

Allies Take 54,000 Nazi Prisoners In France Last Month

Allies Knocking Against Nazi Innc: Fortress; Russian Drive Rolls Forward

bitter and costly, the first phase of the invasion just recently completed is recognized as a preliminary bout in the main struggle now at hand in France, according to some observers. In the first month of the invasion fight, the Allies have taken 54,000 German prisoners and made ready to launch an all-out drive on Hitler's inner fortress.

The great port of Cherbourg is being made ready for extensive use beginning possibly tomorrow. Just as soon as the Allies can pour an endless stream of heavy equipment into France through the port and the one just captured by the British at Caen, increased action is expected. Much progress has been made there, no doubt, but only a fraction of the Allied striking power apparently has been moved into line for an all-out drive.

The end anchors in Rommel's defense line have been weighed, the Americans taking La Haye du Puits and the British taking Caen which blocked the road to Paris.

According to individual reports filtering back home, Martin County is now well represented in France. Frank Saunders Weaver says he is over there and while he is behind the lines at present, he is close enough to hear the bullets and shells flying by. Individual letters have also been received from Simon Coltrain, Pete Fowden, Ben Daniel, Cecil Brown, Willard Peel and others, including one or two that were wounded there.

On the Italian front, the Germans are offering an increased resistance, but the Allies are pushing closer to Leghorn.

Over on the Eastern Front, the Russians are hardly more than six days from the German border if their rate of speed of the past few weeks is maintained. One Soviet army is in Latvia, another is driving to the Polish border and still another is pushing forward in Lithuania. The Red Armies have driven 230 miles in the past eighteen days, and are about eighty miles from East Prussia.

Hitler's supply, including reserves and current production, will not last another year, and his gas needs, according to one report, will deplete the supply in a matter of a few months' and possibly weeks' time.

There is some talk about the military favoring a peace. One faction is ready to sue for peace and salvage as much as they can while the other group is ready to fight to the last.

Over in the Pacific, progress is still being made, but Saipan will hold the spotlight for the present, at least. The success there was the most costly of the war, but over 14,000 of the enemy was wiped out. Fifty-eight of his ships were put out of action and several hundred planes were downed in the fight there. It is believed that runways for the big B-29's are being built, that more bombing of the Jap homeland will follow.

Draft Registration For Month Of June

Twenty-two Martin County men, most of them having just become eighteen years of age, registered for the draft last month.

Three of the registrants were delayed, the registrants, Robert Knox, w. of RFD 1, Williamston, and Melvin Cordon, col., RFD 1, Jamesville having been released or honorably discharged by the Navy during recent week. A third registrant, Paul P. Peel, w. of Hamilton and Williamston, had been a patient in a hospital for several years. Late reports state that Mr. Peel is gradually improving.

Names and addresses of the other June registrants follows:

- Edgar Lee Savage, col., RFD 1, Palmyra.
- Albert Lacy Smith, w., RFE Palmyra.
- James Arthur Melton, col., RFD 3, Williamston.
- Nathaniel Davis, col., RFD 3, Williamston.
- Edward Curtis Carter, col., Parmele.
- Lester Carr, col., RFD 1, Oak City.
- Charlie James Meeeks, col., Parmele.
- Ernest Bowen, col., RFD 2, Williamston.
- Robert Worsley James, Jr., w., RFD 2, Robersonville.
- Willie Lee Taylor, w., RFD 3, Williamston.
- Linton Eugent Roebuck, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Jesse Howard Stroud, w., Hobgood.
- Sam Peter Green, col., RFD 1, Oak City.
- Malotha Bowen Price, w., RFD 3, Williamston.
- Odell Black, col., RFD 1, Robersonville.
- Jimmy Mike Mitchell, w., Williamston.
- George Green, col., Hamilton.
- Fred Wilson, col., Williamston.
- Arlester Bagley, col., 539 Cumberland Street, Norfolk.

MARSHALL ISLAND EXCHANGE



The above picture shows Cpl. James Dalburgh Riddick of Everetts at an open post exchange somewhere in the Marshalls making a deal with two young native women for a grass skirt. Pfc. Louis A. Avila of Gilroy, Cal., a member of the trading group, was deleted from the picture which was furnished by the Seventh American Air Force. Quite a few grass skirts have been bought by servicemen in the Southwest and Central Pacific and sent to this county, giving rise to the possibility that they will be in vogue in this country in the days to come.

Army - Navy Pass 112 Men From the County

GAS REBATES

Saturday, July 15, is the deadline for farmers and non-high way gasoline users to file claims for state tax rebates on petroleum used during the months of April, May and June. Claims for refunds will be considered only on the gasoline used for farming purposes or of a non-highway nature during the three months.

The offices of the Harrison Oil Company will gladly assist farmers in preparing their claims for refunds.

