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Allied Forces Push Sweeping Drive to Trap More Nazis

Rumania Leads Withdrawal Parade for Balkan States Wanting To Quit War

Advancing a mighty sweep across France, Allied forces today are cen-tering their main attention along tering their main attention along the Seine River where they are trying to trap the remnants of the enemy's Seventh Army. Climaxing a 25-mile drive late yesterday, the Allies moved to create a Dunkirk for the Germans, the first stories of the fighting there telling how the enemy was using row boats, barges and rafts in an effort to cross the river. Some were said to have river. Some were said to have thrown away their light arms and plunged into the river to cross under their own steam.

To the south, the American forces have moved inland more than 200 miles to block the Swiss border and move to within 1220 miles of Ger-

To the rear of the American drives French Partisans and three French Army divisions lead by General De Gaulle are mopping up. A German trick armistice caused the Partisans to announce that Paris had been liberated day before yesterday. Now fierce fighting continues in, some parts of the city. Allied tanks and other fighting equipment are mov-ing in to help oust the enemy.

Rumania this week led the parade for the Balkan countries wanting to quit the war. In the last war, Bulgaria led the parade and forty days later the Armistice was signed.

Russia anounced that only by active military aid against the German army could Rumania obtain the armistice the Balkan nation reported Wednesday night she had accepted.

A broadcast statement declared: "The conclusion of an armistice between Rumania and a coalition of the Allies" could be effected only by Rumania's military aid in the liquidation of the German armed

It said that if Rumanian troops stopped fighting the Russians and turned on the Germans, "or against the Hungarians for the liberation of Transylvania," then the Red Army "will not disarm them, will keep completely intact for them their entire equipment and help them in this honorable duty."

The Foreign Commissariat referred to the statement made by Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov April 2-when the Red Army crossed the Prut River into Rumaniathat the thrust was dictated by militorial ambitions.

The Moscow broadcast said the Soviet government "confirms the declaration given in April, 1944, that the Soviet Union has no intention of acquiring any part of Rumanian territory, or to change the existing social order of Rumania, or to limit her independence."

While the land fighting in France continues to hold the spotlight, activities are increasing in the air over Europe and in the Pacific theater. Nineteen hundred bombers late yesterday struck targets all the way from the Baltic to the Balkans, doing great damage to synthetic oil the Thirtieth Infantry Division of He took their seven- or eight-months depots and transportation centers. which Sgt. Pete Fowden, local boy, old baby and carried it away, re-Twenty-five American bombers and is a member: five fighters failed to return, but at least two of the bombers landed 'Old Hickory' of World War I fame under the other, defying anyone to

again attacked Halmahera where a the Germans in the battle of France. record bomb load was dropped, and Yap Island was badly pounded.

While fighting on the fronts, an estimated four million service men are making ready to participate in by a speciacular and smoothly ex-the November election. by a speciacular and smoothly ex-ecuted dawn crossing of the River Charged with d

French Return To

In a brief letter to his mother, Sgt. Pete Fowden recently said, in part: "Another beautiful day in France and I'm doing fine. Really, I'm feeling wonderful right now. Just had a bath in a little stream; shave, too, and oh, boy, I feel like a new man. "I really feel sorry for these French. We come to a town and have it all to pieces to get the infernal Germans out. Then they shell great mess for the French. They Canal de Vire Tanta linking these come straggling in with whatever they have left with a big smile and very happy. I hate to have to do what we do, but when you see the happiness in their eyes and smile, you know it's for the best. They have really been through some-

The young man expressed the wish that he could be home by Christmas or New Year's. "I can't say that, but I can say it won't be too long," he told his mother.

Officers Wreck Cheap

last Tuesday morning, ABC Officer
J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel

"Cracking through stiffening re"Cracking through stiffening rewrecked a 30-gallon capacity liquor sistance by the Germans who threw still along with three fermenters and armored infantry into the battle, the other equipment. A gas drum was being used for a still and no beer Thirtieth Division advanced slowly was found at the plant.

