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More Volunteers To

ess Than Half of Current

**Quota Has Been Handled** 

in Chapter To Date

Preparing only 17,860 of 37,200

bandages it was asked to fold and

# Germans In General Enormous Amount of Sugar Judge Calvin Smith Town Budget Calls for Bandage Room Asks Retreat Before The Rationed for County Canning Calls Six Cases In The County's Court \$88,140 Expenditures Aid In Urgent Work **Americans In France**

Miles of 1939 Border of East Prussia

Apparently supported by the incans are now doggedly pushing two days. ahead toward the west base of the peninsula, late reports stating that the Germans are in general retreat and that the fall of St. Lo is expected shortly. The Americans, now within two miles of St. Lo, are surrounding the objective after driving three miles within twenty-four hours against a stubborn rear-guard action.

On the eastern base of the peninsula, the British and Canadians are said to be making extensive preparations for a great push. Some compared the early movements there to those at El Alemein when General Montgomery laid the foundation for the great push that finally swept the Nazis out of North Africa.

There's been much bitter fighting on the peninsula during the past few days. Rommel lost more than 200 tanks in four days ,and about a dozen French towns were liberated.

Unconfirmed reports and rumors point to a break between the Nazi leaders and the German militarists. Some observers are predicting internal collapse for Germany, and it is certain that all's not well within the barbaric state. Battered from three sides and on top, Hitler is in a bad way. The Russian drive from the East is upsetting his strategy in the North, and it is now possible that the Soviets will cut off the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithunia, leaving German forces high and dry in Norway and other occupied areas. The Red Army, if it maintains the pace, is only six days from the coast and unless the Germans do a whole lot of moving and shifting right now, some 350,000 of their number will be cornered.

Russia is now within nineteen miles of the 1939 East Prussian border, and the five Red Armies on the Central Front are still slugging ahead, some observers predicting a bloody picnic when the fight is carried to German soil.

The going in Italy is still slow but steady, the enemy continuing to ofmakes what many believe will be his last major stand attempt along Grand Jurymen File been invested in bonds by Martin County people. This is an over-all figure, meaning that that

the Gothic line.

Handling approximately 5,000 in- [Only yesterday, two empty one-hun dividual applications, the War Price dred pound sugar bags were found

Russians Are within Nineteen and Rationing Board office in this at an illicit still in this county. county up until late yesterday had Beginning next Monday, an ad released nearly 88,000 pounds of ditional ten pounds of sugar will be sugar for canning in this county dur- made available to each individual ing the past few weeks. The special who proves he needs an additional rationing business reached a climax allowance for canning. The applicant creased flow of equipment through a few days ago when the office han- must also explain how the first al-

the port of Cherbourg, the Ameri- dled more than 1,000 applications in lotment for canning was used, and session about one and one-half it is possible that the statements will hours last Monday handling half a While no questions were asked, it be checked, in some cases, at least. is now fairly certain, according to The government wants the people indirect reports heard here, that to can and preserve, but it is finding some and possibly quite a few of the it necessary to guard against unpaclaims for canning sugar have been triotic and unfounded claims. unfounded. The most disheartening Those persons who have not ye report heard was the one suggest- applied for any canning sugar, will ing that some of the sugar was be-ing used for the manufacture of il-after next Monday. They will not licit liquors, while in other cases a be penalized for not having joined

few parties were bartering the su- the rush to get the first allotment gar after a black market fashion. before July 15th, it was explained.



proved by the agent's office. If no measurements are submitted by the farmer, he will be issued a red marketing card, meaning that he must pay a penalty on every pound of tobacco he sells even though his plant-ings may be within his allotment.

The regular marketing cards will be made ready for distribution on or about August 18th. Those failing to qualify for the regular card will be asked to call for their red cards on or after the 18th of next month.