Series Of Accidents Reported In County During Recent Days

Several Persons Hurt, None Critically on Streets And Highways

Two persons were hurt, possibly not seriously but badly, in a series of accidents on the highways and streets in this county during the past few days. Several other persons went through accidents without injury.

Bernice Earl Williams, twelve-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Williams, suffered a bad cut on her head when her father's car and one driven by James E. Daniel, crashed at a cross roads last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. James E. Daniel, colored, driving a 1936 Ford coupe from Parmele to Gold Point, started to make a left-hand turn and crashed into the Williams car being driven by Mr. Williams from Hassell to Robersonville. No others were hurt and property damage was limited to about \$25 to both cars. Officers Early and Saunders said after making an investigation, Daniel was given a hearing before Mayor H. S. Everett in Robersonville last evening and fined \$10 for operating a car w/htilproper brakes and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Lucius Jones, white man of Rocky Mount and Washington City, lost control of his mother's 1940 Chevrolet on a highway in Goose Nest Township and leveled the dirt on a ditch bank for quite a distance last Saturday evening about 6 o'clock. No one was hurt and no damage was reported to the car. Charged with drunken driving, Jones was fined \$50 in the county court here yesterday.

Big Oil Transport Turns Over On Washington Road

A big oil transport loaded with about 4,000 gallons of fuel oil turned over on the Washington Highway in Beaufort County at 2 o'clock last Tuesday morning when the driver went to sleep and the machine ran into a ditch. No one was hurt, but nearly 2,500 gallons of oil leaked out on the ground.

Thirty-Nine County Colored Men Report For Final Induction

Thirteen Married Men Leave Fifteen Children and 29 Are Farmers

Thirty-nine Martin County colored men left the county yesterday for final induction into the armed services. It could not be learned immediately if all would enter the Army or the Navy or be distributed among the various branches of the service.

Thirteen of the men leave wives and a total of fifteen children at home. Twenty-nine of the men come from the farms. All of the men are in their early twenties, two missing age deferments by a matter of only a few days. One will be 26 before the present month is spent.

The names and addresses of those reporting for active service follow: George Daniel, RFD 2, Williamston, and RFD 3, Washington, N. C. Ivory Lee Bryant, RFD 1, Oak City and Norfolk.

Stephen Griffin RFD 2, Williamston.

Willie Clifton Jones, RFD 2, Robersonville.

William T. Williams, Williamston. Willie Floyd Scott, Robersonville. Albert Williams, Everetts.

Eddie Sanders Clemmons, RFD 3, Washington.

Wheeler Ben Latham, RFD 3, Williamston.

Alfonso Slade, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Chester Peel, RFD 1, Jamesville. John Wesley Dunn, RFD, Robersonville.

Abraham Cordon, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Alvin Darphy Windley, Jamesville and Norfolk.

Walter Edison Cordon, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Clarence Bowen, Williamston. Spurgin Lambson, Williamston.

John Henry Shephard, Oak City. James Calvin Overton, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Tarleton Davis, RFD 2, Robersonville.

James Edward Berry, RFD 1, Jamesville and RFD 2, Winterville. Julius Cherry, RFD 1, Bethel.

Andrew Hube Brown, RFD 2, Williamston.

Russell Armstrong, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Muriel Dennis Rascoe, Williamston.

Willie Jasper Jones, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Robert Peel, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston.

S. T. Jackson RFD 1, Robersonville.

James Ed Andrews, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Elijah Junior Close, Jamesville and Roper, N. C.

Elijah Fields, Jr., RFD 1, Palmyra.

Roman Lock, Oak City. Harvey Lee Parker, Oak City. Robert Louis Davis, RFD 1, Oak City.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Two persons were hurt and a property damage estimated at \$1,150 resulted in a series of four highway accidents in this county last week, the count to date offering a bad accident record picture.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

| 27th Week Comparison | | |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge | 1944 | 1943 |
| 4 2 0 \$1150 | 4 | 2 |
| 0 0 0 000 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 17 2 6900 | 23 | 17 |
| 31 11 5 3250 | 31 | 11 |

Renewed Plea Heard For the Purchase Of More "E" Bonds

With the sale of "E" bonds lagging in most of the ten townships in the county, Herman A. Bowen, chairman of the Fifth War Loan Drive, today made a renewed plea

and help shoot the drive across the goal. It is no little job in some of the townships, but the people of this county only have to invest about \$4 per capita to push the drive to a successful conclusion before the end of this month. Jamesville has reached and passed its "E" bond quota, but according to last reports it was a bit short on its over-all quota. Only two other townships, Popular Point and Hamilton, have reached and passed their "E" bond goals, and these two districts have also raised their quota in other types of bonds.

