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An unusual and interesting diary of a Jap medical officer was found in Attu by Capt. Paul Hewitt, U. S. Army, of Lake Village, Arkansas. A copy of the diary, translated, was brought here a short time ago by Captain Hewitt's brother, Captain Lewis Hewitt, who with his wife and mother, Mrs. Fred Hewalt, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Whitley.

The Jap was educated in this country and received his medical license in California on September 8. 1938, and entered his country's service on January 10, 1941. The diary

May 12, 0155: Carrier based plane flew over-fired at it. Low fog with summit. Evacuated to summit. Air radis carried out frequently until 1000. Heard loud voice which is naval gun firing. Prepared battle equipment 'A'. Information: American transports, approximately four-teen began landing at Hokkai Mi-Twenty boats landed at Massacre Bay. It seems they are going to unload heavy equipment. Day's activity—Air raid, naval gun firing.

landing of U. S. forces.

May 13. Battle. The U. S. forces
landed at Shiba Dai and Massacre Bay. The enemy has advanced to bottom of Misumi Yama from Sheba Dai. Have engaged them. Massacre Bay defended by only one platoon and upon unexpected attack the AA Machine cannon was destroyed as we have withdrawn. There is a tremendous mountain artillery gun fire. Approximately 15 patients entered the field hospital.

May 14. Our two submarines from Kiska have greatly damaged two enemy ships. 1st Lt. Suyuki dies by shots from rifle. There is one field hospital. In the evening the strong wind, no damage was done. Took refuge in the trenches in the is holding up well.

ties to our field hospital caused by lowing letter: the fierce bombardment of enemy land and naval forces. The enemy Indians. Facial expression of soldiers back from West Arm is tense.

der cover of darkness, left the cave. aged without such articles very well. Was rather irritated by the fog and All of them seem to be sincere in the thought of getting lost. Set down their welcome of Americans.

duty and waited. Had two grenades detract from their hospitality, howready. 2nd Lt. Amura left for the ever. Southern hospitality could front lines trenches. Said farewell. learn a lot from them. The counter sign is Ysshi Hoka.

church-felt like someone's home. Some blankets were scattered about. Was told to translate a field order presumed to have been dropped by enemy officer in Massacre Bay and body-sustaining ration. When the Holtz Bay which was in the possession of Capt. Robert J. Edward, Adjutant to Colonel Smith.

303rd Batt. in Massacre Bay is have any food to spare. It hurt me fierce and it is to our advantage. The enemy gun firing near our hospital Ward 5 fierce and drops about twenty meters away. May 21. Was strafed when ampu-

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Urged Not To Delay Ordering Fertilizer as mine will not accomplish this. It will take a well organized relief society...."

Local representatives of fertilizer dealers and manufacturers are insisting that all farmers contemplate their fertilizer needs for next year and buy and store on their farms as soon as possible their fertilizer requirements for 1945.

This is not sales talk or propaganda to get farmers to buy their fertilizer early. The War Food Administrations saw "due to the heavy demands and the vast increase of nitrogen materials used by the government in the manufacture of munitions, it may be impossible to procure fertilizer with some of the potent ingredients unless orders are placed early."

Transportation, in addition to labor, is another problem that will confront the fertilizer manufacturing industry if farmers are late in placing their order for 1945. The difficulty of getting fertilizer distributed or delivered is not only a national and state problem but also a local one as well. It is next to impossible to secure trucks locally when they are usually needed most.

Diary Of A Doomed Sales Of Legal Liquor Soldier Comments Jap Ufficer Found Hold To High Figure On the Home Form

Asquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Watershell Vet at 15 Total of \$1,799,334.35
Of Unusual Diary

La Sport For Liquor



WEARING a combat badge and other ribbons, Pvt. Raymond Wallace. 15. is shown shortly after his arrival in Chicago While he was fighting in France, a truant officer from Mc-Kiniey High School was checking up on his absence The boy, who landed with the 315th infantry of the 79th Division in France, was wounded by shrapnel at the St Lo breakthrough. (International)

dies by shots from rifle. There is one continuous flow of wounded to the Lt. Hardy Rose Tells U. S. forces used gas but due to the strong wind no damage was done About War Victims

day time. The enemy strength must be a division. Our desperate defense Z. H. Rose, recently Lt. Hardy Rose reviewed a few interesting observa-May 15. Continuous flow of casual- tions in war-stricken areas in the fol-

