ESTABLISHED 1899

Memorial Service In County Church For County Voutha

Tribute of Respect Paid To Memories of Asa Taylor And Bernice Rogerson

Memorial services' were held in tist Church near Bear Grass last Sunday morning for Asa J. Taylor and Bernice Rogerson, two neigh-

country in Italy last spring.

Conducted by the Rev. Charles Hamilton, young Taylor's pastor, the service while marked for its simplione ever held in this county, was well attended.

With members of the two families occupying reserved seats, the Rev. Mr. Hamilton honored the memory of the two young men who had made the supreme sacrifice. "Were it not for their sacrifices and the sacrifices of others we would not be able to gather here today and worship the minister reminded the congregation.

"As we think of those two boys and the many others, we can't help but recognize their supreme sacrifices and realize that we have to make sacrifices, too," the minister explaining that the cost will not be so great for us. "Some are willing to make sacrifices and forego even the necessities of life. Christ was willing to make the supreme sacrifice, even unto Cavalry, that we might live," Rev. Hamilton pointing out that the "two young men whose memory we honor today" made the supreme sacrifice that we might enjoy freedom and hope.

He pointed out that there are many sacrifices to be made before permanent peace comes, and reminded the large congregation that peace will not come until a new day dawns. "Those who have come on before us are looking into the very bosom of Abraham. They have gone to a bet-Abraham. They have gone to a better land, a land where agony of sin Local Boy Earns and sorrow are no more. Though death has come to them, victory is theirs; they have won the race."

Mr. Hamilton urged the families and friends not to worry, for their lives were not given without hope. As those two fine young men stood and faced the enemy they were clothed in the spirit of their God. God to make us submissive to His Admiral, U. S. Navy, is self explan-

Ten boys have gone into the service from the little church, nine of whom are still carrying on, according to the minister. "Let us pay a Gold Star in lieu of the Second Air tribute of respect to them and suppleaded. The names of the men were er, Jr., United States Naval Reserve, port them with our prayers," he read by Mr. T. L. Roberson.

The Bear Grass Trio sang and ing citation: two United States flags were introduced into the service.

Born in Bear Grass on April 12, 1923, Pfc. Asa J. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robert Taylor of 2 in Italy. By the direction of the the following citation:

"For gallantry in action on 22 June 1944, in the vicinity of _____ Italy, when the platoon in which First Peanuts Harvested 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 ed an excellent field of fire and en- ports and a review of the records. abled him to protect the entire right rushing enemy forces. He continued ly and calmly, undaunted by the \$8,153.17, or about 11.5 cents per fierce enemy opposition, until he

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Farm Bureau Group assisting in the corn harvest while a few others are helping operate To Meet Tomorrow

Bureau membership canvassers will work, according to unofficial informeet here tomorrow night to make a mation. report on their work to date. According to the latest figures over 1,000 have joined the organization in this county, and it is believed when complete reports are in, the count will approximate the desired goal.

President Chas. L. Daniel contacted a number of the membership canvassers yesterday but no report could be had immediately. He stated that farmers and business men, too, were convinced that a strong farm organization is necessary and that it would be costly for agriculture to go into the postwar period without strong representation in the strategic centers. Recognizing the value of the organization, quite a few farmers and business men have voluntarily advanced the \$3 membership fee.

Farmers Will Hold Triple A Series Of Highway To Make Plans for War Bond Pvt. Bruce Whitley Elections During Next Week Accidents Reported Drive at Meeting Thursday Relates Experiences

Martin County fermers next week Roads at Everetts and for William will elect their community commit-teemen and name delegates and al-Ballots will be distributed at each ternates to the county agricultural meeting, and every farmer is enthe Rose of Sharon Free Will Bap- 7:30 o'clock and in school houses with including the agent, will attend the two exceptions. The first group of elections will be held Monday evening, November 20, for Goose Nest will review the present status of the property loss will exceed \$1,000. bors, who gave their lives for their at Oak City, for Griffins at Farm Agricultural Adjustment Adminis-Life, and for Jamesville at James- tration and discuss the proposed proville. The next meeting will be held gram for next year and talk about for that township, for Williams at tion and war effort. The meeting will series of meetings will be held in or district.

elections, Bear Grass for Bear Grass, for Cross

Ballots will be distributed at each meeting to be held later in the week. titled and urged to attend and vote. All the elections will be held at Members of the county agent's staff, meetings.

