

Americans Pushing Enemy Back to Old War I Battle Lines

Bulgaria and Finland Believed to Be Trying to Get Out of Struggle

Breaking across the Marne River in two places, American forces have just about pushed the enemy back to the starting point of World War I, late reports stating that two bridgeheads had been firmly established across the Marne and that a spearhead had been driven fourteen miles beyond in the direction of Belgium and hardly five miles from Chateau Thierry. While the advanced forces are pushing on toward Belgium, the Americans are parading today before General de Gaulle in Paris as a fitting climax to the liberation of the city.

To the south, the Allies are moving on Nice, Marseille and Toulon have been cleared of the enemy. In the Rhone Valley, a surprise move trapped 15,000 Germans.

On the diplomatic front, Bulgaria is expected to follow Rumania out of the war and Finland's cabinet is meeting in extraordinary session today, leading observers to believe that the little country is making another attempt to get out of the struggle.

While heavy fighting rages in some areas, the battle of France is considered about won. The next phase will center around World War I battle lines. It has been pointed out that the Germans have been effecting a tactical withdrawal from France, that heavy fighting is to be expected when the Maginot and Siegfried lines are reached. It is believed in some quarters that Hitler paid little attention to his inland fortifications, that he had his eyes fixed on European lines and that he will be unable to prepare a strong defense around Germany at this late date. Reports state that slave labor is being forced to bolster the German defenses, but those defenses cannot be made formidable at this late date. This is an encouraging picture, but over in the East, the Russians have been poised along the German border for several weeks and little or no progress has been reported there lately. It is true that the Russians have veered to the south to clean up Rumania and march into other Balkan territory, but there is some reason for the abrupt stop on the Silesian border. It is rumored that the Russians are amassing a great force with the expressed aim of renewing the drive into Germany and on to Berlin.

In their drive into Transylvania, the Russians are threatening thousands of Germans, thousands already having fallen prisoner. In the past two months, German casualties on the Eastern Front have been estimated at a million men.

In Italy the Allies are making some new gains, and the fight there is said to be far more stubborn than it has been in France during the past few days.

No startling developments have been reported in the Pacific theater in recent days, but the American Air Force continues to pound targets in the paths leading to the Philippines and Tokyo.

Tellings blows are still being maintained against Jap shipping off the western coast of Dutch New Guinea. Eight ships were damaged or destroyed in the Dutch East Indies over the week-end, and attacks were carried out with good effect in other areas.

More Tobacco Barns Destroyed By Fire

At least seven tobacco barns were lost by fire in the county last week-end, broasting the total destroyed this season to about twenty. Thirteen barns, two belonging to one farmer, were burned earlier in the season.

Farmers Station Griffin and J. S. Ayers lost a barn each last Friday. Mr. Griffin's barn housed about 1,050 sticks of his best tobacco. Mr. Ayers' barn was located in Cross Roads Township.

Most of the losses were in the Robersonville section, an incomplete report stating that five barns burned there during the week-end. Mrs. Callie Roberson and Farmers Buck James, George James and Eli Everett lost one each.

Most of the barns were insured with community mutual insurance groups.

Officers Arrest Man At Liquor Still in County

Jesse Council, young white man, was arrested at a liquor still in Williamston Township last Friday by ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel. He is scheduled to appear before Judge J. C. Smith in the county court next Monday.

Council, using a gas drum for a still, had just fired up the plant and was waiting for the steam to rise when the officers closed in on him. The plant was wrecked and the officers poured out approximately 200 gallons of beer.

TRIPLE HEADACHE FOR NAZIS



CONFERRING at Gen. Montgomery's headquarters in France on further steps toward destruction of Nazi Gen. Von Kluge's trapped 7th Army in Normandy are Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. (left), just revealed as commander of the armored U. S. 3rd Army that has been routing the Germans; Lt. Gen. Omar S. Bradley (center), announced as commander of U. S. ground forces in northern France, and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander under Gen. Eisenhower of all allied forces in that northwestern theatre of war. (International Soundphoto)

ROUND-UP

After reporting little activity during several weeks, local and county officers and military police had a fairly busy day last Saturday when they rounded up seven alleged violators of the laws. Six of the seven were booked for public drunkenness and one was detained for alleged larceny.

