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Patton And Hodges Believed Ready To Launch Big Attack

Final Battle on Leyte Nears as U. S. Airmen Continue Effective Work

While recent developments in the Pacific still hold the spotlight, observers are still predicting terrific action on the Western Front early next week. According to latest reports, unofficially, General Hodges and Patton are expected to launch an all-out drive toward and deeper into Germany soon. Positions have been improved by Patton's forces in the Metz area, but the Allied line from Holland to the south has been inactive for the most part for the past few days. October has been a bad month for war along the Western Front. Transport has been bogged down in mud and the weather. It is fairly certain, can get little worse in November.

The German front is collapsing in southwestern Holland and the free use of Belgium's great port of Antwerp is expected shortly. Possibly, the expected offensive from the west will hardly get underway until supplies and other materials can be moved through the port. During the meantime, Allied air forces are blasting strategic targets in Germany, Cologne bearing the brunt of the attacks over the past week-end.

The front in Italy is bogged down in mud, sleet and rain.

The battle of East Prussia raged into its third week yesterday. All dispatches indicate that as a collision between fortification and armor on the one side and mobile armor and firepower on the other, it is one of the most violent in history. To use an old phrase, it appears to be the case of an irresistible force meeting a nearly immovable object.

But Moscow reports that the object does move. The Red Army gains some ground. Chermakovsky's tanks and infantry, when shells and bombs have broken a way, progress through a fortified zone covering East Prussia up to 100 miles deep all the way to Königsberg.

In effect the Germans have turned the entire country into a fort, redoubt after redoubt. "Pravda" says that upon entering East Prussia the Russians found field fortifications in belts nine to twelve miles deep. Behind these were two more lines of pillboxes, 18 to 25 miles deep. These three lines formed merely the outer belt of the fortified zone. Defenses consist generally of 25 to 70 firing points.

Has Part In Five Pacific Invasions

Coast Guardsman William E. Stinnette, 819 W. Main St., Williamston, was one of the first Americans to return to the shores of the Philippines. Stinnette was a member of the crew of a Coast Guard manned LST which, with a number of other Coast Guard amphibious craft, beached in the first assault waves to discharge troops and supplies. His ship has carried the men of General Douglas MacArthur in many previous amphibious attacks in the Southwest Pacific, all leading westward to the Philippine Islands to which MacArthur had pledged liberation by his armies, his airforce and the naval and amphibious forces placed at his disposal. Stinnette followed in an old Coast Guard tradition, for the cutter "McCullough" was a part of Admiral Dewey's squadron in Manila Bay when U. S. forces first entered the Philippines in May, 1898.

Stinnette participated in the Southwest Pacific invasions of Tana Merah Bay, Wake Island, Bikini Island, Noemfoor, and Cape Sansapor. He wears the American Defense, Pacific-Asiatic Theatre and the Good Conduct ribbons. Having graduated from the Williamston High School in 1941, Stinnette was employed by the McClees Grocery Company before entering the Coast Guard.

Award Air Medal To Sgt. Edgar M. Taylor

Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., Oct. 20—The Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters has been awarded Staff Sergeant Edgar M. Taylor, it was announced today by Colonel Dudley B. Howard, Commanding Officer of this First Air Force base. The decoration is to be delivered to Mrs. Audrey Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, the mother of S/Sgt. Taylor, who was reported missing in action and now safe.

The citation accompanying the award read: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in twenty separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this enlisted man upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Ask Democrats To Contribute To Campaign Fund for Party

Receiving very very few sizable contributions, the National Headquarters of the Democratic Party is addressing an earnest appeal to loyal Democrats in Martin County to contribute to the campaign fund. No large contributions are expected, but individuals are asked to give \$5 or \$10 or even a dollar will be acceptable and greatly appreciated.

Approximately \$800 has already been raised in this county, several

townships having already reached and passed their quotas. The party's county treasurer, L. B. Wynne has already forwarded \$300 to headquarters in the State, and national headquarters is asking for \$1,200.

Loyal Democrats are asked to clip out the following, fill in the name and amount and forward it with a contribution to Mr. L. B. Wynne, Treasurer for the Party in Martin County, Williamston, N. C.:

Mr. L. B. Wynne, Treasurer, Williamston, N. C.
Dear Sir: I am enclosing \$_____ to help pay the expenses of President Roosevelt's radio speeches. Kindly see that this is sent to national headquarters along with other gifts.
Name _____
Address _____
Township _____

DEMOCRAT

Mr. Pleny Peel is recognized as Martin County's No. 1 Democrat of the current campaign. Eighty-one years of age and able to get around only with crutches, the chairman of the Griffins Precinct Democratic Committee last Friday evening presided over a party rally at Farm Life. Steering an unswerving course toward Democratic ideals and pleading the cause of the common people, the old gentleman made timely and interesting remarks at the rally, and led his district in meeting its current financial obligations. The work of the chairman and other faithful Democrats is almost certain to give the party a solid and large vote next Tuesday.