REFUGEES BOUND FOR U.S. SHELTER



THESE THREE LITTLE GIRLS from Greece were among the 984 refugees from Nazi-occupied European countries that arrived on an Army transport at Hoboken, N. J. Their mother, Anastasia Iconomu, wearing mourning clothes, is in the background. The girls' father was killed by Nazi bomb. The family, along with other refugees, left for the emergency refugee shelter at Ft. Ontario. near Oswego. N. Y. (International)

SOLDIERS' BALLOTS

That every Martin County man 21 years old or over may vote in the November election, an application form for ballots is being reprinted in this paper today. Relatives, including parents, brothers or sisters or chilents, brothers or sisters or children, may prepare the application and mail it to Mr. Sylvester Peel, Chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, RFD 1, Williamston, N. C., and the ballots will be mailed immediately to the given address

iately to the given address. Servicemen may use the form in applying directly for the general election absentee ballots. It is still time to get the ballots to the young people in the service, but to wait will certainly mean that their votes will not get counted.

tary necessity and not by any terri-torial ambitions. Story Tells About Attack Local Boy **Helped Prosecute**

Little Pete Fowden Is a Member of Thirtieth Infantry Division

late, was written by Hal Boyle and tells about the capture of St. Lo by farm where his wife was working.

"The Thirtieth Infantry Division, shared in the glory of the capture of In the Pacific, American bombers St. Lo, hardest American clash with gun away from him and the young

> vision did the actual storming of the German stronghold, but men of the a squirrel or two. He admitted he Thirtieth made the attack possible ecuted dant: crossing of the River Charged with drunken driving Vire, to anchor the American right and operating a motor vehicle withflank and tie up strong German

forces west of St. Lo. "This predominantly southern out-Ruins With Smiles fit-it originally was drawn from North and South Carolina, Georgia fit-it originally was drawn from and Tennessee, but now numbers men from every state in the unionmoved from the beach to the battle.

"Splashing ashore from channel ships on June 14, elements of the Division which participated in three Allied drives in the last war and helped crack the Hindenburg Line, smashed against the Germans June 15 in the area of Mont Martin en Graignen, south of Isigny.

"They drove the enemy back, and it, trying to get us. The result is a on the second day commanded the

two rivers. "For the next three weeks they held a static battleline, harassing the Nazis and probing with patrols

to locate enemy positions. "Then on July 7, under cover of the heaviest barrage Yank artillery had inflicted up to then, they forded the Vire in small rubber boats at dawn and bayoneted shell-terrified enemy in foxholes on the otherside. It was a difficult operation, perfectly carried out as the result of weeks of planning. The doughboys, after securing the bridgehead, quickly took the village of Aire and Pont Liquor Still In County du St. Fremond, and by dusk were Raiding in Cross Roads Township who crossed the Vire at Taute Canal reinforced by other divisional troops "Cracking through stiffening re-

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Judge Calvin Smith Handles Five Cases

In County's Court

Speedster Fined \$20 and Taxfor Raleigh where he will attend a
patriotic mass meeting.

Indicate the result of th **Session Monday**

held the Martin County Recorder's Monday morning. Despite the brevmore than \$200. The judge frowned upon speeding and imposed a \$20 fine upon one defendant. Prosecuttice turned rapidly an deffectively.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, W. E. Sitterson received the usual dosage—a \$50 fine plus costs and the withdrawal of his opertor's license for one year. James Thomas, Jr., young white

man who allegedly went on a ram-page on the Mary Cherry farm, near Williamston, a few days before, was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$40 fine and costs and on the further condition that he be regularly employed The following story, while a bit and use no intoxicating beverages for one year. Thomas was said to have visited a tobacco barn on the turning a short time later with the baby under one arm and a shot gun stop him. Some one finally got the man was turned over to officers. "Troops of the Twenty-ninth Di- Thomas, pleading not guilty, maintained that he was only going to kill knew it was unlawful to kill squir-

Charged with drunken driving out a driver's license, Ernest Stallings pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for four months, the court suspending the road sentence upon he payment of a \$60 fine and the

Charlie Speller was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs and had his opertor's license revoked for one yea rfor drunken driving.

Ramsey Toler, charged speeding, was fined \$20 and taxed with the court costs, the court recommending that his chause ense be revoked for a period of hirty days. Toler, a Pride was man, was said to have driven a

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County Man Loses His Auto At Beach

While eating supper last Sunday night at Virginia Beach, Hassell Worsley, Oak City man, lost his car, the thieves finding the tank full of gas and two handbags with the clothes of Mrs. Myrtle Bunting and Miss Mildred Everett, of Hamilton, in the trunk. No trace of the car has been found.

