Allied Armies are pursuing the enemy now in disorderly retreat several miles north of Rome, the Allies having crossed the Tiber River at several points in large numbers. Allied soldiers received a great welcome when they entered the Eternal City and some were almost smothered by hugs and kisses. The main forces circled the city to follow up the retreating enemy, one report stating that only the veterans of long and hard fighting were given the choice assignment of policing Rome.

President Roosevelt, in a brief talk to the nation last evening, hailed the fall of the city, but solemnly warned of the hard job ahead. It is apparent now that the President had in mind the invasion scheduled to get underway just a few hours from that

King Victor Emmanuel abdicated, Umberto, to the Allies. The meaning of the gesture was lost in the military victory in Italy and in the launching of the invasion today. However, it is fairly certain that come the powder dust clears and the specific that the powder dust clears and the specific that the spec once the powder dust clears and the sound of shellfire ceases, the people will come forward to voice their

own beliefs and desires. • The loss of Rome was admitted by the Germans to be a severe blow

against their prestige. Slow but steady progress marks the war program in the Pacific where

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Wreck Two Stills

ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and wrecked two manufacturing plants it's all over." and poured out seventeen and onehalf gallons of monkey rum.

In Hamilton Township, the officers a 50-gallon capacity oil drum, a 10gallon doubler, 50-gallon cooler and tion. one fermenter. No beer was found. The still was on the Painbow farm.

Returning to the Williamston area, plant near the old Fate Cross place. doubler and a 50-gallon capacity cool- rifle range before going across. er, and poured out 150 gallons of molasses beer. Confiscating three 10gallon kegs and two 5-gallon demijohns and seventeen and one-half gallons of liquor, the officers brought the white monkey rum to town and poured it into the gutter in front of Mrs. Griffin's Sister the courthouse. Mr. L. C. Roberson commented on the aroma, expressing his deep regrets for the necessity of

The month of May was an unusbusiness, Officer Roebuck explain-

en stills, including a small copper outfit, were wrecked. Two persons were arrested and convicted, their fines amounting to \$50. The officers Waters of New Bern, and two brothpoured out 950 gallons of beer.

Last Saturday night, Fletcher Bullock, colored, was formally charged with illegally possessing liquor for ale. He is to be tried next Monday.

Commissioners Hold No Official Meeting Here

Unable to muster a quorum, the lo cal town authorities held no official meeting here last evening. The two members present discussed with the mayor a few problems, but no action was taken. The seriousness of the situation surrounding the collection and disposal of garbage was discussed, but the whole business was virtually forgotten for the present. Town trucks are worn out, and the present disposal system is admittedly little less than a public dis-

Turee Ward Brothers in the Service







Representing three branches of the service, three sons of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward, Jr., of RFD 1, Williamston, are carrying on in widely separated areas. Lt. Clifton E. Ward, left, was just recently commissioned by the Army Air Corps at Moore Field, Texas. He was one of fourteen out of 350 young men to average 95 or more in his courses. Pfc. Joseph Elbert Ward, center, is with the Marines in the New Hebrides, and Tech. Sgt. Gilbert Ward, right, is somewhere in New Guinea.

TAX SALES

With only one individual bidder taking part, Tax Collector M. L. Peel yesterday sold 199 parcels of land for taxes due and unpaid the county of Martin, all but one tract having been

bought in by the county itself. The sale attracted very little attention and amounted to less than \$2,000, Mr. Peel said.

As far as it could be learned the sale was the smallest reported in this county in about forty years.

but offered his son, Crown Prince County Young Man Is Wounded In Italy

Through Leg, Parents Are

Pfc. Wm. H. Capps was "slightly wounded in Italy on May 13. accord Allied forces continue a relentless ing to a message received from the drive against Jap shipping and where urday. In a letter, reaching here about the same time the War Department message was received, Young Capps stated that he had And Spill Liquor been shot through the leg, and was getting along very well in an Army Funeral Services Are Held by hospital somewhere in Italy. The letter was dated May 27.

In the letter to his mother, Capps Deputy Roy Peel dealt the illicit said, "We gave the Germans a fly liquor business a fairly heavy blow for a while and they are still on the yesterday afternoon when they run. Maybe, it won't be long before

No details were offered, but friends, remembering him as a good shot, are fairly certain that the young wrecked a crude plant equipped with man "picked off" a few of the enemy before he was forced out of ac-

that he wanted to be nothing more the officers located another crude than a first class private and that all he wanted was a rifle and plenty marrying Mr. Cullipher in 1901 and They destroyed an oil drum still of bullets. He refused several proequipped with a keg cap, 30-gallon motions, and made a record on the Capps went to Fort Dix and there he

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Miss Carolyn Waters, sister of Mrs. Clyde Griffin of Williamston, C. Cullipher who is now serving in died in a New Bern hospital last ually dull one in the enforcement Wednesday following a short illness. three daughters, Mrs. Haywood Rog-Funeral services were conducted

> her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Waters, two sisters, Mrs. Tom Spencer of Bayboro, and Miss Grace ers, H. H. Waters of Warsaw and Bill Waters, U. S. Navy.

