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### Nineteen Marriage County Believed Nearing Its Jimmy Watts Tells Licenses Issued In Goal With E Bond Purchases Of Bomb Raid Over **County Last Month Territory of Enemy**

**Issuance Is Second Largest Reported So Far** This Year

county, Chairman Herman A. Bow-in unusually large denominations, en was quoted as saying earlier in but a prospective \$25 bond purchas-Nineteen marriage licenses, the the day that it was fairly apparent er eyeing one of the cakes or pies or second largest number on record so the quota is within sight. Several other items did not have a ghost of

far in 1944, were issued in this coun- very encouraging reports, while of a chance. Chairman Geo. Griffin an American bomb squadron, Sgt. ty last month. For the fourth time a general nature, were received over thanked the people and expressed Jimmy Watts, chief mechanic on a out of the eleven months, the issu- the week-end, but there is some great satisfaction. ance of licenses to white couples out- doubt if two or three of the districts numbered and then by a very small are making the progress necessary very successful one. Valuable prizes margin those issued to colored cou- for a unanimous over-the-top report. were offered and Jakie Taylor was ples. The issuance did not depend altogether on civilian patronage, the from the chairman, the progress of auctioning off a package of chewing records showing at least three or the drive can be stated only in gen- gum for as much as \$750. Chairman four of the contracting parties were eral terms. However, two bond ral- Paul Bailey explained that no bonds in the service.

Ten of the nineteen licenses were in the county last Friday night in was fairly well convinced that the issued to white couples, as follows: White

James E. Garrington, Lynchburg, Va., and Lola Griffin, Williamston. J. P. Raynor, RFD 3, Williamston, and Mamie Clyde Wells, Plymouth.

Billie John Davis, of Hamilton, and Julie Baker, of Oak City. Willard Earl James and Mary

Elizabeth Ward, both of Robersonville. Willie Gray Lee and Nellie Faye

Bunch, both of Williamston.

George W. Taylor, of Everetts and Camp Cooke, Calif., and Thelma Peel, of Everetts.

Marvin Leroy Spruill, U. S. Navy of Roper, and Marjorie Bray Asby, of Plymouth.

Curtis Haislip and Maryland Vir-ginia Leggett, both of Robersonville. Lt. George C. Mahler, of Wilmington, and Lorene Weaver, of Williamston

Fred Weaver, of Edenton, and Ella Griffin, of Williamston. Colored

Sam Brown and Arnecia Gorham, both of Washington. James Henry Mayor and Mary Lee

Jones, both of Oak City. William Frank Spruill and Carrie Letha Sheppard, both of Oak City.

Charlie Thomas and Mary Moore, both of Robersonville. John Linwood Powell and Mar-

jorie Page, both of Robersonville. Willie Alexander Rodgers and Mary Elizabeth Howell, both of Wil-

liamston. William Eborn Sheppard and Estelle Ward, both of Robersonville.

Berman Rogers and Sallie Mae Harrell, both of RFD 1, Hobgood.

**County's November Draft Registration** 

Called out of town unexpectedly or just about three times their original and before he could prepare report inst quota and more than its con-on recent bond purchases in this bined quota of E's and negotiables. Young Local Man Stationed Very few bonds were suctioned off In Italy with American

The rally at Cross Roads was a

terprise: In the absence of a complete report getting hot when he got down to

territory. lies were held with marked success were delivered at the rally, but he

Griffins and Cross Roads, and it is pledges along with the support of believed that both districts reach- others would carry his district over fore sunrise, informing us as to the ed and passed their quotas. Out in the top within the next few days. A Griffins, the auctioneer, Jimmy Tay- complete report on the bond drive lor, had to be called from the floor is expected the latter part of this when the supply of bonds was ex- week. During the meantime, our peohausted. The crowd, a fairly sizable ple are asked to continue to buy one, really pulled out the wallets bonds. Quotas may have been reach-

and shucked out the greenbacks. ed and passed, but one hasn't done When the records were checked, the his best in behalf of the fighting men small but earnest gathering had until he has invested every avail-bought \$32,168.75 worth of "E" bonds able dollar.