Congressman Herbert Bonner, Attorneys Clarence Griffin and Elbert Peel, Martin County Democratic Executive Committee chairman, addressed the meeting.

Very Little Progress Reported by United War Fund Recently

Less Than \$400.00 Added To Total Since Last Thursday

After getting off to a rapid start in most of the county townships, the United War Fund is about to mire down in others, according to incomplete reports received during the past few days. While little progress has actually been reported since last Thursday, it is understood that the canvassers are still working and that no township leaders have given up hope of reaching their assigned quotas.

Several canvassers have explained that they were delayed by illness or other pressing duties, that they plan to complete the work very shortly. It is believed that when these late reports are submitted every township or district in the county will have reached its quota or more.

With several of the residential sections in Williamston reporting \$206.85 has been added to the fund, Griffins reported an additional \$90 to place that district within about \$60 of its quota. Robersonville reported \$48.82 more and the colored citizens in Jamesville, Williams, Bear Grass, Griffins have boosted their total by \$30. No word has been received from many of the colored canvassers, and reports are awaited from the courthouse and the local high school and also a few other scattered ones.

To date, the fund in this county has \$7,818.52, leaving it \$1,718.50 short of its quota.

According to the latest information to be had, the fund stands as follows in the various districts:

District	Quota	Amt. raised
Jamesville	\$ 650.00	\$ 350.00
Williams	150.00	
Griffins	450.00	390.00
Bear Grass	450.00	498.58
Williamston	4,277.02	4,577.68
Cross Roads	350.00	425.27
Robersonville	1,500.00	568.12
Poplar Point	135.00	162.40
Hamilton:		
Hassell	100.00	85.00
Hamilton	275.00	200.00
Goose Nest	300.00	442.69
Colored Citizens	900.00	118.80
Totals	\$9,537.02	\$7,818.52

SCHOOL HOURS

Beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, the local schools will open the daily sessions at 9 o'clock instead of 8:30, it was announced by Principal E. G. Bourne. Most of the schools have been opening at 9 o'clock for quite a while, and beginning tomorrow all of them will open at 9 o'clock, it is understood.

To Present Silver Star To Parents of Late County Boy

Was Posthumously Awarded To Asa J. Taylor For Gallantry

By the direction of the President, the Silver Star has been posthumously awarded to Pfc. Asa J. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Taylor, RFD 2, Williamston.

In a letter to Mrs. Taylor, Major General J. A. Ullo explained that the Silver Star was being forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, Ga., and that an officer would be selected to make the presentation. Plans for the presentation have not yet been completed, Mrs. Taylor said last Friday.

A memorial service for the young man and his neighbor, Bernice Rogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rogerson, is being planned, but it could not be held if the presentation would be made at that time.

General Ullo, expressing his deep sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, enclosed in his recent letter the following citation:

"For gallantry in action on 2 June, 1944, in the vicinity of Italy. When the platoon in which First Class Taylor was an automatic rifleman had forced the enemy to withdraw from an area of high ground and was engaged in reorganization, the enemy force launched a vigorous counterattack. Without hesitation Private First Class Taylor moved forward in the face of the heavy machine gun and machine pistol fire to an exposed position which afforded an excellent field of fire and enabled him to protect the entire right flank of the positions against the onrushing enemy forces. He continued firing his automatic rifle accurately and calmly, undaunted by the fierce enemy opposition, until he was killed by the machine gun fire. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Gas Registration Starts In County

Registration for basic "A" gasoline rations is getting underway in four county high schools this afternoon at 2 o'clock and will continue until 6 p. m. The same hours will be observed tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday, November 1). Registrations will be handled in the high schools at Jamesville, Williamston, Robersonville and Oak City.

Teachers in the various schools, aided by volunteers, including representatives of the parent-teacher association, will handle the registrations under the supervision of ration board members or appointed agents.

The registration for basic gasoline rations is not to be confused with the registration for liquor coupon books which opens at Williamston and Robersonville tomorrow. The liquor registration will continue during the entire month of November.

Much Tobacco Burns In Goose Nest Fire

Its origin unknown, fire destroyed the large packhouse and stables on the M. H. Hyman farm near Oak City between 12 and one o'clock last Sunday morning. No estimate on the loss could be had, but in addition to the building, nine barns of tobacco, a Buick automobile, implements and other farm equipment burned. Insurance in the sum of \$3,600 was carried on the property, but that will offset only a small portion of the loss.

Hyman was quoted as saying that he was awakened when the team broke out of the burning building.

