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## Take Preventive Step County's Board Of Against Poliomyelitis

### Municipal Pool Is Closed For Season; **Bans For Children**

No Travel Ban Imposed, But Public Is Asked to Keep Children at Home

Following the spread of polioniyelitis (infantile paralysis) to this section of the State during the past few days, county health authorities last week-end took what are believed to be the most sensible steps to prevent the spread of the disease in this area. While no strict bans have been imposed, the health authorities advised the closing of the municipal swimming pool, Sunday Schools, theaters and public gatherings to children under sixteen years of age. It should be noted that the Sunday schools and theaters will not be closed, but children under sixteen are not to be admitted for an indefinite period.

The health department announced this week that all agencies and operators of amusement houses and other public places where children frequently gather had pledged their cooperation in support of the preliminary precautionary measures.

Just how long the partial ban will hold, health authorities could not say, but they assured the public that all restrictions would be lifted as soon as possible or as soon as such action was considered safe.

all parents to keep their children at and furloughs in Gay Paree. home, and do no more traveling than In the sharpest counterattack since

will be changed to about the middle of September, possibly the 18th. The alone, and the attack was smashed. school authorities and members of Apparently the drive to cut off the the health office are scheduled to Americans had little effect on Al-Williamston: W. study the problem.

al adjoining counties. Up until a few days ago no cases had been reported east of Wilson, but it is fairly definite now that the disease has made its appearance in Beaufort, Bertie and Hyde Counties.

# **County Young Man**

June and the middle of July, ac- be rising in violence hourly. cording to a letter just received by ham, near here.

mother by pointing out that he would walk, talk and use his arrils.

He is in a hospital in England and from the Paris area, some starting would be all right in a few weeks.

was writing with a pen taken from a captured Jerry. 'Foster (his brother) wrote me he

was here, and I have the Red Cross trying to help me locate him. I hope I get to see him; it's been two years this month since I saw him," he said in his letter bearing date of July

The young man entered service January 7, 1941, receiving his training at Fort Jackson, S. C., Camp Forrest, Tenn., Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Atterbury, Indiana, before leaving for overseas duty last February. His brother, John Forster, has been overseas since about the middle of June.

It is a bit singular that two of the Martin County men reported killed in France and at least two of the five reported wounded should have landed in England about the same time-February of this year.

#### Assault Costs Colored Woman One Of Her Eyes

Slapping his wife in the face, Gadys Peel, county colored man, broke her glasses and caused her to lose sight in one eye. A piece of the glass was driven into the eyeball, one report said. The assault the details of which are to be aired in the county court next Monday,

took place last week. Bond was fixed in the sum of THE RECORD

Another serious highway accident forged its way into the record last week, costing one person his left arm and endangering the

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lives of others.

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

31st Week Comparison Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge Comparison To Date

### Allies Shatter Nazi **Attack and Continue Drive Toward Paris**

Drive Below Caen Early This Morning

Despite a flare-up to their rear in the Mortain-Avranches area yesterday, American spearhead forces continued their drive toward Paris today, late reports placing them with-The usual movement of children in in 115 miles of the French capital. public is not banned, but the health Already, American soldiers are makoffice is directing an earnest plea to ing plans to spend the next leaves ABC system in the county now has

is absolutely necessary. All public D-Day, the Germans pooled their is in wine stocks. gatherings of children, including tank forces in the Mortain sector yes-Boy Scouts, are being banned by terday and attempted to move to voluntary action, but it is possible Avranches, their over-all plan bethat bans will be enforced by law ing to cut the Americans' corridor if the preliminary regulations are ig- connecting Normandy with Brittany. Incomplete reports coming from that No action has been taken to change area clearly indicate that it was a the opening date for the county determined and fierce attack. At one schools, but unless there is an abrupt time the American land forces were end of the disease spread in the hard pressed, but in the early after-State, it is quite likely that the noon Allied air power moved in to schools will not open in the county halt the drive and shatter the enemy. on August 31, that the opening date Between 135 and 140 enemy tanks erson.

meet on Thursday of this week to lied strategy in France. The Ameri-H. Modlin, Wendell Peel, William cans continued on toward Paris, No cases of the disease have been while others continued to exploit the reported in this county to date, but strong points on the Breton Penincases have been reported in sever- sula. The Allies were nine days taking the Cherbourg port, and it remains to be seen how long they will be in clearing the enemy from Brest, Lorient, St. Nazaire and other important objectives in the peninsula. An unconfirmed report stated that the Germans, apparently afraid of the French patriots, are eager to surrender to the Americans.

