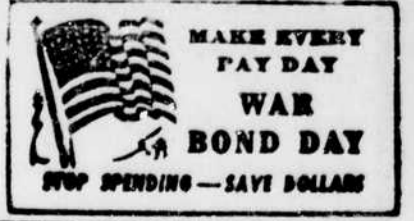




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Plans Completed For Bond Rally Tomorrow

Special Army Cast To Appear in Show Here At 11 O'Clock

Afternoon Program Scheduled at Robersonville Has Been Cancelled

Plans were announced complete this morning for holding a big bond rally on the street in front of the town hall here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The program here will be put on the air by Station WRRF, including special features, D. V. Clayton, chairman of the drive in this township, announced.

No advance program release has been received here, but the Army show and band were handpicked by a recognized Broadway producer who is soldiering over at Seymour Johnson field and a full hour of enjoyable entertainment is assured.

Chairman Clayton explained that the program would have to be rushed to an early conclusion, that no bonds would actually be offered for sale at that time, but the event is being held to mark an all-out start on the big bond drive already underway throughout the nation.

The special show cast, traveling in Army vehicles, will be dined at the local hotel immediately following the program and will move on to Farmville for an afternoon engagement there.

Local stores will observe an earlier closing hour tomorrow and business operators and workers are expected to turn out with hundreds of others for the special program.

No official figures have been released on the bond drive in the county to date, but it is understood that the sales are progressing unusually well in some areas.

Seaman Monk Cobb On Beach 'Vacation'

After cleaning kitchens at Camp Peary for several weeks, Seaman Monk Cobb, former Martin County Draft Board clerk, has been given the opportunity to clean himself up a bit.

In a week-end letter, the second class seaman said:

"Well, here I am from poor to rich, and I mean we are living swell. I'm afraid I'm going to awake any minute now and find myself back at Camp Peary on K. P. duty. Just to show you that they were consistent about policy, when we returned there from our leave, they sent us out on a detail to build a bridge path through the woods in order for the captain to have somewhere to go.

We excavated hills and filled holes with a jeep (wheelbarrow) and shovel. One boy made a peculiar wish. Quote: "I hope the captain lives to be a thousand years old and has the itch every day."

"They soon had a draft that took us from Camp Peary and on the way over by bus we sang quite a few songs, beginning with "Onward Christian Soldiers," and ending with the well-known tune of "Inky-Dinky Parley Voo." The stanzas hardly standing up in print.

"Well, we are here now and they are shoving things at us so fast that if you lean over to tie a shoe string, you'll miss two years of high school. Be sure and tell any potential sailors if they are qualified for any specific line or branch, to be sure and list everything, then they'll use 'em somewhere else."

In conclusion, Seaman Cobb stated that he was getting along all right, that if he had to do it all over again, his attitude wouldn't change.

PROSPECTS

Prospects for the current tobacco crop in this county as a whole are still not at all encouraging, according to reports heard here over the week-end and yesterday.

However, there are a few good crops scattered in the county and in some areas where rains fell last week the prospects are fairly bright. Farmer T. H. Wynne, RFD 3, stated last week that he had blossoms on his tobacco on invasion day, and Farmer Bud Mobley reported blossoms a few days later.

About Two Hundred Thousand Prisoners Of War In Country

Interesting Facts About Men Revealed by Office of War Information

In a story just released by the Office of War Information some interesting facts about the "lost" men are revealed. The story, for the most part, is applicable to the camp here even though there are less than 500 German prisoners of war here at the present time.

Of more than 180,000 prisoners of war now held in over 100 permanent camps in the United States, 130,000 are Germans and 50,000 are Italians, the Office of War Information reports. Only 200 Japanese prisoners of war, taken captive on the high seas or in isolated outposts have been brought to this country.

German and Italian prisoners are here for three reasons: 1, it is more economical to bring them to this country than to ship food overseas for them; 2, it is dangerous to keep a large group of the enemy in the rear of fighting troops; and 3, American soldiers overseas may be better utilized otherwise than in guarding prisoners of war.