NEW RECORD

An all-time record was established by the local tobacco mar-

pounds and the income soared to 4,410,694.41. Slightly more than ten million pounds had been sold in a single season here in past years, but the figures now stand out above all others. Yesterday, the market sold 153,326 pounds for a price average right at 45 cents a pound, the total poundage to date climbing to 10,239,-

Possibly 95 per cent of the crop has been sold in this territory, but no date has been definitely fixed for closing the market. Sales in the belt through last Friday total 328,220,544 pounds. The average for the season is \$42.72 for the belt, or about 35 cents per hundred below the average for the Williamston mar-

For the second time in fairly recent weeks, the part Ensign Burras Allen Critcher, Jr., has played in the aerial war has attracted attention of clothed in the spirit of their God. They were willing to face the enemy and pay the price because they were fighting for their Christ. "And though our hearts are broken, Christ though our hearts are broken, Christ is prepared to the spirit of their christ control of their christ can be superiors. The young local boy earned his first citation when he effectively went to the aid of an American submarine. The second citation, signed by M. A. Mitscher, Vice and City; one brother, Horizon of Oak City; and three control of their christ war has attracted attention of the control of the contr

> "in the name of the President of the United States, the Commander, States Pacific Fleet, presents the Medal to Ensign Burras Allen Critchfor service as set forth in the follow-

"'For distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight as pilot in a carrier based fighter aircraft assigned to sweep against enemy air-Bear Grass, was killed on last June craft on an island of the Philippine Group on 12 September, 1944. Dur-President of the United States, the ing the action, he shot down one en-Silver Star has been posthumously emy aircraft and so extensively dam-*awarded him, but it has not yet been aged another that it is believed to presented to the family. The award have crashed. His skill and courage was based on action pointed out in were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.' "

By War Prisoners

While there were some few exceptions, German war prisoners from forward in the face of the heavy the local camp did a very good job machine gun and machine pistol fire in aiding the peanut harvest in the to an exposed position which afford- county this season, according to re-

It was learned this week that the flank of the positions against the on- prisoners of war, working for 181 county farmers, stacked 71,245 stacks firing his automatic rifle accurate- of peanuts. The job cost the farmers

stack on an average. More recently, quite a few prisoners were engaged in the sweet potato harvest, and a small number is

peanut pickers. Most of the prisoners returned to industry following the completion of the peanut harvest, and very few Working for 1,500 members, Farm are now available for general farm

P.-T. A. MEETING

The local Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular monthly meeting in the gram-mar school auditorium Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. R. L. Coburn, president.

A timely subject, "How Can Education Be Made More Effective?" will be discussed. Dr. John D. Biggs and a visiting speaker will address the meeting. A special invitation is being extended parents and other patrons of the chool to attend.

Thomas E. Johnson Passes In Oak City

Funeral Services For Well-**Known County Citizen** Being Held Today

Thomas Ed Johnson, well-known Martin County citizen and retired farmer, died at his home in Oak City Monday morning at 9 o'clock following two years of declining health. About a month ago, Mr. Johnson sufforced to his bed. His condition became critical on Sunday, November 5th, when he suffered a second

stroke, the end coming gradually. The son of the late James H. John son and wife, Jane Hobbs Johnson, he was born in Goose Nest Township on November 11, 1880. In early manhood he was married to Miss Mary Casper of this county, and they made their home in Oak City for a goodly number of years. In addition to his farming activities, Mr. John-Second Citation son engaged in the livestock business for several years, but retired from virtually all activities about two years ago on account of failing

Besides his widow he is survived by five children, four daughters, Miss Selma Johnson of Oak City, Mrs. sisters, Mrs. Clara Everett of Hamilton, Mrs. J. S. Ayers of Everetts, and

Mrs. T. H. Johnson of Oak City. at the home there this afternoon, In-

Wounded Soldier Returns to States

Wounded in the battle for Peleliu Island, Cpl. George Norman White just recently returned to the States. Writing from a west coast hospital, the young Martin County man told on all sides is still expected. his mother, Mrs. W. A. White, RFD 1, Oak City, that he hoped to be transferred to the east coast. His letter, written under date of

November 5, read, in part: hear from me after so long a time, in the United States.

