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Powerful American Force Lands In The Philippine Islands

Casualties Are Light As Entire American Army Swarms Ashore There

In one of the most powerful invasion attacks ever known, American forces landed in the Philippine Islands this week. The official announcement coming from General MacArthur stated that casualties were light and that the action caught the Japs on their blind side.

Preliminary reports indicated that possibly 250,000 Americans were moving into the advanced position within the inner defenses of the enemy who is believed to have 225,000 men to contest the latest daring move in the Pacific theater.

The American forces stormed ashore with vengeance in their souls, the invasion group including numbers of those men who were at Corregidor.

Late reports declare that no ships had been lost up until the present in the invasion which was preceded by extensive bombing raids that confounded the Japs to the north and south.

General MacArthur is about landing now on the island Leyte between Luzon on the north and Mindanao to the south.

It is fairly certain that the task to wipe out the Japs in the Philippines will not be an easy one, but the Americans are now fighting on what is recognized as holy soil and the men of Corregidor say the enemy now hasn't a chance.

Activities on the Western Front have been completely overshadowed by the 10-day assault and the invasion of the Philippines. However, some progress is being made in several sectors. Over half of Aachen is

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County Young Man Hospital Patient

Cpl. George Norman White, son of Mrs. W. A. White, RFD 1, Oak City, and the late Mr. White, is a patient in a hospital somewhere in the Pacific Theater of Operations, according to a telegraphic message received a few days ago.

The young man has a number of ribbons, including a campaign ribbon with several campaign stars and the Presidential Unit Citation with one star.

He asked for a serviceman's ballot and stated he wanted to vote for President Roosevelt and expressed the hope that those back home would do the same.

Staff Sergeant Edgar M. Taylor, after many hectic experiences in the European area, is returning home the young man stating in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Monroe Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, this week that he hoped to arrive in the latter part of this month or early in November.

Current Crop Harvest About Completed In Martin County

The current crop harvest is rapidly being completed in this county, farmers generally reporting abundant yields for most crops. With the exception of the corn crop, production has been far in excess of expectations and in some instances approaches a new high record despite the extremely dry period during the growing season.

After what was considered last summer to be the most dismal outlook for tobacco in years, the leaf crop forged ahead to exceed what is ordinarily recognized as a normal poundage. Prices have been acceptable, and, as a whole, the tobacco crop is proving to be the most successful one in years.

Peanut digging is being completed in its entirety this week. As usual, the reports refer to "spotted"

production. Farmer Alton White, one of the first to start picking the current crop, reported a yield of twenty bags on his farm in Hamilton Township this week. The quality of the crop was described as fair to good. Other peanut pickers are being moved into the fields and the goobers will very likely start moving to market shortly.

Farmers are now fairly busy harvesting what appears to be a record acreage yield of sweet potatoes. However, the total crop will hardly measure up to record production figures since it is understood that acreage was slightly reduced this season. Already several farmers have ever-run their curing barns.

The corn crop is spotted, but as a whole, production will be short of normal and considerably below normal.

Cotton is moving to the gin slowly, and while the yield is reasonably high, total production is certain to be less than it was a year ago.

Over \$3,500 Reported For United War Fund

WOUNDED



Pvt. Daniel Leo Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Andrews, RFD 1, Williamston, was slightly wounded in Italy on September 18, his wife, the former Miss Irma Simmons of Bethel, was notified recently.

Justice Hassell Has Five Cases In Court

Justice J. L. Hassell, calling five cases in his court this week, had seven defendants before him for alleged violation of the various laws coming under his jurisdiction.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Charlie Jones and John Henry Langston were required to pay \$9.50 costs each.

Walter Jones, charged with simple assault was taxed with the costs in the sum of \$5.50.

Charged with throwing bottles promiscuously on Washington Street C. B. James, W. H. Brown and Marshall Scott were required to pay \$5.50 costs each.

Lewis Brown was fined \$5 and taxed with \$5.50 costs in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

Slightly Injured In An Auto Accident Tuesday

Mrs. Herman Everett of Hamilton suffered a painful but not serious knee injury when the car in which she was riding was struck by another at a street intersection in Scotland Neck last Tuesday afternoon.

Attorney Liverman, driving out of a dirt street, crashed into the car, it was said.

Plans for the distribution of "A" gasoline rations will be formulated at a meeting of the War Price and Rationing Board to be held here this evening.

It is possible that the board will ask the schools to help handle the distribution, but no definite plans have been made as yet.

During the meantime, motorists are asked to keep their "A" books until they are called for by the board or its representatives.

Bear Grass School And Township First To Go Over The Top

Special Gifts Committee Has Raised And Turned In Nearly \$3,000.