With the goal in sight, Martin County citizens today were urged to get busy and carry the "E" bond

ales over the top between now and July 31. It is fairly certain that the task can be successfully handled, but hundreds of "little" folks must rally to the cause if the county is to go over the top.

A. Bowen, chairman of the drive in the county, that if the "E" bond quoa is met a Landing Ship, Medium, will carry the name of Martin Couny on a special plate. The ship is now being built and is to be completed within the next few weeks.

To date, a total of \$1,086,975.75 has been invested in bonds by Martin June Marriages In

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Judge J. Calvin Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in dozen criminal cases and a lone civil Quite a Few Changes Made action. The docket carried no event ful cases, but the court attracted a fair-sized audience. For the second

week in succession, bastardy cases occupied a prominent place on the docket. Proceedings:

The case charging Willie Allen Pugh with an assault with a deadly weapon was nol prossed. A continuance was granted until

August 14 in the case charging Ken-

charging him with bastardy. It was proved by the defendant that other parties were involved, leaving an illegitimate young'un without an

idtentified papa. Charged with violating the liquor laws, Clarence Rogers pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$40 fine and the court costs. The court also provided that the defendant is in his possession for one year.

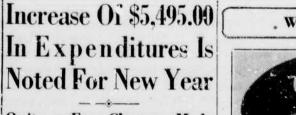
Charged with drunken and reckss driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Lucius Jones was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. The court also recommended that no operator's license be issued the defendant for

one year. The case charging William Roberson with drunken driving was continued for the defendant until the 14th of next month. In the lone civil action before the

court, a consent judgment was entered whereby the plaintiff, Ta-

litha E. Barnhill is to get possession It has been announced by Herman of a store building in Williamston from W. J. Miller. The judgment also provides the payment of rent at the rate of \$75 a month until the first of August when the defendant, (Continued on page six)

figure, meaning that that amount includes money invested in "E" and Martin County Are



**But Over-all Budget Is** About the Same

Acting upon the recommendations made by the treasurer, the local town commissioners this week proposed an \$88,140.00 budget for the 1944-45 fiscal year, the proposel carrying a 20-cent reduction in the \$2.20 rate in effect for the fiscal year, 1943-44.

While the budget proposed quite a few changes, including appropriations for new equipment in some of the departments, the total figures are only \$5,495.00 in excess of the

The budget is a bit confusing. For instance, it calls for a \$5,495.00 in crease in expenditures, and yet pro-RFD 1, Williamston, and the late vides for a 20-cent tax rate reduc-Neal Godard, was seriously tion. The reduction is supported in wounded in France on June 12. No direct word has been receivpart, by an increase of \$144,509 in assessed property values and an ed from the youth during the anticipated increase of about \$2,000 past few days. in income from water sales. While the actual amount of general tax-

Sgt. Martel Hardy ation is less than it was last year, collections are expected to be greater. For instance, the \$2.20 rate last year, levied against an assessed property valuation of \$2,436,530, would have raised \$53,603.66, but income from that source was expected to reach only \$35,851.00 during that year. In other words, collections are still being made, but they are being credited to 1944-45 income. The proposed new rate of \$2 per \$100 assessed property valuation, based on a total valuation of \$2,581,039, is expected to raise \$51,620.78, but the commissioners believe that \$39,516 of the levy will be collected during the 1944-45 fiscal

vear The rate reduction is further explained by the increased cash balance on hand. A year ago, there was \$17,594.00 in the bank. This year there was \$18,424.00 cash on hand. Lower interest rates also have their proportionate effect. Comparing the expenditures for the past fiscal year with those proposed for the new period, one finds . WOUNDED

Pfc. Leroy Godard, young son

of Mrs. Jenny Holland Godard,

**Returns To County** 

**From War Theater** 

**Narrow Escapes Over** 

**Enemy Territory** 

pack for shipment on or before the ast of this month, the Martin County Red Cross Bandage Room last evening sent out an appeal to all women, urging them to volunteer their services and help handle the urgent task. Included in the 17,860 bandages are 2,500 handled by volunteers in the Jamesville community. They are working on others there, and Bear Grass is now handling 1,-

The room will be open on the econd floor of the building next to the Guaranty Bank every afternoon and eveing, including Saturday and Sunday, until the assignment is andled in its entirety, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, chairman announced. The room is open each day from 2 to 5:30 and from 8 to 10 p. m.

