

## Battle Of France Is Believed Shaping Up Rapidly In Brittany

### Fighting Men in Pacific View American Complacency As Tragedy of War

The fast moving American forces, sweeping across Brittany today with the great ports of St. Nazaire and Brest as their next goals, are believed to have opened the first phase in an all-out battle for France. Some observers, evaluating the recent successes, are now predicting the disintegration of German power in France and a confused retreat. However, it is pointed out that the fight is not yet over, that the whirlwind advance is not being made without cost, the latest available reports admitting that American casualties totaled over 11,000 in the week ending July 13, boosting the casualty figure in the war to date to 277,978—62,766 dead, 118,950 wounded, 45,703 prisoners and 50,599 missing.

Registering gains up to 30 miles in a single day, American forces this week took Rennes, great rail center in Brittany, and are pushing on toward Brest and St. Nazaire. Substantial gains were made in other areas, one force expanding the corridor through which the Brittany invaders traveled. Enemy casualties in the fight there now exceed 75,000, late reports stating that 1,000 German soldiers, headed by their officers and carrying white flags, marched out of Rennes to voluntarily surrender. The prisoners, one report stated, were tired and dispirited.

Today, the American forces are twenty miles south of Rennes and the virtual occupation of all of Brittany is expected this week-end, a late report intimated.

On the Eastern Front, the Russians are pouring across the Vistula River in a 20-mile sector and have advanced almost twenty miles to a point less than 100 miles from old Germany. During the meantime, the Russians have pushed to the Gulf of Riga, isolating Estonia and a large part of Latvia.

In Italy the resistance is easing, the developments there indicating that the Germans are finding Florence untenable and are making ready to move out.

In the Pacific, the Americans are continuing their tasks begun some days ago on Guam and Tinian Islands. Jap resistance has increased on Guam, but the Americans gained two more miles in recent fighting, and over on Tinian the job is about complete. Over in New Guinea, the

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## Kiwanians Sponsor Livestock Project

At its meeting last night the local Kiwanis Club unanimously approved a livestock project, on which will be expended approximately \$250.00, each of its members to contribute \$5.00. The \$250.00 will be used to establish a loan fund from which worthy youths of the county will be given the privilege to borrow capital to purchase and raise livestock. The stock will be shown at the annual livestock show which was sponsored for the first time this year by the Kiwanis Club and the other civic clubs of the county.

It is believed that this project will substantially stimulate the increased production of livestock in the county. Other counties have indicated their interest in entering the annual fat stock show, originally planned for Martin County, and it is generally recognized that this show has great potentialities as an incentive to the raising of livestock, and as a publicity and trading day for Williamston.

## Man Loses Arm In Car-Truck Accident

C. A. Caudell, operator of the Caudell Trucking Company, Raleigh, had his left arm torn off in a car-truck accident just west of Everetts this morning about 9:30 o'clock. Given first aid treatment in the Robersonville Clinic, Caudell was later removed to a hospital.

Details of the accident could not be had here immediately, but one report stated that a colored boy named Griffin, driving a ton and one-half truck started to make a sudden turn into John Griffin's filling station and that the Caudell car plowed into it, ripping off the left side of the car and injuring Caudell.

## No Great Damage to Crops in This County by Strong Winds

Tobacco and corn crops were blown and battered a bit by strong winds sweeping this section last Tuesday night, but numerous reports maintain that no great damage resulted. The storm, centering its fury in the Wilmington area, caused considerable damage to property there and at Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches, some estimates ranging as high as two million dollars. Several counties reported heavy crop damage as a result of the high winds and hail and rain.

It was first thought that the crop damage in this county would reach a sizable figure, but many farmers stated that they were straightening up their tobacco, and in some cases they were packing dirt to young fields of corn. Some damage will result to corn where it was blown over and the ears are left on the ground.

The crop situation, approaching critical stages at one time during the recent dry weather, has improved greatly in the county since the rains in late July and this week. Farmers are more optimistic this week than at any time during the growing season. They point out, however, that the tobacco crop, as a whole, is mighty late and that trouble can develop before all of it is housed. Continued rains can fire it and August worms are to be expected, they warn.