Although Japan did not ratify the Geneva Convention, which governs most of the civilized nations in their internment of prisoners of war, this country treats Japanese with the same consideration given Germans and Italians. Japan agreed to follow the convention "so far as applicable" but has not permitted neutral observers to visit camps where Americans are held.

Japanese Considered Dead At Home While Japanese prisoners in this country may be visited by representatives of the International Red Cross, the YMCA, and the protection of the service in the winning of the war.

Dr. Victor Brown In Duke Hospital

Taken ill suddenly last Saturday morning, Dr. Victor E. Brown was removed to Durham hospital late that day for treatment. The nature of his illness could not be learned immediately, but it was stated that he was almost overcome by exhaustion that morning, that he had a severe chill a short time later and that his fever continued upward when it was thought advisable to remove him to Durham. No late reports from the hospital could be had here, but according to the last information, his condition had not materially changed and he was said to be quite ill.

Dr. Swindell of Washington is taking care of the patients in the local hospital until Dr. Brown returns.

PURPLE HEART

Recognition for bravery in the line of foreign service has come to Pfc. William Harcum Capps, Williamston youth who was wounded about May 13th in the battle in Italy, with the presentation of the purple heart. The medal was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Capps, here this week.

The last message from young Capps was received about three weeks ago and stated that he was getting along very well in a hospital in Italy. He was wounded in the leg, and at the last report was still using crutches.

Allies Progressing In Bitter Struggle For Cherbourg Port

Daring Exploits Reported in The Pacific Theater of Operations

Driving across the Cherbourg Peninsula, Allied forces early Sunday trapped an estimated 30,000 Germans and scored what is rated to be one of the major strokes in the second phase of the invasion battle. Driving from Quineville, American forces overcame stubborn resistance to complete a path across the territory to a point near Carteret. The accomplishment brought with it added problems for the Allies as well as worries for the enemy.

American losses in the invasion have been placed roughly at 16,000, the figure including about 3,648 killed. A few casualty reports on the invasion battle have been received in widely scattered areas in this country, but no such reports have yet been received in this county, as far as it could be learned here early today.

While hardly attracting as much attention as the invasion front news, developments in the Pacific are believed by many to compare with the schedule on the Continent. Admiral Nimitz's move on Saipan, bypassing Truk and other strong Japanese bases, is recognized as a daring feat. The Japs, number about 30,000 on the island, are offering a stubborn resistance, and possession of one of the key bases has been hotly contested, the base having changed hands several times already.

Hitler's supermen are still running an uninterrupted marathon toward Florence.

The Russians are making progress in their move to neutralize their Finnish flank, and observers see one of the most powerful drives now in the making on the Eastern front. It is believed by some that Russia will start at least a two-pronged drive aimed at Berlin some time about or before the middle of July.

Another encouraging bit of news on the war front comes from Yugoslavia where unity has been reached and the combined forces are throwing their weight against Hitler.

The German rocket bomb that caused much concern at first, has been fairly well tamed by British anti-aircraft batteries, one report stating that they are being shot as if they were nothing more than clay pigeons.

County Boy Praises Merchant Marine

Clarence Pate, young Martin County youth now serving with the Merchant Marine, in a letter to the Enterprise discusses the importance of the service in the winning of the war.

Professing a great pride in being a merchant marine, he says, "Since the entry of this country into war, the American Merchant Marine has been cited by Admiral Nimitz, General Eisenhower, General MacArthur, and General Montgomery as one of the most vital services in bringing victory. Its vessels have carried troops and supplies to every fighting front. They have been subjected to every form of assault the enemy has devised to prevent the completion of their missions. They have been bombed, torpedoed and subjected to shell fire. Many, but not enough, people remember the heroism of these men who fought to maintain this lifeline of existence alone and unaided in the early days of the war.