Due to a series of petty ac cidents and circumstances I've spent has a great number of Negroes and some nights in France and Belgium

"The French generally are healthy Arm is decided, therefore burned tle. They lack mostly in luxuries documents and prepared to destroy such as soap, cigarettes, coffee, sugar ville, \$302.30.

and gas. The French, being eco-May 17. At night, about 1.800 un- nomical and adaptable, have man-

sleep and wake up again—same different. As you know, Belgium is thing over and over again. Set on thickly populated and highly inthe butt and lifting the feet, I slide dustrial. Agriculture is of no consevery smoothly and change direction quence. The people, depending on with the sword. Slid down in about their own produce, haven't had twenty minutes. By the favorable enough nutritious food. Malnutrition turn since the battle of East Arm, is more apparent in the children as reserves came back. Off shore of always is the case. They seem to Shiba-Dai six destroyers guarding have suffered in varying degrees, according to their personal wealth. Oak City May 18. Everybody did combat The poor state of the people didn't Jamesville

"I was deeply touched by one in-May 19. Went to Attu Village cident. A young Catholic priest was in charge of an orphan home nearby. Food had always been scarce at the institution. During the German occupation they were allowed only a Germans left they took all the surplus food; consequently, such or-May 20. The hard fighting of our ganizations suffered. This priest askto say we didn't, however, we gave him all we could spare. The look of gratitude in his face was more than ample compensation for our small gift.

"You can see that the present situation parallels World War I very closely. Belgium will have to be fed again. Small parcels of food such

PLENTY TIME

Many people point out they simply do not have time to do this or that, and to hear most everyone talk there is a real shortage of time. However, Judge Leo Carr, presiding over the recent term of Martin County Superior Court, had plenty time. He dished out 45 years of time to Jesse Griffin, convicted of manslaughter, and Bryant Cherry, young white man charg-

ed with second degree murder. Traveling to State's Prison last week, Griffin declared to Cpl. W. S. Hunt and Deputy J. H. Roebuck that he thought he had been given too much time, actually.

The sentences were the longest meted out in the courts of this county in some time. As for Griffin's sentence, it was first thought he would get the absolute maximum of twenty years instead of from 15 to 20.

Is Spent For Liquor Since Stores Opened

Sales in Third Quarter Second Largest Ever Reported In This County

Legal liquor sales last quarter in this county were the second largest ever reported in any threemonths period by the Martin Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, the total falling short of the all-time record established in the fourth quarter of 1942 by \$28,724.25. The sales-\$108,752.55—were \$27,604.25 larger than those reported for the corresponding quarter, a year ago. The increase in sales is partly explained by increased prices, but at the same time per capita consumption has apparently increased.

ord, the profits are fifth largest ever items in the expense list, including insurance premiums, state and federal licenses and other similar expenses. At the same time, the margng of profit must have slightly decreased even if the price to the consumer was increased.

The board now has assets totaling

A total of \$82,275.00 was paid dis- them a few days. tillers during the quarter for liquor, leaving \$26,477.55 gross profits. Didiscounts taken on purchases.

State of North Carolina, \$6,666.97; for law enforcement, \$1.559.34; town gas rationing is tough and the short-May 16. If Shitagata-Dai is oc-and well fed. Some parts, mostly in-cupied by the enemy the fate of East dustrial, might have suffered a lit-

lows, by stores:

1943

Oak City Jamesville		2,293.66 2,269.81
		\$22,260.39
Total sales under compar	for the twison follow.	o quarters by stores:
ditties company	1943	1944
Williamston	\$41,326.85	\$ 56.626.55
Robersonville	22.931.25	28,533.00

