

## Allies Chalking Up Sweeping Victories On Farflung Fronts

### Americans Advance 18 Miles Yesterday; Russians in Warsaw Suburbs

Sweeping victories were reported on the far-flung battle fronts yesterday as a tornado of fire and steel rolled steadily forward with Berlin and Tokyo as its ultimate goal. The Americans have broken out of the Cherbourg Peninsula and are running wild, so to speak, against the enemy. Just what their next objective will be now that the second phase of the invasion plan has been completed is not known. It is believed that the Americans will move to seal off Brest while the British, recording substantial gains of their own yesterday, will set out for Paris.

Over on the 1,200-mile Eastern Front, the Russians are rolling forward, their advances being made secondary to a plan to destroy completely as they go along all German might. One powerful Red Army is fighting in the suburbs of Warsaw today, and it is estimated that a million men are supporting the move to wipe out the enemy in that immediate territory. Advances, freeing more than 2,400 towns and villages within the past 36 hours, have been made by the Red Armies, and the Germans are reeling and rocking from blows all the way from Narva in the north right on down to the Carpathian Mountains. The important Baltic seaport of Riga is one of the near objectives. Kaunas in Lithuania is about to fall or has already fallen into Russian hands. One report states that a vast Red Army is moving in the vicinity of Suwalki in East Prussia. The Germans have been cleaned out of the last chunk of pre-war Russian, and the Red Armies are rapidly packing for the Berlin trip.

Turkey, according to rumors and recent developments, is about ready to break the last ties with Germany. Some see in the possible move, not one in which she is sticking her neck out, but one in which she is reaching her entrance into the war on the side of the Allies will help deliver the final blow against Hitler.

In Italy, the Fifth and Eighth Armies are still hacking away at the enemy in the Florence area, and while no extensive gains have been made there in recent days, the drive is progressing.

Over in the Pacific, the New Guinea campaign is announced just about completed. McArthur's men effected a new landing sixty miles northeast of Sorong last Sunday, the move cutting off an estimated 15,000 Japs and placing the Americans within 600 miles of the Philippines. The amphibious action was without opposition. The drive on Tinian is also just about complete, and the Guam move is progressing. Reports intimated today that a large portion of the British fleet could be expected in the Pacific soon.

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## Mrs. House Passes In Robersonville

Mrs. Lester House, mother of Mrs. Ernest Etheridge of Williamston, died suddenly at her home near Robersonville last Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Mrs. House, 61 years of age, was the daughter of Mrs. Fannie Warren and the late Howell Warren, members of well-known families in this county. She was a devoted member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Flat Swamp and active in its service for a long number of years.

Funeral services, attended by an enormous throng, were held at the home yesterday afternoon, and interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery. Elder W. E. Grimes conducted the last rites.

Besides her daughter here, she is survived by her husband and mother, a daughter, Mrs. Henry Johnson of Hamilton; and five sons, Jasper of Plymouth, Clayton of Hamilton, Berry and Howell House of Robersonville, and Staff Sergeant Garner House of the Army, now in France.

## Prowlers Break Into Ration Board Office

Breaking a small glass pane in a side door, prowlers entered the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board office here some time during last Saturday night.

Gasoline and other types of ration coupons were safe in a locked vault, and as far as it could be determined nothing was missed from the office. Officers, called in to investigate the case, admitted they could establish no motive for the break-in. The prowlers did not disturb any of the papers or records, leading officers to believe that the intruders broke into the building for privacy. One report declared that prowlers had been chased from church property late Saturday night.

## Review Of Bond Sales In The County During Recent Drive

Although the county fell short of its "E" bond quota by \$21,833.50, it forged ahead with the purchase of negotiable bonds to pile up a total of \$263,201.50 in excess of the over-all quota, according to the latest information available.

While the Fifth War Loan Drive has its dark spots, the over-all picture is very encouraging, and there are several high spots. In the "E" bond department, Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, Poplar Point, Hamilton and Goose Nest went over the top, the figures in Jamesville and especially those in Hamilton being most impressive. Griffins, Bear Grass, Poplar Point and Hamilton also rang the bell with their purchase of negotiable bonds while Williamston and Robersonville added sizable sums to swell the over-all total to \$1,118,201.50.