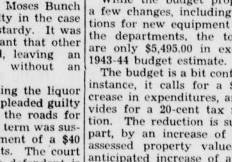
Names of the volunteers reporting ince Monday morning are as folows:

Monday afternoon-Mesdames G. P. Hall, W. C. Manning, Jr., W. E. Old, J. J. Manning, Lewis H. Peel, E. C. Stone, Hoyt Manning, Ben Courtney, R. E. Kimball, Frank Weaver, Roy Griffin, Elbert Shernan, J. B. Borel, H. L. Swain, B. S. Courtney and Victor Champion, and Sgt. Effie Sparrow.

Monday evening-Mesdames J. J. Marriner, J. O. Manning, Sr., Bill Myers, Elbert Sherman, Carl Mobley, William Gurganus, Noah Hardison, Garland Woolard, James Herbert Ward, W. B. Gaylord, Ralph Parker, Arthur White, John Ward, Young Man Had Number Of W. O. Griffin, John Goff, Tilmon Coltrain, Fletcher Thomas, B. S. Courtney, Hubert Biggs, Edwin Holding, and Mrs. Anna Harrison, Mrs. Cora Modlin, and Misses Clyde Returning to his home in Bear Hassell, Elizabeth Parker, Rosalie Grass a short time ago for a rest fol- Hardison and Margaret Lilley.

lowing fifty bombing missions over Tuesd y afternoon-Mesdames G. enemy and enemy-occupied terri- P. Hall, Elbert Sherman, G. W. tory, Tech. Sgt. Martel Hardy had Lewis, W. E. Warren, John R. Peel, several narrow escapes, the details J. S. Whitley, Travis Kitchin and of which could be had only after a Mrs. Pat Crawford.

rigid questioning. The young man, Tuesday night—Misses Mamie C. recognizing the heroic work being Taylor, Addie Lee Meador and done by so many in this war, was a Mamie Clyde Manning and Mesbit hesitant in telling about his own dames Dillon Cobb, Joe Roebuck, exploits, and even though the ex- Sam Zemon, Bill Howell, Abner ploits nearly cost him his life, he Brown, J. J. Marriner, W. J. Smith, dismissed them lightly and in the Larry Bullock, L. T. Carrow, Audrey spirit that he had done no more Carter, Sara Simpson, W. T. Stinhan thousands of others had done nette, V. D. Godwin, Sr., W. J. Miland are still doing. ler, Clyde Ward, Hobson Carter and The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Miss Mary Elizabeth Keel. Hardy, he is one of four brothers in Wednesday afternoon-Mesdames the service. Pvt. Lance D. Hardy, a Tom Brandon, Luther Peel, C. C. member of the medical corps, is sta- Parker, S. C. Griffin, W. O. Griffin, tioned at the present time in New-Sam Zemon, Frank Weaver, Victor port News. Cpl. Hardy is in the Air Champion and John R. Peel. Corps and is now somewhere in Wednesday night-Miss Mary E. England. Pvt. Calton Hardy is sta- Keel, Mrs. Anna Harrison, Miss Lila tioned at Fort Jackson. Reporting for duty at Fort Bragg, Pete Fowden, J. W. Watts, Oswald Rose Gray, Mesdames J. C. Lyons, Sgt. Hardy was destined to do a Stalls, J. G. Woolard, Frank Hitch, bit of traveling right in the States. Perlie Brown, W. T. Stinnette, H. H. He went first to Miami, then to Tex-Cowen, B. S. Courtney, Roy Guras and on to California, later going



the Gothic line. Observing the 155th anniversary of the fall of the Bastile, vast num-bers of Frenchmen are striking at the Germans in one way or another or extension the Nami way of another the Superior Court or sabotaging the Nazi war effort. In many sections early today, Germans were being ambushed and wiped out, reports declaring that the underground effort now being advanced by the French is far more extensive and effective than the Allied leaders had hoped for.