Four of the group were white and three of the four were servicemen. The ages of the seven jailed ranged from 18 to 56 years.

Large Number Tires Allotted in County

One hundred and fifty-six tires—132 Grade I's, twelve Grade III's and twelve for small trucks were allotted in this county last Friday night.

Grade I tires were issued to the following: Thomas Otto Hickman, Robert Langster, B. F. Roberson, J. F. Flannagan, J. H. Jackson, R. H. Taylor, Richard Brown, E. E. Fisher, C. B. Fagan, Mrs. Daisy A. Lewis, Will Carr, J. G. Stator, E. E. Brown, Mrs. John C. Jones, Helen McBryde, Jim Corey, Archie Griffin, C. L. Tyson, Annie M. Hassell, Floyd Melton, R. R. Rawls, Bennie Bryant, Edward Nicholson, George G. Harris, J. E. Stroud, W. H. White, Charlie Mills, H. G. Harrison, Ernest C. Hays, R. S. Edmondson, Nathan Wynn, Davis Purvis, Mrs. Charlie Ayers, N. M. Hyman, Ed Laughinghouse, C. H. Godwin, Jr., W. E. Manning, Harrison Oil Co., David Seairight, William B. Jones, A. B. Burnett, Briscoe Davis, Kelly Moore, Rudolph Goff, Mrs. W. S. Mallory, J. L. Mobley, E. A. Edmondson, Charlie Butler, C. B. Savage, A. J. Osteen, Wiley Hillard, A. C. Roberson, Arthur Rogers, Jay Lilley, H. B. Bennett, Toba Brown, Mrs. Cylabert Rogers, J. R. Whitaker, Caddie Mobley, A. E. Purvis, Marion T. Holliday, John Manning, Lelia E. Gainer, G. R. Nicholson, J. E. Copeland, Jr., John L. Hassell, Herman Bowen, J. D. Hardison, R. G. Coburn, E. K. Edmondson, Allen Williams, V. L. Roberson, Carey Bryant, F. A. Whitfield, Ernest Beach, J. L. Wynne, Mrs. John Henry Roberson, Charlie Fowler, John Ashley Hardison, Jasper Rollins, Edgar H.

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FARM LABOR

Apparently expecting the farm labor shortage to reach a climax in late September and early October, numbers of farmers are applying for prisoner-of-war labor at the office of the Martin County farm agent. Nearly 100 applications have been filed to date for war prisoners to be used in harvesting the peanut crop. A few farmers are also asking if the war prisoners will be made available for cotton picking.

No wage scale for stacking peanuts has been fixed, but a public hearing will be held in the Martin County courthouse next Tuesday between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. and a wage scale or pay for piecework will be discussed. Farmers and public workers are asked to attend the hearing and give their views and testimony.

MARTIN COUNTY In WORLD WAR I

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

March 8, 1918.

Julius Peel who graduated at the first training camp at Ft. Oglethorpe during last year was among the thirty-eight who were promoted to second lieutenants in the Quartermaster's Department at Camp Jackson on February 25th.

Monday evening at the Brick Warehouse, the Patriotic Club gave a most enjoyable dance, the Jazz Band of Kinston furnishing music. The club is composed of a number of young prominent colored men of the town and the officers are, Hezekiah Spruill, president; Leon C. Andrews, secretary; J. R. Williams, treasurer. The dance was given in honor of the colored men in the selective draft.

March 15, 1918.