Tobacco harvesting is about as late this year as it has ever been known, but the work is being increased fairly rapidly and is expected to reach a peak within the next ten days.

## Held Up Battles



DEEP AND GUMMY, a bit of Normandy's mud gets its picture taken in this view of a lone despatch rider struggling through it, somewhere along the Allied front. When we had the Nazis groggy, such mud as this bogged our forces down through days and days of rain. Official British photo. (International)

## Twelve Colored Men Called From County For Final Induction

### Nine Come from Farm; Only One in the Group Is Married

Twelve Martin County colored men, most of them in their early twenties, left yesterday for Fort Bragg where they will be inducted into the various armed forces. The call just about exhausted the pool reserve of colored men, but a pre-induction summons is expected within a week, one report stating that a medium number of colored men had been notified to report for the preliminary examination on the 9th of this month.

Nine of the colored men leaving for final induction yesterday came from the farm, and only one in the group is married. He leaves one child at home.

Names and addresses of the men answering the final call: William Henry Bullock, Hassell, C. L. Highsmith, Robersonville, Robert Sidney Doggett, RFD 2, Robersonville, and Sulbrook, James Hardison Reid, Williamston.

Curtis Leroy Perkins, RFD 1, Robersonville, William David Boston, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Melton Morris Evans, RFD 2, Williamston, Joseph Highsmith, RFD 2, Robersonville, Randolph Brown, RFD 2, Williamston.

Robert Earl Stanley Bonner, RFD 3, Williamston, David Hopkins, Jamesville. These men had their pre-induction examinations on June 6th.

## NO CHANGE

No change in the plans calling for the opening of the schools in this county on August 31 will be made unless special orders calling for a delay are issued by health authorities, the office of superintendent announced yesterday.

Should the August 31 opening offer to aggravate the poliomyelitis situation, a postponement is likely, but unless the disease spreads to this section or even if the number of cases increase more rapidly in other areas, the authorities will consider delaying the opening.

## Judge Calvin Smith Calls Three Cases In County's Court

### Medium-Sized Crowd Attends Short Session of Court Monday Morning

Calling only three cases, two of them from Oak City proper, Judge J. Calvin Smith held the county recorder's court in session hardly more than an hour and one-half last Monday. Oak City was well represented, but the crowd was only of medium size.

Allen Warren, reported to have gone on a rampage in Oak City one night last week, was booked for and adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$25 and taxed with the court costs.

Claude Dorsley, charged with assaulting Herbert Davis with a deadly weapon, pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. Judge Smith suspended the road term upon the payment of a \$20 fine and the court costs. The suspension was for one year, the court ordering the defendant to be regularly employed during that time.

Herbert Davis, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon on Claude Dorsley, entered a plea of not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The term was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and the court costs. The defendant, the court ruled, must be regularly employed for one year, the period of the sentence suspension.

It was brought out that Worsley and Davis were in a store in Oak City and started an argument. Davis maintained that Worsley started the argument, and Worsley maintained that Davis started the argument. While its origin could not be definitely determined, there was good reason to believe it was off to a good start. Davis landed a telling blow on Worsley's head with a pop bottle, and Worsley opened with a pocket knife, ripping a slight gash in Davis's arm.

Ivory Clark, charged with drunken driving, pleaded not guilty, but his plea failed to hold and he was fined \$50 and taxed with the court costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

On June 6th, a mass meeting was held in the Hamilton school auditorium to organize a branch of the Red Cross. Thirty names were enrolled; officers elected, Mrs. J. P. Boye, chairman; Mrs. N. W. Grimes, secretary; Miss Lillie Floyd, treasurer.

## County Boards Will Hold Joint Meeting

Holding a joint session here next Monday, the county commissioners and members of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board are expected to review and discuss the general operation of the system. The meeting is about the first one of its kind scheduled in this county since the ABC system was established in July, 1935. The ABC board is composed of V. J. Spivey, chairman, of Williamston; and Irving Smith, of Robersonville. No suggestion has been named to Lawrence Hyman who was called into the armed service and who is now serving in the India-Burma area.

Very little business is scheduled for consideration by the commissioners and board members in prospect. They will draw jurymen for the superior court and wade through departmental reports.