\$81,148,30 \$108.752.55 quarters from the time the stores were opened in July, 1935, through

were opened	m July, 15	so, through	ı
last Septemb	er, follows:		
Quarter			(
Ending	Sales	Profits	1
Sept., 1935	\$ 22.249.35	\$ 2.743.11	1
Dec., 1935	37.379.29	9.887.99	n
March, 1936	25,274.96	5,100.24	ı
June, 1936	21,584.05	3,425.70	1
Sept., 1936	27,864.59	5,619.93	5
Dec., 1936	44,727.00	11.661.14	i
March, 1937	29,771.20	6,563.07	5
June, 1937	31,640.98	4.484.77	
Sept., 1937	30,259.05	2,854.43	1
Dec., 1937	56.179.40	16,224.82	ı
March, 1938	33,325.62	7.694.35	i
June, 1938	26,968.35	5,853.82	
Sept., 1938	32,502.15	7,739.45	1
Dec., 1938	40,710.30	11,605.38	
March, 1939	25,407.05	5,768.68	(
June, 1939	24,174.25	5,456.40	
Sept., 1939	30.539.58	6.727.00	1
Dec., 1939	48,481.05	10,809.60	ı
March, 1940	31,719.25	7,703.77	1
June, 1940	25.625.08	5.987 35	,
June, 1940 Sept, 1940	27.561.82	6,194.68	
Dec., 1940	46,283.10	12,729.11	n
March, 1941	35,124.75	9,089.93	Į.
June, 1941	29.043.65	6.643.22	ľ
Sept., 1941	40,601.90	10,862.05	ŀ
Dec., 1941		19,145.70	1
March, 1942	53,152.95	14,178.95	1
June, 1942		14,635.34	1
Sept., 1942		23,177.89	1
Dec., 1942		36.750.70	ı
March, 1943	101,665.30	22,476.36	l
June, 1943		19,572.81	ı
Sept., 1943		23,301.93	
	83,330.40	23,050.91	1
March, 1944	77,190.15	18,913.72	1
T 1044	91 009 50	17.975.35	1
Sept., 1944	108,752,55	22,260.39	1
			1

Over 1,000 Auto License Tags Sold Here To Date

After getting off to a fast start, Grass Township. the sale of auto licenses by the local to wait until January to make their hardly two weeks. purchases. Approximately 1.000 car The body was returned home late to have set a new record in all of tags have been sold here to date.

Worried Over Casualties **Back Home**

Writing recently from Luxemourg, Sgt. Roy Manning, Martin County young man, reviews the ome news in a letter to the folks. It

follows, in part:
"...I shall take as my text, the
September 8 issue of The Enterprise
which I have just received.

"As I am sure you are curious as to the state of my health, I will say that I am healthy and perfectly safe In fact, I think I'm safer here than I would be at home. According to The Enterprise, the civilian casualty rate in the county is about as high as it is for us guys who are in the Army. Why don't those people wise up? Aren't enough of us getting rippled and killed without the peole around home shooting each other and drive like fools, and tearing off parts of their anatomy.

"I see that various leaders in the trition these days. That is surely t While the sales in the months of worthy cause, and I sincerely wish July, August and September of this them success in their efforts. I also year are the second largest on rec- wish to recommend the KI favorite -Field Ration Type K. It can't be reported. The audit, just recently re- beat for its nutritional value. You leased for the period, shows that get all the vitamins and minerals bethere were some unusually large sides, that is if you eat the cans You even get a stick of gum with each one.

"In these days of scarcity on the nome front that should be bonus enough to get most anybody to eat the whole works.

"The county seems to be well represented in all branches of the \$82,770.24. including \$21,130.55 in service, but who but a doughboy can cash, \$55,064.38 inventory and fixed get shot in the heart and live to tell and other assets of \$6,575.31. Its lia- the tale? My helment off to you Red bilities are listed, acounts payable, Taylor. Instead of Thomas Blount \$11,287.14; due county and towns, complaining about wearing Army \$47,965.55; reserve for law enforce- clothes, he should be doggone proud ment, \$11,517.55, and surplus, \$12,- to be able to borrow some of them. He'd be a better man for wearing

I used to think that down in Williams Township was the muddiest rect store expenses amounted to \$2,- place on earth. Now, I have chang-801.07 and administrative and gen- ed my mind. It's just one of the eral costs totaled \$2,201.42, leaving muddlest. This stuff over here is of a net operating profit of \$21,575.06, a little different color but it has evwhich was boosted to \$22,321.38 by erything that goes to make up a perfect mudhole. We don't have fox Profits were divided as follows: holes any more-just mud holes.