LIQUOR BOOKS

The sign-up for liquor ration books will get underway in the county at Williamston and Robersonville tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock—in the old Dr. Knight office in Williamston and in the old Robersonville bank building in Robersonville. Registrations will be handled six days each week from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., during the entire month of November. The new books will be valid on and after December 1.

A year ago, approximately 6,000 liquor coupon books were issued in this county. Disappointment faces several hundred people in the county who have been placed on the black list and who will be denied liquor ration books. Every one convicted in the courts for public drunkenness, drunken driving, non-support, transporting liquor illegally or for other alleged law violations directly or indirectly traceable to the use of alcoholic beverages. The list carries approximately 300 names not including the habituals.

Congressman Bonner Will Address Local Kiwanians

Congressman Herbert Bonner will address the regular meeting of the local Kiwanis Club Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock. His topic will center around the theme, "Planning for a Postwar World."

Hundreds Are Expected To Hear Hon. Cam Morrison Speak Here

Wednesday Night In Courthouse

Gallup Poll Gives Dewey One Out of Ten Votes in the County

After going into nearly every nook and corner of the United States in search of political trends and other advance data, the Gallup Poll finally broke into Martin County. Its findings could not be learned officially but according to reliable reports, the poll gave Dewey one out of ten votes.

Centering his work on the edge of Williamston and in Poplar Point, Hamilton and Robersonville Townships, the canvasser recently interviewed twenty persons in an effort to get a cross section of the vote that will be cast.

Martin County are not strangers were asked to reveal their politics, and it is quite certain that the canvass was impartially made, that every effort was made to get a true picture of the vote before it is cast. About the only drawback to the sampling business is its limited scope. It is believed that had the interviewer continued his work, he would have found eighty more persons all of whom would have voted for Roosevelt. In the 1940 election, Mr. Wilkie polled a little over two per cent of the vote in this county. The Gallup Poll would seem to indicate that Dewey will poll around 10 per cent next Tuesday. Of course, the sample taken in this county will lose much of its weight when it is mixed with reports from other counties. While admitting the fairness in which the samples are taken, party prognosticators are ready to accept the predictions of the prognosticators.

Incidentally, it was unofficially learned that one of the two men for Dewey is a tenant farmer and the other one is a lumber mill employe.

Biscoe B. Biggs Dies Suddenly At Home In Everetts

Funeral Services Were Held In Christian Church Sunday Afternoon

Biscoe B. Biggs, retired farmer and salesman, died suddenly at his home in Everetts at 12:30 o'clock last Saturday morning following a long period of declining health. Death apparently was caused by a heart attack. Although he had been in ill health for some time, Mr. Biggs was apparently in his usual health until a short time before the end. He was sitting beside the bed and talking with an invalid mother when he explained that he had a pain in his chest. He called for a dose of medicine and before his wife could return to the room he suffered the attack and died.

The son of Mrs. Crissie Rogers Biggs and the late Robert Biggs, he was born in Bear Grass Township 57 years ago. He spent his early life on the farm, but in recent years he worked as a salesman when his wife permitted. He was first married to Miss Sallie Wynne and three children, Mrs. Robert Cullipher of Bethel, Mrs. Goodwin Byrd of Windsor, and Robert Biggs, stationed in California with the Army, survive. He later married Miss Eula Manning and three children, Dallas Biggs stationed in Norfolk with the U. S. Navy; Edward Biggs and Sallie Marie Biggs, both of Everetts, survive this year. He is also survived by his mother and widow.

Brief funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon by Elder A. B. Ayers and were concluded at the Christian Church in Everetts by his pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry, assisted by Rev. R. L. Councilman, Baptist minister of Windsor. The body was left to lie in state in the church pending the arrival of his son from California. Burial will be made in the Everetts Cemetery with the Modern Woodmen in charge of the final rites.

Bishop Thos. Darst To Preach Sunday

Next Sunday morning the Right Rev. Thomas Campbell Darst will be at the Church of the Advent to confirm a confirmation class, to celebrate the Holy Communion, and to preach.

The Bishop is well known in these parts and all of his friends, both of the congregation and those of other churches, are invited to be present. The members of the congregation are asked to plan to bring their children to this service. It is very desirable that the young people get to know their Bishop, and the only way that they can do this is to come in contact with him. The young people of the other churches are also invited to meet him.

Agent's Office Calls For Tobacco Marketing Cards

Those farmers who have finished marketing their 1944 tobacco crop are asked to turn their marketing cards in to the office of the farm agent in the agricultural building at Williamston at their earliest convenience.

The cards are needed to complete the records, and it is understood that they will be used in computing soil payments where they have been earned.

Rally Will Climax Party's Campaign In Martin County

Nearly \$1,000 Raised So Far To Support Party's National Headquarters

Hundreds of Martin County Democrats and quite a few from surrounding areas are expected to hear the Honorable Cameron Morrison when he delivers an ole-time and solid Democratic address in the Martin County courthouse here tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The rally will climax the party's campaign in this county, and a general invitation is extended the public to attend and hear one of the most sincere members the Democratic Party ever had in North Carolina.