There's talk about Turkey entering the war or getting on the band wagon, her action to be determined on what's good and best for Turkey,

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# For The USO Soon

Williamston's USO Service Men's Council has been assured that the furnishings for the hut will be arriving within the next few days. The in good order and all bonds renewprogram has been somewhat cur- ed.

architect and engineer, on his visit here last Friday added new equipment which was requisitioned at once.

Mr. J. Robert Leggett has been engaged to operate the snack bar gett is a verteran of World War kept condition, except the chain on Kneezer Harrison, Mary Clyde Harnumber one and is a most helpful one window is broken and window dison, Irving Terry, Effie Rogerson, addition to the service being rendered by the club.

In compiling the report of activities at the club it was found that ored woman, and 3 colored men. had used the swim trunks furnish- in windows of the jail early in the Harris, Mamie C. Moore, and Bill ed by the club. The number re-presented thirty make states and three men from England. The management of the Municipal Pool issues the suits and sterilize the same after use. This is perhaps the most popular service offered the (Continued on page six) men at present.

Within the next few days the local club will be visited by the Reginal Executive and other high official of USO.

Last week the Certificate of Recognition from National USO was Williamston, was included in the received. This will be framed and list of Martin County youths passhung on the wall.

**County Boy Awarded Air Medal In South Pacific** 

Edwin H. Carson, Jamesville young man, was awarded the Air Medal on June 24, it was announced a few days ago by Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commanding U. S. Army Forces in the South Pacific.

The award was based on Stf. Sergeant Carson's record as assistant welfare department office. aerial engineer from last December 24 to January 17.

Recommend Improvements bonds. To date, "E' bonds in the sum of \$232,390.75 have been sold, leav-For T. B. Sanatorium **At County Home** The quarterly report filed during Bandage Room In the recent term of the Martin County Superior Court follows:

We have passed on all bills of indictments presented to us. We checked Justices of Peace Re

ports and found them all filed with the Clerk of Court and fines submit-Expect Furnishings ted to the Treasurer, with the excep-tion of George H. Leggett who has

not filed report. We checked the Guardian Ac-counts and found all reports have been filed.

We visited the Register of Deeds Office, and found same in excellent condition. All records were found fore

We visited the Clerk of Courts' tailed due to the lack of equipment but Mr. E. W. Reinecke, consulting office and found it in good condition They can't stop for a rest, and we with all records in good shape. The Sheriff's office and the tax collector's office were visited and Report and help. both were found in good condition,

follows: Mesdames S. H. Mobley, with all records up to date. Hildreth Rogerson, J. B. Rogerson, We visited the county jail and found it in a very clean and well Russell Griffin, Claudie Rawls, cannot be raised. We recommend necessary repairs. We found five Hickman, Dewey Leggett, Annie Roginmates, towit: 1 white man, 1 col-

erson, Ruth Hazel Harris, Mamie Rogerson, Leroy Harrison, Hessie Rogerson, Pete Mendenhall, Edmond Due to the fact that the sun shines Bailey, and Misses Naomi Brown, Doris M Regerson, Elizabeth Bailey, and Grace Knox.

MESSY

Many of the complaints di-rected against rationing are ab-

solutely unfounded. For in-

stance, an applicant called for

canning sugar. He submitted two

books, got his twenty pounds. Three hours later he brought in

two more books, had to wait his

turn and fussed and fumed be-

cause others were ahead of him.