In Italy with American

**Bomb Squadron** 

Stationed somewhere in Italy with

big bomber, describes a raid over enemy territory in the following story recently received by The En-

This is just a note to give the folks there at home an idea of how it feels to be on a bombing raid over enemy

To start at the beginning, on the days we had missions, the C. Q. time of our briefing. After rushing through breakfast, we start toward the operations building, for briefing. After briefing, we draw flying equipment, and load the trucks for our ride out to our ship.

At the specified time, we begin to warm up engines, the engineer watching the instruments for any tell-tale sign of trouble. At last we are given clearance for take-off, and the ships line up in position for take-

Retired Banker Passes After take-off, we seek our position in formation. The squadron

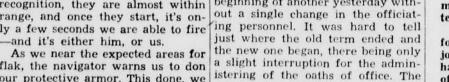
**At Home Here Sunday** formed, we circle the locality until the group has formed, then set out on course for the rendezvous point to meet other units of the wing who are to accompany us on the mission. After forming the wing, we set out on course toward the target. As we reach a "safe" territory (where stray bullets will not harm anyone)

selves that everything is in perfect Fifth Commissioner By Jos. G. Godard selves that even working order. Each man then settles himself in

time we begin searching the skies

for enemy fighters, being careful Tax Supervisor Named and not to mistake our own ships for those of the enemy, as we are often

given fighter protection for our county's commercial banking field, raids. We are alert in every way, for died at his home on Marshall Avenue here Sunday morning at 6:05 once a fighter is close enough for o'clock following a long period of recognition, they are almost within declining health. His condition had range, and once they start, it's onbeen critical since a fall three weeks ly a few seconds we are able to fire ing personnel. It was hard to tell before when he broke several ribs. -and it's either him, or us. Almost eighty-two years of age, he had not been very active during the flak, the navigator warns us to don a slight interruption for the adminpast eight or ten years. He almost our protective armor. This done, we istering of the oaths of office. The



'SELL' \$552,675 IN WAR BONDS Six Allied Armies **Report Fighting** 

> **Russians Driving Steadily in** Direction of Austria; **Civil War in Greece**

**On Germany's Soil** 

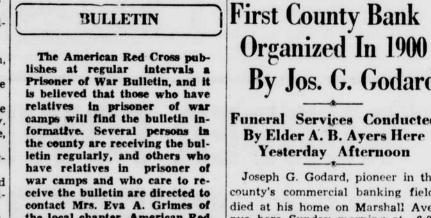
Six and possibly seven Allied armes are now fighting on German territory, the combined forces slowly out steadily pushing forward against the vital industrial areas of the enemy. Patton's Third Army is holding the spotlight, temporarily at least. Advancing one and one-half miles ilmost overnight, three divisions from the Third are approaching the mportant center of Saarbrucken while men of the First and Ninth Armies are lining up for a bloody light along the Roer. It is fairly apparent that a new and even more bloody phase of the Western Front ight is now developing, that heavy asualties are to be expected.

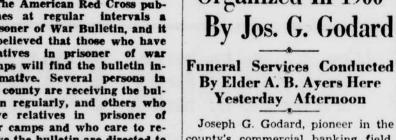
Accompanying the increased temoo on the Western Front, Allied planes are working in greater trength against enemy targets, especially rail centers feeding the enemy forces. For thirty-six hours, Alied planes roared across the English Channel to carry on an almost ceaseless drive against the enemy. Attention is also given the latest irive by the Russians in Hungary. Advancing as many as twenty miles day, the Russians are now within ifty miles of the Austrian border, ate reports stating that the Hungarans and Germans are fleeing in great disorder ahead of the drive and that German officials are leaving Vienna in great haste.