It was Mr. Morrison who dared challenge in the National House of Representatives not so long ago the abuse heaped upon President Roosevelt by Republicans and their buddies in the Democratic ranks. Mr. Morrison, although unaided at the time, more than held his own, and his speech made then and there will live on through the years. Mr. Morrison, as a member of the National House of Representatives, knows that there is a political fight underway in this country. And while it is safe to predict victory, he can be expected to remind the Democrats that the opposition has prepared its battle ranks well, that victory will require relentless efforts.

Mr. Morrison is not a nominee for any office. He comes here solely in the interest of his party and Democracy, his acceptance of an invitation to speak here being just another example of his splendid loyalty to the Party down through the years. Opposition to President Roosevelt is possibly more outspoken in this county than it was four years ago. Of course, the opposition is not expected to win, and according to some observers, it will not count more than 200 votes on November 7, the Gallup Poll notwithstanding. How-

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Sgt. Edgar Taylor Home from Europe

After many harrowing and breath-taking and hair-raising experiences, Technical Sergeant Edgar M. Taylor returned home last Friday from Europe to spend three weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston.

Back of the tight censorship, the young man has a great story, but it simply can't be made public just now. Young Taylor, reported to have been wounded, explained that the report was in error, that possibly it referred to another soldier by the same name. The sergeant, an aerial engineer on a big bomber, was on his 24th mission over Germany when the engines went bad and the crew had to bail out. He landed near a town, the name of which can't be revealed just now but one which is the same as that of a family known in Williamston, and was taken prisoner. He was held only a short time before he started a hard and trying trip back to friendly territory.

Colored Man Killed On Highway Sunday

Willis "Oozy" Williams, 40-year-old colored man, was instantly killed about 6:30 o'clock last Sunday evening when he staggered onto the highway between Robersonville and Gold Point and into the path of a car driven by Arthur Council, county colored man. His left leg broken and his chest crushed, Williams never knew what struck him. He was knocked down the road about ninety-six feet.

Council, the man who ran down and badly injured Mrs. Mamie Raynor in August of last year, was absolved of blame in connection with the killing last Sunday but he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked. He had just recently completed a road sentence imposed in the last year hit-and-run case.

Cpl. W. S. Hunt, investigating the killing, stated that Williams apparently was drunk and staggered into the path of the car, that Council turned to his left in an effort to miss the man.

TOBACCO SALES

Handling nearly 300,000 pounds of tobacco last Friday, the local tobacco market pushed its sales for the season to 8,524,254 pounds and it is fairly certain that approximately a quarter million pounds will be added to the total today. Receipts through last Friday totaled \$3,646,280.10 and the official average now stands at \$42.77 for the season.

Prices continue upward with daily sales averaging right at \$45 per hundred. Sales are now rapidly catching up with the deliveries and it is fairly certain that the big rush is just about over.

Oak City Boy Takes Part In Number Of Invasions In Pacific

Charles Ross Went Through Many Battles Without A Single Scratch

First Class Gunner's Mate Charles Ross, home on leave for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ross in Oak City, has missed very few of the daring invasions and fights in the Pacific war since the early part of 1942. His story cannot be told in detail now, but it is apparent that the young man has seen enough action and participated in a sufficient number of engagements to give him material facts for a fairly sizable book.

Volunteering for service in May, 1940, he trained at Norfolk and was assigned to sea duty in September of that year. On convoy duty in the north Pacific until the outbreak of the war, he then moved into the Arctic Circle, hunting the German fleet, and later participated in the Aleutians campaign for several months. Going to the Southwest Pacific later in 1942, he took part in one invasion after another, including action at Makin, Tarawa, the Gilberts, the Marshalls, Saipan, Tinian and Guam in the Marianas, the Bismarck Archipelago and several others. And yet for all that he was disappointed when he did not get the chance to participate in the move on the Philippines.

The young man had a close call at Guam when his ship encountered heavy fire from the enemy's land-based guns. The ship was hit several times, but only fourteen men lost their lives there. It was fairly hot at Kawing and there were heavy surface engagements around Saipan, not to mention challenging air attacks by the enemy. During a period of about nine days, many of his ship's crew went almost without sleep and averaged about three sandwiches a day. At Saipan he saw possibly ten thousand Japs kill themselves. Entire families, including little children deliberately walked into the water and drowned themselves, and

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ROUND-UP

A round-up of medium size was handled by the various law enforcement officers here over the week-end, and apparently all the defendants were bent on traveling the same direction. The seven persons arrested and jailed were charged with being drunk and disorderly. Five of the seven were white and the ages of the group ranged from a low of 17 to 49 years.