Getting underway in the county early part of this week, the United War Fund Drive to raise \$9,357.02 is progressing rapidly, according to a statement released this morning by County Chairman N. C. Green who declared that most of the ten townships while making no complete reports were meeting with marked success in carrying the appeal for suffering humanity to the people.

Filing the first report on the drive in the county, Mrs. Pete Mendenhall said yesterday afternoon that Bear Grass had gone over the top, that Professor Giles and his pupils in the school there had raised \$124 of the \$450 quota.

The second report for any of the townships was filed late last night by V. J. Spivey, co-chairman of the Williamston district committee, for the special gifts canvassers. The report is not yet complete, but up until that time a total of \$2,946 had been raised and reported.

The two districts were the first to report-listing donations. Of the ten townships offering preliminary reports, only one even intimated that the campaign was dragging, but even in that case the quota is almost certain to be reached and possibly over-subscribed.

Chairman Joshua L. Coltrane explained that the drive was being delayed in Williams, but he said that his people could be depended upon for their quota, if not more.

Briefly stated, the drive is making progress, but much work is yet to be done. It seems a bit strange that so many of us have to be earnestly solicited for our support of so worthy a cause when so many of our county boys are giving their all on the far-flung battlefronts of the world. Only yesterday, a county young man wrote, "If the people back home had to go through with what many of us have gone through with these past few days, they would not have to be begged to support

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Home After Months In Pacific War Area

William Henry Gurganus, Petty Officer 2/c, U. S. Naval Reserve, returned a few days ago from twenty-five months spent in the Pacific War zones to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gurganus in Bear Grass, and his wife, the former Miss Cottie Mae Price of Plymouth.

The young man enlisted in the Seabees July 1, 1942, and left for distant points in the Pacific ten weeks later. Calling by The Enterprise office this week, the young man expressed his thanks for the paper, but had little to say about his experiences during the hectic months spent in the war areas. However, it is known that he had many close calls. On one occasion an ammunition ship pulled into a primitive port beside the ship he was working on at the time. A Jap submarine had followed the ammunition ship in, surfaced and opened fire, shooting across the deck of his ship and just over his head. No hits were scored, however.

Party Leaders Plan To Set Out Sizable Vote On November 7

Party Members Hold Meeting Here Last Night; Cam Morrison To Speak

Meeting in the county courthouse here last evening, forty or more Democratic Party leaders, representing nearly every one of the voting precincts, pledged the current campaign their loyal and financial support and planned to help get out a record vote in the November 7 election.

Opening the meeting, Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in this county, explained that there were financial obligations to be met, that the State Democratic Committee had asked the county Democrats for \$300 and that the National Committee was badly in need of funds and that it was proposed to send the national headquarters approximately \$900. Chairmen were named for the various precincts and between now and November 1, canvassers are asked to raise \$1,370. The township quotas were announced, as follows: Jamesville, \$125; Williams, \$60; Griffins, Bear Grass, Goose Nest and Hamilton, \$100 each; Williamston, \$400; Cross Roads, \$125; Robertsonville, \$200; Poplar Point, \$60.

With virtually all the big corporations and giant businesses contributing heavily to the opposition party, the Democrats are hard pressed financially, it is admitted, and the average citizen is being called upon to support the election for the Democrats. A campaign for small but numerous contributions was advanced by a newspaper in New York and in about 24 hours time, \$17,000 was raised for the Democratic Party, meaning that President Roosevelt will be able to go on the air an extra time.

Most of the time at the meeting last evening was devoted to business, but Clarence Griffin, candidate for the State House of Representatives, and Mayor John L. Hassell briefly addressed the group.

"If for no other reason, we should re-elect President Roosevelt on account of his successful foreign policy," Griffin said. He briefly reviewed the Republican Party's record in Congress during the past four years.

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Getting Along All Right In France

Writing to friends back home, Elbert Harrison, young county boy, stated he was getting along all right in France. The letter was written the latter part of September.

"I have been lucky and I just hope my luck holds out," the young man said. "I have seen quite a bit of France and it is a very nice country. It is much nicer than Italy; in fact, any place is nicer than Italy. France is more like the States than any place I have been so far. I liked England and Scotland, too. The French people are very nice and friendly. The girls are very pretty, too, but they are nothing like the ones we left behind. Quite a few of them speak some English, and with my French and their English we get along all right.

"I will be glad to return home which we hope won't be long. We are well on our way to Berlin."

Two Teachers Resign In County This Week

Two teachers, Mrs. John I. Eagles, of Williamston, and Mrs. A. L. Henderson of Everetts, resigned their positions in the county school system this week. As far as it could be learned today no successor has been named to fill either of the positions.

