Battle for France In Its Second Crucial Phase in State on July 1st

Both Sides Bringing Up Reinforcements For Major Fighting

Germans Admit Allies Cannot Be Dislodged from Their Coastal Positions

Scoring a victory - the cost of which has not yet been fully determined-in the first phase of the invasion of Hitler's European Fortress, the Allies are now working at a feverish pitch to turn the tide in the second phase in the battle for France. Fierce fighting has been reported at various points along the beach, and it is possible that the invasion is well in its second phase around Caen and Bayeux today, unofficial reports stating that a bloody scrap is in progress there and that tanks and all weapons of modern warfare are in use.

That the first phase of the invasion was successful is evidenced in the admission by the Germans that the Allies could not be dislodged from their coastal positions. Claims and counter-claims are now being heard and the fighting is spotted. While a clear picture of the developments is not to be had just now, it is certain that the Allies are pushing farther inland, that they are outfighting the Germans. Late reports state that Caen, important traffic center, has been taken. The most intense fighting seems to be underway in the Cherbourg area. Widely-scattered battles have been reported, but their outcome is not yet known.

The Germans are said to be mov ing in about sixteen or seventeen divisions-an estimated quarter million men - in an effort to stem the weather, the Allies are bringing up reinforcements in a never-ending stream. Airborne deliveries were halted by weather conditions, but they have been resumed, and the Battle for France continues unabated over a front ranging up to a reported 140 miles. During the meantime, there is some talk about posnumbers off the Irish coast. Yesterto clear the waters for their own safety and not to return before 9 p.

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Tire Allotment For The Month of June **Greatly Increased**

Sixty-seven Tires Rationed **By County Board Last** Friday Evening

Possibly one of the largest tire near New Bern. quotas since rationing back in 1942 was assigned this county for the has a lease on an area in Pender morth of June, the liberal allotment County and o nthe bottoms of White apparently meaning that the tire Oak Creek, Calico Creek, and Newsituation has been relieved to some port River. extent. However, there is no reason to blieve that rationing will be aban- committee from the State Board of doned now or at any time in the near Education and the Board of Confuture. The Grade I tire allotment for servation and Development, repre-June was increased from 115 in May sentatives of the Standard Oil Comto 295. Fifty-six small truck tires pany of New Jersey were told the will be available this month as com- terms on which the State would pared with 38 in May. There'll be two lease the land. It was pointed out unit allotment of large truck tires well within 18 months after signremains the same.

Grade I tires were issued to the

following: H. A. Sexton, Jamesville, one. Mrs. J. A. Everett, Palmyra, one. Hubert C. Smith, Williamston, two. W. H. Adkins, Robersonville, two. Harry Jones, Williamston, two. Kelly Rawls, Robersonville, one. Reuben A. Edmondson, Hamilton,

William Fleming, Robersonville,

James H. Gray, Jr., Robersonville, J. Knight, Oak City, one. V. Bunting, Williamston, one.

E. Davenport, Robersonville, A. L. Williams, Robersonville, one. P. T. Norwood, RFD 2, Roberson-

Nep Lee, RFD 1, Robersonville,

J. D. Britton, Robersonville, one. B. A. Critcher, Williamston, one. Herbert O. Peele, Williamston, two. Jesse M. Matthews, Williamston,

W. F. Thomas, Hamilton, one. H. J. Hardison, Williamston, one. S. H. Grimes, Williamston, one. S. D. Perry, RFD 3, Williamston

F. Martin, Jamesville, two. Robert Mobley, Jamesville, two. C. G. Gurkin, Jamesville, one. F. Weaver, Williamston, one. W. G. Peel, Williamston, one. W. A. Manning, Jr., RFD 1, Wil-

Standard Fertilizer Co., Williams (Continued on page four)

Manpower Priority To Be Inaugurated

Plan Is Expected To Stabilize Labor Situation To

ccording to the following, stated the

ssential production or services of

workers for new or stepped-up con-

tracts; (2) those producing essential

products or services included in the

War Manpower Commission list of

essential activities, or which have

been designated as "locally needed"

The new order issued by Paul V.