"In fact, so many of our merchant ships were being sunk at the time that it was thought that something had to be done about it. It is a fact that some 10 to 15 ships were being sunk in a single week. In February, 1942, the War Shipping Administration was set up by order of President Roosevelt, to take over all merchant shipping. The government started putting ample protection on each vessel before it came out of the shipyards. Today the merchant ship travels in convoys with Naval protection, on the seven seas wherever the fighting men require the tools of war.

"The armed forces know and the public should realize, the valor with which the seamen have pumped the life blood of supply through the arteries of the Allied armies."

Notice has been received here that Pvt. Henry W. Hoell has been promoted to Corporal in the armed forces. He is now stationed in Statesboro, Ga.

FUNERAL TODAY



Funeral services are being conducted here this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for John W. Manning who died at his home here yesterday afternoon following a long illness.

John W. Manning Dies At His Home Monday Afternoon

Last Rites Being Conducted In Local Church This Afternoon

John W. Manning died at his home on Church Street here yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He entered a hospital in late March for treatment and underwent an operation in a Durham hospital in early April for a stomach ailment. Returning home a few weeks later he was able to be up for short periods daily for a short time, but he gradually grew worse and his condition had been critical for several days before he died.

The son of the late W. C. and Sarah Roberson Manning, he was born in Griffins Township on April 25, 1894, and moved to Williamston in 1898. After completing the courses in the local schools, he attended State College, Raleigh, returning home in 1912 to engage in the telephone and electrical business with his father. He had maintained an electrical contracting business here for almost 30 years.

He was married to Miss Mary Kader Lilley on November 29, 1916, and she survives with two daughters, Katherine and Bettie Helen Manning, two sisters, Mrs. E. S. Peel and Mrs. Joel Muse, and two brothers, W. C. and F. M. Manning, all of Williamston.

He was a member of the local Christian Church for about thirty years, and was active in Masonic circles and in the local Lions Club. He served as a member of the local volunteer fire department.

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Sends 20,000 More Cigarettes Overseas

The Williamston Lions Club has purchased a total of 40,000 cigarettes to be sent to our fighting men on the front lines this month. One shipment of 20,000 went to our boys in Italy, and another shipment of 20,000 is being sent to the boys now fighting on the French invasion beachheads.

These two purchases, representing an expenditure of \$100, are made possible by the contributions of local and county citizens through the Lions Club's collection jars. The club now has 42 of these jars distributed at various points in the community. Any person desiring to make a larger and more direct donation to this worthy cause may do so by contacting the chairman of this project, Lion K. D. Worrell.

For the second collection period, the jar which had collected the most money was one located at the home of Mrs. J. W. Capps, where \$5.35 was dropped in. Second place honors go to the Martin Supply Company, where \$3.05 was contributed. The club salutes the management and patrons of these two establishments for their interest in this project.

COMMISSIONERS

Reviewing the departmental and general county budgets, members of the Martin County Board of Commissioners were in session until late yesterday. A review of the action taken by the authorities could not be made immediately, but a detailed report will be released later in the week.

All members of the board, Messrs. R. L. Perry, Chairman; Joshua L. Coltrain, C. D. Carstaphen, C. A. Roberson and R. A. Haislip, were present.

Sixty-one Tires Are Allotted In County By Rationing Board

Issuance Is Smallest Reported In This County in Some Time

The Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night issued 50 Grade I tires and 11 tires for trucks. It is one of the smallest allotments in some time. The board also issued tubes and a few inferior tires.

Grade I tires were issued to the following: C. B. Saunders, Williamston, two; J. R. Matthews, Robersonville, one; C. H. Manning, Oak City, one; State Highway Patrol, Williams- ton, four.

D. V. Purvis, Bethel, RFD 1, one; Horton Modlin, Jamesville, RFD 1, two; R. S. Everett, Robersonville, one; W. E. Davis, Hamilton, one; Lester Bailey, Williamston, RFD 2, one.

R. E. Taylor, Robersonville, one; T. L. Roebuck, Robersonville, two; Elmer R. Edmondson, RFD 1, Bethel, one; W. R. Banks, Williamston, two; J. M. Perry, Jamesville, RFD 1, two.