Mrs. Eagles resigned to be with her husband who is now on a leave of indefinite duration.

HIGHER

After holding to a fairly stable level from the opening about two months ago, tobacco prices on the local market yesterday showed a strong upward trend, the average for the day ranging about \$43.50. New top prices were reported and in at least one instance an entire barn of tobacco was sold for an average of \$49. Prices hit the fifties for the first time on a noticeable scale, while the medium and poorer quality grades held their own.

The market is now back on a four-day selling schedule, and while tobacco continues to move here in large quantities, the glut is not as pronounced as it was a few days ago.

Sales today will carry the poundage in excess of seven and one-half million. Up until this morning, the 7,246,002 pounds had averaged \$42.51.

CHILD VICTIM OF NAZI BRUTALITY



SOMEWHERE IN RUSSIA a member of the Red Army speaks to smiling Volodya Lukin, 10, a youthful victim of Nazi cruelty. During the German occupation of his home town, his parents were seized and sent to Reich as slave labor. The Nazis then drove the boy out into the cold and he suffered badly frostitten feet.

Sgt. Jo Jo Thigpen, Local Parachutist, Lauded by General

Thinks Young Man Was Born With Double Portion Of Courage

By Cpl. James G. Fenton Public Relations Office, Second Paratroopers Training Regiment, the Parachute School, Fort Benning, Ga.—(Special)—Brigadier General Ridgely Gaither, in a short address recently described Sgt. J. H. Thigpen, of Williamston, N. C., as the "Most valuable man in the Parachute School." Sgt. Thigpen was further praised by Col. C. W. G. Rich, commanding officer of the Second Parachute Training Regiment. Said the colonel, "He must have been born with a double portion of courage. It is an honor to have a man like him in my regiment."

The sergeant, known throughout the regiment as "Jo Jo", excepting the fact that he purposely jumps faulty chutes, untested silk, and experiments with conditions, has the same job in the parachutists that a test pilot has in aviation. The duplication of the exact conditions that resulted in an earlier fatality, it is possible to find the defect and correct it, saving the lives of men throughout the world who use parachutes for attack or preservation.

A veteran of forty-two jumps under the most dangerous circumstances, the North Carolinian is almost a certainty to annex his "Gold Wings" and join a select few who have the distinction of completing fifty "leaps for life." If he does, Thigpen will be the youngest in the history of the school to compile fifty jumps. He is only twenty-one and neither drinks nor smokes.

Modest, good natured and definitely athletic, Sgt. Thigpen spends all his spare time training Beau Jack, world's lightweight champ, who is stationed here in the Reception Center. Before volunteering for this thrilling and hazardous assignment following the death of a friend when his chute had a malfunctioned.

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County Young Man Traveler-Fighter

William L. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, has just about established a record as a fighter and traveler.

Going into foreign service almost two years ago, the young man fought in North Africa for a while and then participated in the Sicilian campaign. He later traveled to and fought in Italy. From Mussolini's run-down domain, Young Taylor moved to England for a short breathing spell from the sound of gun and cannon fire, moving a short time later to France. Now he is in Germany.

In a recent letter to his mother, Taylor stated that he would be mighty glad when the business at hand was over, that he was getting a bit tired and homesick. He also added that once he got back home, he never expects to leave again.

Arrest Two Persons For Alleged Illegal Operation In Wayne

Dr. Heck Person of Goldsboro Charged with Murder of Martin County Woman

Charged with performing an illegal operation that resulted in the death of Beulah Brown, young Martin County white woman on June 12, Dr. Heck Person, 58, was arrested at his home, 300 Brogden Street, Goldsboro, at 11:50 o'clock last Tuesday night by Special State Bureau of Investigation Agent L. W. Tappan. Mrs. Carrie Riley, about 40 years of age and a nurse, was arrested a short time earlier at her home, 707 Royall Avenue, and formally charged with aiding and abetting in the alleged illegal operation.

Following the arrest and conviction of two Martin County men in connection with the operation resulting in the death of Beulah Brown the case has been developed in Wayne County and it is now alleged that Person performed a similar operation upon the dead girl's sister, Sally Brown, on March 29, 1944. The Brown family lives in the Oak City section of the county.

In connection with the case and its latest developments, the Goldsboro News-Argus in its issue of Wednesday, October 18, said, in part:

"Agent Tappan told the News-Argus that Dr. Person did not make a statement when arrested and that he was not questioned. The Raleigh officer said that Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, of Martin County, had called the SBI for aid in the case on June 14, after the death of Beulah Brown.

"The SBI has been working on the case since that time but was ready to issue warrants only a short time before the two were taken into custody, Tappan said. They came to Goldsboro on Monday.