Williams Township is only about \$550 behind in its "E" quota. Griffins is lagging by only about \$600. Bear Grass is just a little over \$1,000 behind. Williamston is \$40,000 short after raising \$80,148.75 of its "E" quota. Cross Roads is lagging badly from a percentage point measure up.

Following are the figures for "E" bond quotas and "E" bond sales by townships:

| Township | Quota | Sales |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| Jamesville | \$ 8,350 | 9,042.00 |
| Williams | 3,900 | 3,353.00 |
| Griffins | 15,600 | 14,924.50 |
| Bear Grass | 10,000 | 8,873.25 |
| Williamston | 120,300 | 80,148.75 |
| Cross Roads | 10,000 | 3,279.50 |
| Robersonville | 85,800 | 50,387.00 |
| Popular Point | 4,000 | 4,858.25 |
| Hamilton | 17,850 | 22,377.75 |
| Goose Nest | 9,650 | 7,765.75 |
| | \$285,150 | \$205,120.75 |

Paul Bailey, Cross Roads Township chairman, said, "Our township has in every other drive met its quota. We are short about \$10,000 in this one. Let's not have it said we failed to back our boys in the fight to the limit."

Board Cuts Town Tax Rate by Twenty Cents

Youth Delinquency Problem Is Dumped In Lap of Committee

Propose Chief Appointment And Additions to the Local Police Force

Meeting in a long session last evening, the local town commissioners discussed a varied business calendar but delayed action on most of them pending the completion of investigations and special studies by a committee.

Definite action was taken on the proposed budget figures, the board tentatively adopting a \$2 tax rate on the \$100 assessed property valuation. The rate, maintaining a downward trend in taxation assessments, is twenty cents below the 1943-44 fiscal year figure. Complete budget figures will not be available until the latter part of this week, but Treasurer N. C. Green explained that little change had been made in most of them. Substantial increases were allowed for the purchase of additional equipment for the fire and street departments, \$3,500 for the first and \$1,500 for the latter. The rate is based on a general property valuation of \$2,581,039, a total of \$144,509 greater than the base tax value for the past fiscal year.

The gradual increase in the amount of salt in the town's water supply was discussed and the board suggested that more water be pumped from the old wells until the situation can be remedied. Efforts are being made to solve the problem, it was explained to the board.

No definite action has been taken, but plans are being advanced for moving the town's trash dump from the river to another site just off the Jamesville Road.

The fire department chief, G. P. Hall, was instructed to make inquiries about the possibility of purchasing additional fire-fighting equipment and report to the board his findings at the next meeting.

The subject of delinquency, both juvenile and adult, was briefly aired when representatives of the ministerial association and woman's club appeared before the board and

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Over One Hundred Tires Allotted By Board Last Friday

Manufacturers Declare The Truck Tire Situation Critical

More than one hundred tires—86 for passenger cars and twenty for light and heavy trucks—were rationed by the War Price and Rationing Board in this county last Friday. Rationing authorities offered no comment, but according to information coming direct from the manufacturers, the truck tire situation is rapidly becoming more critical. Big truck tire allotments have been reduced almost to a minimum, and tire dealers say they will not be surprised if many trucks are forced off the road in this section before the summer is spent.

Grade I tires were issued to the following:

James M. Perry, Robersonville, one. Julius Cherry, Robersonville, one. Sadie Mae James, RFD 1, Jamesville, two.

Fenner Bonds, RFD 2, Williamston, one. S. R. Coburn, RFD 1, Jamesville, two.

H. O. Gurganus, RFD 2, Williamston, one. Rudolph Goff, RFD 3, Williamston, one.

Adolphus Cotten, Hobgood, one. James E. Leathers, Hobgood, one. R. B. Brown, Williamston, one.

H. H. Corey, Jamesville, one. Elmo Bullock, Robersonville, one. Alphonazo Little, RFD 2, Williamston, two.

Nep Lee, Robersonville, two. Daisy Marie Manning, Jamesville, one.

Roy Clark, RFD 3, Williamston, two. Charlie Mill, RFD 3, Williamston, one.

Archie E. Hardison, Jamesville, one. Jas D. Riddick, Everetts, one.

A. L. Hardy, RFD 2, Williamston, one. Jesse T. Price, Williamston, two.

W. S. Rogerson, RFD 2, Williamston, two. A. P. Hyman, Palmyra, two.

J. L. Wynne, Robersonville, two. Ervin Roberson, Robersonville, two.

J. R. Rawls, Oak City, one. Irving James, Jamesville, two.

William Little, RFD 2, Williamston, one. Lester Bryant, RFD 3, Williamston, one.

George Hopkins, RFD 1, Jamesville, one. Jim Haislip, RFD 2, Robersonville, two.

James H. Gray, Jr., Robersonville, one. W. G. Peel, Williamston, one.

