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Americans Believed First Reports on United War Preparing Invasion Fund Drive Are Encouraging **Of The Philippines**

Strong Counterattack on the West Front Around Aachen Are Predicted

Increased action of mighty propor tion has been reported in the Pacific these past few days, the recent developments there being recognized by some observers as a signal for the invasion of the Philippines, some even hinting that Formosa, that the world. great bastion within the inner defense area of Japan, might be on the

Americans' calling list.

The fantastic Jap claims in the recent battle area have been declared unfounded, and instead of the American fleet being wiped out, Admiral Chester Nimitz explains that the enemy after venturing out and seeing what was afloat turned tail and scooted for safety.

Accepting their own Tokyo propaganda, the Jap imperial sea lords paraded their ships out to sea, thinking their increased airpower had wiped out the American fleet. They soon learned how fantastic the claims were and withdrew before a shot was fired. The enemy air attack, according to Admiral Nimitz, struck two medium-sized American ships, possibly light cruisers, making it necessary for them to withdraw from battle formation. Casual-

ties were light. The score in the eight-day battle centered around the Philippines and Formosa shows that the Japs lost 828 planes, including 35 probables, and 146 surface ships. The land destruction was too great to mention. Our losses were 58 planes.

While these large-scale activities were being reported, the situation for the Chinese in China steadily grows worse.

On the Western Front, those men in the front lines were said not to be very optimistic, but that their morale was high. No marked changes have been reported there during the past few days. An example in destruction is being offered at Aachen and it is still believed that the Allies are working to advance a general and all-out offensive against the enemy "soon." However, the Germans, acting more as mad men than as soldiers, have countered with daring thrusts, apparently trying to

First reports reaching here late sizable contributions have been made yest rday clearly indicated that this but if the challenge is to be riet, county would reach and pars its more individuals will have to share current United War Fund quota. in the great opportunity to do good Chairman N. C. Green stated that for and help others.

the preliminary reports were very Martin County is being asked to encouraging, and that while he raise \$9,537.02 for the fund this knew the task would require much month. Appeals have been directed work he was certain that the good to the people from the press, radio people of Martin County would re- windows, pulpits and schools. It is member our boys in the service and sincerely hoped that our people will support the humane cause in the rally in support of the drive and not name of suffering humanity across inconvenience those who are giving of their time and means to carry the

No detailed reports could be had campaign into every community in as the drive only got underway yes- the county. terday morning, but several canvass-Chairman Green stated yesterday

ers were quoted as saying that they that he was much pleased with the had not had the first refusal, that response received when he appealed the people were responding liberal- to citizens in the various townships ly and willingly. It isn't likely that to lead the drive in their respective the drive will be completed in the communities. All of them are busy county this week, but several com- and many have contributed freely

chaplain in field service:

"When Battalions of the 140th go

lain's tent, where most of the Chap-



His left arm almost torn off in an automobile accident near here early last Thursday night, Pfc. C. C. Thompson expressed a strong determination to get into actual combat.

The young Silver Spring (Md.) Marine asked Dr. Brown if an artificial limb could be supplied one that would permit him to hold a gun. Behind an obliging smile, the doctor said, "Possibly so." The Marine replied, "That will be fine. You know that old so-and-so left hand never was much use, anyway.'

News of the accident was quite a shock to Mrs. Thompson and their two small children. She was said to have broke down and cried over the telephone, the two children joining her.

The young Marine has been transferred to a government hospital, late reports stating that he was getting along remarkably well.

spondence, interviews and the like. It's a large tent, complete with field desk, table, book racks full of re-To Reopen Markets ligious literature and a victrola outfitted with religious, classical and Tomorrow Morning popular records which plays at var-ious times during the day and night Following a two-day emergency holiday, the local tobacco market will resume sales tomorrow morning with an estimated million pounds of duty every night with Pfc. Jack the leaf on the floors ready for the buyers. While the sales are being limited to three days this week, the market will resume a four-day selling schedule next week, beginning on Tuesday The extra one-day holiday this week has thrown the marketing schedule slightly out of gear, but sales will be maintained in accordance with the regular sales card. Tomorrow, October 18, the Roanoke-Dixie has first sale: Or Thursday of this week, the Carolina has first sale, and the Farmers is first on Friday. Next week, the Roanoke-Dixie has first sale on Tuesday, the 24th, Planters on Wednestrailer. day, October 25th, Farmers on Thursday, October 26, and the New For Men In Service Carolina on Friday, October 27, Sales on the local market to do Sales on the local market to date Side Of Car Ripped