Saturday afternoon, a number of women met at the Courthouse for the purpose of forming a Williamson Unit of the Council of National Defense. Mrs. John L. Hassell was made chairman; Mrs. Wheeler Martin, vice-chairman; Mrs. Oscar Anderson, treasurer; Miss Daisy Manning, secretary.

March 22, 1918.

Sergeant Dennis Taylor, who is at Camp Jackson, is at home on sick leave.

The Martin County Board of Exemption sent the following six men to Camp Jackson on Wednesday morning. These six men were necessary to complete the quota that was due some months ago: Thomas V. Davis, Clyde M. Robbins, William Clarence Wallace, of Jamesville; S. H. Grimes, of Robersonville; Marion L. Burnett, Oak City; B. F. Whitehurst, Williamston.

March 29, 1918.

Louis Manning, who volunteered to go to France with a regiment of New Hampshire troops, stationed at Camp Greene, has sailed for "over there." He makes the second Williamson boy, so far as is known, who has gone over, to join in the fight. Jack Edwards went on a transport but returned and is now in Brooklyn. Lieut. J. W. Watts, Jr., is in England at the present time.

Pvt. Thomas J. Smith, stationed at Camp Lee, was in town Saturday visiting friends.

April 5, 1918.

Tuesday morning, forty-five selected colored men entrained here for Camp Grant, Illinois. Every member of the Board of Exemption was present to see them off and several hundreds of both white and colored people were at the station to bid them goodbye. This is the first squad of colored men to leave Martin County, though a number volunteered for service.

April 12, 1918.

Saturday night, Sheriff Page with Capt. W. C. Manning and Policeman Page went out in the county to capture what is believed to be Martin County's first deserter. He had been hiding at home evading the officers for some time. The officers located him at the house of a neighbor where he was visiting a girl friend. Tuesday morning, C. F. Page left with him for Camp Lee, Virginia.

H. Marriott Britt, Hospital Corps, U. S. N., of Norfolk, visited his parents here last week.

Private Hunter Price, of the Naval Reserves, is in town this week to see his wife, who was ill for several days.

April 19, 1918.

Arthur White left Wednesday for Norfolk where he will enlist in the Navy.

Reginald Burrell, who is in the Naval service, is at home on a visit to his parents.

April 26, 1918.

William J. Bryan is coming to Williamston tomorrow afternoon, at which time he will deliver an address. Martin County has never had so distinguished a visitor as "The Great Commoner." He comes under the auspices of the Home Guards.

Lieut. LeRoy Anderson was at home several days last week. He was en route from Fort Sill, Okla., where he has been attending the Fire School of the Army.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

No accidents were reported on the streets and highways of this county last week, but patrolmen pointed out that increased activity could be expected now that the markets are open and that the danger ordinarily existing is being aggravated.

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.

34th Week Comparison		Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge	
1944	0	0	\$ 000
1943	3	2	0 1200
Comparison To Date			
1944	44	23	1 7850
1943	29	14	5 4775

Opening Sales Average Right At \$43 Per Hundred Pounds on the Local Tobacco Market Yesterday

Farm Bureau Leaders Plan Annual Drive For Members

Tentative plans for launching the annual Farm Bureau membership drive in this county were made at a meeting of farm leaders in the high school gymnasium here last Friday evening. Called by Secretary L. L. McLendon, the meeting heard Will Rogers, assistant State secretary, and comments from other leaders. The county unit of the organization will work for 1,500 members during the drive scheduled to get underway on Friday of this week.

Assistant Secretary Rogers, formerly connected with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration where he was in a position to see the value of a strong farm organization, outlined the work the national organization had accomplished in recent years. Mr. Rogers has been in a position to observe the untold value of the Farm Bureau Federation in influencing favorable farm legislation in past years. And he is convinced that the organization's work in the future should be even more valuable and certainly more important than that accomplished in the past.

The organization is winding up its fiscal year on the first of October, and the leaders of the Farm Bureau are anxious to complete the membership drive and outline its program for the new year by that time. Last year, the organization boasted 1,194 members. At one time, this county virtually led the State, and even though the organization has continued to grow, other counties, recognizing the value of the federation's work, have forged ahead in the number of members. All farmers, business and professional men are being asked to support the membership drive which is based on \$3 per member.

Opening Day Sales Smallest In More Than Twenty Years

Inferior Grades Said To Be Brining An All-Time Record Price

Handing possibly the smallest opening-day break in a quarter of a century, the local tobacco market yesterday sold 117,724 pounds of the golden leaf, including much of the non-descript type, for an average of \$42.91. Despite the low poundage, the opening was one of the most successful ever reported here. Sales were handled in less than two hours and the rush and confusion ordinarily marking the openings in years past were not there. "It was one of the smoothest openings I have ever seen," a farmer commented as he witnessed the selling organizations pull up the curtain on the new marketing season.

The quality, without doubt, was the poorest seen on the opening in many years, and farmer after farmer readily admitted that his offerings brought far more than was expected. Nondescript grades sold as high as 40 and 41 dollars per hundred while the price ranged on up to 47 and 48 dollars. The green grades while averaging possibly more than they did a year ago, were on the low side and accounted for most of the sales below twenty cents. They were comparatively few, however, and did not materially disturb the main price range as it held to around 40-45 cents.

The opening day price average is about 40 cents per hundred higher than it was a year ago. The opening day break last year was of unusually good quality, and this year it was unusually poor. When that factor is considered, prices this year are considerably higher, many farmers declaring that they beat those received in the last year by a wide margin, excepting those paid for the better grades. Farmers commented about the narrow price range. They could not understand why a real sorry grade would sell for forty or forty-one cents and a far better grade would bring only 45 or 46 cents. However, they did not offer to complain, many stating that the market as it is will benefit everyone.

No tags were turned yesterday and very few piles were sold more than once.

The opening-day crowd which considered smaller than the ones seen here in past years, was larger than many expected. It is believed that a larger percentage of debts and other obligations were met yesterday than on any other opening in years. No big rush in new sales was reported in local stores, and quite a few growers deposited their first checks almost in their entirety to their bank accounts.

The small break and those certain to follow during the next few days were readily understood since the crop harvest is the latest in years. Quite a few farmers are finishing the har-

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GERMAN FLAG

Fighting somewhere in France, Cpl. Ernie Lee Modlin, young son of Mr. Joe Gray Modlin of Jamesville, shot down a Nazi flag and sent it to his brother, Elmer Modlin, a short time ago. The flag had two bullet holes in it. Cpl. Modlin has been overseas since February and stated in his last letter that he was getting along all right.

His brother, Elmer, was wounded in the Mediterranean campaign and was given a medical discharge some time ago after he was wounded.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

Millions Trained for War Jobs

During the past four years, more than 13,300,000 men and women enrolled in organized training programs for war jobs, Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission reports. The training was provided by agencies cooperating with the WMC Bureau of Training. Of this vast group, the Food Production War Training program, conducted through vocational agriculture schools had 3,035,566 enrollments. The Engineering, Science and Management War Training program, given in selected colleges, had 1,558,123 enrollments. The Training Within Industry program enrolled 1,375,767 supervisors who, in turn, provided instruction for millions of war plant workers. The National Youth Administration, which is no longer in existence, provided training for 772,756 persons, during 1942 and 1943 fiscal years.

Veterans Learn of Rights, Benefits

Every veteran, upon being discharged, will receive a booklet entitled "Your Rights and Benefits," a Handy Guide for Veterans of the Armed Forces and Their Dependents." The booklet was prepared by the Retraining and Reemployment Administration of the Office of War Mobilization. Nearly 2,500,000 copies of the booklet are now available. Veterans who have already been discharged will be able to obtain copies from draft boards, offices of Veterans Administration, USES or community veterans' information centers.