## Two Suits For Divorce Are Filed In The County

Two suits for divorce, both based on two years of separation, were filed in the superior court of this county yesterday. One was brought by Lucile Hardison against James Hardison and the other was filed by Kelly Teel against Alice Teel.

## Williamston Youth Wounded in France

Jerry Langley, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Langley, was wounded in France some time between the latter part of June and the middle of July, according to a notification received by his mother. He was being treated in a hospital in England where he is now a patient in a hospital.

The letter is believed to have been written by a Red Cross volunteer at the direction of the young man. He stated that he was getting along all right and asked his parents not to worry about him.

Still in his teens, the young man entered the service last October 28, and was assigned to overseas duty following about seventeen weeks training. In a letter written on June 25, he stated that he was in France. Nothing more was heard from him until the message, dated July 25, reached here Wednesday.

The young man's father is on the Georgia market at the present time.

## Sgt. Fred Taylor Returns To The States This Week

After many months in overseas service, Sgt. Fred Taylor returned to the States the early part of this week, relatives here were advised Tuesday. Troubled with an ulcerated stomach, the young man has been undergoing treatment in a hospital in England for some weeks, and it is believed he is being hospitalized near Mitchell Field, New York, for the present. He hopes to be able to visit home soon.

## CHECKING

Representatives of the United States Internal Department of Revenue started checking motor vehicle windshields in this section yesterday for the \$5 use stamps. Quite a few vehicle owners were directed to appear in the deputy collector's office here today where they are subject to have their cases referred to a commissioner. Fines up to \$25 are possible.

Hardly before the check was started, quite a few people were seen going to the post office to buy the \$5 stickers. It could not be learned definitely, but the representatives are expected to spend ten days or two weeks in this territory.

## MARTIN COUNTY In WORLD WAR I

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

May 4, 1917.

Kelly King and Leslie Fowden have sent in applications for service to the war department, and they with Luke Lamb and Dr. York are the only ones so far in town who are asking to help in the crisis. Jack Biggs will join the Red Cross and be assigned work in the medical department, as he is splendidly prepared for that work.

May 18, 1917. Among the hundreds of North Carolinians, who have been accepted by the War Department for training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Williamston has three young men, Julius S. Peel, Luke Lamb and Elbert S. Peel.

May 25, 1917. Sheriff James H. Page, Clerk of the Court, Robert J. Peel and County Physician, William E. Warren, met on Monday morning to arrange for the registration of men within the conscription age on June 5, 1917. The registration of males between the ages of 21 and 31 for the purpose of drafting in the Army does not exclude any man on account of color if he is a citizen of the United States.

June 8, 1917. Tuesday was a holiday in Williamston as every business house and the banks were closed, except the drug stores and Leggett's ice cream parlors. The citizens were enthusiastically aroused to the work of Registration Day, and the streets were filled with men, women and children all through the day. A committee of young men used every effort to engage a band to furnish music, but it seemed that every musician was needed at his home town, and so it was impossible to secure even six pieces.

Miss Fannie Myrt Manning was hostess on Wednesday evening of last week in honor of the young men who had volunteered for service in the Army, and who left the next morning for Goldsboro to train at Camp Royster. Those in whose honor the hosts entertained were: Whit C. Purvis, Lewis Manning, Charles Mobley and Roy Everett.

June 22, 1917. Hon. Harry W. Stubbs, who was in Goldsboro two weeks ago, royally entertained the Williamston young men who are in Camp Royster in training. When they left for camp he promised them he would send them a sumptuous dinner of chicken fried, Martin County ham, biscuits, etc. True to his word, he had prepared a number of hams, 31 chickens, a bushel of biscuits and other good things.

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## To Recognize Publicly Gift Of Cigarettes To Army Men

The patriotic and generous gifts of cigarettes made to overseas servicemen by Martin County people through the local Lions Club will be publicly recognized over a special radio program on the NBC network next Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, K. D. Worrell, of the Lions Club here, was advised yesterday.

Eddie Mayhoff announced that he would give the club a special send-off on his Bank program.