McNutt, chairman of the War Man-

ower Commission, allows the re-

erral of male workers to establish-

ments on the basis of relative urgen-

y in the war effort, Mr. Pollock

pointed out. These employers will be

required to employ all male workers through the United States Em-

ployment Service office, and at-

empts will be made to keep essen-

tial and "locally needed" industries

Establishments will be classified

and employment ceilings will be es-

maintenance of the minimum war

work week of the War Manpower

The purpose of this order is to en-

Employment Service to refer work-

ers where they are most urgently

needed in the war effort, explained

Area Director Pollock. There is ev-

ery assurance that North Carolina

industries will make every effort

to follow the provisions of the new

sary for sanctions to be enforced as

a result of violations. Additional in-

formation concerning the Controlled

Commission.

is operating.

at Williamston, N. C.

vice have been met.

Competitors will be required to

cport for written examination,

which will be held periodically as

the needs of the service require. Full

information and application blanks

may be obtained from the Serretary,

aminers, Post Office, Williamston,

N. C. Henry O. Handy, Local Sec-

Assumes Duties As

Pastor's Assistant

Miss Ethel Guest, recently appoint-

ed educational director and pastor's

assistant of the Memorial Baptist

Church, assumed her duties this

week. Miss Guest enters upon her

new duties here highly recommend-

ed by the leaders of the denomina-

tion. She is a B. A. graduate of Berea

College of Kentucky, and holds the

degree of master of religious educa-

tion from the Southern Baptist Train

ing School, Louisville, Ky. She is a

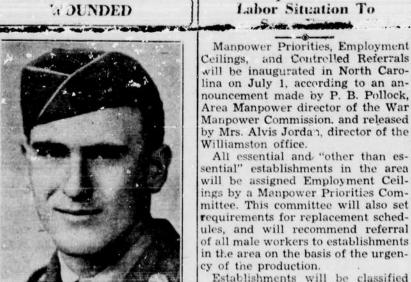
native of Greer, S. C., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Guest of that

city. Prior to her going to the train-

ing school she taught in the public

schools of South Carolina.

3) those not otherwise classified.



fighting in Italy, Wm. Harcum Capps is rapidly improving, he notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Capps, here last week-end.

Talk Of Oil Source In Eastern Part of State Heard Again

Area for Possible Drillings Is **Bounded by Williamston** On The North

Reduced to a whisper since the old at the highest point of production. Havelock oil venture petered out down in Craven County, talk about rush. At the same time, despite bad a possible source of oil being buried tablished to the extent to which the under Eastern North Carolina is revived this week in a story appearing in the News and Observer. The ments and policies of the Stabilizastory follows:

Although there has been no of- Commission; (2) proper utilization ficial announcement yet concerning of skills through job analysis; (3) the identity of the "party" desiring transfer, up-grading, and effective to lease land in eastern North Caro- methods; (4) utilization of women lina for oil drillings, the contract for on all possible jobs; (5) elimination sible new landings. The Germans the lease now is in its final stages of in-plant causes of turnover and say seacraft are being massed in vast and the signing will take place soon. absenteeism and labor hoarding; (6) It is understood that the "party" maintenance of an adequate training

is the Standard Oil Company of program; (7) submission of acceptawarned fishermen in Norway, Holland Belgium, Denmark and France consideration is a huge area of the coastline bounded north and south maintenance of the minimum war by the 77th meridian, which runs through Williamston, and east and west by a line from Washington to Cape Hatteras.

The Standard Oil Company, under provisions of the lease, would have access to the sound and river bottoms of the northern third of North Carolina's coast.

Now that the State is doing a rushing business in leasing lands for oil drillings, the Coastal Plains Company of Kinston, first organization to lease State-owned land for an oil search, is expected to apply for additional river-bottom land. The Referral plan and the ceilings to be company probably will ask for a company probably will ask for a placed on employment can be secur-lease on the Neuse River bottom ed by writing P. B. Pollock, Area

The Coastal Plains Company now

At a meeting this week of a joint tractor tires available, but the 11- that the company must drill an oil

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Justice Hassell Hears Three Cases This Week

Three cases were handled by Justice J. L. Hassell in his court during Carolina, until the needs of the serthe past few days. John Henry White, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.50

and taxed with \$8.50 costs. Drunk and down, Ernest Lawrence

was taxed with \$8.50 cost: Charged with reckless and hit-andrun driving and being drunk, John Board of U. S. Civil Service Ex-Bryant was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of

AGE RULING

Those registrants reaching their 26th birthday on or before scheduled induction dates are not now subject to draft calls, according to a change in the rulings covering age groups. Up until this week a 26-year-old registrant was not exempt from the draft unless he had reached that mile post on or before last March