The following figures, while subject to minor changes, show, by townships, the "E" bond quotas and sales, negotiable bond quotas and sales and the over-all or combined quotas and sales:

Township	"E" Bonds		Negotiable Bonds		Grand Totals	
	Quota	Sales	Quota	Sales	Quota	Sales
Jamesville	\$ 8,350	\$ 12,585.75	\$ 16,650	\$ 9,689.00	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,274.75
Williams	3,900	4,400.00	7,800	5,126.00	11,700	9,526.00
Griffins	15,600	16,931.75	31,200	51,775.50	46,800	68,707.25
Bear Grass	10,000	10,822.75	20,000	77,405.00	30,000	88,227.75
Williamston	120,300	111,190.00	240,700	429,727.50	361,000	540,917.50
Cross Roads	10,000	3,860.75	20,000	17,689.00	30,000	21,549.75
Robersonville	85,800	63,023.50	171,200	207,090.00	257,000	270,113.50
Poplar Point	4,000	4,933.25	8,000	11,026.00	12,000	15,959.25
Hamilton	17,850	26,765.25	34,650	37,368.00	52,500	63,533.25
Goose Nest	9,650	9,703.50	19,350	7,689.00	29,000	17,392.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$285,450</b>	<b>\$263,616.50</b>	<b>\$569,550</b>	<b>\$854,585.00</b>	<b>\$855,000</b>	<b>\$1,118,201.50</b>

## County's Schools Will Open On August 31st

### Consolidation Plan For School at Gold Point Is Postponed

Nearly 3,000 Children Did Not Attend School in the County Last Term

All Martin County schools—ten white and twenty-three colored—will open the 1944-45 term on Thursday, August 31, in accordance with an operating schedule adopted by the board of education in a special meeting held here yesterday. The opening, described as the earliest in years, was fixed after figures had been studied and the board members found that the attendance is better in late summer than at any other time during the year.

Provision was made for operating the schools on short schedules daily during the early part of the term. A proposal to consolidate the two-teacher Gold Point School with the one at Robersonville was discussed at length, the board deciding to maintain the small unit for the present, at least. It was agreed, however, that consolidation would be necessary if and when attendance figures drop below 45 pupils daily, a spokesman for the board pointing out that that many pupils are required by State standards if two teachers are to be employed. The school there has been maintaining the standard by a narrow margin for several years. Gold Point is anxious to keep the school and its citizens are making every effort to meet the requirements, but the opposition to the consolidation plan is not bitter, according to an unofficial report.

A committee, composed of Board Chairman J. D. Woolard, Member George C. Griffin and Supt. Jas. C. Manning, was named to investigate the possibility of buying a building for a two-teacher school in Jamesville. The committee is to make its investigation on Friday of this week and report to the full board.

All members of the board, J. D. Woolard, chairman, Geo. C. Griffin, Leslie Hardison, H. C. Norman and John W. Eubanks, were present for the meeting.

"The comparison between this 4th of July and the one last year is quite remarkable. Our battalion along with two Marine raider battalions boarded destroyers to strike the northern New Georgia coast at 2:30 A. M. on the 5th of July. Fortunately we met no opposition until we had walked 21 miles inland through the worst jungle I've ever seen. Our battalion had a lone mis-

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## Three More County Teachers Resigning

Three more teachers in the schools of this county are resigning, it was announced by the office of the superintendent this week. The date for tendering resignations is now past, and comparatively few or no more resignations are expected it was explained.

Appointments are pending in several cases, but the principal positions at Farm Life and Bear Grass are without prospects at this time.

Among the late resignations announced by the office of the superintendent included one each in the Jamesville, Williamston and Robersonville schools. Miss Virginia Reynolds, eighth grade teacher in the Williamston schools, is resigning to accept a position in the schools at Wilmington. Miss Rachel Perkins, Robersonville sixth grade teacher, is going to Flora McDonald College, Red Springs, where she will be critic teacher. Miss Louise Dail is leaving Jamesville to accept a position in the Washington schools.

An agriculture teacher was appointed for Robersonville last Saturday and he resigned the following day, leaving the position vacant.

## WOUNDED



David Rix Harrell, Jr., was wounded a short time ago in the battle for Saipan, his wife, the former Miss Betsy Anderson, was notified here last week.

## Returns After Nine Months In Pacific

Troubled with an infection of the eye while on an island in the Pacific, Dillon C. Wynne, CM 3-C, was returned to this country on a hospital ship last Thursday, his mother, Mrs. Fannie Wynne, 505 Warren Street, Williamston, was notified by telegram last Friday.

Existing in the Seabees in December, 1942, the young man has been service at Tarawa and other islands in the South Central Pacific. Prior to his return to Shoemaker, Calif., last week he received treatment for four months in a hospital at Pearl Harbor.

The young man is now patiently waiting for a transfer to an East Coast hospital and hopes to be able to make a visit with his people here before long.

A brother, Staff Sgt. James A. Wynne, is now in France after spending two and one-half years in Ireland and England.

## MARTIN COUNTY In WORLD WAR I

(Reviewed from old Enterprise files twenty-seven years ago)

### April 6, 1917.

According to a dispatch from Washington dated April 4, the United States Senate formally declares the United States in a state of war against the Imperial German Government. The Senate passed the resolution by a vote of 82 to 6.