RECORDS

Bob Taylor, with the aid of the Boy Scouts, Mr. Chas. Davenport and a few others, has collected approximately 500 pounds of old phonograph records in the county during recent weeks. The records, collected through the Martin County American Legion Post, have already been shipped to the station in New York where they will be used in making new records for the men in

the armed services. No other records will be collected in this county in the near future, it was stated.

Ask Farmers To Report Crop Measurements to Committees

With only one crop-tobacco-|ley's filling station in Cross Roads.

out penalty. Farmers are not sup- ston Townships. posed to plow up any surplus.

and Cross Roads Communities will required for the committeemen to be received on Friday only at Edmondson's store in Hassell and Mob-

under control this year, Martin Measurements will be received by County farmers are urgently re- the community committeemen on Saturday only at the "courthouse" quested to report their tobacco acre- in Hamilton and at Bullock's fillage measurements to the community ing station in Everetts. The reports committeemen in their respective will be received on both Friday and communities the latter part of this Saturday of this week at the followweek. The measurements are want- ing designated places: Cox Motor ed for each field, and it will simplify | Co., Robersonville; Sexton's store, the task if the farmers will prepare Jamesville; County House, Williams; rough sketch or drawing of each Ayers' store, Oak City; Rogers' store, Bear Grass; Manning's store, It has been pointed out that no Griffins, and the agricultural buildexcess acreage will be allowed with- ing for Poplar Point and William-

It is hoped that the farmers will Approximately five percent of make every effort to prepare this the acreage planted to the crop in needed information and make their this county will be "spot" checked, reports to their respective community committeemen on the days desig-Pfc. William H. Capps Shot Measurement reports for Hassell nated. Considerable time will be

Mrs. Lucy Cullipher County Young Man War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Capps, here last Sat- Dies At Home Near Completes Fiftieth Here Early Sunday Long-range Mission

Her Pastor Monday

Mrs. Lucy Simpson Cullipher, wife of Herbert Cullipher, died at her home between here and Everetts on U. S. Highway No. 64, at 4:35 o'clock last Sunday morning following a long period of declining health. She had been an invalid for about nine critical for several weeks.

The daughter of the Kitchin and Bragg, the young man explained Louvenia Simpson, Mrs. Cullipher was born in Bertie County 61 years ago. She spent her early life there, locating in Martin about three years later. She was a member of the Vernon Methodist Church near here Leaving Fort Bragg where he had on the old Everetts Road, and was chalked up several shooting records, forced into retirement by ill health. She was a thoughtful neighbor and a good woman.

Besides her husband she leaves six sons, Johnny S. Cullipher of Jamesville, W. T. Cullipher of Nor-Dies In New Bern Hospital folk, J. R. Cullipher of Washington, D. C., Herbert, Jr., and Clifton Cullipher of the home, and Pfc. Ervin Bible School Opens the American Expeditionary Forces;

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station here at the intersection of in the school. Haughton and Washington Streets early last Friday evening. Using a bottle, Cowan delivered a heavy blow just under the man's left eye. attack when he suggested that Cowan was drunk and should stop argu-

Emmett Thomas was also carried into court for assaulting Annie Lou He is the second Martin County followed in Woodlawn Cemetery. Brown last Thursday night, the at- man reported wounded in action in tack climaxing an argument.

October 30 with an attack on the rail yards at Hurin, Italy, Hardy ranged over targets in southern France. Italy. Austria and the Balkan, and flew his 50th mission April 29 to blast the harbor at Toulon, France. He wears the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf

15th Army Air Force-Flying

his 50th long-range bombing mis-

sion in the Mediterranean thea-

ter recently was Technical Ser-

geant Martel Hardy, 23, of RFD

2, Williamston, N. C., a Flying

Fortress engineer-gunner with

Beginning combat flying last

the 15th AAF.

Clusters. A former Martin County farmer, Hardy entered the Army Sept. 8, 1942, and won his gunner's wings May 17, 1943, at Las Vegas, Nev. He is unmarried.

A picture of Sgt. Hardy's plane carries several Hitler emblems. The young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hardy, has two brothers, Lance Dutton and Calton Edward Hardy, in the service.