After hearing some disturbing reports from old party friends, democratic leaders are calling a county-wide meeting of democratic workers and others interested in a big democratic victory for Thursday evening of this week.

PARTY MEETING

The meeting will be held in the county courthouse at eight o'clock, and good democrats are urgently requested to attend. No long speeches are scheduled, but the low-down on the situation will be discussed at that time, it was announced.

Soldier To Undergo **Another Operation**

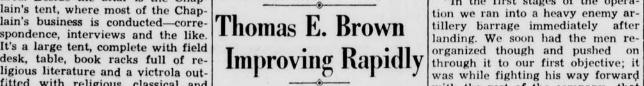
After undergoing a major operation in an Army hospital somewhere in England the latter part of June or early July, Sgt. Lewis T. Taylor

is to undergo another operation soon, his mother, Mrs. C. C. Whitaker, RFD 2, Williamston, was recently advised. The second operation will not be as serious as the first, the 24-year-In Field Service as serious as the first, the 24-year-old soldier stating that the doctors were going to remove a bullet from

his chest. The following account, centering around Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, former Seriously wounded in France on June 11, five days after D-Day, Sgt. ocal minister, and taken from the 'Howitzer," Camp Howze (Texas) Taylor was removed to a hospital in England where an operation was newspaper, tells about the Army performed upon his heart by Seattle (Washington) doctor. He liv-Donald K. Ellis. ed to tell the story and describe how out in the field for bivouac, all memhe was "knocked" out and later rebers of the units live, sleep and eat gained consciousness to crawl n the open, including the chaplains. short distance to contact members "The average non-bivouacer might of the Medical Corps. wonder just what the chaplain, re-

an enemy of the United States. Your In his recent letter to his mother, moved from the chapel, does in the son was in the second platoon of the young man said there was no field. A visit to the 140th's Second this company and was regarded by Battalion, parked out in the open cause for worry, that possibly he Lt. Lockwood, his platoon leader, would not be able to write for sevsomewhere in Texas' would reveal as a most dependable and intelligent Chaplain Zachary T. Piephoff's seteral weeks following the second op-Marine. I have commanded this eration.

up-an open air shelter with cancompany for more than a year and A brother, William Taylor, spent know that Pfc. Bonds was well-known and liked by the officers and dles, a velvet back drop and golden 24 months overseas and is now in a crucifix arranged beneath perhaps government hospital down in Georone of the largest oak trees in Texmen of the company, who felt his gia receiving treatment for stomach as, near the center of the bivouac loss deeply. trouble and shock. area. Beside the altar is the Chap-"In the first stages of the opera-



Thomas E. Brown, 31, is improvious times during the day and night ing rapidly in a base hospital eith- your son was killed.

Held In County Monday

SPEAKS -

year, five lives have been snuf-

fed out on the highways of this

county and thirty-six persons

have been injured, several per-

manently. The danger lurking

on the highways is to be prefer-

red to that existing in the war

zones, but the record at home is

Williamston Boy Is Wounded Martin County Boys Third Time in European War Report Activities In The Pacific Theater

Lt. William W. (Billy) Biggs re- He received the Presidential Unit eived his third wound in the cur- Citation Ribbon with one star for rent war when fragments from a his work between August and De- Group of Eleven Are Handlbursting shell tore into his left arm, this year he was wounded in Italy, breaking the bone between the wrist once in the hip and once in the knee. and elbow, according to a message He parachuted behind enemy lines eceived by his parents, Mr. and just before ground troops were land-Mrs. S. Rome Biggs, here last Satur- ed during the invasion of Southern day. Wounded somewhere in France, France. A short time before he rehe young man is now in a French ceived his third wound, he was re hospital but it is likely that he will ported to have lived a short time in be transferred to Italy where he is to a French doctor's home, enjoying undergo treatment for another month the comforts of home for the first. time under gorgeous surroundings.