"I had the Red Cross send you a campaign. It was one of the tough- seapower. est fights I was ever in. I was wounded on Peleliu Island which not very encouraging at this time. was probably the hardest fought bat- The Japs have landed an estimated tle of any in this war.

about me because I did not write. It there is raging, one report stating was due to the fact that I was aboard that it was proving costly. Remnants a hospital ship. We came such a or the greater part of five enemy round-about way it took us a month Jap divisions are battling the Amerito get here. It was worth the trip cans, but their effort to counteratbecause I had the best of care that any man could ever be given. They have some of the best doctors I have

The corporal explained that he was getting along fine, that he would write more in detail later. He asked for an address, explaining that he

Late Diagnosis Shows Child Hasn't Poliomyelitis

Reported to have fallen victim of poliomyelitis, Joan Copeland, six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Copeland of Williamston, is now believed to be suffering with some other ailment. A later diagnosis reveals that the case is not polio, that possibly the infant is troubled with rickets.

When the first diagnosis was made the symptoms pointed to polio, but the Durham hospital where the child was entered for treatment, explained that in a later study of the case it was learned that the child was not a victim of polic.

In County Recently

On East Main Street Here Friday Morning

ored man, was critically hurt when called upon to attend the meeting being asked to invest \$700,000.00 ir he staggered into the path of Fenner in the high school at Robersonville other timely topics vital to the na- Respass' taxi on East Main Street the top. near George Harris' filling station city was most impressive. The service, believed to be the first double Township at Hassell on Tuesday eve- farmer in the county should attend the car struck the man and threw within recent years, have there been bonds and \$854,580 in negotiable last Friday morning. The bumper of history of the county, certainly not ed approximately \$263,000 in "E" ning, November 21. The last in the the one in his respective township his head against the windshield. He so many idle dollars in bank ac- bonds. The "E" bond quota was not suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and hand and a hole was knocked in his head. Removed to the local hospital, Cason, jokingly known as the governor of Conoho, responded to treatment and he is expected to recover.

friend had warned Cason of the approaching danger, that he was intoxicated and did not heed the warn

Raymond Carney, young colored man who was reported to have come here from Georgia less than two nonths ago, "borrowed" Ollei Gaynor's second-hand Mercury, drove it a few hundred yards and tore it all to pieces when he wrecked it. Banfered a stroke of paralysis and was daged about the head, Carney was able to attend court yesterday morn-

Gaynor, the colored man who had ust bought the car a short time ago for \$800, had started to his home in Poplar Point with Carney, Robert Coburn and Cornelius Baker. Gay nor, Coburn, a colored neighbor, and Cornelius Baker got out of the car about 10 o'clock last Friday night to buy some groceries from a store on North Haughton Street. Carney, said to have been drinking, got under the wheel and drove off. He had hardly reached the curve at the Whitley

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ace Johnson of Oak City, and three lieved to be marking the renewal of an all-out drive to crush Germany, is driving hard on the almost impregnable fort of Metz, about twenty Mr. Johnson was a member of five miles from the German border. the Baptist Church in Oak City for The Germans are said to have vaa number of years, and his pastor cated quite a few of the strong is conducting the funeral services points, apparently well convinced that opposition to Patton's tanks and terment will follow in the Oak City infantry divisions is futile. However, it is possible that the German vehicles seen moving out of the area are carrying civilians and material looted by the enemy. It is known that the German front beween Metz and Nancy is crumbling n the fact of thrusts by Patton's ighters.