Sessions Yesterday Mrs. Sarah Raynor

Man Battered When the Daily Vacation Bible School which opened here vesterday ing with 120 pupils, according to an

Attacked On Friday ing with 120 pupils, according to an announcement by Rev. Gower Cross- this county for many years, died at this county for many years, died at the home of her son Frank Baynor.

Clyde Silverthorne, local white morning until June 16 when com- morning. She suffered a stroke of man, had his face badly battered mencement exercises will be held in paralysis about the middle of May, and bruised when he was attacked the Baptist church. Directors state but prior to that time she had been by Cole Cowan at Jernigan's filling there is a need for more workers in feeble health for several years.

WOUNDED

arguing, and opened the way for the loday. The young man is in the ago

where he was stationed. the past few days.

Several Weeks

Fifty colored men were called to report for pre-induction examinations at an Army center today, forty-two of the group coming from the farms of this county. All but two of the group are single, and hardly more than a dozen of the number are twenty-years or older. As a whole, the contingent includes about the youngest group of colored men ever to leave this county for an Army center either for pre-induction tests r final induction.

No official announcement has been made and no details could be learned, but it is believed that the next pre-induction call for white men is to be answered during the last week in this month. During the meantime, many of those white men passing the recent pre-induction tests are being called to report for active service or

The names and addresses of the colored men called to report today for pre-induction examinations fo Julius Octavious Lloyd, Jr., RFD

Hobgood, and Newport News. Meltion People, RFD 2, Robersonille and Stokes. Willie B. Jackson, Robersonville.

Henry McInburg, RFD 2, Rober-C. L. Highsmith, RFD 2, Rober-

on ville. Rothel Sidney Doggert, RFD 2, Robersonville, and Suffolk. Octvis Roberson, Jamesville, and Washington, N. C.

Elmer Harris, RFD 1, Roberson-Ira Junior Peel, RFD 1, Williams-

Clarddine Shermon, RFD 1, Oak

Curtis Leroy Perkins, RFD 1, Rob-Willie David Boston, RFD 1, James-

Venner Andrews, RFD 3, William-

Lonnie Davis, RFD 1, Palmyra, John Jasper Doberry, Oak City. Jesse Bowen, RFD 2, Williamsto Elijah May, RFD 2, Robersonville. Constant Little, RFD 3, Williamson, and RFD 1, Robersonville.

Fedro Latham, RFD 3, Williams-Melton Morris Evans, RFD 2, Wil-

Joseph Sneed, RFD 1, Bethel, and RFD 2, Robersonville. John Junior Chance, Hamilton. Joseph Highsmith, RFD 2, Rober-

LeRoy Ballard, Hamilton. Thos. J. Boston, RFD 1, James-

Wm. Cortez Rogers, Williamston. Luke Biggs, RFD 2, Williamston. Randolph Brown, RFD 2, William-

Clarence Williams, Everetts. Joe Outterbridge, RFD 3, William-

Robt. Earl Stanly Bonner, RFD 3, Williamston. George Keel, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Gaston Alexander Carr, RFD 2, Robersonville. Ulysses Daniel, RFD 1, William-

Harrison Land, Jr., RFD 3, Wil-Joe Jordan Rodgers, RFD 1, Wil-

iamston Tobe Hopkins, RFD 1, Williams-

Sam Junior Short, RFD 1, Oak Mack Junior Andrews, RFD 2, Roberson ville. William Oscar Everett, RFD 1,

Robersonville. Malachi Bonds, RFD 2, Williams-

Dies Last Saturda,

Mrs. Sarah Raynor, a resident of the home of her son, Frank Raynor, The Bible school will meet each in Beaufort County last Saturday

Miss Sarah Butler before her mar riage, she was born in Washington County 85 years ago. In her early life she moved to this county and Dallas Marion Taylor, young son married James Raynor who was Silverthorne, who was said to of Mr. and Mrs. Minion A. Taylor, of killed by lightning around 40 years have been drinking but who, wit- RFD 3, Williamston, was wounded ago while working on the old Askew nesses declared, was not drunk, in action recently, according to a re-heard Cowan and another party port heard here shortly before noon liam Raynor, died here not so long

> Funeral services were conducted No details could be learned im- in the Pentecostal Holiness Church mediately, and it is not known here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. H. M. Pope, and interment She was the last member of her family and leaves only one son.

Forty-Two Of Fifty Initial Phase Of Great Cailed Today Come From County Farms Military Venture Said Smallest Colored Group Leaving This County in Past To Be Most Successful

50TH MISSION



young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hardy of this county, recently completed his fiftieth mission over enemy territory. They are not to be seen in the above picture, but there were swastika emblems on the plane, indicating that the young man and other members of the crew had seen some stirring action.