On the eastern side of the action Wounded In France front, the Canadians, forming an independent unit of their own, launched what appears to be a big-scale at-Pfc. Paul C. VanLandingham tack below Caen. The drive, started was painfully but believed not badly before daybreak this morning, had wounded in action somewhere in gained four miles over a three-mile France between the latter part of front by noon today, and was said to

Gen. Charles de Gaulle, of the his mother, Mrs. C. S. VanLanding- French Committee of National Liberation, declares that a powerful The nature of his wounds was not French Army with modern equipdisclosed, the youth assuring his ment would soon join the Allies in

stated that he was getting along fine, that the Germans are digging in for much. He added that he was getting while other rumors declare the Gerthe best of treatment and that he mans are withdrawing from the city toward the Maginot line with their VanLandingham stated that he eyes firmly fixed on the Marne secor and the German line....

The liberation movement, spearheaded by the Americans, is said to be receiving a great welcome in one French center after another.

Thre has been little change on the Italian front during the past few days but late reports indicate that the Allies are making preparations for a mass attack on the Gothic line which runs from Pisa to Rimini.

since a U. S. task force steamed to within six hundred miles of Japan, blasted thirty-eight Jap ships, in-cluding eight warships, leveled air-(Continued on page six)

**ROUND-UP** 

After reporting few arrests in recent weeks, local police, coun-ty officers and military police went into action last week-end to round up five persons for al-leged infractions of the peace.

One was arrested for a dangerous assault with a dead-ly weapon. One was booked for drunken driving, and three others were detained for public

Three of the five were white persons, the ages of the entire group ranging from 21 to 65

## Commissioners In **Short Meet Monday**

Very Little Business Discussed; Hear Report from ABC Board Chairman

Meeting in regular session here resterday, the county commissioners had very little business on their calendar for consideration. Irving L. Smith, Robersonville man, was reappointed a member of the County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a three-year term, the appoint ment having been made subject to approval of the board of education and health. A second ABC Board member appointment is expected shortly to fill the position made vacant when Lawrence Hyman was called into service.

Tax relief orders were issued to E. C. Jones, Williamston, in the sum of \$2 since he had been called into the service, and one for \$1.20 listed in error to J. W. Gurkin, Griffins

Appearing before the board, V Spivey, chairman of the County ABC Board, reported on the board's operations during the past nine years and explained the delay in urning over profits to the county and the several store towns. No profits have been paid to the county in several quarters and the towns have Canadians Launch Big Scale not received their share of the pie profits during the past two quarters, the chairman explaining that the board was trying to build up its inventories by advancing cash for liquor. It was also pointed out that large wine stocks were included in the inventories, that while sales had been small in recent months, the wine business was expected to increase during the fall and winter months. It is understood that the an inventory of approximately \$40,-000, a fairly large portion of which

Jurymen were drawn for the two weeks of Martin County Superior Court convening on the third Monday in September, as follows: First Week

Jamesville: James C. Williams and Arthur L. Modlin. Williams: David G. Griffin, Joe L Coltrain, A. W. Hardison, Henry F

Griffins: Elbert Roberson, Jesse David Hardison and Arthur C. Rob-Bear Grass: Ralph B. Holliday, H.

Gomer Harrison, J. Collins Griffin Williamston: W. R. Glover, Willie Lambert, J. W. Gurganus, W. C. Bai-

ley and J. Daniel Lilley. Cross Roads: Jesse Keel. Robersonville: V. L. Roberson and

G. Keel. Poplar Point: J. S. Beach. Goose Nest: B. A. Long and H. J.

Haislip, Jr. Second Week Griffins: R. Dewey Perry and Roy

C. Coltrain. Bear Grass: S. H. Mobley, W. A. Perry and Calvin Ayears. Williamston: J. D. Thrower, Fen-

ner Bonds, J. Oscar Daniel, David Keel, Bill Gay, C. H. Godwin, Jr., J. Haywood Rogers and Dan W. (Continued on page six)

### Name Principal For Farm Life School

George Lassiter, of South Mills, has been named principal of the Farm Life School in this county, it was announced this week by the was announced this week by the light. The local board is urgent that you, Hawkins? I didn't say anyoffice of the superintendent. Mr. Lassiter is an old school man, having taught in several schools in the State including those of Dare County for the past two years.

Mrs. Lassiter will teach in the school's grammar grades, and they

announced. An application has been received for the position of principal at Bear Grass and an interview is scheduled for tomorrow. Other than the Farm Life, elec

tions, no faculty positions have been filled in the county schools during the past few days, but several apof them can be filled unless local talent in some school areas volunteer for service.