Had the ruling been in effect a few weeks ago, several men in this county would not have been inducted. The new ruling will eliminate two from the contingent scheduled to leave the county on June 16th for final induc-

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

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

Demand deposits in country banks consisting largely of ordinary checking accounts) increased 137 per cent from 1940 to April, 1944, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Such an increasing body of idle funds, more than twice that of four years ago, could cause inflationary trouble if country depositors began using their funds to bid against each other for the purchase of land at in-creaming prices, the BAE advises. Already land values have risen almost two-fifths above their pre-war average—an increase that is inflationary in many areas. Furthermore, in some of the principal farming areas the volume of land sales in 1943 surpassed previous high levels reached in 1919 and the number of farms resold after only a short period of ownership increased. Following the inarea director: (1) those engaged in flation of land values during the last

war, land prices broke sharply in nighest urgency in which lack of nanpower is impeding production Identify Veterans Fully or causing lags, or those needing To facilitate prompt reply and to simplify identification, all mai, addressed to the Veterans Administration on matters concerning veterans should give the full name of the veteran, the date of his birth, his serial number, rank and organization and the "C" and "N" numbers on any checks or letters received from the Veterans Administration. The master index of this agency contains more than 19 million names. Among these are over 200,000 Smiths, of which at least 12,000 have the

given name of John. Civilian Gas 43 Per Cent of 1941 Passenger car drivers now receive only 43 per cent as much gasoline as they used in 1941, the Petroleum Administration for War says. While Americans have reduced passenger car mileage from the peacetime level by about 57 per cent, the English have reduced theirs by 88 per cent.

employer has complied with the fol-Families Want to Build Homes lowing: (1) adherence to require-In a recent nationwide survey of consumer requirements, a large numtion program of the War Manpower ber of the families interviewed said they intend to use their savings for buying or building a house before buying durable goods, the War Production Board announces. Among durable goods covered in the survey, washing machines are now in greatest demand, with electric irons and mechanical refrigerators next

Refunds to Income Tax Payers . While one million 1943 income tax refunds have been made by the Treasury Department, it will be several months before all of approximately 18 million taxpayers will get able local offices of the United States refunds to which they are entitled, according to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Each refund, how-

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order, and that it will not be neces- Navy Calling For

Here's news for all women beween the ages of 20 and 36. Of Manpower Director, P. O. Box 657, course, you've been thinking about their own guns, they did not take Washington, N. C., or getting in joining the WAVES, and now is the time to tell a neighbor. touch with the manager of the Unittime to turn your thoughts into aced States Employment Service oftion. Recruiter H. S. Lee will be in fice in the area in which the employ-Williamston at the post office each Rogers shot the bear once and slight-Thursday, so drop by and get your ly crippled him, and after a chase copy of "The Story of You in Navy Blue," and ask any questions you'd like about joining the popular WAVES, sisters to Uncle Sam's Blue Funeral Today For Clerk-Carrier Here Jackets. You will make more money in the WAVES, and learn and earn at the same time and bring a The United States Civil Service quicker victory for America and her Commission announces an open com-Allies. Talk it over with your parpetitive examination for the posients and friends, and they will be ion of Substitute Clerk-Carrier for sure to agree that there's no finer filling vacancies in the Post Office Applications for this position will oe accepted by the Director, Fourth enlisting in the WAVES. Don't hesi-U. S. Civil Service Region, Nissen Building, Winston-Salem 3, North Office next week.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways are still wrecking their motor vehicles, but the accident wreck-ord shows they are more considerate of human life this year than last despite a slight increase in the number of wrecks.

Five persons lost their lives in highway accidents in this county during the first 22 weeks of 1943 as compared with only one so far this year. That's a real accomplishment, but the wreckord figures in other columns are hardly being held to a minimum.

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. 22nd Week Comparison

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Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge Comparison To Date

Plans Are Made Here Last Night For Advancing Fifth War Bond Drive Beginning Monday, June 12

Farmers Stop Their Plows To Join Bear **Hunt In Bear Grass**

Skepticism Lingering After Old Joke Gives Way Before Exciting Story

A fairly large hog bear created great deal of excitement last week when he, for no good reason at all, struck out possibly from Tranters Creek over in Beaufort County to visit the district of his namesake. Farmers stopped their plows, threw down their hoes and grabbed their guns to join the hunt. Another one, hearing the shots and knowing the Cratt boys were in the hunt, hitched his mule to a cart and went for the bear's carcass.