If he had brought his four books

at one time, it would have saved

him a trip to town and saved the

rationing board workers that

much time. One does not have to

apply for the maximum amount

allowed for canning, but every-

one is asked to make only one

application. Second period appli-

cations will be received next

week, and the public is asked not

to make more than one applica-

tion during that period.

### **Included In List Of Boys Passing Pre-Induction Test**

Levi Harrison, young son of Mr and Mrs. Ephriam Harrison, RFD 2, ing the pre-induction examination at Fort Bragg on June 26. His name was left out of the list through error earlier this week.

**Plan Eye Clinic Here** August 9 For Adults

A one-day eye clinic will be held here on August 9 for adults who are not able to finance the examination, it was announced yesterday by the

Dr. Matthew S. Broun of Roanoke Rapids will conduct the clinic.

Below the Average the general administrative costs the same, or \$15,150 for each year. These figures are listed in detail in the dividuals were asked to invest approximately \$285,150.00 in "E" **Thirteen Licenses To Marry** 

Are Issued During The Period

The number of marriage licenses issued in this county last month was slightly below normal. June brides, Officers Wreck Two **Bear Grass Opens** in any other month so far this year.

Possibly the shortage was centered Stills In the County large number of young men drawn

By Mrs. G. A. Peel, Chairman Reopening the Red Cross bandage out of circulation by the war, Dan oom in Bear Grass since delivery of Cupid did a very effective job last more material I am asking everyone month in this county. that can to help. The services are Thirteen licenses were issued by

asking for 37,200 bandages before Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger, the end of this month and to meet seven to white and six to colored the demand we must have more vol- couples, as follows:

White unteers. Let's do our part. We have Henry Felton Rogers and Mary Elizabeth Leggett, RFD 2, William-

Howell Warren, Jr., and Nadine Lilley, both of Williamston. I know everyone is busy with nome duties, and we get tired, but Willie Lonnie Haislip of Rober-sonville, and Mildred Lassiter, of They can't stop for a rest, and we

will keep moving; I know we will. Williamston William Watson Brown, of Green-

ville, and Mildred Lois Greene, of Volunteers for last month are as Robersonville. Vaden B. Hairr, of Jamesville, and Eleanor Dare Jenkins, of Aulander. Ottis Coltrain, of Williamston, and Clara Shaw, of Robersonville. James Norman Hollis, of Rober-

sonville, and Nellie Fay Downs, of Williamston.

Colored William C. Strowd, of Hertford, and Mabel Elizabeth Williams, of

Gastonia. James Oscar Manning and Blanche lines, both of Williamston. ed for trial.

ooth of Windsor. Carey Robert Leary and Christobel Woolard, both of Jamesville.

Warren Reddick, RFD 2, Williamton, and Viola Woolard, RFD 1, Williamston. Simon Brown, of RFD 1, Hobgood, and Vivian Smith, of Scotland Neck.

No One Hurt In Car And **Truck Accident Yesterday** 

No one was hurt when a 1941 Chevrolet driven by Frank Bell, Jr., colored, crashed into a log truck owned by the Johnson Milling Company and driven by William Cross, colored, on a dirt road leading off Highway 125 in Goose Nest Township yesterday afternoon.

Bell, driving his father's car, was rounding a curve on the left side of the road, it was reported. Investigating the accident, Cpl. W. S .Hunt of the Highway Patrol, estimated the damage to the car at \$150. Truck damage was slight.

the general administrative costs the figures are listed in detail in the

proposed budget appearing on page four of this paper. The fire department is calling for

\$6,600 during the new years. Total salaries are being increased from (Continued on page six)

to Nevada and Nebraska for special training. By September of last year, Making two raids yesterday, County ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel brought in two he moved across the Atlantic to con-

One of the plants, equipped with a virtually new 50-gallon capacity month. Within nine days he and his

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moved from his ship to a Coast Guard

patrol boat and delivered to the sta-

tion hospital in a short time.