Mr. Worsley and his sister, Miss Nancy Worsley, with Mrs. Bunting and Miss Everett were spending the week-end at the beach and were getting ready to return home that evennig. They stopped the car and went only a short distance to a cafe. When they returned after supper, the car was gone.

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

November 30, 1917.

The Martin County Board of Exemption met here Monday and issued orders to six white men to report here yesterday at 4 o'clock p. m. They left today on the train for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. The men who left were: Howard Horton Weeks, William Thomas Crisp, John Arnold Ward, Jesse C. Hyman, Hiram A. Ange, Joseph E. Harper.

December 7, 1917. Monday, Col. W. G. Lamb appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to ask for an appropriaion to equip the members of the Home Guards which was recently organized. The amount to be approprifurnish uniforms for fifty men.

Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant, respectively in the Martin County

January 11, 1918. A Recruiting Officer arrived here vesterday and will remain several

Martin County Home Guards was band was here also and enlivened the occasion with inspiring music. Captain Manning will go to Raleigh in the near future to secure full

equipment for the company.

Hunter Price, of Norfolk, is spending his furlough with his wife here at the Atlantic Hotel.

January 18, 1918.
Captain W. C. Manning, Chairman of the Martin County Council of National Defense, left Monday

January 25, 1918. With only five cases on the docket Garfield goes without question, for the young seaman, a metalsmith secfor trial, Judge J. Calvin Smith Monday was a "tight" day here. Fri- ond class, was believed to have been Court in session hardly an hour last rooms of the Lotus Club and agreed sibly was participating in the secity of the session, fines amounted to The grocers were permitted to stay open until noon, but those in town patriotically closed so that there would be no contention with the fice in the current war. ing Attorney Elbert Peel was back other firms which keep a stock of at his table, and the wheels of just- heavy groceries in connection with Weaver Cowan, he was born on the verybody went to work as usual

February 8, 1918 Samuel Gardner, the young son of Mr and Mrs. Fred Gardner, is at home on leave. Young Gardner enisted in the Navy and was placed

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County Young Man **Writes from France**

A member of an artillery unit and tationed somewhere in France, Hayvood Crisp, Oak City young man. wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J F. Crisp, under recent date, in part,

. . . I will be some glad when I an get back home to see all of you. do hope you are not worrying over me for I am getting along all right. "This is a beautiful country with all the old houses. They are built of

oure clay, and, like the English, they build the cow sheds and stables advery saving, too. For wood they trim up their trees without cutting the finger. They bundle them up and ie them. They never cut the tree down, for in that way they always

them. Many of the homes have tops on them made of wheat straw. I have are in foreign service at the present along very well until he had the ap-The young man asked if every thing was rationed over here and ex-

pressed the hope that it would soon be lifted. He asked his parents to ked farm work. He added, "I am getting The Enterprise now, and en joy reading it, too." He inquired about the health of all members of the family, and it was quite evident that he missed being on the farm to a message just recently received firm and returned to the farm, lohelp out with all the tobacco har-

WARNING

While no record poundage will be offered for sale, the tobacco markets are expected to attract sizable throngs next Monday, causing officers to warn against flim-flammers and oth-

ers seeking easy money. Several hundred dollars have been lost by the unsuspecting here in years gone by, and the supply of "suckers" has been about exhausted, but it is quite possible that attempts will be made at one time or another to "pull" the old pocketbook swin-

MARTIN COUNTY First Tobacco from New Crop Need Is Urgent For In WORLD WAR I Placed On Market Yesterday

eral loads were received during the for a few days in September. afternoon and today the golden leaf | Z. H. Bell, Williams Township farbreak, but it is fairly certain now from Bertie.

latest on record.

The first tenacco from the new | While a fairly large sale is in pros crop started moving to the William- pect for next Monday, it is certain ston market yesterday for the open- that sales will be comparatively light ing sale next Monday morning. Sev- during the remainder of August and

started moving in fairly large quan- mer, was the first to deliver a load tities, indicating that at least a from the new crop to the market fair-sized break will be on hand for the buyers next Monday morning.