Board Of County Commissioners In

Investment of \$30,000 In War Bonds

Meeting in regular session here anti-aircraft fire was described as yesterday, the Martin County com-|light. submitted along with the tentative tured. 1944-45 figures. Last year the commissioners appropriated \$7,290 as its share of maintaining the service, but in addition to that amount, the department brought over a balance from the previous year in the sum of \$1,800. The department is asking a county appropriation of \$9,810 shich, in the final analysis, only Smokes From Lions \$720 in excess of the actual expen-

ditures reported in 1943-44. With the welfare budget already on the approved list, the commissioners plan to complete their budnew fiscal tax rate. However, it is cently received by the club and possible that the authorities will printed below: strike a snag on the 19th and delay | S. Sgt. Fred M. Taylor, local man fixing the rate until later in June and first member of the local club or early in July.

Board of Health in the first move to ful for the cigarettes sent to us by

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Firemen Called To River Trash Pile Fire Sunday

Local firemen were called out Sunday afternoon shortly before 4 had this to say, "Many thanks for the o'clock to put out a trash pile fire cigarettes. However, I should like to near the river warehouses. No put this on a business basis, one Jap damage was done, but the firemen for one carton of smokes. Please adpoured water on the rubbish heap vise if you accept this offer and for nearly two hours before checking the fire and eliminating the fire and eliminating the fire and eliminating the fire and eliminating the fire and we distribute the buildings.

by the department in several weeks. raise the best tobacco."

PRAYERS

Special prayers were said in millions of American homes and others were heard across the land today as American youths marched against the common enemy along the French coast. Local people gathered in the various churches at 7 o'clock this morning, but the crowds were not large. Others visited the churches oif and on during the day to Lucel in silent prayer and plead for the safety of American youth.

This evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Woman's Club hall, members of the Kiwanis club will meet for a prayerful observance of the invasion.

Landings Are Made At A Dozen Points Along French Coast

Allied Forces Advance As Far As Ten Miles Inland; Cost Not Revealed

PRAYERS HEARD AT HOME

First Main Drive Centered Between LeHavre and Cherbourg with Paris As Objective

In a terse message officially reeased by Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Forces, General Eisenhower at 3:32 Eastern War Time this morning announced, 'Allied naval forces, supported by strong air forces, began landing Allied armies on the northern coast of France this morning." The message flashed throughout the world, confirmed German reports released at 12:37 a. m., stating that the invasion was on, the drive into Western Eucope looming big as the greatest mil-

tary operation of all time. Without advanced warning and while the attention of the world was centered on the recent successes in Italy, the Allied Command assembled 4,000 large ships and several thousand smaller ones for the huge invasion undertaking. Under the cover of eleven thousand first-line airplanes, the Allied armies started the invasion, striking at a dozen points along the French coast between Le-Havre and Cherbourg, a defense Regular Meeting Havre and Cherbourg, a defense area said to be the strongest in Hitler's fortified Europe. The invasion forces skimmed over traps and mines Pass Resolution Permitting and apparently made the initial landings without meeting concerted action. Not a German plane was in the air. Enemy coastal batteries were greatly reduced in a short time, and

missioners discussed a varied set of German reports stated that four problems, carrying over those per- British paratroop divisions had landtaining to budget until June 19, ed behind the coastal defense, that when the board will meet in special Allied armies soon after the first insession. The proposed health de- vasion blow had penetrated as far partment budget was briefly dis- as ten miles inland in one area. The cussed, the board delaying its ap- Germans further claimed that some proval until detailed information is of the paratroopers had been cap-

> Not even an estimate as to the number of men making up the in-

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Soldiers Appreciate

Further evidence of the appreciation for the free cigarettes being furnished through the local Lions get studies at the special June 19th Club to soldiers on the front lines is meeting and possibly determine the illustrated in some of the cards re-

to enter the service, writes, "The The board petitioned the State men in our company are very grateeliminate the service of the ten the Williamston Lions Club. I hope that you may be able to continue this fine work, because in the hours of anxiety, cigarettes are a great deal of comfort for the soldiers. Best of

Lt. George F. Dennis, receiving cigarettes in a Pacific battle area,

The call was the first one received I am from Granite Falls, N. C. We

These comments from the boys will give you an idea of the amount of comfort your coins can bring when you drop them in a Lions Club collection jar. The club has recently paid for an order for another 20,000 rigarettes to be sent to a battlefront, and they requested this shipment to be sent to Italy. Each package will bear a sticker reading, "Good luck from Williamston Lions Club and citizens of Martin County, N. C."

Recover Stolen Auto Here Friday Evening

A Pontiac four-door sedan stolen from Farmer C. W. Copeland, Hali-fax County, last Thursday night, was recovered here the following evening at 9:30 by Officer Chas. Moore. The gas had been burned out and the car was abandoned near the A. C. L. station. No arrest was made.