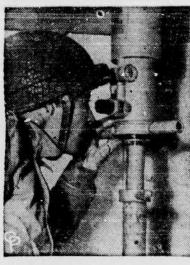
# Assistant To Home

Just recently appointed, Miss Margarett Ricks is entering upon her new duties as assistant home agent ville; Rufus R. Carson, Bethel. in this county shortly.

A graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, with the class of 1944, Miss Ricks has been doing special work in Halifax County this summer. As a member of a 4-H club in Johnson County, Miss Ricks lead the field, winning several state and national awards. She will help direct the 4-H club work in the

Miss Ricks is from Selma.

Artillery 'Eye'



A PERISCOPE of the type used in artillery observation posts to observe gun fire is examined by Sgt N E. living of Newark, N J., after American troops had captured a German pillbox on the invasion coast of France U S Army Signal (International)

### MARTIN COUNTY In WORLD WAR I

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

July 6, 1917.

Monday, the Exemption Board for for the drafting of the 150 men who will be carried out from the county under the draft bill. 1,500 men are registered and it will require excellent and impartial judgment to select 150 from this number. July 27, 1917.

Friday afternoon, when the numbers of those drawn in the selective draft commenced to be received over the wires ,the people of Williamston became intensely interested in the matter. All that morning there had been signs of feverish anxiety among both races, and the announcement of the numbers added greatly to the effect.

Martin County's quota was 145 and as 28 had already enlisted only 117 were needed to complete the The first Martin County man to

be drawn was Lefender Yarrell, colored, who lives in Williams Town-

Dennis C. Taylor left Tuesday for ment in the Navy. He was drawn in the selective draft, but decided American forces to land in France It was pointed out that it and observable to purchase to impossible August 3, 1917.

Turner T. Grimes, assistant bookkeeper in the Farmers and Merchants Navy at Norfolk last week. However, he failed to pass on account of his weight which was 20 pounds under the required number of 128.

N. S. Godard, who was examined for service at Warrenton last week, could not meet the requirements as to physical strength, being deaf in one ear.

August 17, 1917. To date the complete and revised list of drafted men from Martin in-

cludes 337 men. The Exemption Boards in Martin County are face to face with a situation which should not exist in this time when every citizen in the country needs to be strong and alert. One o fthe serious things which has to be reckoned with is that many folks make affidavits to the claims of those the light. The local board is urgent that you, Hawkins? I didn't say any-of Main and Haughton Streets, rethat the people in Martin County be that was the time I did not ceived consideration but was ruled out since the equipment is not to be cautious in this serious matter.

August 31, 1917. enter the training camp there.

September 7 1917 Yesterday Martin County sent its first men to join the Army. Acting in accordance with the instructions of the War Department, only five per cent of the quota of 145 men were taken on the first call.

A large crowd was at the station to bid the men goodbye, and to cheer them with kindly expressions. It Flag-adorned Testaments were pre-No startling developments have been reported in the Pacific theater since a U. S. task force steamed to days, but there is some doubt if all ty Council of Defense, and the Red Cross Auxiliary gave each one comfort bag. The squad was placed in the command of Dennis C. Taylor, and the members of the Exemption Board were present to see them off. The men went to Columbia, S. C. where they will be trained for serv-Agent Begins Work ice. The squad composed of: Dennis C. Taylor, Williamston; James A. Leggett, Williamston; Bernard G. Hyman, Oak City; Robert E. Harrell, Oak City; Jodie D. Woolard, Robersonville; William H. Gray, Roberson

Revival Meeting Being

The first in a series of revival Hawkins went on to say that he

Men Are Killed on the Battlefield

## Jamesville Youth Is Killed In Action In France On June 19th

Levie H. Davis, Jr., Was First Reported Missing There On June 21st

Pfc. Levie Horace Davis, first reported missing in France on June 21, was killed in action on June 19 on the battlefields of that country, according to a later message received by the young man's mother, Mrs. Mattie Davis, of near Jamesville, a few days ago. No details of his untimely death were offered in the brief message received from the War Department or in a formal letter received from the same source a short time later. Members of the family are at a loss to explain the time element in the messages. In a first telegram received in late July, it was stated that the young man was missing on June 21. The last message stated that he had been killed on June 19.

As far as it can be learned here Davis is the first Martin County man to die on French soil in the current war, and the 28th man from this Martin County met at the Court county to died while in the service House and did the preliminary work of his country since Pearl Harbor Four other Martin County youths have been reported wounded in the invasion and battle for France, and a second young man has been report-

ed killed there.
The son of Mrs. Mattie Gurkin Davis and the late Levie H. Davis, the young man was born near Jamesville on November 19,1919. He spent his early life on the farm or until January 28, 1941, when he answered voluntarily his country's call and entered the Army. A member of the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church for about ten years, Pfc. respect of all who knew him.