It is hard to guess the size of the and other loads were seen moving in

that the belt will have one of its The color of the first offerings smallest openings in recent years. with the exception of small green-Farmers are still harvesting the crop and the sale next Monday will be ance, but the weight was a bit dissupported by farmers over a scat- appointing. The tobacco was recogtered territory who have taken time nized as being of the smoking type. to prepare a little for market. Some and it is expected that the price will few farmers are finishing the har- range around the ceiling figure. Revest this week, but many will be ports from the border state that curing well after the first of Septem- prices are slightly above ceiling, that ber, the season, as a whole, being there is no marked variation in the ated will be about \$600.00, which will the latest in many years if not the price range which is from the thir ties to the middle or high forties.

December 21, 1917 Wednesday W. C. Manning, Kader B. Crawford and Henry A. Gray were commissioned Captain, First Local Youth Killed In Action on August 18th

Almost the full complement of the dartin County Home Guards was Oinley S. Cowan, Jr. here Tuesday and assembled at the Brick Warehouse for a drill. The Is Thirtieth County Man To Die In War

Message Received Here By Parents Wednesday from **Navy Department**

Oinley Shepard Cowan. Jr., Williamston youth, was killed in action last Friday, August 18, his parents were notified here last Wednesday morning by the Navy Department. That Williamston perfectly obeyed No details were given in the mesthe order of Fuel Administrator sage. A member of a destroyer crew, day, the business men met in the in the Mediterranean Area and posto close everything in the town. ond French invasion then just a few

He was the thirtieth Martin County man to make the supreme sacri-

dry goods, etc. Tuesday morning Kelvin Grove farm near Williamston on June 7, 1924. He attended the local schools and was graduated at the age of sixteen. Following his graduation he accepted a job in the Norfolk Navy Yard and was soon rated as expert welder. In January of last year he gave up his work and volunteered for service in the Navy eceiving his basic training at Bainbridge, Maryland, Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Assigned to a destroyer the latter part of last year, he made several trips across the Atlantic and came home last March for a

few hours' visit with his parents. In a last letter to relatives, he stated that he liked the Navy but hat he would be extremely glad when it was all over and he could visit home once more. An industrious lad, he worked at various jobs, including farm tasks when he was in County Farmer Died school. He never shirked a duty and his life had much promise. He was thoughtful of his parents and had many friends, both old and young.

stay in combat areas, had several narrow calls, but he explained to his joining their homes. The farmers are parents that he faced the experiences Funeral Services Are Being without evading duty to his country. trees down. They save every little by three sisters, Pfc. Lucille Cowan Fesides his parents, he is survived

imb even if it's no larger than your who is home from duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, spending an eight-day furlough with her parents, and Misses Shirley and Joyce Anne Cowhave plenty of wood to burn. It does an of the home. He is the grandson look queer to see the trees standing of Mr. and Mr. Ben Weaver who with only a lew dozen limbs on have a son and several other grand-

Youth Is Recovering ubscribe to a farm magazine for From Rattle Wound

last June 11, Pfc. Lewis T. Taylor with his brother, Dennis Bailey. Ir continues to improve, according to the late twenties he quit the business from the Adjutant General's office cating in Beaufort County where he of the War Department by his moth-spent several years. Returning to er, Mrs. Maniza Taylor Whitaker. this county, he lived in the Rober.

A brother, Sgt. William L. Taylor, sonville community until the early just recently returned home from part of this year when he located two years of service overseas. At the on the Mizelle farm at Brown's end of his 21-day furlough he will Springs, near Williamston. report to an Army station in Florida Mr. Bailey was a member of the for reassignment. Another brother, Free Will Baptist Church for near-Pharmacist's Mate 1-c Charlie V. ly a quarter of a century. He was a Taylor is in the Pacific war theater. good neighbor and friend, and was A brother-in-law, Pfc. Wilbur P. thoughtful in his home and in his Smith, is also in the war zone, and daily walk through life. his wife and two sons are making He was married to Miss Lula their home in Gold Point.

Hassell All-Stars Will Play

The Hassell All-Stars will play the brothers, Messrs. Dennis Bailey of Williamston Martins on the high Greenville, Seth, Opheus, Lester and school diamond here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Foxhole Pillow



A STEEL HELMET may not be the softest pillow in the world, but to this U. S. Marine it's practically made of down feathers He had just fought his way through the campaign on Tinian and he found good old Mother Earth pretty appealing. U. S. M. C. photo. (International)

The young man, during his short Hospital Yesterday

Conducted Today for

Jesse Bailey, well-known Martin County farmer, died in a Washington hospital at 6 o'clock yesterday morn ing of complications following an operation for appendicitis on August children in the service, most of whom for many years, but he was getting pendicitis attack the early part of ast week.