Insisting that he was getting along worry, Lt. Biggs said that the shrapnel tore his wrist watch off.

Following the Sicilian campaign, to sleep in a bed and between sheets the young man was hospitalized presumably in North Africa for several ed his second bronze Oak Leaf Clusweeks the early part of August, 1943. ter to the Purple Heart.

Speaking briefly about the hospiall right, that there was no cause to tal, Lt. Biggs said it was not bad. The building was an old one, but he went on to say that it was good

one more time. He is being award-

The Christmas mail rush for the boys overseas hit the local post office in full force last week-end when several hundred packages were mailed by relaported killed some time ago, were tives and friends. Up until last revealed in a personal letter received Friday morning the count stood by the young man's mother, Mrs. at 1,076. By nightfall, 176 pack-John Bonds, a few days ago from ages had been mailed, Last Saturday, the big day, 204 packages his commanding officer, Captain were handled by the local office. Yesterday, the last day for receiving Christmas packages, hy in your recent loss of your son, 194 parcels were received.

CHRISTMAS RUSH

Packages may now be mailed only upon the written request by Armymen overseas. Packages may be mailed once each week to Navy and Marine personnel without a written request.

Christmas cards are to be mailed only when sealed and at the regular 3-cent postage rate. More than three times as many packages were mailed this year than were handled by the local post office for boys overseas a

Officers Capture Still And Two Men with the rest of the company that

assistant bagged him.

The plant was well hidden, but

there was one flaw in the camou-

into the ground to block a search.

They forgot and threw aside some

sociation will hold its first meet-

ing of the current term in the

was announced today by Mrs. R.

portant business will be placed

before the group, and a social

period ,arranged by Miss Vera

Lowery's home economics class,

goodly number of parents and

other patrons of the school will

It is earnestly hoped the

will be enjoyed.

attend.

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Fighting Engineers

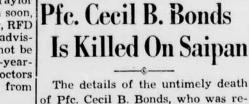
(The personal account below of a roup of eleven Martin County boys over in New Guinea, was forwarded by Sgt. Ben Hopkins, and, no doubt, will be read with much interest. A few words were cut out by the censors in Australia.-Ed.)

Others may boast of bloody battles, and of night-fighting in the jungles, but Martin County's sonsleven of them-in the Engineers, are just as proud of the vital supply work they are doing in the **com**e-times dubbed "fighting engineers." The boys, from Williamston and the vicinity, are: Ben Hopkins, Haywood Wynne, Maurice Pate, Gilbert Ward, Leslie Manning, all from Williamston; Robert E. James and Russell Roebuck, of Robersonville; Morris Stalls, of Everetts; William C. Thomas, of Oak City; Dick Slade, of Hamilton, and John Gurganus, of Bear Grass.

Although the nature of their work falls under the heading of military information, and cannot be detailed here, the boys are by no means bored with New Guinea life, and their doings would furnish a comparison to Pvt. Hargrove's famous work. Together since their induction into the Army on February 4, 1943, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the eleven have seen five months of Texas and eight months of the California desert, not to mention incidental time spent en route elsewhere and the six months spent so far in New Guinea.

In New Guinea, where civilized conveniences are few and far between, Privates Pate and Stalls are president and secretary-treasurer, respectively of the Laundry Company (Chinese style). Pvt. Haywood Wynne, of Doodle Hill and old Coastal Plain League ballplayer, says he would rather bat at the ball than the Japs.