"How is the morale back there? Martin County, \$11,227.26; reserve Hope it isn't too bad, but I know this

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A review of legal liquor sales by the time the stores from the time the stores. Christmas Program | Program | Sales | Program | Program

Christmas program in the local high allotments in 1944. school auditorium, the presentation Possibly some of the explanations Mrs. Clyde Williams. Best jar of can-13.11 last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock of offered are true to a certain extent, ned beef, Mrs. Clyde Williams. Best len the Jerries struck at us with 99 "Why the Chimes Rang", an adapta- but it is an actual fact that hoarding .24 tion from the story by Raymond in this country has aggravated the 5.70 MacDonald Alden, was most impres- shortage. As for the shortage in 193 sive. Crowding the auditorium, the the Armed Forces in Europe, the Re-.14 audience, the largest ever to attend tail Tobacconist offers a plausible Mrs. Marvin Jones, second. Best doz 3.07 such an event here, was greatly in-explanation: 4.77 spired by the story and its superb 1.43 presentation by the large and well- why the soldier boys in France write Williams. Best variety of crop and 4.82 trained cast, supported by carolers letters home asking for gifts in their garden seed displayed, Marvin Jones 35 and the junior and senior choirs.

9.45 born who was aided by Miss Grace ments have piled up in the British G. Griffin. 5.38 Talton, accompanist, and several Isles where they now lie sidetracked 3.68 other teachers and a number of high by the priority of other war com-3.40 school pupils, the production was modities. given much praise and high acclaim "This has caused a genuine short-9.60 by the unusually large crowd, quite age to develop in France, for cigar-1.77 a few of whom were present from ettes have had to give way to other 35 various parts of the county, others and more important items of milicoming from even greater distances. tary gear and supplies. The fact in and everyone of the characters for there has been a good deal of perthe splendid rendition of the appeal- plexity felt in this country over a ing Christmas story.

Funeral Sunday

Funeral services were conducted in the Presbyterian church at Bear therefore, if the armed forces were 35 Gras Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Mayo Bailey, young Martin County man, who died last Wednes-Totals \$1,799,334.35 \$444,511.80 day night in a sanatorium at Colo- Liquor Sales Reach Record rado Springs, Colo.

Dr. Boyd, Presyterian minister of Greenville, conducted the last rites. cemetrey near the home in Bear ord last Saturday when slightly

bureau is slowing down a bit, many about four years, had been a pa- Definite figures could not he had vehicle owners apparently choosing tient in the Colorado sanatorium immediately from the other stores

last Saturday afternoon.

PRESENTS FOR THE FOLKS AT HOME



NOT ALL OF THE XMAS PACKAGES are going from the U. S. to the Yanks fighting overseas Here a big trailer is being loaded with Christmas gifts at the Fleet Post Office in Oahu. Hawaii, for shipment to the folks at home from American servicemen throughout the Pacific This is an official U. S. Marine Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)

Cigaret Shortage In The Armed Forces Due To Bottleneck

Confusion Traceable Partly To Anti-Administration Critics at Home

Second to the liquor shortage, the carcity of cigarettes is the talk of the country, and everyone is ready to offer his own individual explanation irrespective of facts. Confusion has been rampant, and about the only thing all are agreed upon is the fact that there is a shortage. But even in a few cases some doubt that a shortage exists, declaring that of Williamston, \$1,461.51; town of age of automobile tires is terrible, cigarettes can be had in quantity in that town or store.