Alabama, Fort Benning, Georgia, and a short time at Fort Dix, New service in February of this year. During his stay in England, he

made many friends, some of whom have since corresponded with members of his family. -A member of an infantry division

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Bank, volunteered for service in the County Youths Meet possible, according to one manufacturer, to build and deliver within Over In New Guinea prices range from around \$5,700 to

> Hawkins, Williamston colored boy, states he is still in New Guinea and graded schools. getting along fine, except for hometo get back home.

Hawkins expressed the wish that agreed to build the street, it was exthey were getting along all right. plained to the commissioners. "From what I read in the paper, they seem to be getting along fine.

I hope they keep it up.' show and sat in the rain to see it. as possible and help eliminate some We were returning to our station on of the unnecessary noise. not know him, and about that time had. he pulled off his cap and there was Mayor J. L. Hassell was instructed

some one from home. Farther on er-locker here was also briefly disdown the road we met a white cussed. soldier. He told me he was R. J. him everything was all right when left last December.

"Later, I learned another boy, Jim Bo, from home is over here, and I to see him soon.

"I got a paper after I saw R. J Hardison's cousin, and I don't think ne knew anything about him being missing. I used to work with Mr. R. J. at Clark's Drug Store. He is a nice boy and I hope he gets home all

"I was also to hear about Lt. Bill Ballard. I used to work with him at Pender's Store. He was a real friend of mine. I will be glad when this war is over and hope it will be before I lose any more of my good friends back home. I am going to Held In Bethany Church save their pictures so I can remember them.

neeting services was held in the had two brothers in the service, Cpl. Bethany Church near here last even- William Hawkins, now in England or ing. Conducted by Rev. S. A. Fann France, and Pvt. James Hawkins of Roanoke Rapids, the services will who is now in Africa. "I hope we be held each night at 8:30 o'clock, all get back O. K. to free life and see and the public is cordially invited." all the people back home. RAINFALL

Two More Martin County Young

Following a long dry season, the rains came in July to restore hopes and pull the precipitation total up to a passing figure. The total for July —3.72—is far from a record and falls almost five inches below the recorded fall in July of last year but it came at July of last year, but it came at an opportune time and possibly was more welcomed than the five- and six-inch totals recorded in each of the early months of the year. August is keeping the backbone of the drought broken, 3.11 inches having fallen so far

this month. Through July of last year there were 229.84 inches of rain, and in the corresponding period this year there were 26.46 inches. The big difference came in the time rather than the amount. In May, June and July, 1943 ,the total was 17.32 inches as compared with 6.12 inches in the corresponding months, this year.

## Officials Consider Varied Calendar of **Business Last Night**

Will Make Further Study Before Purchasing a Second Fire Truck

the town commissioners studied a father in a firm but kindly manner varied business calendar, taking def- not to worry about him. The son inite action in several instances and went on to explain that there were delaying action in others.

reached when the commissioners ordered a slight change in the main He told of the capture of 13-year-old street parking system. Admitting boys in the Germany army, and ex-Davis is remembered as a dutiful that the present parking system is son and a young man who held the not suitable to the narrow street, the commissioners proposed to change After volunteering for service, the the parking angle from 45 to 35 deyouth trained at Fort McClellan, grees. The new plan will make it easier for one to park a car and it is he was born in the Farm Life secbelieved that it will allow two or tion of Griffins Township on October Jersey, before sailing for overseas three more feet for the two-lane 31, 1920. As a young man he worktraffic. The police will be called ed on the farm most of the time, upon to check up on parking.

fire truck was discussed, but no fi- for a lumber concern, and working nal action was taken, the board mem- during offseasons at various jobs in bers deciding to make a further study

It was pointed out that it is next to impossible to purchase a stock Williams Township. After a short chassis and build a fire truck body stay at Fort Bragg, he trained at an dpumper equipment on it. It is possible, according to one manufac-120 days a standard machine. The

Approximately \$100 was appro In a recent letter, Pfc. Thomas Lee priated for tiling a ditch for a new street that will connect the high and

The street, already cleared, will ickness and an everlasting yearning open up much property for building after the war, it was pointed out. Asking about the folks back home, The owner, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Asking about the folks back home, The owner, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Asking about the folks back home, The owner, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Asking about the folks back home, The owner, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Dr. J. S. Rh