Sgt. Ben Hopkins, a former civilyear ago. ian Romeo by his own account, now bemoans the good old days and when working is busy with supply procedure. N. B .- The young ladies of Williamston may be interested to know that Sgt. "Sport" Hopkins is now the proud possessor of a full grown beard, which gives him an un-Raiding in the Free Union section usually fierce appearance. He is of Jamesville Township last Satur- mostly noted for his ability in talking. Says Sgt. Hopkins, Belk-Tyler day morning, Officers J. H. Roebuck is a much better place than this. Cpl. Leslie W. Manning, a former and Roy Peel and a special assistant captured a liquor still and arrested electrician employed at Plymouth, two men, Newsom Boston, 37, and N. C., now does wiring, carpenter-Michael Boston, 22. ing, and general repair work in the The plant was equipped with a 50gallon capacity copper kettle, one of army. He has recently been put in business as a G. I. shearer, the bowl The officers poured out twelve bar-Pfc. John Gurganus, better known to his buddies as "Sergeant York," gallons of liquor. is frequently heard to say that he Michael Boston ,aiding in firing prefers Bear Grass to New Guinea. the still, tried to escape and actually this perpetuar deam is to open a



The letter reads:

"Please accept my deepest sympa-

Pfc. Cecil B. Bonds, in action against

find a weak spot for a strong counterattack. The city of Aachen is now completely isolated, and late reports state that 1,300 Fortresses and Liberators today are pounding Cologne, the apparent next objective in the Allied march.

The Canadians are reported to have made much progress in their drive to liberate the approaches to the great Belgian port of Antwerp.

A move to liberate Greece and trap many of the enemy there is progressing. In Hungary turmoil is rampant with the Hungarians fighting the Allies, the Germans, and among themselves.

In Italy, the Americans, after a (Continued on page six)

180,000 Cigarettes

Through the generosity of Martin County citizens, the local Lions Club ers, the sales averaging \$42.45.

has been able to send another shipment of 20,000 cigarettes to be dis-The service men and Few Register In tributed free to our service men and women on the front lines. This latest shipment makes a total of 180,-000 smokes that the club has been able to send overseas since it began its project in June, and the club wishes to thank everyone who makes a contribution to this worthwhile cause by dropping their donations in one of the Licns cigarette fund jars.

In a recent talk with a local soldier nome from two years of service overseas, a member of the club's cigarette committee finds that the boys "over there" really do appreciate what this club, and other clubs, are doing to make their tasks on the battlefront easier, by sending them these comforts from home. According to this soldier, it makes it much easier for overseas servicemen to do a better job when they know that the folks at home are supporting them, and have not forgotten them.

The club's committee has just completed another round of collections and it wishes to recognize the following firms where the largest donations were made. In first place and with an all-time high to date was the jar located at Pender's Grocery, where Lion Ronald Nichols and other employees really emphasized this fine work, and as a result, a total of \$15.15 was raised. Second place honors went to the jar at Terry Brothess store at Bear Grass, where an outstanding job is always done, largely through the efforts of Mrs. Irvin Terry. \$7.31 was raised there. Rounding out the "big three" was another jar that usually ranks high, this one being the Clark's Pharmacy jar, where \$4.71 was realized, thanks to the boys and girls at the fountain.

total 6,744,490 pounds. A total of \$2,862,960.86 has been paid the grow-

Incomplete reports from the first timated at more than \$100. Very lit-

ber 7th general election point to a car. more-than-usual interest in politics locally, at least.

Registrar John Henry Edwards, oporting for Williamston's No. 1 on his right. recinct....stated that eight new names were placed on the books last Saturday. O. S. Anderson, registrar for the No. 2 precinct here, reported and he was released that night. the addition of ten new names that

The registration books will be open during the next two Saturdays. Anyone who has not voted in this the car and she also escaped unhurt. county since the new registration back in 1940 will have to get their Workers Report At names on the books if they wish to vote in the general election. Those whose names are already on the books will not find it necessary to register again.

ROUND-UP

Last week-end was a comparatively quiet period despite the fair and the larger-than-usual crowds that poured into town. Only five arrests were made by cooperating officers. Two persons were jailed for drunken driving, two for public drunkenness, and one for allegedly assaulting another with a deadly weapon.