Two Divorces Pending In

Local Boy Undergoes An

copper kettle, was found in Bear bomber crew companions were in Grass Township a short distance action. His missions carried him from Sweet Home Church. The officers poured out about 350 gal-Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Albania, Rulons of pure cane sugar beer. There mania and Hungary. He was based is a possibility that someone was

trying to use canning sugar for bottling purposes. recently he was given a 30-day fur-Hovering close to the sheltering

lough wings of Cross Roads Church, a 40gallon capacity tin kettle was found Hardy said, but on several missions by officers later in the day. The his ship limped back home badly distribution of canning sugar ap-

parently was not as well advanced in that section, the officers pouring out about 150 gallons of stinking molasses beer.

Both plants were cold.

A few days ago, Clarence Rogers was carried into court for transporting a gallon of white liquor in navigator's helment was struck by a

Sam Moore of near Dardens was caught pouring out about three scratch. It was a trying trip back

**OVERCHARGES** 

Overcharges, made in orror Ensign E. S. Peel, Jr., underwent and amounting to \$376.08, were an operation for appendicitis in a station hospital at Fort Du Pont, paid to the United States Treasury by eight merchants in this Delaware, on Wednesday of last county a few days ago. The payments were made voluntarily, it week. was explained, and ran as low as

The merchants explained that inexperienced help in some cases had figured the prices and made slight errors, that the overcharges were unintentional. In the light of the facts prosecution was ruled cut, and the charges were not aired in public. It was learned, however, that solemn warnings were issued against price boosting in all cases where ceilings are in effect, that the customer is entitled to recover the overcharge and a certain

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he had about traveled all the coun-try-37 states to be exact-and then Lions Club Expands tinue his travels, stopping first at Casablanca the latter part of the Hitch-Hike Services

The local Lions Club has recently added another project to its growing over Italy, France, Greece, Austria, list of community and civic wartime activities. This feature is the placing of a bench along the right curb in Italy from December to June. of each of the highways leading out Completing his fiftieth mission just hitch-hiking servicemen, who sometimes have to stand long periods of "Every trip had its close call," time, waiting for a ride. Towering above each bench is a neat sign requesting the motorists to stop and scarred. The crew was supporting pick up a serviceman.

the American land forces in the The club placed a bench on East Anzio beachhead on one mission Main Street, North Haughton Street, and two engines were shot out, South Washington Street and East eleven gas tanks were punctured, Jamesville highway, and these, along considerable damage was done to with the club's pick-up station on the wings and controls and 157 holes West Main Street afford a conveniwere counted in the fuselage. The ent spot for the "thumbing" servicemen to use when trying to solicit a bullet, but he was not badly hurt ride, regardless of which direction and the others escaped without a he happens to be traveling.

All labor and materials for the to home base, but the battle scarred construction, painting and location of these benches and signs were furnished by the club and its members, with the exception of the sign painting, which was done by Artist John-Operation In Delaware nie Philpott, whom the club employed. The work, handled mostly on Wednesday afternoons, was

completed day before yesterday. The club wishes to especially thank and congratulate Lions Frank week, his parents were notified this Weston, John Henry Edwards and

E. T. Walker, along with several oth-The young man was at sea when ers, for their efforts and interest in he suffered the attack and was re- promoting this project .- Reported.

#### **Home Economics Teacher** For Local Schools Named

Miss Verna Belle Lawery of Kins-**Superior Court Of County** ton, accepted a position in the local schools this week. She succeeds Miss Two suits for divorce, both based Ruth Britt, former teacher of home on two years of separation, were economics. Miss filed in the Martin County Supereconomics. Miss Britt resigned to

ior Court recently, one by John It was also stated this week that Bunting against Alleen Bunting and F. B. Meacham, teacher of agricul-It was also stated this week that one by Lewis Bond against Pecolia ture in the Robersonville schools, Bond, had resigned.

\$6.90 and as high as \$287.50.

Williamston. of illicit liquor and was book

James Palmer and Fannie Cherry,

liquor stills.