## ARMY CHIEF IN SAIPAN CHECK-UP



ON AN INSPECTION tour of Saipan Island, recently taken by U. S. forces, Lt. Gen. Robert Richardson Jr. (right), commander of army troops in the Central Pacific area, stops to question a Jap native in the internment camp. With him is Maj. Gen. Sanderford Jarman, commander of the United States forces on the Marianas base. (International)

## Fourteen White Men Are Accepted From The County In July

### Next Pre-Induction Call Certain To Take Men From 26-29 Age Group

Fourteen of the thirty-two Martin County white men reporting to the service center at Fort Bragg on July 24 passed the preliminary physical examination, according to an official audit just recently returned to the draft board. One youth, James Thomas Mobley, of Oak City, did not get his notice instructing him to report, and he will be included in the next call. Seventeen were ruled out on account of physical disabilities.

It is estimated that there are around 126 white men in the draft pool reserve in this county, but it isn't likely that more than one-third of the number will be called this month, that none of the group passing the examination in July will be called before some time toward the latter part of September, if the calls continue in about the same order as those scheduled for July and August.

The next final induction call for white men is expected about the middle of this month, it is understood.

The names of the young white men passing the preliminary examinations in July:

Marion Thomas Hardison, Zeph Roberson, Thomas Johnson Brown, Ernest Lee Matthews, Mack Luther Peel, Jr., Linward Leroy Jackson, Thurman Lee Raynor, King Edward Cratt, Carey Garland Bunting, Wiley Benjamin Bunting, Noah Thomas Roberson, William Bert Scott, Bruce Edwin Roebuck and Albert Lacy Smith. The acceptance or rejection of George Alton James is pending the receipt of complete records, it was learned.

The next pre-induction call for white men, expected the last week in this month, is almost certain to dip into the 26-29 age group, inclusive. The registration of 18-year-

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## Few Farmers Plant Excess Of Tobacco

A fairly complete report from the office of the county agent states that only thirty-four farmers in this county had planted in excess of their tobacco allotments. Most of them were declared in excess following spot checks. The excess ranged from one-tenth to two acres. Many farmers failed to plant all of their allotment.

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## BOND RECORD

At the beginning of the Fifth War Loan Drive, members of the local Lions Club set a goal of \$75,000, to be bought in bonds by members of the club during the campaign. Lion D. V. Clayton, club treasurer, recently announced that the members of the club purchased \$6,112.50 in "E" Bonds and \$57,000 in negotiable bonds, a grand total of \$63,112.50, thereby exceeding their goal by \$18,112.50. This is the third time that the club members have set a goal during a War Loan Drive, and they have exceeded it each time.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

In the first seven months of this year there were nearly twice as many highway and street accidents than there were in the corresponding period, a year ago. The number of injured was just twice as great and the property damage was more than double the 1943 figures. However, human life so far this year received more consideration than a year ago.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

30th Week Comparison

Year	Inj'd	Killed	Damage
1944	2	1	\$ 25
1943	1	0	200

Comparison To Date

Year	Inj'd	Killed	Damage
1944	42	22	7600
1943	25	11	5 3525

## Fourteen Marriage Licenses Issued In County Last Month

### Thirteen of the Licenses Are Issued To Colored Parties

While the number of marriage licenses issued in this county last month held to about a normal figure, the issuance to white couples was the smallest since July, 1933. There were fourteen licenses issued during the past month, thirteen going to colored couples. Thirteen years ago depression gripped the country, the records showing that there were only three marriages in the county in July, 1931. It is apparent that Dan Cupid's work is being affected in this county by the grip that war is holding on the nation and the world today.

Among the colored, Cupid went to the extreme to maintain his work. One of the contracting parties had already passed his 67th birthday, and many of the others were also above the current draft age.

Licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Gotsinger in this county last month to the following:

White  
Allen Randolph Peele and Marjorie Fleming, both of Williamston.

Colored  
Augustus James and Mary Jackson, both of Williamston.  
Robert Lee and Estelle Leggett, both of Hobgood.

Cullen Brown and Malisa Purvis, both of Robersonville.  
James Perry and Cora Bunch, both of Windsor.

William Everett and Magdalene Leather, both of Oak City.  
Woodard Collier and Stanley Ruff, both of Oak City.