In Italy the stalemate apparently has been broken by a new British Eighth Army drive which cut an important rail line leading into Bolog-

A lull continues on the front in Leyte, but naval action is still in progress, both sides losing a destroyer in recent action in Oromoc Bay. Just prior to that engagement, American submarines accounted for a cruiser, a destroyer and eighteen merchant ships, running the total Jap ships lost so far in the war to 874.

Civil war about to break out in Greece is causing concern, and already there is a sharp difference of opinion among the Allies. Churchill said this morning that British power could be expected to step in to maintain order. His declaration still leaves the fate of the liberationists in doubt.





the local chapter, American Red Cross, and she will ask the authorities to add their names to the mailing list for the bulle-

It is possible that some are receiving more than one bulletin. In those cases the extra copies could be distributed if they were mailed or placed in the

New Term on Monday ExpectAppointment we test-fire our guns to assure our-

Funeral Services Conducted a comfortable position until we near Within A Few Days

### Bonds Approved; Officers Take Oath

The county's governmental system marked the end of one term and the beginning of another yesterday withlost his sight some years ago, and resume our watch for enemy aircraft, new term called for extra activities he is believed to have stumbled in only watching more closely than ev-his room, causing him to fall against er for fighters, as they are more

BEFORE THESE TRIPLETS-Janet Lee, Nancy Sue, and Karen Ann Bachant

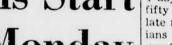
hours at a rally in New York City. Their father, Harry Bachant, was

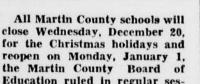
killed in action in the European theatre of operations (International)

-decided to eat war bonds, they "sold" \$552,675 worth of them in five



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE





Education ruled in regular session here yesterday. Considering the two days saved at Thanksgiving and the fact that repair work is needed on some of the busses, the three board

members present favored the ten-day holiday schedule. Very little business was before the meeting which was adjourned after the annual audit had been approved and the sale of the old Godard Hill school site in Williams Township was ordered sold.



hands of the local Red Cross.

Reaching their eighteenth birthdays during the period, twenty-sevdays during the period, twenty-sev-en Martin County boys registered Seal Sale Receiving and Frances Peel Godard, he for the draft last month. Fourteen were colored and thirteen were white. Their names and addresses at the time of their registration fol-

low Garland Mitchell Wilson, c, RFD 2, Robersonville.

West Kech, c, Warren Street, Williamston.

Milton Robert Greene, c, Hamil- sales will set a new record. ton

Andrew Jackson Everett, c, Williamston.

Roland McKinley Beddard, w, RFD 3, Williamston.

Kelly Wallace. c, Everetts. James Lloyd Moore, w, State Col-

lege. Raleigh. Samuel Tim Jackson, w, William-

ston. Perry Bryant, c, RFD 1, Oak City. Charles Irving Stokes, c, RFD 2,

Williamston Gene Wayland Taylor, w, The Cita-

del, Charleston, S. C. Frederick Harrell Bennett, c, Wil-

liamston. Elmer Lee Griffin, c, RFD 3, Wil-

liamston

Frederick Leon Hardison, w, Duke University, Durham.

Francis Darrell Taylor, w, Ever-

etts. Tom Brown Manning, w, James-

ville. Gordon Ray Hinson, w, RFD 1,

Bethel. Albert Lord Williams, c, RFD 1,

Palmyra. James Albert Coltrain, w, RFD 1,

Williamston. Edward Earl Whitley, w. RFD 1,

Robersonville. Quinton Durward Jones, c, Par-

mele

Willie James Purvis, c, RFD 3, Williamston

James Edward Stokes, c, William-

ston.

Romas Taylor Griffin, w, RFD 1, Williamston.

Marvin Odell Harrell, w, RFD 1, Oak City

received.

James Wallace Bennett, c, Williamston.