Farmer Tommte Lawrence Rober on was hoeing in the back of his field when he saw a black animal lazily galloping down one of the rows. There wasn't any doubt in his mind as to what he saw, but he recalled a two-year old deal some youngsters "pulled" on him, and he nesitated about sounding an alarm or a bear hunt.

Very few bears have ever venturd into Bear Grass Township, and even the older residents declare they have never seen one. About two yars ago while Mr. Roberson was curing tobacco late at night, a couple of pranksters rigged up a snuff box with a string and the noise effect bear was lurking in the woods not far away. A hunt was hurried planned, and the two pranksters cautiously moved ahead of the hunters the dogs being anable to pick up even a smell. The joke finally devel-

oped and all had a good laugh. And while Mr. Roberson was fool ed by his hearings, he felt fairly certain of his eyes. But, to make certain, he went by a neighbor's house and inquired if there was a black calf in that part of the county. Assured there was no such animal, he then gave the alarm, and the hunt

Charlie Harris and Paul Revels, their guns and went down to the swamp where they established themselves on a small bridge. It wasn't long before they heard the bear tearing through the bushes. Just before reaching them, the animal veered to the left and came up behind them. ever, will include interest at the rate stopping to rest in a crouching position hardly more than three or four steps away. One of the boy was so close to the bear he could not raise his gun, and while he backed off, the other forgot his gun. The bear, More Volunteers during the meantime, was so badly frightened by the boys' fright that he

News of the hunt developments began to fly throughout the territory. Farmers were so busy getting

Dogs chased the animal down the swamp and across a road. Haywood

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Mrs. Nancy Sparrow

Mrs. Nancy Ross Sparrow died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C place for a real American than in H. Whitehurst, on the Biggs farm the Navy's WAVES. Contribute to near here at 10:30 o'clock Wednesyour country's winning this war by day night following several months of declining health. She suffered a tate, see Recruiter Lee at the Post stroke of paralysis while visiting her daughter in Durham last December, her condition gradually growing The daughter of the late Riley and

in Beaufort County en April 29, 1861, new office hours for Williams and spent nearly all her life the

about 45 years. Besides her daughter here, she is N. C., Box 112. survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. M. Ives, of Durham; three sons, Don Sparrow of New Bern, Thomas Sparow of Elkins, West Virginia, and Robert Sparrow of Williamston, and a sister, Mrs. Laura Bowen of Edwards, N. C.

Funeral services are being held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from her late home by Rev. B. T. Hurley, local Methodist minister. Interment will follow at Cora Point in Beaufort

Special Religious Service To Be Held Here June 18

Rev. R. I. Johnson of St. Cyprian's Church, New Bern, will conduct services at 204 South Smithwick Street, on Sunday, June 18. The public is invited to attend.

CONFIRMED



The appointment of Mr. W. E. Dunn as Williamston postmaster was just recently confirmed by the United States Senate. It could not be learned when he will enter upon his new duties.

Judge Smith Calls Fourteen Cases In The County Court

convinced him and others, too, that Defendant Sentenced To The formidable one, but it has been sug-Roads for Driving Car Without License

> Martin County Recorder's Court in with some to spare. ession until 12:15 last Monday before clearing the fourteen cases sented at the meeting, and while the from the docket. A large crowd was chairmen and their assistants recogpresent, including both white and niged the bigness of the assignment,

> Proceedings: Pleading guilty in the case charg- will be deserted on the coast of ng him with operating a motor ve- France or in the hills of Italy or in hicle without a driver's license, Albert Askew was sentenced to jail The various townships are being

costs were added to the fine. \$20 and taxed with the costs. The court recommended that his driver's license be revoked for sixty days.

Dave Melton, charged with gamblsixty days, the court suspending the dition that he be regularly em-

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case Funeral For Mary P. Ward harging Fred Smith with gambling. Adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence, Johnnie Williams was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending the road

was required.

