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Pattorie Men Turn Paul Roberson Named Back Several Enemy Drives At Bastogne County Court Solicitor Russia's - Finter - Into Ward-Against Japan Talked In NEW SOLICITOR **Official Circles**

Marked by fierce and costly fighting on both sides, the war on the Western Front is going badly for the Germans who dared drive a 60-mile salient into American ranks in Luxembourg and Belgium last December Latest available reports declare that the German advance corridor had been narrowed to just a few miles, that several enemy counterattacks had been thrown back and that Patton's men were still advanc-ing in the southwestern corner of the German salient.

A powerful offensive by German airmen, the strongest in some time, was reported yesterday, but the attacks upon American airfields and installations cost the enemy almost 250 planes. At the same time, Allied airpower was in action, one report stating that over 7,000 sorties were flown by American and British airmen against the enemey's communication lines and strategic installations, including oil and supply centers.

In fierce armored battles on both sides of Bastogne corridor the Third Army destroyed or damaged nearly 100 German tanks and smashed two counterattacks launched at the corridor from the east. In the same area fighter bombers of the U.S. Ninth Air Force disabled 125 tanks and motor vehicles before noon yesterday. As his bold Belgium adventure

backfired and threatened possibly to develop into a major disaster, Von Rundstedt hurled a series of night can Seventh Army in the vicinity of the old Maginot Line fortress city of Bitche in the French Saar.

The new Nazi assaults, two of which were in at least battalion lieutenant was forced off this end of that no successor is to be had, that strength, began before Sunday mid- the Roanoke River fill and caused several counties are without agents. night and continued through yester- to tear through the guard fence and day along a 10-mile front on both roll down the twelve-foot embank- quest, the comissioners recommendsides of Bitche. Allied headquarters ment. conceded that the enemy might have

made some progress there. Although it still was too early to tell, this possibly was the beginning Ireland, of New Jersey, were travel-Unon the walk of California and 1st Lt. Arthur K. Ireland, of New Jersey, were travel-Unon the matter of Commission of another major assault by the ing south to report to a station in Upon the motion of Commissionenemy. The German commander's Florida. The car, driven by Fromm er Edwards, seconded by Commisactions since his Belgium attack was and owned by Ireland, had just en- sioner Joshua L. Coltrain, a resoluthrown into reverse last week have tered the curve apparently at a fair- tion was passed requesting the North indicated he was searching for a ly rapid speed when a big truck Carolina State Highway and Public new-and softer-spot to strike.



Paul D. Roberson, just recently discharged from the Army, was appointed Martin County solicitor this week by the commissioners, succeeding Elbert S. Peel who stepped aside upon the return of the former prosecutor from the service.

Auto Crowded Off

In one of the last highway acciand day attacks aginst the Ameri- dents in the old year in this county recorded in the minutes no one was hurt but considerable property damage resulted Sunday don, assistant farm agent for the

afternoon at 1:30 o'clock when a car county during the past year and a driven by a U. S. Army Air Corps half, was accepted. It was learned Complying with an urgent reed that a bridge should be built and

Driving a 1939 Chevrolet tudor se drainage provided on the Boston dan, 2nd Lt. R. A. From, of Rialto, Road leading from the Old Dyke

Appointed the early part of last year and confirmed about six months ago, Mr. W. E. Dum retired plumbing and heating contractor, assumed his duties as poster ster for the local artis as of 12:01 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Sue Fowden, acting postmistress following her husband's retirement, was checked out by postal inspectors late Sunday, but she will continue in office as auxiliary clerk. Yesterday was a holiday in the office and the change was not generally known until the windows in the office were opened this morning.

Meeting in regular session here yesterday, the Martin County Com- Mrs. Stacy S. Cox **Dies At Home Here**

corder's Court. Elbert S. Peel who Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas Cox, wiwent before the democratic primary last May and who was reappointed dow of Stacy S. Cox, died at her last month by the comissioners, withdrew when Roberson was recently 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon following given a medical discharge from the an illness of short duration. Appar-Army. Solicitor Roberson was the ently in her usual health Saturday, second solicitor taken from the coun-Mrs. Cox suffered a stroke and nev-

ty by the armed services. Solicitor er regained consciousness. D. E. Johnson, now a lieutenant (jg) The daughter of the late Jesse and in foreign service, was the first to be Louenda Thomas, she was born near called. Mr. Roberson suceeded him Oak City on October 10, 1888. She and served only a comparatively spent her early life there and was married to Mr. Cox in 1909, moving a short time later to Williamston he was scheduled to go overseas and where he was employed by the old was recently given his honorable Martin County Buggy Company for

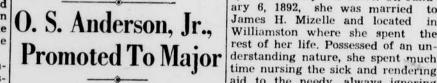
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several years or until he took over the management. He later built a commissioners in their first meeting home and opened an antique furniture shop on West Main Street.