No late developments have been reported in other sectors of the

reported yesterday after British this season has the the Green Wave bombers attacked and finally sent tasted defeat and that was at the Germany's mighty battleship, the Tirpitz to the bottom in the Nor- before. "I guess you will be surprised to wegian Tromso fjord Sunday. It was the eighth try to sink the old but the good news is that I am back battlewagon and free planes for service elsewhere. The British had used many gallons of gasoline and telegram when I was in New Cale- planes to keep an eye on the ship, donia. I was wounded in our last the last powerful unit in Germany's

The outlook in the Philippines is 35,000 men, and possibly more, in "Hope you didn't worry too much recent days on Leyte and the battle tack has been broken up for the time being, at least.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists and pedestrians barely missed entering another one in the death column of the accident record, but the motorists went on to add to the other columns. During the past two weeks, they added four to the wreck co', two to the list of injured and \$1,500 to the damage

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. 45th Week Comparison

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge \$1500 Comparison To Date

workers who have not faltered and at some time in the future. Governor Cason, 44-year-old col- failed in past drives are again being The people of Martin County are

> Possibly at no other time in the June, Martin County people invest counts, in pockets and risky hiding met at that time, but it is believed places, and it is the opinion of the that the county will subscribe the oond drive officials that the Sixth full amount this time and enough Loan can be subscribed and more in extra to offset the shortage reported record time. The drive, just as the last June.

Colored Man Almost Kan a War Loan Drive in this county will purpose. One is to help finance the county and township chairmen in answering a challenge, and the othfront that the people back home ar the Branch Banking and Trust Com- er is to prepare for the proverbial Two persons were hurt, one ser-iously, in a series of motor vehicle ning of this week at 8 o'clock, it was accidents on the highways in this announced today by Herman A. Bow- speculate now, but it is doggone cersection during the past few days. It en, the chairman for the county. Dis- tain that a dollar invested in war It is understood that the meetings was unofficially estimated that the trict chairmen and other volunteer bonds now will be worth far more

and help put the Sixth Drive over bonds, \$245,000 in the "E" series and \$455,000 in negotiable bonds. Last

Yesterday Morning Witnesses stated that Respass was driving very slowly and stopped the man. One report stated that a friend had warned Coop of the co omted War Fund In Martin County

Williams Township Reports Total of \$114.12 In War Fund Drive

Assigned a quota of \$150, Williams Township raised and reported a otal of \$114.12 in the United War fund Drive. Contributions are accnowledged, as follows Frank Hopkins, 50c; Floyd Moore,

1; L. D. Hardison, \$1; Chas. L. Daniel, \$5.00; Jasper Jones, \$1; Mrs Ethel Jones, \$1; S. J. Tetterton, \$1; Herbert Moore, \$1; Robert Parrisher, Lt. Z. Hardy Rose Is \$1; Arthur Williams, \$1; James Tyre, 50c; Mrs. Annie Bell Tyre, 50c; Nathaniel Coltrain, \$1; Mrs. Estelle Gardner, \$1; Mrs. Callie Hardison, \$1; W. I. Beddard, \$1; Lawrence Lilley, \$1; Arthur Lilley, \$1; Mrs. Arhome before he lost control and Hardison, \$1; Mrs. W. A. Hardison, ston young man and son of Mrs. R.

50c; W. F. Barber, \$1. Woodrow Holliday, \$5.00; A Friend, "meritorious \$1; Wendell Griffin, \$1; John Hog- France. gard, \$1; M. M. Hardison, \$1; Colum-

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Local Eleven Turns Back Ahoskie 12-7

The Williamston High School foot- Army. ball team annexed its third victory Western Front, but a timed and pow- of the current season last Friday aferful blow by all the Allied Armies ternoon when the Ahoskie Indians group also played important roles were turned back by a 12-to-7 score in spearheading the attack on Hitler's A sidelight in the main fight was on a muddy field here. Only once "West Wall" and Southern France. the hands of Columbia two weeks Farmer Beaten And

> The locals scored their first touchlown last Friday afternoon when Charles Siceloff tossed a pass to Billy Myers for a 13-yard gain. In the second period, Jesse Rogers tore through right guard to score. On a bed while sitting on the porch at lateral that netted 35 yards, the visitors scored in the third quarter and

good. Coach Less Straub, volunteering is services while off regular duty, says the boys are in excellent conlition and are ready for the three remaining games on the schedule. On Friday afternoon of this week, the boys will try to even the count with Columbia when the Tyrrell boys come here for their second engagement of the season. The game will start at 3 o'clock.