### April 13, 1917.

Quite a number of names have been secured here this week for the purpose of organizing a company of home guards, each pledging support to President Wilson in defense of the country.

Flags are flying all over town and the spirit of patriotism which was seemingly sleeping, has been awakened in the hearts of our people, who are standing by the country in her fight for the preservation of democracy.

Williamston was once the scene of battle when the invading army of the North came through here and gunboats shelled the town.

### April 20, 1917.

On Thursday night, April 12th, the doctors of Martin County met here and organized a voluntary Medical Defense Committee. Dr. John C. Rodman, of Washington, N. C., is one of the members of the State Committee for National Preparedness, and was present to organize the Auxiliary. Fourteen physicians were present. Dr. J. H. Saunders was elected president, and Dr. J. S. Rhodes, secretary. The society was most hospitably entertained by Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Saunders at their home on Church Street.

## NEW MEMBER

Mr. Jesse F. Crisp, of Oak City, last week formally accepted an appointment as member of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board, succeeding J. A. Everett, resigned. Mr. Crisp, serving as a member since 1942, explained pressing duties made it impossible to continue in the service. He attended his last meeting in March.

Mr. Crisp has been active in home front activities in support of the war for some time. He is a member of the county war for some time. He is a member of the county war board and chairman of the County AAA Committee and served as a member of the local gas panels, most of the duties carrying no remuneration whatever, but at the same time requiring much attention. Even though the work has not been pleasant at all times, Mr. Crisp has always answered the call to duty and handled the tasks as fairly and faithfully as any one could possibly handle them.

## Captain Jim Rhodes Writes Of Campaign In Italian Theater

### Spent Greater Part of Four Months Living in Fox Holes

Reviewing briefly a phase of the Italian campaign, Capt. Jim Rhodes, Jr., in a recent letter, said, in part:

"... Quite a lot of water has gone under the bridge since I last wrote to you. "After the Sicilian campaign our outfit made the landing at Salerno, and for about five days it was pretty rough. For two days we were trapped with the Jerries surrounding us on all sides. Luckily, reinforcements arrived in time and got us out of the predicament. From Salerno we went northeast through the Apennines, chasing the enemy about as fast as we could march. This continued until the middle of November when we ran up against the Gustav line. We stopped just north of Venafro, which is about twenty miles east of Cassino, and battled it out there until January when we were sent up to the beachhead.

"In February—18-20—the Jerries made their all-out attack to push us back into the sea, and came mighty close to doing it, but we made it so rough for them that they stopped and were content to simply hold us.

"On the eve of the first main effort to take Cassino we were alerted to make a big push at the beachhead at the same time. When the Cassino push failed the first time our outfit was called off. So, for four long months we lived in foxholes and listened to the artillery going both ways overhead. Most of it was going out, thank heavens. We refer to artillery as either out-going mail or incoming mail, depending on which way it travels.

"Our artillery is superb and by far the best of any I've seen. I don't know how it would compare with that of the Russians, but I'm almost certain that it is equally as good, if not better.

"Just before the big push for Rome began, all artillery pieces on the beachhead fired every night for one-half an hour, one round per minute. This continued for seven days and it was really terrific. When it was apparent that the Gustav line was broken in the south, our offensive began. It was pretty rough going for about four days, but then when the two fronts were consolidated, Jerry started pulling out until they reached the present line.

"Since I've been overseas, I have only seen one person from home. I ran into Billy Biggs on the beachhead and spent an afternoon talking over old times. I now understand that he was later wounded during the battle for Rome and is in a hospital somewhere in the Rome area. I wish I knew which one. I'd look him up but there are many hospitals here now, and it would be like hunting for a needle in a haystack. Several of the boys I went to medical school with are over here and we have been together several times. I have seen most of the historic places, Naples, Vesuvius, Pompeii, Rome, St. Peter's, the Coliseum, and others, but Williamston is still the best place I've ever seen. I can hardly wait to get back there. I've got a lot of living to catch up on."

The young man stated that he would almost give his left arm to see his young son and family. He also said that he was getting The Enterprise regularly and that it was really enjoyed.

## Alleged Violators In Ration "Court"

Several persons were called before the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board recently to explain alleged violations in the observance of ration rules and regulations and the 35-mile-per-hour speed law.

Surrendering an unidentified "C" gas coupon to a tenant, L. A. Roebuck, Robersonville, lost his A gas book, until August 9.

Possessing an unidentified "C" gas coupon, Nellie Smith, of Oak City, was denied further gas rations until the first of September.

Spencer Hyman, Oak City, charged with possessing an unidentified "T" gas coupon, explained that he purchased it from a party unknown to him. He was denied further gas rations until he identified the seller.

C. D. Pittman, Williamston, lost his "A" gas rations for sixty days for alleged speeding.

Action is pending in a fifth case where the applicant, W. A. Perry, Williamston, thinking he had lost his first book, applied for second rations.