Mrs. Cox was a member of the local Baptist Church and was held in high esteem.

She is survived by two sons, Edward and Ernest Cox, and a daugher, Mrs. Frances Griffin, all of Wil-The resignation of L. L. McLenliamston, and a sister, Mrs. Mattie Ayers, also of Williamston, and four

grandchildren. for treatment. Funeral services will be conduct-The daughter of the late John ed at the home this afternoon at 2:30 Dawson and Palsa Lou MsCaskey o'clock by her pastor, Dr. W. R. Bur-Bowen, she was born in Poplar Point rell, and interment will follow in the Township on September 11, 1873, and Woodlawn Cemetery here. spent her early life there. On Janu-



aid to the needy, always ignoring 3rd Bombardment Division Head- her own welfare when others, requarters, England-Oscar S. Ander-son, 27, of Williamston, N. C., has in need. Her life was made beautiful by the tender care given her family Man Penalized For quarters, England-Oscar S. Ander- gardless of their station in life, were crowded it into the fence. The ma- Works Commission to report to each recently been promoted from the by the tender care given her family Over in the Pacific, American air- chine turned over about twice before county on the first Monday in every rank of captain to major at this and loved ones and others. Mrs. Mimen struck at the Japs off Luzon, sinking eight ships, including two destrovers two transports and two



WHY NATIS GAMPLE IN DRIVE

MILITARY OBSERVERS ABROAD are of the opinion that the explanation of the present German counter-offensive lies in the east. Russian railway construction and concentration of supplies have reached tremendous proportions now that the ground has hardened. General Von Runstedt, fearful of being caught between grand scale offensives on two gronts, appears to nave started his present drive in the west to destroy the huge amount of Allied supplies there before the Soviet forces are able to attack him in the east. Achievement of this aim would give him time to swing his forces to the east while Allied armies would be stalled by heavy losses of men and equipment. Arrows show the direction of the Nazi attack and probable route of Red drives. (International)

Respected Citizen

James H. Mizelle and located

Her husband died some years ago,

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Dies In Hospital

Willis Lawrence Knox, retired far-

been in declining health for some



Oscar Anderson, Jr., son of O. Williamston where she spent the S. Anderson and the late Mrs. rest of her life. Possessed of an un-Fannie Biggs Martin Anderson, was recently promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army time nursing the sick and rendering Air Corps. He is stationed in England.

When his "A" ration book was ex-

amined, it was found by an office

his No. 14 tickets and declared that

he did not know what filling station

accepted them. This angle of the case

is still under investigation. It was

COTTON GINNINGS

Cotton ginnings, believed to be

about complete from the 1944

crop, continue to trail those from

the 1943 crop by more than 1,000

bales, according to a report re-

ation coupons.

coupons

Writes About Times L.W. Theater

Soldier Has To Guard His Paper Just As He Guards **His Equipment**

Writing from somewhere in France, Pvt. Mack H. Leggett, county young man, said recently:

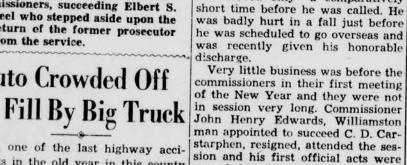
"For sometime I have been overseas. To be exact, it is just a little more than twelve months. That seems rather a long time, for being in a foreign country with so much exictement going on makes time double in a person's mind. After so ong the age begins to show up, too. Right now I don't feel any too good being here in this particular place. One reason is this fast music (artillery barrages) they swing out now days