At the suggestion of Mrs. Jim Staton and other interested taxpayers, the commissioners discussed several Hawkins went on to tell about current problems. They will ask opmeeting two boys from home. "A erators of various trucks to equip few nights ago I went to a picture their machines with mufflers as soon

know who it was. It asked i did out since the equipment is not to be

Leroy Anderson left Saturday afternoon for Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., to Nathaniel Howard. Was I glad to Nathaniel Howard. Was I glad to Nathaniel Howard. Nathaniel Howard. Was I glad to Nathaniel Howard. Was I glad to town after the war. The possibility see him! I could not say anything town after the war. The possibility Church in this county, was here

When asked about discontinuing Hardison's cousin, so there I was the operation of the municipal swimwith two boys from home. I had ming pool because expenses outdisnever been happier since entering tance revenue by a fairly large sum, the service three and one-half years the commissioners expressed the ago. We started talking about home. opinion that the investment was too The white soldier asked me about great to abandon the property. The a lot of places back home. I told board did order the pool closed during the remainder of the summer or account of infantile paralysis. Commissioners Green, Lindsley

Godwin and Griffin were present for he meeting.

#### BANDAGE ROOM

A shipment of material for making surgical dressings is expected in this county within the next day or two, Mrs. J. B. Tay-lor, chairman of the Red Cross bandage room here, announced yesterday, explaining that a bill of lading had been received, that possibly the material would reach here in time for opening the room the latter part of this or early next week.

It could not be learned how much material is included in the shipment, but part or all of it was to have been included in the July quota, Mrs. Taylor explain-

## Colan Perry Loses Life in Action in France On July 11

Father Notified of His Son's Death in Message Received Yesterday Morning

Cpl. Colan Gray Perry, Williams l'ownship young man, was killed in action on the battlefields of France on July 11, his father, Mr. Joseph H. Perry, was notified by the War Department yesterday morning. Similar to other casualty messages, the terse note, expressing the secretary of war's deepest sympathy, offered few details other than the date of the young man's death and the theater of operations. His father, finding it impossible to check the tears caused by shock and grief, said yesterday morning that he had not neard from the young man in weeks, that while he felt something was wrong he had hoped good news

would come Cpl. Perry is the 29th Martin County young man to make the supreme sacrifice while in the service of his country, and the second to die on French soil in recent weeks. It could not be learned definitely, but he is believed to have entered France on or shortly after D-Day, following a stay of several months

in England. In one of his last letters to his father, the young man said he was In a two-hour session last evening, getting along fine and instructed his many hedgerows and trees in the A high spot in the meeting was area, intimating that they offered good places to hide from enemy fire. pressed the hope that the war would soon be over and that all the boys

could return home The son of Joseph H. Perry and the late Mrs. Inabell Roberson Perry, spending about one year on a boat The proposed purchase of a new plying the Atlantic seaboard waters to the service the latter part of 1942. he farmed with his father over in Fort Benning, Ga., and at Fort Jackson, spending a short time at a northern embarkation center before going to England last February.

He was married to Miss Sudie Martin last year. Besides his wife and father, he leaves two brothers, James H. Perry of this county and Joseph Jasper Perry who is now in the service and was stationed some-

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# In South Carolina

Kemp Peel, a native of this couny, died in a Hartsville, South Carolina, hospital last Wednesday afternoon following a short illness.

A son of the late John Edwin and Melissa Kemp Peel, he was born in years ago. After spending his early life in this county be moved to South Carolina, locating in the Lylia section of Darlington County, near Hartsville, where he worked as a master mechanic for many years.

two months ago and apparently was in his usual health at that time. Surviving are his widow, the ormer Miss Elizabeth Keley, of South Carolina; two sons, Charlie E. of Hartsville, and Pvt. Lucas Peel, now in the armed services overseas, and a brother, Jordan G. Peel, of

Griffins Township, this county. Friday morning at 11 o'clock in Wesley Chapel Methodist Church by Rev. Carl Parker and interment was

in the church cemetery.

Among those attending the service from this county were, Mr. Jordan Peel, Mrs. C. M. Peel, Mrs. George Peel, Alton, Howell and Maurice Peel and Miss Lola Peel.

Sailors Row With Lone Soldier Over His Girl

One sailor was jailed and three others were about to land in the hoosegow here last Saturday night following a disturbance at a near-by filling station. A hearing is schedaled in the case later this week and details could not be had immediate-

ly. One report stated that a lone soldier had his girl or a girl at the station, and the four sailors offered to take her off his hands, and a fight followed. The girl was said to have stopped a hand blow to the