Four of the group were white, and their ages ranged from 22 to 51 years.

when the men are in the area. "The men do not lack for music, to the latest information received by

for the portable organ is ready for relatives in the county. The son of Mrs. Dare Brown Sweat at the keys. The organ sounds RFD 1, Jamesville, was wounded off during chow and in the evening latter part of September. In a letmen will gather around for varieties of barber shop group sings and solos. stated that a shell fell-near him that Another morale builder supervised by the Chaplains is the Battalion PX, carted out to the field every day, selling anywhere from \$60 to \$70 a

for camp.

"Although each chaplain must re turn to the 140th Chapel every third is now expecting to return to duty Marianas Islands. day to carry on the regular, duties shortly. there, all chaplains must sleep every It could not be learned, but the

night out in the field. Night time will young man was possibly wounded find Chaplain Piephoff bearing up while fighting in Germany. A brother, Edward S. Brown, was under the rigors of open air slumber, on a cot perched on top of his jeep's fatally injured in the North Burma area on June 21.

Off On Main Street

No Session Of Court Is Driving down the main street here last Friday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock Alton Raynor, 20-year-old Plymouth man, tore into the rear of M. M. County Saturday man, tore into the rear of M. M. Levin's car and ripped the left side off his own car, causing damage es-

day of registration for the Novem- tle damage was done to the Levin Raynor, booked on a drunken driving charge, swerved to the left to miss a car backing from the curb

Cuttle There was a quart about three-fourths empty, and the man was jailed. Bond was arranged

Raynor, not so long out of the court for the alleged theft of cigarettes escaped unhurt. Miss Ethel Edmondson of Hamilton was a passenger in



Volunteers reporting to the Red Cross bandage room in Bear Grass during recent days have handled the last surgical dressings, it was reported this week by the chairman, Mrs.

G. A. Peel. Names of the volunteers:

Mrs. Sam Mobley, Mrs. Wheeler Rogerson, Mrs. Hildreth Rogerson, Mrs. Henry White, Jr., Mrs. Irving Terry, Mrs. G. A. Peele, Mrs. Kneezer Harrison, Mrs. Ruth Hazel Harris, Mrs. Martha Harris, Miss Velma Bailey, Mrs. Grace Knox, Mrs. Alon-20 Revels, Miss Elizabeth Bailey, Mrs. Lester Terry, Miss Mamie Clyde Moore, Mrs. Effie Rogers, Mrs. John Jackson, Mrs. Willie Gurganus, Mrs. N. R. Rogerson, Mrs. G. A. Peele.

"Although it will be little consola er in France or England, according tion to you for the loss of your son, Mrs. Bonds, you will be proud to

know that his performance of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine somewhere on the western front the Corps.'

In a letter to the young man's witer received just a short time ago, he dow, the former Miss Mildred Bowen, Major C. P. Lancaster stated that he could not "duck" quick enough Pfc. Bonds was killed on June 15, the few made of copper these days. and that fragments hit him in the 1944, at Saipan Island, Marianas Ischest. After spending ten days in a lands, that his body was buried in rels of sugar beer and almost ten field hospital he was flown to a Grave No. 217, Row No. 3, Plot 2, in base hospital for an operation. He a Military Cemetery, Saipan Island,

The Purple Measures awarded ran out of his boots, but the officers posthumously just a short time ago to the widow who lives on RFD 3,

Williamston. Young Bonds had been married flage. A small trail led to a ditch seventy-two Tires only eight days when he left home and apparently ended there, the still for service. He never returned.

The young man has three other brothers in the service, the youngest having left just a short time ago Sgt. Dennis Ward

Wounded In Italy

The two men were placed under Sgt. Dennis Ward, young son of bond in the sum of \$100 each and No session of the Martin County Mr. W. J. Ward of Robersonville and are to appear before Judge J. C. Recorder's Court was held Monday, the late Mrs. Ward, was slightly Smith in the county court next Judge J. C. Smith explaining that wounded on the Italian front pre- Monday.