Mrs. Bill Myers Is Badly Hurt In Fall Saturday

Mrs. Bill Myers critically hurt her to get into a car in front of Alpha Cleaners on Main Street here last time, but some neighbors came farmed extensively and was instru-mal away. knee in a fall while making ready mal away. Saturday evening. Someone had dropped and broken a bottle of oil in the street and Mrs. Myers step- Start Campaign to Reduce ped into it and slipped. The bone in her knee was crushed and reports from the local hospital indicate that she will not be able to walk in some being statde here today and owners

a table.

Favorable Response December 22, 1862. He was only a year old when his father returned to the Civil War and was killed. Suffers Fractured

The current sale of TB Christmas Nothing was ever heard from him. When in his teens, Mr. Godard atseals is making splendid progress, tended Stephen Outterbridge's school the chairman, Mrs. Asa Crawford, in Mimosa, not far from Hamilton. stating that it is quite possible the He walked the approximately twen-

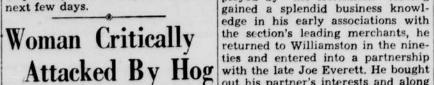
During the first week of the ed to citizens in the town and coun- county schools two or three years, his car plowed into one driven by cations for the job have been receivbeen answered. Only "six returned small fortune. Not so long ago, Mr. badly damaged, Patrolman W. E. member of the board, Commission- of the month. the seals, but in other cases the do- Godard recalled his trip to William- Saunders estimating that it would er Carstarphen has rendered a val-

nations were double the amounts ston to work for Staton Godard, general merchant and county treasur- tiac, and \$200 for the Lilley car. sought. In addition to the direct mail or. Packing his clothes in a cracker

TB bond sales, the preliminary re- ed hard for a year or two before he the front wheels of his car off the county has ever had. It is not perfect, bonds ranging from \$5 to \$10 each. eral store at Hardison's Mill. His re- in front of the Lilley car. No report has been filed for the sales were small, hardly exceeding

street sales and those in the schools, \$25 or \$30 a week there, and he then Town Commissioners Hold but they are certain to add up to a located in Everetts where he oper-

goodly sum. ated a store for a short while. Later Contributions of \$1 or more will he moved to Plymouth and was embe publicly acknowledged within the ployed by the Hornthals. Having next few days.



returned to Williamston in the nineties and entered into a partnership

out his partner's interests and along about 1899 he sold his business to Mrs. Lilley, 65 years of age and his brother and made ready to or-a member of a tenant family on Joe Bunting's farm between Oak City Placing \$5,000 of his own money

and Tarboro, was critically hurt into the venture, Mr. Godard opened when attacked by a hog near her the Bank of Martin County in 1900 home last Friday. Few details of in the building now occupied by the the attack could be had here im- Alpha Cleaners, corner of Smithmediately, but according to the first wick and Main Streets. Two years road for a parking lot. Oscar Lewis, c, RFD 1, Oak City. reports, the animal chewed the wo- later the Godard building, housing man's fingers and hands and tore the bank and a number of offices, out part of her jawbone and tongue. was constructed just across Smith-

Removed to a Tarboro hospital, wick Street. He served the instituthe victim was said to be in a ser- tion as president until its consolidaious condition when last reports were tion with the Farmers and Merchants Bank in 1917. During those years,

It seems that some pigs were run- Mr. Godard and his bank figured ning loose in the yard and a dog prominently in the material progcaught one of them. Mrs. Lilley was ress of the county. His acts were not said to have gone out to free the pig publicised, but he befriended many when an old sow ran toward her. down through the years, lending his Mrs. Lilley fell while trying to jump own money to those in need when a ditch and the hog piled in on top there wasn't sufficient security to of her. She was home alone at the support a loan with the bank. He

he is remembered as the county's first commercial banker, possibly his work in agriculture was equally as Rat Menace Here Today

important. Following the consolidation of the Another drive against rats is being bank, he was instrumental in formare warned to keep up their pets. (Continued on page six)

his room, causing him to fall against er for fighters, as they are more likely to appear close to the target, completed their work and adjourn-The son of the late Jos. G. God- than at other times. The fighters nat- ed by mid-afternoon.