Theron Griffin, RFD 1, Williams- ton, two; Mrs. Dora C. Rawls, RFD 1, Robersonville, one.

W. A. Manning, Williamston, one; Jesse Woolard, Robersonville, two; Ira Price, RFD 3, Williamston, two; B. A. Daniels, RFD 1, Jamesville, one; Velma Bailey, Williamston, one; Kenneth H. Roberson, Robersonville, two.

J. Simon Beach, RFD 3, Williams- ton, one; Frank Bell, RFD 1, Oak City, one; William Little, RFD 2, Williams- ton, one; Cassius Graham, Williamston, one; Henry A. Early, RFD 1, Palmyra, one.

Mrs. Lela A. Coburn, RFD 1, Robersonville, one; Leland Coburn, Robersonville, one; James M. Perry, Robersonville, one; Pittman's, Williamston, two; J. D. Leggett, RFD 2, Williamston, two.

Saunders and Cox, Williamston, one; Dr. V. E. Brown, Williamston, one; C. B. Roebuck, Williamston, one; W. L. Brown, Jamesville, one; Grade I truck tires were issued to the following:

Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Williamston, two; Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, two; Saunders and Cox, Williamston, one; J. L. Coltrain, RFD 1, Jamesville, two; J. H. Harrell, Williamston, one; Town of Robersonville, Robersonville, two; Guy B. Whitfield, Parmele, one.

Lt. W. B. Watts, Jr. Gets Unit Citation

Martin County young men have played and continue to play prominent roles in the current war. Lt. W. B. Watts, Jr., local young man who recently reviewed his travels in the Southwest Pacific, is the latest to gain recognition for his work.

A few weeks ago the young man was given the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon with one star for having served during the period August 7, 1942 to December 9, 1942 with the First Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced) of the Fleet Marine Force.

The citation, signed by Frank Knox, late Secretary of the Navy, read: "The officers and enlisted men of the First Marine Division, Reinforced, on August 7 to 9, 1942, demonstrated outstanding gallantry and determination in successfully executing forced landing assaults against a number of strongly defended Japanese positions on Tulagi, Gavutu, and the main island of Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, completely routing all the enemy forces and seizing a most valuable base and airfield within the enemy zone of operations in the South Pacific Ocean. From the above period until December 9, 1942, this Reinforced Division not only held their important strategic positions despite determined and repeated Japanese naval, air and land attacks, but by a series of offensive operations against strong resistance drove the Japanese from the proximity of the airfield and inflicted great losses on them by land and air attacks. The courage and determination displayed in these operations were of an inspiring order."

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HAIL STORM

Considerable damage was done by a hail storm that swept over a fairly large section of Bear Grass Township yesterday afternoon. Starting on Leggett's Mill Pond, the storm apparently centered on a fairly wide streak extending almost to the Williamston-Washington Highway.

Corn was stripped in some spots and tobacco was peppered. A fairly heavy rain fell in some areas, but in other sections it was mostly hail that fell. Farmer Calvin Ayers stating that pellets about the size of marbles covered the ground at his home. No estimate of the extent of the damage could be had immediately.

Woman's Club Meets

Junior Woman's Club will meet tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the last meeting for the summer months, according to an announcement from Mrs. H. O. Peele, president.

Superior Court Nears End of Short Session

FIRST REPORTS

The first direct reports received from Martin County servicemen in England since the invasion were reported by relatives last week-end. The reports were very meager and did not mention the invasion.

Pvt. Tom Barnhill sent a cable two days after the invasion got underway, stating that he was getting along all right.

Marvin Corey, Jamesville youth, was said to have written to his parents under date of June 7, but the contents of the message were not revealed.

Quite a few letters are coming in now from England, but up until yesterday very few were dated after invasion day. Post-invasion messages should start coming in soon, however, in fairly large numbers.

Sale Of Auto Use Tax Stamps Is Off To A Slow Start

Unlawful To Operate Motor Vehicles Without Stamps After June 30th

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., has announced that auto use tax stamps in the denomination of \$5.00 were placed on sale in all postoffices and offices of Collectors of Internal Revenue on Saturday, June 10. The stamps will evidence payment of the tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944, and must be purchased on or before that date.