The son of Mrs. Lyndia Mizelle Bailey and the late A. W. Bailey of this county, he was born in Bear He spent his early life on the farm quitting as a young man to form a Seriously wounded in France on business partnership in Bear Grass

Whitehurst of Beaufort County in 1923 and she survives with four children, J. B., James Harrell and Martin Here This Sunday Buck Saunders Baney and Buck Saunders Baney and by Gray Bailey, all of the home. He is also survived by his mother, five

More Volunteers in The Bandage Room

ESTABLISHED 1899

Only 32 Persons Have Found Time to Visit the Room Since Last Monday

Out of a population of several housand people in this immediate ommunity, only thirty-two found ime between Monday and last night o visit the Red Cross Bandage Room ere and help fold a few surgical ressings. It has been a busy per-od for many, no doubt, but there as been no marked decrease noted n attendance upon amusement prorams and as far as it could be carned no bridge clubs have been 'isbanded or games called off. The egular schedule of events is being naintained and it is strikingly aparent that so many of those who ould conveniently find time to lend helping hand are simply not doing . While all this is going on a letter as received a short time ago from Martin County lad from the Norandy battlefield stating that only greasy shirt was available to covr a wound. The lad did not say whether there was a shortage of ressings or whether it was imposible to get them to him at the time. It is up to the home front to see that

here is no shortage. Up until last night 7,400 bandages ad been prepared out of a combined total of 50,400. The Martin County Chapter of the Red Cross had een asked to run the work and try o return the dressings by the first f September. No report has been reeived from the room at Jamesville, out Bear Grass explains that its volinteers, while willing and anxious o help, have been rushed day in and day out with farm work, but hat they hoped to open the room here at least two afternoons, Tuesay and Thursday ,each week beginning next week. Three volunteers, Mrs. G. A. Peel, Mrs. Irving Terry and Mrs. E. D. Harris, worked this

Four packages or enough material to make about 4,500 dressings were farmed out to the Hamilton comnunity late yesterday, and it is beieved that the people there will find ime to handle the job and in a very

Everetts is said to be planning to open a room in the school building. During the meantime it is hoped hat more volunteers will report to the room over the Firestone store next to the Guaranty Bank and help

The names of those volunteers inding time to help with the work ince last Monday follow:

Tuesday afternoon: Mesdames W. E. Warren, Dean Speight, D. R. avis, W. C. Manning, Frank Weav-, G. P. Hall and G. W. Lewis. Tuesday night: Misses Bolton owen, Mamie Clyde Taylor, Dorohy Simpson, Addie Lee Meador and Mesdames H. H. Cowen, Anna Harison, Bill Howell and Mrs. Carroll. Wednesday afternoon: Mesdames R. Froneberger, Samuel Zemon,

en Courtney, Luther Peel, R. E. Kimball and Herbert Taylor. Wednesday night: Misses Dorothy Manning, Julia Everett, Alma Godwin, Mary Charles Godwin and Mary Elizabeth Keel and Mrs. A. R.

Thursday afternoon: Mrs. Frank Weaver, Mrs. George A. Harris, Mrs. J. B. Taylor and Mrs. J. H. Ed-

It is estimated that if twenty-five volunteers would report to the room each day during the next two weeks, he project could be easily complet-1 within the allotted time. The oom will be open again Saturday nd Sunday as well as each afteroon and evening on the other days.

County Young Man Seriously Wounded

Lt. John Goodman Getsinger, forner Martin County young man and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Getsinger of Dardens, was serously wounded in France on August according to a letter dictated by im and received by relatives this

Written by a hospital attendant in hospital somewhere in France, the etter stated that the young man had ost his right arm and that his right eg was seriously injured. However, e was reported to be getting along s well as could be expected.

The young man was wounded on or about July 11 of last year in the icilian campaign. He was hurt in he foot and is believed to have spent everal weeks in the hospital at

Lt. Getsinger is a nephew of Mr. Sam Getsinger of Williamston and f Elder P. E. Getsinger, of Farm

Iustice Hassell Has One Case In Court This Week

Carried before Justice J. L. Hassell this week, Alexander Rogers, charged with reckless and hit-andrun driving, was bound over to the county court for trial next Monday. A case charging Linwood Speight, deaf mute, with larceny is pending in the justice's court.