(Continued on page six) was born in Griffins Township on

**Arm In Auto Wreck** 

The only change in the official county family was noted when Commissioner C. D. Carstarphen did not report and qualify for the office to which he was elected for another two years. He had advised the county aupossible for him to continue as a

member of the board and that he Army, and son of Mrs. Katie Wynne Wheeler Smith-Boston, colored would not qualify. His successor has ty miles and would travel the same man of Jamesville Township, suf- not been named, but an appointment

cost \$300 to repair Smith's old Pon- uable service to the people. As tax Mr. Lilley, it was reported, was procuring and maintaining about the members of the old board has plug- others.

debt and handle the affairs of the relatives, the young man left last county in an efficient manner, always balancing the conservative with Galveston, Texas.

Very little business was discussed the liberal to get a progressive governmental system. All the county officers excent the Openings In County fifth commissioner and the surveyor qualified for office at the meetted and approved, and the officials

continued their work from the old to the new term. Mr. R. L. Perry was again chosen chairman of the board of commissioners. Elbert S. Peel was appointed solicitor of the county court for two years and county attorney, the latter job carrying a \$100 retainer's fee. John W. Bland was reappointed superintendent of the

county home. Luther Peel was appointed tax supervisor for 1945. He will call his list-takers into a meeting during the week of December 18 to adopt a schedule of personal property values and make plans for handling the new lists beginning on or about January 1. Most of the old list-takers are expected to serve,

Tax relief orders were granted in the sum of \$2 each to two members of the armed forces, Irving Terry, of Bear Grass, and Hugh B. Griffin of Griffins. A similar order was granted in the sum of \$2 to Howard Hop-

\$1.10 on property listed in error. Reporting on the current tax collections, Luther Peel stated that

# **Turning Points For** Soldier Come on 13

It seems as if turning points, the thorities that his work made it im- good and those not so good, come on the 13th for George Wynne, U.S. and the late George D. Wynne.

Wynne registered on December way at intervals of a few weeks to fered a compound fracture of his by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne is 13, 1941. He entered the service on drive, 500 special letters were mail- see his mother. After teaching in the left arm last Sunday morning when expected within the week. No appli- August 13, 1942, and his serial number starts with 13. He has had three ty, asking them to buy the seals en- hc started a business career that was Mr. Grover Lilley at Dardens. No ed, and just now the position is beg- furloughs since entering the service closed. Nearly 200 of the letters have destined to gain for him fame and a one else was hurt, but both cars were ging. Completing two terms as a and each one began on the 13th day

Not so long back from New Guinea where his outfit completed its missupervisor, he was instrumental in sion in about six months, Wynne wears the Oak Leaf Cluster for comsolicitations, the drive is featuring box, he walked to town and work- turning into his driveway and had best if not the best tax valuations the bat service. The fighting was plenty tough, he said, but hesitated to elabport showing that eighteen local returned to his old home commun- highway to the left when Smith to be sure, but it is so good that the orate. However, he added that he business houses and clubs had bought ity and opened and operated a gen- rounded a curve and tried to run by board decided not to order a new knew he had killed one Jap and valuation for 1945. He with all the thought possibly he accounted for Completing a furlough here with ged steadily to reduce the county

Saturday night for his base at

For Census Workers Openings in this county for at

least eleven and possibly fifteen enumerators for the farm census to be conducted in early January were announced last week-end by E. W. Lupton, area supervisor, Washington. Those interested in the work are directed to write to Mr. Lupton immediately at his office in the Fedral building at Washington, North

Carolina, for application forms. The applicants will attend a threeday school and they will be paid so much a day for their time and so much for each report they file. The Census Bureau is anxious to have each township in the county represented, the authorities pointing out that when the enumerators come from their own localities their re-

muneration is greater. The census is strictly an agricultural one and will have to do only with farming activities, it was explained.