S. E. Parker, Robersonville, one. S. R. Jackson, Robersonville, one. Oscar Stalls, Robersonville, one.

S. A. Perry, RFD 2, Williamston, one. Archie Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one.

B. A. Critcher, Williamston, one. Mrs. Mary Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston, two.

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Club Sends 20,000 Smokes To Soldiers

The local Lions Club recently placed another order with a leading cigarette manufacturer for 20,000 more cigarettes to be distributed free to our fighting forces on the front lines. They requested that this shipment be sent to a battlefront in the Pacific theatre. This shipment, representing an expenditure of \$50.00, was made possible by the contributions of local and county citizens, through the club's collection jars.

The club's committee in charge of this project has just completed its third round of collections, and they wish to publicly acknowledge the results of the 3 leading jars. First place honors for this period go to the jar located at Mrs. Joe Johnson's store near Piney Grove Baptist Church, where \$11.75 was donated, to set a record to date. This is the second time that this location has taken top honors, having been high the first period.

Incidentally, Mrs. Johnson's husband is serving in the armed forces. Second place honors go to Terry Brothers store at Bear Grass, where \$7.18 was collected. One of the proprietors of this firm is now serving in the U. S. Navy. In third place was Central Cafe, the jar there gathering \$6.44 for the period.

The club wishes to thank all the operators of establishments in which these collection jars are located, for their cooperation and interest. A summary shows that the four leading locations, with the total amounts collected to date, are as follows: 1st, Mrs. Joe Johnson's store—\$21.25; 2nd, Clark's Pharmacy—\$14.46; 3rd, Central Cafe—\$14.12; 4th, Terry Bros. store—\$12.53. The last named place has had a jar for only two periods, while the others were located at about the same time, and three collections have been taken from each of them.

RAINFALL

The grip held by dry weather continues unbroken in this immediate section with the exception of a few scattered spots where the rainfall, while not altogether adequate, has been of sufficient volume to make for fairly good crops.

Less than three inches—2.74, to be exact—of rain have fallen here since the first of May, and April was no wet month. Only one rain of more than an inch has been reported here since last March. In May there were 1.51 inches of rain, or less than half the fall in April. Eighty-nine one-hundredths of an inch fell in June, and up until shortly before noon today, the total for July was only .34 of one inch.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Home Here on Smithwick Street

Firemen Called There About Four Hours Previously To Put Out Fire

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Price on South Smithwick Street here at 3:20 o'clock yesterday morning and wrecked most of the house furnishings, Fire Chief G. P. Hall estimating the damage to the building at about \$1,500 and that to the furniture and furnishings at about \$500. According to the chief's report, \$1,000 insurance was carried on the building by the owner, R. L. Whitfield of Newport News, and \$1,000 on the furniture.

Shortly before 11 o'clock Sunday night, firemen were called to the home when fire was discovered in the kitchen. Apparently starting in the wood box from a discarded cigarette, the fire burned a small place in the wall and blistered the ceiling. The occupants of the house had the fire out when the fire-fighting apparatus was carried to the scene. Fairly certain the fire was out, the firemen returned the equipment, and it was stated that members of the family watched for a possible flare-up of the fire until about 1 o'clock.

Just about four hours later, neighbors saw fire burning through the roof of the "L", and by the time the alarm was sounded all that section of town was lighted by the blaze. There was a short delay in handling the call, but it was declared that the fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. Members of the family were quoted as saying that fire was burning over their heads when they discovered it, that they were forced to flee from the house partly dressed. Nothing was saved during the fire, but several pieces of furniture were removed from the front two rooms of the five-room house later with-

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County Boy Travels Great Distance in Recent Months

Bill Fagan, junior engineer in the Merchant Marine, has just returned to this county following extensive travels during the past two and one-half months. He went to Scotland, participated in the invasion, transferred the wounded from France, traveled in the far north, bobbed up at Curacao off South America and just landed in New York. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fagan of Dardens.

Reported Missing, Then a Prisoner of War And Later Missing Again, Youth Is Found

Marvin Melvin Whitfield, young son of Mrs. Pearl Whitfield of Gold Point, has had a hectic time in this war to date. For him it has been a war of hide and seek in addition to the dangers of battle.

All the details are not yet known, but it is quite certain that his record is a most unusual one, that he will have much to tell when he returns home.

His record paralleled that of millions of other G. I. Joes up until about the middle of February last year. About the time, Rommel, the old desert fox, stormed Faid Pass in North Africa, young Whitfield, on February 14, was reported missing in action. About six weeks later or on March 31, he was reported by the International Red Cross held prisoner by the Italian Government presumably in Italy. Seven months passed and he was reported missing again, a letter received in January of this year by his sister, Mrs. Kelly Davenport of Williamston, stating that he was a prisoner of the Italians



MARVIN MELVIN WHITFIELD and was getting along all right. The letter apparently was written there