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Deputy Collector Announces ear and causing instant death. New Hours For Office Here

Internal Revenue for Martin, Ber- When just an infant she was orphan-Fannie Galloway Ross, she was born tie and Chowan Counties, announces ed and entered the Methodist Or-

who died in 1909. Since about 1918 June 9th, and every other Friday members of her family, but had made she had lived with her children. Mrs. morning from 9:30 to 12 noon, to as-Sparrow was a devoted member of sist taxpayers, rather than each Fri- Harrells. On August 9 of last year, the Methodist Church at Aurora for day as previously. Deputy Robbins she enlisted as an apprentice seaman can be reached by mail at Windsor, in the U. S. Naval Reserve, Balti-

TRAVELER

Spending a few days of a short furlough here with friends, Pfc. Lon Hassell explained that he had done quite a bit of traveling during recent months. While he hasn't yet been all over the globe, he has been just about from one side to the other. "I have really seen plenty and done things," the former local boy

A member of an Army medical detachment, the young man has been through the Suez Canal and visited ports in several distant parts of the world. He was nearly four months reaching one destination, it was said.

This County Asked To Raise \$356,000. In About A Month

District Quotas Are Assigned: "E" Bond Quota This Time Is \$281,000

Meeting in the Branch Bank and Trust Company building here last night, Herman A. Bowen, chairman, and district leaders mapped plans for launching the Fifth War Bond drive in Martin County, beginning next Monday, June 12. Quotas were assigned the ten districts and an earnest appeal was directed to the several leaders, urging them to make certain that this county does not falter or fail in handling such an important job in such a critical

The people of this county are being asked to invest \$856,000, an amount slightly larger than the quota assigned in the fourth bond drive some months ago. Of the amount, Martin County individuals are asked to invest \$281,000 in "E"

It was pointed out that the county will be credited with purchases made by servicemen and the State treasurer. It is possible that the county itself will invest a few thousand that firms and corporations doing business in Martin County will give the county credit for their purchases. Even then the task is a gested that if the people of this county make a mere fraction of the effort being made by the men on the coast of France and sacrifice just a Judge J. Calvin Smith held the little that the quota will be raised

Most of the townships were reprethey virtually agreed that the job must be done, that no fighting man the Pacific or India-Burma jungles.

for five days and was fined \$20. The asked to raise the following designated amounts: Jamesvi Charged with speeding and reck- Williams, \$11,700; Griffins, \$46,800; less driving, Eddie Carr was fined Bear Grass, \$30,000; Williamston,

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Dave Melton, charged with gambling, was sentenced to the roads for Young Woman Takes road term upon the payment of the court costs and on the further conployed during the period of the sus-

Is Being Held Here This Afternoon

Despondent over her poor health, term upon the payment of a \$10 fine Miss Mary Penina Ward, 24 years and the case costs. It was further old, ended her life early last Tuesstipulated in the judgment that the day night at the home of Mr. and defendant shall not interfere with Mrs. Jasper Harrell, near Palmyra, Mittie Dowden or violate any law by firing a bullet from a 38 calibre for one year. Notice of appeal was pistol into her head. No note was given and bond in the sum of \$100 left, but Coroner S. R. Biggs investigated and said it was suicide. The Charged with assaulting another, young woman, a victim of several Raymond Stalls pleaded guilty of operations, had declared on previous simple assault and was fined \$10. occasions that she was going to end The costs were added and the de- her life, but members of the family fendant was directed to pay \$30 to where she made her home did not Latham James, the prosecuting wit- consider the threats serious. Members of the family were out in the David Leonard James was fined yard handling the late evening chores \$5 and taxed with the cost in the on their farm when the young woman went to her room and fired the bullet through her head, the ball entering the body just back of the right

The daughter of the late John D. and Sabrina Gurganus Ward, she was J. N. Robbins, deputy collector of born in Williamston on June 28, 1920. nage, Raleigh, where she spent e greater part of her life. Since

instried to R. D. Sparrow of the post office building on Friday, leaving the orphanic she visited her home most of the time with the more, but was given an honorable discharge on account of bad health on December 23, 1943. She trained at the U.S. Naval Training School, the Bronx, New York.

She leaves three sisters, Mrs. Sol Bergman, Mrs. Ruby Hellman and Miss Lucille Ward, all of New York; four brothers, J. D. Ward of Williamston and Norfolk, Norman Ward of Kinston, Sgt. Wheeler Martin (Duke) Ward, who is with the Army either in the invasion or in Italy, and Tech. Sgt. Evan Ward, U. S. Air Corps, now stationed in Richmond after several years in foreign service.

She was a member of the Methodist Church and Rev. B. T. Hurley, local Methodist minister, is conducting the last rites at the Biggs Funeral Home this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will follow in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery