

Great Sky Armada Lands in Holland To Join the British

Million Russians Are Pushing Forward Battle Front

The greatest airborne operation in all history was reported Sunday when an estimated 15,000 Allied men landed in Holland, late reports stating that an air train 283 miles long moved in yesterday to support the initial landings and to boost the number of men there to more than 25,000. Hundreds of big bombers, loading supplies instead of bombs, fed the new landings.

Contacting patrols of the British Second Army, the new operation could mean that more weight and power is being centered in the north for an all-out flanking movement of the Siegfried Line. The air operations, while the largest, was the most successful ever attempted. There were few casualties and the mission held promise from the start. Reinforcements and supplies are still moving in, and it is expected that surface craft will follow.

Late activities by the Allies in the West have attracted crack German troops from the Eastern Front. While the enemy is offering a stiffening resistance, the mighty push is being continued, and civilians are fleeing in great numbers from the German cities in the path of the Allied advance. Fighting was described at the fiercest since D-Day, and the heat of battle is certain to be increased when the seven Allied armies establish and coordinate their position for a final drive on Hitler's crumbling domain.

While still begging the poor devils to fight and die to the last man, Adolf Hitler is said to be making preparations for a quick get-away. One rumor maintains that the mad man has ten planes ready for a jaunt to Gdynia, Poland, where he will board a special submarine for a sneak flight to Japan.

A great battle is now raging on the Baltic Front today where an estimated one million Russians are battering the Germans and driving through Latvia and Estonia. In addition to that action, the Russians have driven a new wedge pointing toward Czechoslovakia.

In Italy, the drive gradually moves northward, but the fight there is hard, and no startling developments have been reported in the past few days.

The Americans are establishing themselves on the Palau and Ialmahera Islands invaded last week, and the next drive is apparently pointed directly at the Philippines. The fight in China is not progressing at all favorably, the Allies having suffered possibly their most costly strategic setback of the year when they were forced to withdraw from Kweilin.

Tires Are Allotted By Ration Board

Seventy tires—53 Grade 1's and 17 for trucks—were rationed by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday evening. In addition to those rations, the board received and passed applications for two implement tires, subject to final approval by the State office.

Grade I tires were released to the following: Bettye Jane Fulton, W. C. Wallace, Will Martin, Jordan G. Peel, Marie G. Griffin, James D. Roberson, Arrington Hale, Marcellous House, Isaac Whitley, A. P. Hyman, J. H. Gray, Jr., Arthur Revels, Tullie Cherry Taylor, Harrison Oil Co., W. B. Beach, G. W. Barrett, Peter Bellflower, Charles Everett, William A. Rodgers, W. C. Faulkner, Mrs. H. J. Haislip, Mrs. Eula G. Coburn, A. S. Hardy, Bill Gay, William Warren, Russell N. Turner, William R. Jones, L. A. Weaver, Carey Bryant, Caswood Fields, Columbus Cross, Cassia S. Graham, David Mizelle, Mrs. Fannie Wynne, Sam Stizelle, N. R. Daniel, Samuel Clark, F. L. Haislip, John A. Ward, Joseph D. Hodges, Jodie Haislip, Mack Bowen, Jesse D. Haddock, Jesse Woolard, Mrs. Patsy Robinson, Vance Whitfield, Roy V. Hudson and Julius Manning.

Small truck tires were rationed to the following: John W. Green, C. C. Jones, W. A. Jackson, C. W. Copeland, Carroll Griffin, J. O. Bunting, Mrs. N. J. Corey, Dan L. Howell, John Kurkin, Rufus Lynch, J. E. Corey, Town of Williamston, W. E. Davis, L. J. Harrison, J. L. Holliday.

Applications for implement tires were passed subject to approval by the State office for the following: J. E. Copeland and son, Jackson Holliday.

Fairly Certain All Schools In This County Opened Monday

Few parents could be fairly certain that all the county schools—white and colored—opened the term yesterday. The usual opening-day confusion, possibly a bit aggravated, was present, making it impossible to get accurate reports immediately. Some of the schools were said to have ironed out the kinks and entered upon a full-day schedule, while others were still trying to find a starting point. Only three colored schools had submitted any kind of report late yesterday, and since they reported no opening-day figures last year, no enrollment comparison could be made.

Six reports, two of them incomplete, were received from the ten white schools. On the basis of those reports, the schools are holding an advantage of eight in enrollment figures over those of a year ago.

Jamesville reported 357 pupils in the elementary school, a gain of 48 over the opening-day figures last year. However, it is possible that the eighth grade was included this year and it was not last year. Bear Grass,

reporting 222 pupils somewhere in the rush, the opening-day figure for the current term standing at 218.

Holding its own with 185 in the high school, Williamston forged ahead to gain 20 pupils over the 564 enrolled in the elementary department a year ago. The gain was made despite a drop in the first-grade enrollment.

Everetts, reporting 212 yesterday, lost sixteen pupils somewhere along the line. Hamilton lost 26 pupils, the opening-day figure there standing at 143. One report declared that the mammas and papas waited around until the day school opened to buy their young'uns overalls and dress material so the little tots could venture out.

TOBACCO SALES

Tobacco sales will pass the two and three-quarter million pound mark on the local market today with the price trend slightly stronger than it was last week.

Up until today, the market had sold 2,552,026 pounds for \$1,080,754.12, an average of \$42.38 per hundred pounds.

Sales, blocked for over a week here, are possibly becoming more congested. Tobacco was being placed on the floors this morning for sale next Friday, and it was fairly certain that the leaf would be moving in this afternoon for sale next Monday.

Indirect appeals have been directed to the farmers, asking them to slow down the marketing. It was explained that some tobacco is certain to damage when left on the floors too long. However, no great amount of damaged tobacco has been found so far, and the sales are running quite smoothly.

Nothing more has been heard about a holiday, but tobacco is gradually backing up from the markets to the farmers' pack-houses.

More Cigarettes For Armed Forces

The local Lions Club has just placed an order with a leading tobacco manufacturer for another 20,000 cigarettes to be sent and distributed free to our fighting men on the front lines. The club's cigarette committee requested that this shipment be sent to members of the U. S. Navy and Coast Guard now serving in the Atlantic theater of operations. Including this shipment, the club has now sent a total of 160,000 cigarettes to our front line fighters, largely through the generosity of Martin County citizens.

The club's cigarette fund committee has just completed its sixth report collection and they wish to publicly acknowledge the establishments at which the largest collections were made. First place honors go to the jar at Belk-Tyler's Department store where \$8.59 was raised. In second place was the jar at Terry Brothers store at Bear Grass, with \$5.46 for this period. Incidentally, more money has been raised at this location than at any other one in the county, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Irving Terry. In third place this time was a newcomer, the Bus Station jar collection amounting to \$5.11, to round out the "big three."

Former Resident Dies In Tarboro

Mrs. Meude M. Fraley, a former resident of this county and a sister of Mrs. John L. Rodgers, died at her home in Tarboro Sunday morning at 4:15 o'clock following a short illness.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George McNaughton, she was born in Pennsylvania 67 years ago. After spending her early life there, she moved with her family to Everetts where Mr. McNaughton engaged in extensive lumbering and milling operations for a number of years. She was married to John Fraley and made her home in Tarboro for many years.

Besides her sister she is survived by a son, Charlie Fraley, and a sister, Mrs. Walter Taylor of Oklahoma City, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Fraley was an active member of the Presbyterian Church for many years and her pastor, Rev. Robert S. Hough, conducted the last rites at the home yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery, Tarboro.

Series Of Highway Accidents Reported In County Recently

No One Believed Seriously Hurt, But Considerable Damage Done

As far as it could be learned here, no one was seriously hurt but considerable property damage resulted in a series of highway accidents reported in various parts of the county during the past few days.

Major Bryant crashed into a passenger bus on Highway No. 11, near Council's Filling Station, last Saturday afternoon. No one was hurt and the damage to Bryant's car will hardly exceed \$150. Charged with drunken driving, he was jailed here.

Few details have been released, but it was learned that an automobile plunged into a canal near Gold Point some time during the early part of last Saturday night. Officers, investigating the accident, said they saw signs where apparently much blood had been spilled. No estimate of the damage could be had. The car was removed, by unknown parties before morning.

A truck driven by Marvin Price, 19, and a 36 model car driven by Mrs. Pearl A. Williams crashed at a road intersection on Highway 171 last Sunday. No one was hurt in the accident, but Mrs. Williams was hospitalized here for a short time, according to one report. Damage to the vehicles was estimated at \$150 by Cpl. W. S. Hunt of the Highway Patrol. They were said to have been operating the vehicles without drivers' licenses.

Driving while under the influence of liquor, Dave Melton crashed into a telephone pole on North Haughton Street Sunday afternoon, doing about \$100 damage. He was jailed by Patrolman W. E. Saunders, and was about the eighth person jailed that day by the officer.

There was a wreck several days ago in the Parmele area, but no one was hurt and the damage was hardly more than \$100.

The series of accidents during the past few days boosted the total in the county for the year to date, to fifty, leaving twenty-four persons injured, some badly.

Extra Session Of County Court Held

Moving to accommodate several shipyard workers and a member of the armed forces, Judge J. C. Smith willingly arranged a special or really an extra-ordinary session of his county court here yesterday morning. Crowding into the clerk's office, the judge accepted the pleas and meted out the fines.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, John D. Dugger was fined \$25 and Harry Bell, John Lee, Elmo Lee and Horace Lee, \$10 each. The costs were attached. A sixth defendant, Herman Mooring, had his case continued.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Thomas C. Cooper with speeding.

Judge Smith was scheduled to enjoy a two weeks holiday while the superior court was in session.

Announce Revival In The Everetts Baptist Church

Beginning Wednesday evening, September 20th, at 7:45 o'clock, Rev. E. C. Wilkie, the pastor, will conduct a series of revival services in the Everetts Baptist Church. The meeting will be held each evening and is to continue through October 1, it was announced. Special music will be included in the program at various times during the meeting, and the public is invited.

Bandage Quota For August Applied Here And Shipped

September Quota Assigned And Material Received; Move To Town Hall

After struggling along week after week during the greater part of two months, faithful volunteer workers with the valuable aid of units at Bear Grass, Macedonia, Jamesville and Hamilton, completed the folding of 50,400 surgical dressings for the Red Cross last Sunday afternoon. The prepared dressings were moved to the transportation company yesterday for shipment.

Re-viewing the work, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, chairman, announced yesterday that Jamesville volunteers handled 13,500 of the dressings. Bear Grass and Hamilton each handled 4,500, and Macedonia would report a sizable number. Volunteers here prepared approximately 26,500.

Material has been received for 25,200 more dressings—18,000 four by fours and 7,200 four by eights. The chairman will receive requests from the several units for part of the material. The requests are almost certain to be made, and distribution will be effected possibly the latter part of this week or early next week.

The room here is closed for the present, but the chairman plans to open it Friday night of this week. The equipment is being moved from the second floor of the building next to the Guaranty Bank to the third floor of the town hall. Volunteer workers will be definitely notified by Friday of this week if the move can be handled and the room made ready for work that night.

The names of those reporting to the room here since last Thursday could not be obtained immediately, but Macedonia reported a great response last Friday when the following persons volunteered there:

Mesdames Lucian Peele, Raleigh Lilley, Albert Gurkin, Elmo Lilley, Hoyt Manning, Ralph Holliday, Perlie Rodgers, Clettie Griffin, Saunders Reves, Arthur Revels, Henry Hollis, Alfred Griffin, Ben Whitehurst, Heber Peel, Joe S. Holliday, Henry Peele, R. L. Perry, Henry White, Simon Perry, Hoyt Coltraine, Bill Hadley, Clarence Gurkin, John G. Corey, Charlie Peele, Misses Sue Manning, Evelyn Griffin, Melba Revels, Ella Fay Rogerson, Evelyn Holliday, Susie Pearl Ward, Eleanor Perry, Janice Holliday, and Messrs. Raleigh Lilley, Norman Hopkins, Robert Peele, Henry Corey, Russell Peele, Jos. S. Holliday.

Stolen Car Burns Here Early Sunday

Said to have been stolen in Vanceboro last Saturday, an old Model A Ford was ditched and burned on Sycamore Street near Church here at 6:10 o'clock last Sunday morning. Local volunteer firemen were called out, but the car was almost burned up before the alarm was sounded.

Kermith E. Bomesil, Norman Terlebaum and Louis Mazzodi, three Marines, were detained and charged with the larceny of the old car. One of the group was quoted as saying the car was bought for \$35 in New Bern.

Car Stolen From Local Dentist Sunday Night

The 1941 Dodge car belonging to Dr. Hutchison, local dentist, was stolen from his garage back of Davis' Pharmacy some time during last Sunday night.

It was reported that the doctor and a friend on leave from one of the services had been riding Sunday, that the doc befriended the man further by offering him lodging that night. Next morning, the young man, car keys and car were all gone.

DELAY

Rains, falling in the county Sunday, have delayed permit digging and greatly disturbed the schedule prepared for placing prisoner of war labor on the farms. It was announced by the office of the county agent this week that the schedule would be moved back each day, meaning that the farmer who was scheduled to get the prisoners on Monday would get them Tuesday, provided weather conditions permitted the work to go on on Tuesday. Farmers are asked to keep this schedule ruling in mind and contact the agent for more definite details.

More than 200 contractors have been placed for prisoners, and the demand is greater than can be conveniently handled. One hundred and forty additional prisoners were moved to the local camp Sunday and between 200 and 300 will be contracted for farmers in this county each work day.

Report First Case of Infantile Paralysis in County Yesterday

Infantile paralysis, the first appearance in the county during the year, was reported by Dr. Edmondson, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Edmondson, of Oak City, fall victim of the dreaded disease last Wednesday. In the absence of the family physician, a Tarboro doctor examined the child yesterday afternoon and he was quoted as saying that the case was a very mild one. However, late reports reaching here stated that the child could not stand.

The case has been placed under quarantine and other children in the family have been moved to their grandparents. Dr. John W. Williams, in Raleigh for medical treatment himself, could not be reached for an official statement as head of the county health department. The Tarboro doctor's nurse reported the case and a representative of the county health department ordered a quarantine until October 3. Miss Mary Louise Taylor, health nurse, contacted Dr. Stebic of the State Board of Health late yesterday and he did not think it necessary to close the schools. As a result of that conversation, no order will be issued calling for the closing of the schools, the office of the superintendent announced this morning.

According to reports reaching here the parents are anxious to have the child removed to a hospital either to Duke or the special one at Hickory. No definite arrangements for moving the victim had been completed early today as far as it could be learned here.

Unusual Case Attracts Crowd In Court Here

Few Cases Cleared From The Docket In Superior Court

Jamesville Liquor Store Robber Placed on Probation By Judge Leo Carr

Unofficially scheduled to complete the trial of its criminal docket yesterday, the Martin County Superior Court, in a two weeks term for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, made very little progress this first day and it was fairly apparent shortly before noon today that the court would hardly complete the trial of the criminal docket by recess time this afternoon.

There were only nine cases on the criminal docket and most of them were considered of a minor nature, leading court observers to believe that the divorce mill would be cranked up today, preparing the way for the first of the civil cases tomorrow.

Judge Leo Carr of Burlington convened the session on time, made a forty-minute charge to the grand jury, listened to excuses from several jurors, but excused only three, Gormer Harrison, W. R. Glover and Wendell Peel. Three cases were disposed of before the noon recess, and the court literally hit a snag in the trial of the case charging Herman Manning and Joe Martin with aiding and abetting in an illegal operation.

The first witness in the Manning-Martin case, Dr. V. E. Brown, was called shortly after three o'clock and at five the State had not completed its evidence. At least two other witnesses, Joe Hale and Margaret Phillips, were to be heard this morning before the defense offered its evidence. As far as it could be learned, the defense had only three witnesses and they were young girls from Tarboro.

It was testified by Dr. V. E. Brown that the victim of the illegal operation, Beulah Brown, young Martin County white girl, was brought to his hospital on Monday, June 12th, in a critical condition, that she was sent to his hospital by Dr. J. D. Hemmingway who advised hospital treatment after the young woman had been carried to him for examination.

Officers Round Up Eighteen Persons

Eighteen persons were arrested and jailed or temporarily detained by local and county officers and members of the highway patrol last week-end, most of the alleged violators falling into the hands of the law on Sunday.

Three were charged with larceny, two with drunken driving, another with an assault and still another with an assault with a deadly weapon. Seven were booked for the possession of illegal liquor, and two were detained for disorderly conduct and two more were booked for public drunkenness.

It was about the biggest round-up handled by the officers in the county this year, and the list did not include one or two who were cited to the courts for operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses.

Revival Meeting Underway At Poplar Chapel Church

A revival meeting began in the Poplar Chapel Christian Church last night, Monday, Sept. 18th. The meeting is being conducted by Rev. Dennis Warren Davis.

Home coming will be observed at the church next Sunday and the public is invited. On Sunday the choir from the Brambleton Christian Church in Norfolk will sing for the congregation.

Greater Support Of War Measures Urged By Judge Leo Carr

Reviews Duties of Grand Jury In Address Monday Morning

Addressing the quarterly meeting of the Martin County Grand Jury, Judge Leo Carr of Burlington, Monday morning urged a greater support of rules and regulations designed for the prosecution of the war. In his forty-minute address to the jury the jurist, presiding over a two-weeks mixed term of the superior court, reviewed the duties of the body and stressed the need for the advancement of a greater effort in preserving law and order.