City, \$306.78; and town of James- they get restless and fretful. That's Some said the manufacturers are Williamston \$12,137.36 \$11.992.39 night after night walk to the nearest shortage of raw tobacco. This latter at-home program. every twenty or thirty steps. Would With the Belgians, the picture is Robersonville 6,590.83 5,704.53 movie. That gets terribly monotonous. No light bills to pay. Why? ti-administrationists who recognize ners: No light. No laundry bills; you do in the cigarette shortage just an-No light. No laundry bills; you do in the eightette shortage just any your own. No crying babies to keep other opportunity to lambast. They wariety of canned goods displayed, mon you couldn't tell when you walking the floor nights. (You talk about how the growers were you walking the floor nights. (You talk about how the growers were have a nice rifle for company and paid not to grow tobacco and that VanNortwick taking second. Best jar ting. I'm telling you this now beno floor). And last but not least, a shortage was to be expected, that you don't worry if it takes 16 or 20 the whole business is caused by the "inevitable mis-calculations of a Bunting. Best soup mixture, Mrs. V. I have felt almost like the war is planned economy". The group went on to say that the farmer was doing Mrs. V. U. Bunting. Best jar of snap beans, over since we left there.

Mrs. V. U. Bunting. Best mold of "After St. Lo our next major bat-Throng Sees Annual

"pretty well" when he averaged with the larmer was doing "pretty well" when he averaged first place, with Mrs. Clyde Williams taking second place. Canned field Patton begun to shine.

"After St. Lo our next major battle was Mortain or Avranches. It was about this time that General Patton begun to shine. suming, that the supply is adequate. garden peas, Mrs. Clyde Williams. As for production quotas, farmers in Best jar of beets, Mrs. Thurman only way to supply General Patton's Climaxing a series of annual this belt could not plant their full Nicholson. Best jar of okra, Mrs

overseas boxes, of cigarettes, please Directed by Miss Kathryn Mew- know it is because enormous ship-

Much credit is due the directors itself is reassuring, however, for situation that was puzzling to say the least.

"On all sides we heard reports of the overseas shipments accounting For Mayo Bailey have grown so acute within recent brand shave practically disappeared from the retailers' shelves. Why,

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High Figure Here Saturday

Legal liquor sales in the local ABC Interment was made in the family store reached an all-time high recmore than \$4,800 was passed over Mr. Bailey, in declining health for the counter by the thirsty customers. in the county, but sales are believed them during the day.

RECOVERING

Suffering a head wound on the Western Front in Germany last October 12th, Sgt. Joseph Elmer Griffin is slowly recovering in a hospital in England, his father, Mr. Jos. S. Griffin, RFD 2, Williamston, was advised last week.

The young man is believed to have been wounded by a bursting shell, a message from the War Department received some weeks ago describing his wounds as slight.

Prize Winners At Farm Security Fair

ond annual fair of the Martin Coun- through Normandy is still vivid in ille, \$302.30.

A comparison of profits for the little Army and see the little Army arms are little Army and see the little Army arms are little Arms are third quarter, 1943 and 1944, fol- world.' No more staying at home that the shortage of manpower had tracted much attention. There was what war is. If future generations Sunday afternoons and listening to curtailed manufacturing output. Still some keen competition, and the exthe radio until it gets tiresome. No other said that there is a great hibits, as a whole, supported the live-

Clyde Williams. Best jar of carrots Ernest Hays. Best use of feed bags in making useful home furnishings Mrs. Ernest Hays first place, with en eggs displayed, Marvin Jones "If you are looking for the reason Best display of peanut seed, Clyde Pest ham displayed, Daniel G. Grif-fin Post displayed seed corn Daniel fin. Best display of seed corn, Daniel Following is a list of the prize win-

ners for the colored borrowers: For the greatest variety of canned goods displayed, Pearl Bryant. Best jar of

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AWARDED DFC

S/Sgt. Lewis H. Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Wallace, RFD 3, Williamston, was recently awarded the coveted Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement." The young man was personally congratulated by Lt. Col. Walter H. Williamson, Liberator Squadron Commander, but details of the act winning for him the distinguished award were not revealed.