The line-up for the last Friday Le, Bowen; It, Cowan; Ig, Andrews; c, Horton; rg, Hines; rt, Knight; re, W. Rogers; rh, Siceloff;

lh, Brandon; qb, Myers; fb, J. Rogers. Substitutes were, Waters, rh; Wheeler, lg; Taylor, qb. Sheriff Roebuck Expected Home Within A Few Days

Although he is still having trou-

ble with his right eye, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, well into his sixth week as a patient in a Washington hospital, is improving rapidly and it is believed he will be able to return home within the next few days. A second ulcer has appeared on his right eye, but it is being removed today, it was stated.

Messrs. Will Rhodes, Kader Rogerson and Connie B. Clark, other patients in the hospital from this county, are improving, late reports from the institution stated.

COTTON GINNINGS

Cotton ginning from the current crop in this county are running far behind those for the corresponding period, a year ago, according to information just released by the Bureau of the Census through its special agent, Mrs. Strelsa Griffin.

The report states that 1,724 bales of the lint had been ginned from the current crop up until the first of this month as compared with 2,767 bales ginned from the 1943 crop up to November 1, the current ginnings running slightly more than 1,000 bales behind those of last year.

Awarded Air Medal

A U. S. Troop Carrier Base, European Theater of Operations-First thur Lilley, \$1; Ed Lilley, 50c; W. A. Lieutenant Zeno H. Rose, William-\$1; Mrs. J. S. Andrews, \$1; Mrs. B. Tynes, 130 Chestnut St., Suffolk, Grady Thomas, \$1; Hardy Gardner, Va., who is now serving as naviga-\$1.25; A Friend, \$1.12; J. S. An- tor of a U. S. troop carrier forces drews, \$1; Charlie Pate, 50c; Mrs. C-47, in this theater, was one of the Hard on Metz Fort

| Americans | Driving | Charle Pate, 500; Mrs. | C-47, in this theater, was one of the Neal Godard, \$1; Billie Gurganus, many navigators of the huge C-47 | \$1;; L. J. Taylor, \$1; L. J. Hardison, armada that flew in the first para-\$2; J. T. Heath, 50c; Bennie Heath, troops and towed the first gliders on the recent invasion of Holland. He didn't get into any trouble like Major Barber, 50c; William Hog-holds the Air Medal and Presidential some of the boys did. One afternoon and the some of the boys did. The American Third Army, be- gard, 50c; Sylvester Moore, \$1; Citation, awarded to him for D-Day a friend and I took a little stroll

Commenting on his recent "D-Day" bus Reason, 25c; Willie Gurkin, \$1; mission into Holland, Lieutenant Joe L. Coltrain, \$1; Irvin Roberson, Rose said, "I wonder if a fellow can 1; Fannie Myrt Williams, \$1; Dewey get a mental purple heart. That was Hardison, \$1; Mrs. Stewart Tetter- one of the roughest trips I ever had." on, 25c; Mrs. Lucy Smithwick, 75c; Lieutenant Rose's pant leg was creas-N. P. Roberson, \$1; Joe Hopkins, \$1; ed by a bullet that came up through the cabin floor. "This trip is indelibly imprinted in my memory," he

Formerly a part of the Ninth Troop Carrier Command, Rose's unit is now part of the U.S. Troop Carrier Forces, headed by Major General Paul L. Williams, and is a component of the First Allied Airborne

Commanded by Colonel Frank J MacNees of St. Paul, Minn., Rose's

Robbed In County

L. C. Jackson, 55-year-old county farmer, was brutally beaten and robhis home between Everetts and Robersonville last Sunday evening about made their try for an extra point 6 o'clock. The victim said his attacker was a colored man unknown to him. Officers, headed by Deputy J. H. Roebuck, are working on the case, but as far as it could be learned yesterday afternoon no clue had been established. No other members of the family were at home when he was attacked and robbed.