## Ballard Named To The Local Police Force

Paul A. Ballard, named to succeed John Gurganus, resigned, entered upon his duties as a member of the local police force last evening.

Entering upon his new duties as chief this morning, Chas. R. Mobley stated that no other changes in the department personnel were being considered just now.

## Local Youth Killed In Action In Italy July 11

### Dennis H. Whichard Gave His Life July 11, Mother Advised



Daniel Davis Holliday, Martin County man, died in a naval hospital, Portsmouth, on July 21st, following an illness of about two weeks' duration. He was a petty officer in the Navy.

## Two Youths Report Narrow Escapes In Battle For Saipan

### Husband of Local Young Woman Wounded Twice in One Day on Island

David Rix Harrell, Jr., for two years a member of the Marine Corps, was wounded twice in a single day recently in the battle for Saipan, according to information received here this week by his wife, the former Miss Betsy Anderson.

Two years ago on July 6, Harrell, a lad of only 18, and Henry Lyons of Windsor volunteered for service. They were soon separated and met again, two years later to the day, on Saipan. Young Harrell, with shrapnel in his arms, apparently was unable to write and his chum gave an account of their narrow escapes from death in the following letter to Mrs. Harrell under date of July 11:

"... Night before last, Jinks (he is referring to Harrell) stayed at my battalion dump and held field day on the Japs all that night as they kept trying to get past our dump to their lines. We were under machine gun fire all that night. The following morning at day break all hell broke loose. The Japs opened up with everything they had against us except the kitchen sink, and there looked to be a million of them running among us in the dump. We ran them out but not before they had wounded three of us. I went into the dump to phone for help. I was picked out and the phone was rattled, and my rifle was knocked out of my hand. I was beside a water barrel and a hole larger than a 50-cent piece appeared above my head. That gave me a shower, but under the circumstances I didn't appreciate it. Jinks, seeing me pinned down and realizing I was unable to move, came to help me. He was behind a tree trying to spot my yellow-bellied attacker when he was spotted by the enemy who fired upon him, wicking him several times on the chest. Then we both ran into a fox hole and fired at the Japs on the ridge above the dump. Then we took the four wounded, including Jinks, to the sick bay. After his wounds were dressed he and I went back to the dump to see if everything was all right. We were reloading our weapons and then decided to go up on the ridge and see if the Jap I had shot at was up there. It was a pleasant sight and quite a boost to my ego to see him—an Imperial Marine, the guy who almost had our number—shot through the heart.

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## Silver Star Medal Awarded Local Boy

The Silver Star Medal, one of the Army's high honors, was awarded James S. Rhodes, Jr., captain in the Medical Corps, just recently for gallantry in action. The award to the Williamston young man was accompanied by the following notation:

"James S. Rhodes, Jr., Captain, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from September 11 to 14, 1943, near Persano, Italy. On September 11, 1943, the 179th Infantry Regiment was isolated and forced to engage the enemy on three fronts. The area was swept by artillery, mortar, and small arms fire during the day. As a result of the enemy's action, casualties were heavy. Captain Rhodes in order to facilitate prompt care and evacuation, established a forward aid station only two hundred yards behind the front lines. Here he worked unceasingly throughout the day caring for the wounded. In spite of mental fatigue and near physical exhaustion, Captain Rhodes continued to care for the wounded men for three successive days. His tireless and courageous action under the direct fire of the enemy inspired his men to efforts far beyond their normal abilities. His gallant service exemplifies the high traditions of the Medical Corps."

The award was made by command of Major General Eagles.

## Leaf Prices Above Ceiling Figures

Reports coming from the Georgia belt, following the opening sales yesterday, stated that tobacco prices were ranging well above the fixed ceiling level of 39 cents a pound. Price averages ranged from 40 to 45 cents, while individual prices ranged from about 13 1/2 cents upward.

Jim Gray announced that the average at Moultrie was \$40.38 for the medium quality offerings.

Block sales were reported on all markets as a result of the one-week holiday declared by Tom Linder, Georgia's commissioner of agriculture and No. 1 griper.

South Carolina will open on Tuesday of next week, and the markets in this belt will open on Monday, August 28.

## LETTERS

So far this year the members of the local Kiwanis Club have written over 300 letters to the men in the armed forces, each member writing one letter each month to some serviceman whose name is supplied by the club. One of the boys in service recently wrote a Kiwanian, declaring that mail from the folks at home constitutes at least half of a soldier's happiness in life. It is believed that some 500 letters which the Kiwanians will write this year will be a creditable and worthwhile undertaking.—Reported.

## Editor's Note: The addresses of nearly a thousand Martin County servicemen are posted each week on The Enterprise window, and others are invited to remember the boys with a letter.