Overseas only since last May 1st, Sgt. Wallace, an aerial gunner on a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber, has flown 32 bombing missions over Germany and enemy-occupied Europe with the 458th Bembardment Group of the Second Bombardment Division commanded by Maj. Gen. William E. Kopner.

The young man's wife, Mrs. Clara J. Wallace, is making her home at 476 Perry Street, Den-

County Youth Tells ... Of Campaign In The European War Area

Sgt. Joe Stalls Hopes For the Complete Destruction of The German Armies

S/Sgt. Joe Stalls, writing to his mother, Mrs. Joe Stalls, of Everetts, ecently, expressed the wih that he weather would fair off in Germany where he is now engage i, and went on to tell his experiences in the war theater in the following let-

"Since higher headquarters 'have released this division for publication of events from the time of our landng in France up to October 23, I can give you a brief account of our activities up until then. Of course, I an't give it in detail but I want to write this now while most of it is fresh in my memory.

"We landed in France at Omaha peachhead on D-9 or June 15. I can't tell you anything of the channel crossing but I shall always rememper that anyway, so that can wait. never will forget that beach when I first saw it. We had to lay off shore for several hours waiting for the tide and I was very anxious to get my feet on the ground. That night when we landed reminded me of the biggest Fourt hof July celeoration ever. There was more antiaircraft on that beach than London ever dreamed of having.

"We moved inland occupied our first position near Isigny, France. We moved from one position to another in that area between Isigny and St. Lo, advancing generally towards St. Lo and the Vire River. That was our first real action-the Vire River crossing. As we slowly advanced on St. Lo through the hedgerow country, we saw some of the toughest fighting so far experienced.

"I would like to tell you of one incident that occurred while in this area. We were at St. Romphaire in position and were attacked by German planes just about dark. For thirty minutes we were subjected to severe bombing. I cannot tell you too much about it now, but I surely was glad to come out of it alive and in one piece. It seemed like ages, lying there in my foxhole, before they went away, and when they did, I surely had a higher respect for the German Luftwaffe than before.

"Although this division didn't capture St. Lo we did play a mojor role in that battle. The death and Although limited in size, the sec- destruction in this area, in fact, all Following is a list of the prize win- have stumbled across many a dead man, or horse, or cow simply because

"We held a thin strip between Mortain and the short. That was the Army. We were put in here to hold his area. Well, for a couple of days things were quiet, but all of a sudfour pantzer divisions. For five days and nights we probably had our biggest fight. They threw everything at us. I sometimes thought that they were throwing the kitchen sinks at us, if that was possible. That was the

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Allotted By Board

Seventy-four tires-67 for passenger cars and 7 for trucks-were allotted by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Fri-Certificates for Grade I tires were

ssued to the following: W. S. Hadley, W. I. Skinner Co., S. J. Lilley, J. L. Mobley, Wicomico Lumber Co., C. G. Coltrain, Chester B. Revels, H. W. Leggett, J. B. Wynne, Toba Bowen, Dennis Modlin, L. C. Brown, C. B. Saunders, Ernest Hayes, Elbert Rawls, A. F. Weaver, M. W. Bissell. L. J. Lilley, Mrs. Beatrice J. Edmondson, Mrs. Hettie Johnson, H. H. Matthews, R. S. Everett, Kenneth Harrington, Calvin Ayers, W. H. Vanderford, D. Bowen, Urban Lilley, Mrs. Fabbie Wynne, S. D. Per-Ben W. Mason, Mayo Harrell, Claudie Rawls, Charlie Lloyd, W. E. Manning, L. B. Williams, S. T. Harris, E. N. Harrell, Jesse L. Hale, W. H. Peel, Homer Stokes, Frank Weathersbee, W. E. Hale, Elsworth Beacham, Floyd Milton, Z. H. Beddard, O. L. Robertson, Theodore Warren, W. A. Bailey, H. L. Roebuck, L. L. McLendon. F. A. Nelson, W. R. Banks, F. F. Pollard, Jordan G. Peel. Certificates for small truck tires were issued to the following: Rober-

son Slaughter House, Edgar Davis, A. C. Boyce, G. D. Grimes.