Beaten over the head with an iron swingle tree, the farmer was apparently left for dead. The attacker took a \$100 bill and some small change from the farmer's pocket and drove from the farmer's pocket and drove away in his (Jackson's) 1935 model Hunting Reserve Ford. The attack and robbery were reported to Robersonville police early yesterday morning and they notified county officers.

ROUND-UP

For the first time in many weeks, officers did not make a single scratch in their week-end round-up of alleged law violators. Several persons were arrested Friday and a serious crime was reported in the county, but the jail entry book showed a clean record.

Last Saturday was a holiday for the liquor stores and it is possible that the supply of liquor held by individuals was not sufficient to last until Saturday night when most arrests are usually made.

In War-Torn France

Not a Single Building Is Left Untouched in Fight For St. Lo

Pvt. Bruce Whitley has been dong quite a bit of hurried traveling rying to keep up with the Amerian Armies, and just a short time ago only found time to give a report on his travels since landing in France. A former employee of The Enterprise, Pvt. Whitley's letter folows, in part:

"Now that I have a little time, I'll ry and give you a little description f our travels from the last time I rote and on up to now. "After finishing the first airfield

hich was the best one we have built ince we arrived in France we had the best break then that we have had before or since, for we had about three-weeks' rest. But things soon pegan to break and our armies startd moving forward, and we had to begin tour that hasn't stopped yet. On this first our trip we passed through St. Lo and I have never seen anything so completely destroyed as that city. I don't believe a building was left tanding or one that wasn't hit. Beat any destruction that any movie scene ever attempted to show. It must have been a tough place to take. We were moving up so soon that the dead cattle hadn't been moved and you could see and smell hem all along the way.

"We arrived at one place late in he night and spent the rest of it in and around hedgerows, pushing on few hours later to a location where we were to set up camp for two days. Then we had to pull out and move to another place about two miles away. While at this place I had a nice bath in a small river or creek. It was the first one I had had in over a week and I certainly did enjoy it.

"We were close to a pretty good sized town here, but it, as most of the others, was off limits to us, so I had to limit my social activities to the camp area with the farmers and their families. We were about the first soldiers in this section and the people around were very nice to us. We got plenty of fresh eggs, wine cider and cognac, but I managed to hold my own in that line and ver to a farm house and found ar old lady, her son and daughter at home. They were planning or getting ready to go to work in their field as we came up. They invited us in and gave us plenty to drink and plenty of eggs. Since we don't get anything but powdered eggs in our regular rations, they were really a reat, although we had to cook them surselves. I really enjoyed the hour spent there trying to carry on a onversations with them using a French phrase book and signs. We

lid very well. "We didn't complete that field, and the only work I did was a few minor details. We were there about two weeks and then had to move on. But I enjoyed that place more than any other we have visited so far. When we left there my vacation ended and it was a 16- to 18-hour day until the next place was finished.

"When we left the second place, we were moved near a very large city which I had an opportunity to ride through several times while I was on detail. It had one of the largest and prettiest cathedrals in it that I have seen either here or in England and I think the buildings here are just as old as those in England. On one of these details I had to go quite a distance from camp and had to spend the night. That was the prettiest country I have seen over here. I passed through a few hills and mountains and although it was used as a battlefield it still retained its natural beauty and reminded me of the country in the States. In fact, France, as a whole, is just like the States with its plains, hills and mountains, and the climate here is similar to that in the States.

"The French really believed in (Continued on page six)

Case Is Postponed

A hearing on the restraining order enjoining members of the Conine or Broad Creek Hunting Club from hunting and fishing in the swamps along the lower reaches of the Roanoke has been delayed until tomorrow morning when it will be aired in the Bertie County Superior Court. The case was to have been heard in Windsor yesterday afternoon, but was postponed at the last minute to avoid a conflict with a criminal case in process of trial at the time.

Local citizens in numbers were making ready to go to Windsor yesterday when the case was postponed. It is likely that a goodly number will go tomorrow morning.

The action was brought by J. G. Staton who had leased the land from a Plymouth concern.