Firemen Called To Farm Home Near Here Saturde

Local volunteer firemen were call-\$193.619.58 had been collected, or ed to the Kelvin Grove farm home will meet again Friday afternoon of \$119,357.19. The 1943 levy was 98.4 on the Washington Road near here this week in the agricultural buildper cent collected, the 1942 levy is last Saturday evening when a burn- ing to hear applicants appealing for 99 per cent and the 1941 levy is 99.2 ing chimney threatened the struc- releases. The meeting will open ture. No damage was done.

## Sixty-Seven Tires Allotted By Board

Certificates for sixty-seven tires six for small trucks and 61 for pasenger cars-were issued by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday.

For the current month, the county has been allotted 309 passenger car tires and forty-two for small trucks

Grade I tire certificates were isued to the following:

R. C. Gurganus, James W. Garris, F. S. Scott, Ira Jones, G. H. Martin, Hubert Modlin, Starling Bell, Allie Griffin, Mack Wynne, Jeff D. Etheridge, D. L. Hardy, James Robert Wynne, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Chas. H. Godwin, Jr., Grace Whitley Maynard, J. S. Ayers, Jr., R. N. Turner, M. Holliday, John Mobley, N. M. Hyman, Arthur Peaks, L. W. Hariison, Hubert Virgil Lilley. Charlie Bryant, W. C. Bailey, H. G. Harrion, J. A. Roebuck, Bithel Braddy, Garland Cowan, Elmer B. Peel, E. R. Rawls, Leland Corbun, Richard 3. Jones, Luke Harrell, David R. Davis, William Hopkins, J. T. Heath, Stacy S. Cox, J. H. Coburn, Charlie

Lee, R. W. Wilson, Herbert Winchester, G. W. Harris, J. D. Mason, Woolrd Hardware Co., B. S. Courtney. Certificates for small truck tires vere issued to the following:

J. R. Coltrain, Chas. H. Jenkins, V. G. Taylor, Royal Baking Co.

## War Board Denies **Farmers Releases**

Meeting in the agricultural buildng last Friday afternoon, the Marin County War Board denied several farmers releases from agriculture to enter industry. One or two permanent releases were granted when easons acceptable by the board were offered for the changes. Quite a few were released from their farming activities for short periods.

Permanent releases were denied J. H. Cullipher, Russell Wynn Mobley and Luther Stallings. Just what action will be taken if a farmer leaves the farm without first obtaining a release could not be learned immediately, but it is understood that one or two have been called for duty in the armed forces.

The war board, composed of J. F. Crisp, chairman; T. B. Brandon, H. F. McKnight, J. C. Eubanks, J. W. Eubanks, V. B. Hairr and L. A. Clark about one o'clock.

# little over 61 per cent of the levy of

kins, war veteran, and John W. Gurkin was relieved of the payment of

per cent collected.

noke-Dixie warehouse and the rail-

**Brief Seesion Last Night** 

**QUOTAS AND PRICES** 

Quotas for the 1945 tobacco crop were invoked by the Department of Agriculture last Friday just a few hours before the deadline. The allotment system provides for the same acreage next year as was allowed this year. Since the 1944 plantings were less than the allotment, farmers with few exceptions are not expected to enter any objections to the control plans.

Accompanying the order announcing the continuation of the production control program was an order fixing prices for the 1916 crop at the same figures in effect for the 1944 crop, and no serious objections are anticipated on that count.

-at Sta

at the regular meeting of the local town commissioners last evening. The session was the first held in two months, the regular November meeting have been cancelled when only ing this week. Bonds were submitone member reported. No action was taken on a request

by H. L. Swain for a permit to pen hogs on his farm at the edge of town. Several requests for street lights were heard, but not action was taken on any of them. The commissioners propose to clear off and prepare the property between the Roa-