Nine new members were added to the grand jury, the group to serve for twelve months with Vance L. Roberson as foreman. Names of the new members are, Arthur C. Roberson, Henry F. Williams, Vance L. Roberson, W. J. Gardner, J. Danie' Lilley, William Lambert, Jesse Keel, Arthur L. Modlin and J. W. Gurganus. The new foreman succeeded John W. Eubanks of Hassell.

Opening his address, Judge Carr declared that the grand jury was one of the most important organizations in the law enforcement machine. The jurist explained that he did not agree with some who have said that the body could be eliminated. He added, however, that possibly some changes could be made by constitutional amendment to permit the trial of felonies outside the capital crimes without carrying them before the grand jury. "This would give the jury more time to handle other duties," he declared, adding that the law should safeguard the right of everyone and carry provisions for one to ask for a review of a case by the grand jury.

Judge Carr outlined the duties of the grand jury under three classifications. The first duties center around bills of indictment, the jurist briefly explaining that it was not the duty of the grand jury to try a case, but to satisfy themselves that there is probable cause of guilt. The jurist went into detail in explaining the duties under the second classification which had to do with grand jury presentments. In this connection, the body is a "paper-writing jury," one that reveals to the court violations of the law that have escaped the attention of officers or in those cases where the officers know about law violations and have taken no action. The jurist declared that something should be done about such cases. "Any such cases should be reported to the court in a sealed envelope," he explained. "The matter will be turned over to the solicitor who will investigate and presentment will take the form of an indictment at the next term," he added.

Judge Carr pointed out that presentments could be based on the grand jurymen's own knowledge of alleged crime, or it could be based on information furnished by reliable parties. He urged the jurymen to pay close attention to general reports covering crime conditions. "Places of business operated in such a way as to constitute a nuisance can and should be closed up, and I charge you to investigate them closely."

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Missing Young Man Is Reported Safe

Staff Sergeant Edgar M. Taylor, missing in an air raid over Germany since last February 22, is now safe and well, according to a cable received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Monroe Taylor, near here yesterday. The message stated that he hoped to see his parents soon, and that a letter would follow.

It was the first word Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had received from their 22-year-old son since he was reported missing in a message received here last March. It was stated that he was seen parachuting to safety near a German target after two engines had been shot off his bomber.

Last January, the young man was wounded in a raid over Kiel, Germany. He was hospitalized in England for a short time and returned to combat duty about ten days before he was missing.

His parents do not know whether he was liberated or exchanged or whether he escaped.

He volunteered for service about three and one-half years ago. Several other Martin County men have been reported missing over Germany in recent months, and word is anxiously awaited from them.

County Boy Injured In French Fighting

Cpl. James Willis Griffin was wounded in France a short time ago, according to a letter received from him by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Griffin of Dardens, this week.

The young man was wounded in his right eye, but apparently the wound was not serious, for the young man asked his parents not to worry about him, that he was getting along as well as could be expected and that he hoped to be out of the hospital very soon. He expressed the desire to return to actual combat and "help finish the job."

Few details were offered in the brief letter, but it was learned the young man was removed to an Army hospital in England for treatment. It could not be learned where the young man was fighting when he was wounded.

He is the thirty-third Martin County man that has been reported wounded so far in the current war.



Arthur Anderson, local young man, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He has a brother, Captain Oscar Anderson in the Army Air Corps now in England, and another brother, Martin Anderson, a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps stationed near Wilmington.

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Arrest Seven And Get Seven Gallons

If Mr. Gallup had been in the county last Sunday, he could have conducted an interesting poll on per capita possession of illegal liquor. According to reports coming from ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistants, the latest count is a gallon per head, basing the per capita possession on the findings in seven cases.

Seven persons were arrested and seven gallons of liquor were confiscated, or the greater part of seven gallons, the officers explaining that six joy riders from the shipyards broke a gallon in their car and spilled part of it.

The distribution, however, was about like the distribution of wealth. One man had more than his share, or the other six did not have their share, or all seven had more than their share. Henderson Woolard, Griffins Township colored man, was trapped with six gallons in his smokehouse. Officers picked up just a cold trail and followed it to the man's smokehouse. Woolard maintained that his daughter had the key and that he would step and get it. "She lives only two miles from here," he explained. Officers carried him there to find out that Woolard had the key all the time. He finally surrendered it, the liquor was found and a case was made against the man.

John D. Dugger, Harry Bell, Herman Mooring and three Lee brothers, John, Elmo and Horace, were home from the shipyards and ran into the law as they aired out on the Robersonville-Gold Point highway Sunday afternoon. They had a gallon of white liquor aboard.