Zarah Johnson and Estelle Leggett, both of Hobgood.  
Grover Bland and Alice Valentine, both of Williamston.  
Robert Lee Ruff and Margaret Collier, both of Oak City.  
Johnnie Powell and Louise Brown, both of Williamston.

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## Hundred And Forty Tires Are Allotted By Rationing Board

### Only One Large Truck Tire Made Available in County On Last Friday

One hundred and forty tires were allotted in this county last Friday by the War Price and Rationing Board, the number including 115 passenger car tires and 25 for large and small trucks.

The truck tire shortage is now entering a critical phase, and one reports state that national distributors in many cases are unable to fill orders for car tires.

Grade I tires were issued to the following:

W. S. Leggett, Everetts, one.  
L. H. Matthews, Parmele, two.  
R. T. Purvis, Jr., Robersonville, two.

Mrs. E. D. Hardison, Williamston, two.  
C. B. Saunders, Williamston, one.  
O. S. Green, Williamston, one.  
John R. Jones, R3, Williamston, two.

Biggs Funeral Home, Williamston, one.  
R. L. Perry, R2, Williamston, one.  
Nat Ellis, Jamesville, two.  
Mrs. Henry A. Johnson, R1, Robersonville, one.  
Mrs. W. L. Manning, Williamston, one.

Julius M. Manning, R1, Williamston, one.  
W. W. Hinson, R1, Bethel, two.  
Elijah Barber, R1, Oak City, one.  
Kelly Rawls, Robersonville, two.  
R. A. Edmondson, Hamilton, two.  
George Bonds, R2, Williamston, one.

Mrs. J. A. Everett, Palmyra, two.  
F. B. Worsley, Oak City, two.  
I. M. Little, Robersonville, one.  
A. R. Osborne, Robersonville, one.  
W. L. Bryant, R1, Bethel, one.  
Solomon Baker, Oak City, one.  
R. A. Critcher, Williamston, one.  
C. C. Martin, R1, Jamesville, one.  
Thurman Harrell, Oak City, one.  
Elwood Ayers, Oak City, one.  
Claude Andrews, Oak City, one.  
Caden B. Hair, Jamesville, one.  
Andrew Flannagan, Hobgood, one.  
H. F. Congleton, Robersonville, two.

Geo. D. Roberson, Robersonville, two.  
Floyd L. Moore, R1, Williamston, one.  
David Moore, Williamston, one.  
John Nicholson, R3, Williamston, one.  
M. E. Smith, Robersonville, two.  
Geo. D. Grimes, Jr., R2, Williamston, one.  
Otis Wainwright, R1, Williamston, one.  
Thurston Wynne, Jr., R2, Williamston, one.  
C. H. Gardner, Robersonville, two.  
Marshall Savage, Williamston, one.

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## Few County Youths Register Last Month

Very few Martin County youths, reaching their eighteenth birthday, registered for the draft last month. The addition of twelve to the list subject to draft will not materially benefit registrants in the 26-29 age group.

The names and addresses of the youths registering in the county last month:

Alton Thomas Johnson, w, RFD 1, Robersonville.  
Melvin Godard, w, RFD 1, Williamston.

Millard Fillmore Delvison, 520 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore.  
Jasper Bullock, w, RFD 1, Palmyra.  
James Clifton Manning, w, RFD 3, Robersonville.

Ray Lee Dolberry, c, Oak City.  
Auguster Jones, c, RFD 1, Oak City.  
William Oscar Andrews, c, RFD 1, Robersonville.  
James Oscar Spruill, c, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Ransome Nathaniel Davenport, RFD 1, Williamston.  
Thad Harris, Jr., c, RFD 2, Williamston.

## In Four Invasions Without A Scratch

Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stinnette, here recently, First Class Petty Officer William Earl Stinnette stated that he had been in four invasions and went throughout without a scratch. However, he said the old war is pretty rough in the Southwest Pacific.

The young man had seen Jap troops mowed down and Jap planes shot out of the air. He has witnessed the capture of many Japs, offering sights he'll not forget in years to come. He declared the Japs are getting to that point where they run, and according to Stinnette, that's a good sign.

A pharmacist's mate, Stinnette said he isn't worrying over anything because he knows his people and friends back home are praying for him and the other boys.