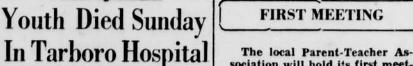
he and possibly some members of sumably some time in late August the bar had planned a hunting or or September, according to a report fishing trip. The next session of the received by relatives a short time Sheriff's Condition court will be held next Monday.

In a letter to his father, the young man stated that he was getting along all right and expected to be able to

been wounded in the war so far.

was seriously wounded in Tunisia along all right. The two borthers met in Italy a few months ago. Thomas Ward was the third man from this county reported to have necessary at the time.

been wounded in the war.



Fernando Scott, seven years old, high school auditorium tomordied in a Tarboro hospital at 4:30 o'row afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, it clock last Sunday morning follow-L. Coburn, president. The Cub Scouts, their organiing a long period of declining health. A victim of heart trouble, the lad zation sponsored by the P.-T. A., entered the hospital about two weeks will show an interesting picture ago. Pneuomnia was given as the relative to their activities. Im-

mmediate cause of his death. Funeral services were conducted at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Scott, near Oak City, Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister. Burial was in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Besides his parents he is survived by several brothers and sisters.

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operators using fresh bushes driven **Allotted By Board**

of the dead brush used days before. Seventy-two tires-sixty-three for When the officers saw that they cars and nine for trucks-were alknew something was wrong and then lotted by the Martin County War pulled up the newly planted bushes. Price and Rationing Board last Friday evening.

Grade I tires were issued to the following:

C. T. Gaines, Ada I. Price, C. B. Allen, J. R. Coltrain, Joseph James, Henderson Norfleet, V. G. Taylor Dairy, American Fork and Hoe Co., H. U. Peele, John H. Wynn, Frank Slightly Improved Bell, Mae Krider Hargrove, Dillon Leggett, Vernon Hardison, H. L. Bell, Mae Krider Hargrove, Dillon Hopkins, M. B. Barefoot, Z. H. Bed-

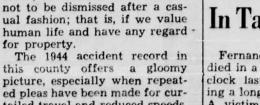
A patient in a Washington hospital dard, Russell Williams, Oris Eli Rog-County young man reported to have C. B. Roebuck this morning was re- Mrs. Harmon Rogerson, Roland Griported some better, but he continues fin, John H. Rogers, J. O. Manning, His brother, Reuben Thomas Ward, quite ill. He was quite restless un- Fenner Respass, S. W. Casper, C. C. Taylor, J. S. Williams, S. T. Wynne, til about two o'clock this morning, on April 9, 1943. He is now getting but since that time he seemed much E. B. VanNortwick, P. A. Harrison, brighter. He was to have received a J. L. Bunch, F. F. Pollard, H. M.

blood transfusion yesterday, but he rallied and it was not considered Mrs. W. S. Mallory, W. E. Rawls, W. D. Gurganus, George Hopkins, R. O. Purvis, Allen Williams, Lonnie C. Gardner, G. B. Ange, G. R. Taylor,

C. C. Fleming, H. F. Williams, J. D. Beach, John Stalls, Herbert Lilley, E. E. Brown, H. L. Manning, Charlie Raynor, Dr. V. E. Brown, Mrs. O. S. Winborne, W. I. Skinner and Co., Williamston Package Co., C. L. Wilson, R. J. Hardison, Mrs. J. W. Peel. Truck tires were issued to the following for mail trucks: Farm-ville-Woodward Lumber Co., Edgar Davis, John Gurkin, Standard Fer-tilizer Co., John James.

Baptismal Service In The Local Church Tomorrow

Immediately following the regular prayer meeting at the Baptist Church Wednesday night, a Baptismal service will be held with Rev. W. B. Harrington officiating. The candidates are all from Jamesville. The public is invited.



ed pleas have been made for curtailed travel and reduced speeds. 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.

42nd Week Comparison Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge \$ 800 2 1943 3 250 **Comparison** To Date 1944 57 36 10,000 1943 24 7325 5

THE RECORD rejoin his outfit "soon.' Thirty-one Martin County men have given their lives in war since Pearl Harbor. So far this