"Agent Tappan said that Sally Brown, 25, admitted that Dr. Person performed an abortion on her, and charged that he performed an operation on her sister, Beulah, about 27, who died two days later.

"The agent said that Miss Brown said that the operations were performed on a kitchen table in the four-room, white frame dwelling of Dr. Person on Brogden Street.

"At the September term of Martin County Superior Court in Williamston, Herman Manning and Joe Martin, Martin County men, were convicted of aiding and abetting in the illegal operation from which Beulah

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Few County Colored Men Are Accepted

Out of forty-nine Martin County colored men called for pre-induction examinations on October 5, only eleven have been accepted so far. Twenty-seven were rejected outright, five were transferred, and six failed to report. In the group of eleven accepted, three are fathers. Thirty-two of the 49 men called were fathers.

The following men passed the preliminary examination and are now subject to call, not before 30 days have passed and hardly later than ninety days:

R. S. Howell, William Thomas Smallwood, William Thomas Wallace, William Oscar Andrews, Arthur Brown, William Jasper Keel, John Davis Staton, George Henry Lyons, Jr., Samuel Norfolk, John Lee James and William Arthur Bell. Bell was transferred to this board.

The following men were transferred to other boards:

Listus Herring to Warsaw, Fate Albert Spruill to Baltimore, Dave Leonard James to Richmond, Thurman Bell to Norfolk, and Robert Small to Philadelphia.

The following men failed to report when called:

James Edward Thompson, George William Mayo, Herioux Little, Sam Rodgers, William Bluford Wilson, and Booker T. Bridges. Several of the group have since reported, it is understood. The names of the others are being turned over to the FBI as delinquents.

No Great Change in Sheriff's Condition

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, suffering an acute kidney trouble, is rounding out the second week in a Washington hospital, late reports stating that he was holding his own, that while there has been no marked change in his condition during the past day or two, it was thought possibly he was slightly better about 10:30 this morning.

The popular officer is receiving a blood transfusion this morning, the third given him since he entered the hospital on October 8.

He was said to be resting well this morning, but he is not yet able to receive company.

COTTON GINNINGS

Cotton ginnings are off to a slow start in the county this year, according to a report just released by Mrs. Strela Griffin, special agent for the Bureau of the Census. Up to the first of this month, only 536 bales of cotton had been ginned in this county from the current crop as compared with 672 bales ginned in the corresponding period, a year ago.

It is fairly apparent that the cotton crop will be smaller in the county this year than it was last, reports stating that many farmers borrowed from their tobacco acreage to increase their cotton plantings, that others just quit growing cotton.

Red Cross Bandage Room Closed Here

The local Red Cross Bandage room was closed last Wednesday afternoon after volunteers from Jamesville called for 1,800 of the 4x4 surgical dressings material the day before.

It is understood that the work on the September quota has also been completed at Macedonia and Hamilton, that Bear Grass and Jamesville will likely complete the work in its entirety in the next day or two.

Names of the volunteer workers helping complete the task at Macedonia include the following:

Medames Albert Gurkin, Jimmie Gurkin, Elmo Lilley, Roland Lilley, Raleigh Lilley, Sylvester Lilley, Jno. Lilley, R. L. Perry, Heber Peel, Rome Rodgers, Perlie Rodgers, Lena Manning, Frank Lilley, Simon Lilley, Lucian Peel, Wayne Byrd, Ralph Lee and Misses Emma B. Ward, Susie Manning, Doris Lilley, Ella Faye Rodgers, Christine Lilley, and Mary V. Hodges.

The names of those reporting to the bandage room here this week:

Medames Elbert Sherman, J. B. Taylor, David R. Davis, J. Frank Weaver, A. E. Browder, G. W. Lewis, G. P. Hall, Anna Harrison, Bill Howell, S. W. Manning, Jr., T. B. Brandon, Herbert Taylor, J. G. Cheatham and C. C. Parker, and Misses Dorothy Manning and Ann Wilson Price.

Barbecue And Chicken Dinner At Jamesville

The ladies of the Jamesville Methodist Church will give a barbecue and chicken dinner Wednesday night, October 25th, in the Jamesville school auditorium. The public is cordially invited.

FIRST SALE

The first sale of peanuts from the current crop was reported here this week. Farmer Leo Roberson of near Williamston, sold 203 bags for \$1,767.50, or an average price of eight and three-quarter cents per pound.

It was pointed out that the quality of the crop offered was possibly above the average. The goobers had a 70 per cent meat content and 20 per cent of them were extra large. The excess of 6 per cent boosted the price a few dollars a ton.

The crop is hardly starting moving to market in any sizable volume before the latter part of this month.