The stamps will be serially numbered, will be gummed on the back and will have provision on the back for entry of the make, model, serial number and state license number of the vehicle. Mr. Nunan said that, to guard against loss or theft, it has been suggested that, when affixing the stamps, the vehicle owner should dampen the windshield rather than the adhesive side of the stamp. This method has been recommended to keep the stamp intact upon the windshield. As an additional precaution, it has also been suggested that each motor vehicle owner should make a record of the serial number which appears on the use tax stamp for protection in the event the stamp should become lost.

Every owner of a motor vehicle which is used upon the highways should call at his local postoffice or at the office of the Internal Revenue Collector and secure a \$5.00 use tax stamp and affix it to his vehicle on or before July 1, 1944, the Commissioner said. The various postoffices will sell the stamps over the counter for cash only and no (Continued on page six)

County Boys In Car Wreck Near Bethel

Driving out of Bethel toward Parmele at 8:45 o'clock last Saturday evening, Lonnie Mack Nicholson, RFD 3, Williamston, ran his 1931 Ford sedan into the rear of a 1938 Ford coach operated by W. A. Dunning of Bethel. No one was badly hurt and no great property damage resulted.

Nicholson was booked for drunken driving and will be tried in the Pitt County courts next Monday, according to Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the wreck.

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Local Bible School Has Commencement

Commencement exercises were held in the local Baptist Church on Friday night, June 16, with approximately 130 children and their leaders participating.

Awards were offered to 74 children for perfect attendance during the two weeks the school was in session. The total enrollment for the school was 153, with 125 being the average daily attendance.

In a brief program summarizing the activities, the children displayed a knowledge of the Bible. The individual groups, beginners, primaries, juniors and intermediates sang religious and patriotic songs, reviewed the study of Missions in North Carolina, the United States and the world. The children also recited verses from the Bible, and quoted verses from the Bible.

Grand Jury Indicts Two Men for Aiding In Serious Offense

Five Divorces Turned Out in Mill During Session Here Monday

The Martin County Superior Court, convening yesterday for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, was nearing a close today after clearing a lone criminal case and handling five divorce actions during short sessions yesterday morning and afternoon.

The court itself attracted very little attention, the number of spectators hardly measuring up in number to an average size attendance upon a session of the county tribunal. Judge C. Everett Thompson of Elizabeth City opened the session on time and after a two-minute chat with the "permanent" grand jury ordered the first case for trial. The criminal docket carried only four cases and not a single one of them reached the jury. The case charging Claude Spruill with bastardy was not pressed when the prosecuting witness admitted that she had accused the defendant wrongly. Anxious to do justice, Solicitor Don Gilliam asked the name of the guilty party. The young mother, offering a tiny tot as evidence, said it was a "boy." "And what's the boy's name?" asked the solicitor. "I did not ask him his name," the prosecuting witness replied. Case dismissed.

A continuance was granted in the case charging Henry Daniel and Arzelia Keel Langley with bigamy. The action was taken when it was explained that a divorce was pending.

James Douglas, charged with breaking into and robbing the Jamesville liquor store the latter part of last January, failed to answer when called and Judge Thompson offered his \$500 bond forfeited. Papers for the man's arrest were issued.

Leon Parker, charged with rape, pleaded guilty of an assault upon a female. The plea was accepted and the defendant was sentenced to the roads for eighteen months, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of the costs and after placing him on probation.

Five divorces, all based on two years of separation, were granted, as follows:

Samuel Sneed against Lizzie Mae Sneed, Lula Pittman against Charlie Pittman, Johnnie Powell against Mary Eliza Powell, Linwood S. Weathersbee against Essie Warren Weathersbee, and Julian Bond against Beatrice White Bond. Four of the suits were brought by colored persons.

Nine other divorce cases were scheduled for trial today, as follows: Maude Ward against Turner Ward. (Continued on page six)