Meat, dairy and poultry products head the list of foods for the Allies, in the War Food Administration's report of July deliveries for shipping.

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VOTERS

Late reports from Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, indicate that county servicemen and women will participate in the November election in fairly big numbers. Up until the early part of this week, 193 applications for ballots had been received by the board chairman. Quite a few of the applications were received from servicemen now overseas.

Nineteen ballots have already been returned by the applicants and as many as twenty applications have been received in a single day. Relatives can help the young men and women vote by applying to the chairman for ballots for the members of the armed forces.

County Young Man Writes About Life In French Fox Hole

Roy Manning Briefly Reviews Activities on Western Battle Front

Writing to his brother, Daniel Manning, under date of August 12, Roy Manning tells about life in a fox hole and briefly reviews a few high spots on the battle front in France. His letter follows, in part:

"I'm doing all right. Never felt better in my life or been much richer. I have eight cents to my name. But who needs money in France? I'm living like a king. I have my private home—dimensions eight feet by two and one-half feet and four feet deep. The lid slides in and out and forms a perfect desk. The front section, as you can readily understand, is my office. At present I own this part of France. I'm writing with a German pencil and the paper is French. The two can't seem to get together, so you probably won't be able to read this. The cigar I'm smoking once belonged to some Nazi, a son of Hitler, but he doesn't need it any more. I lit the thing with a French match, so I'm having a terrible smoke. The cider I'm drinking is purely French but I don't think I'm robbing them; the poor French people; the stuff is just about vinegar and no self-respecting Frenchman would drink the stuff."

"I was just interested by the business at hand. Just what that business was I am not at liberty to say."

"I just read in The Enterprise about Vernon Griffin's experiences with the Oriental bugs. Well, we have about as many varieties here as any place I've seen. While I was busy just now my cup of cider collected three yellow jackets, one horse fly and three unidentified species."

"I want to tell you about the most versatile item of GI equipment ever invented. It is a U. S. helmet M-1. To begin with it is made to fit both ends—you can wear it as head gear."

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Jamesville Youth Is Wounded In France

Sgt. Charlie Modlin was wounded in action over in France the latter part of last June or early July, according to information received by his father, Mr. Frank Modlin of near Jamesville a short time ago. He is believed now to be in a hospital somewhere in England. The nature of his wounds was not revealed, but in a letter received by his wife, the former Miss Myrtle Leggett of Bethel, he complained of pains in his arm and back. It was also stated that he was improving, but he was quoted as saying that he thought his recovery was slow.

The young man entered the service in September, 1942, and went overseas last February after training at Fort Bragg, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, Nashville, Tennessee, and Breckenridge, Ky. He is believed to have been in the first D-Day invasion.

According to the best information to be had here, more Martin County men were wounded out of the group going overseas last February than in any other.

Young Modlin is the 31st Martin County man known to have been wounded in the war to date, and the seventh in France.

Sgt. Modlin has a brother, Asa, in the Navy.

Winter Legume Seed Are Now Available

A limited supply of winter legume seed is now available to Martin County farmers through the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, it was announced by the office of the county agent this week.

A carload of Austrian winter peas will be distributed to the first applicants, and farmers interested in seeding winter legumes are asked to apply immediately for the seed. There is some doubt if the supply now on hand will be augmented this season.

Shipped here from the west coast, presumably from Oregon, the seed are being offered at \$7.40 per 100 pounds. It is estimated that 100 pounds will seed about two and one-half acres.

Any farmer may get his entire soil building payment in seed or at the rate of 75 cents per acre times the number of crop land acreage, plus increases where the acreages are limited.

Vance Roberson Resigns As Ration Board Tire Member

Vance L. Roberson, a member of the Martin County Ration Board's tire panel for the past several months, recently resigned. He was succeeded by another Robersonville man, Mr. G. A. Wetherington, who attended his first meeting last Friday night.

No resignation statement was issued by Mr. Roberson as far as it could be learned.