"During all this time I have been receiving The Enterprise, however, a bit irregular. I suppose that is because of shipping space and transportation schedules over here. usually they arrive two or three months after being mailed. Once I eceived one six months old. Then another mail call brought me two the same day. Even that did not sur-prise, for such things happen pretty often over here in the E. T. O. (Eastern Theater of Operations)

"Since coming overseas I have learned to appreciate The Enterprise lots more than I did at home, possibly because it has been coming to me on a battlefield. At the same time it brings all the home-town news. When I see one coming, I just want to get mad with the Jerries, for usually I have to guard it the same as my rifle. In one place I held on to copies as long as three days before opening them. And they are the ones I want to read more than ever. I hope you are not wondering why I did not read them sooner. Well, I'll tell you. It was because I had to sweat out something Jerry was steadily sending us. 'Incoming stuff' is the name for it in the E. T. O., and believe me he knows how to send it, too.

"During this, a seemingly forever lasting time, a person learns quickly and acts faster. Everybody will be making for a hole in the ground, and any type will do. Uusually a person can profit by not stopping to choose. One doesn't hesitate to jump into old latrines and slump pits, for he can think of the comfort afterwards.

"When crossing the Atlantic, Luther Harris and I were in the same



Peel Withdraws In

Favor of Recently

Discharged Soldier

Considering Present Situa-

tion, Property Is in Fair-

ly Good Condition

missioners appointed Paul D. Rober-

son, young Robersonville attorney,

solicitor for the Martin County Re-

Meeting in regular session here

is not as cautious in its remarks toward the Japs now, that in time

While there has been no shortage were B-24 pilots.

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Training Courses

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study courses emphasizing the work are offered loose. of the training union. Classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at 7:30. Not only the present members of the training union but all of the church's membership are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about this phase of the church's activity. There will be a special class for adults taught by Rev. G. W. Bullard, associational missionary. It is hoped that all adults and especially the parents of juniors and intermediates, will participate in this study, looking toward the building up of a strong adult training union backing up the other work of our church.

There will also be a class for juniors taught by Miss Ethel Guest, and one for intermediates and young peo-ple taught by Miss Margarette Ricks.

the cost in medical and hospital bills

and the impairment of one's ability

and tire shortage and when the au-

thorities have pleaded and pleaded for conservation, it would seem that

the accident record would reflect a

In this day of rationed gasoline - 1944

to work and earn a livelihood.

Safety Suffered On County's

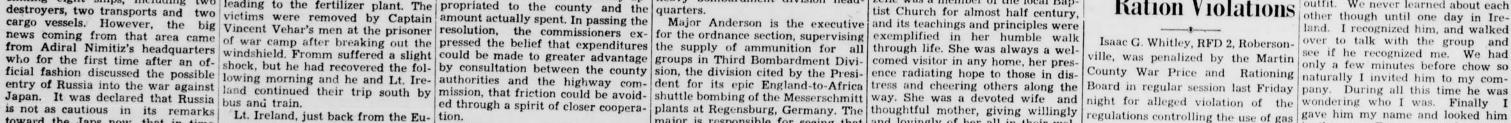
Roads and Streets Last Year

ed to almost \$15,000, not to mention figures offer food for thought.

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ropean theatre, had flown 35 mis-

Sugar Stamps Must Be

The War Price and Rationing In Baptist Church Board this week directed an appeal to all retailers and dealers urging Quite a few tax relief orders were allowed at the meeting, a goodly tack. to all retailers and dealers urging number of them going to young men

This, the first week of the new gummed sheets when depositing or

GAS REBATES

Saturday, January 13th, is the deadline for farmers and nonhighway gasoline users to file claims for state tax rebates on petroleum used during the months of October, November and December. Claims for refunds will be considered only on the gasoline used for farming purposes or of a non-highway nature during the three months

The offices of the Harrison Oil Company will gladly assist farmers in preparing their claims for refunds.

52nd Week Comparison

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Comparison To Date

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0 \$ 1,300

775

14.375

12,810

0

For 1944-Jamesville Township: Leon Powers, \$2; A. L. Cordon, \$2; W. H. Mizelle, Est., 77c; J. A. Mi-zelle, 77c; Leonard F. Holliday, \$4.77; (Continued on page six)

Tax relief orders were granted the

for relief.

following:

Wounded Everetts Soldier Recovered

The 313th Station Hospital, England .-- Corporal Roger B. ("Kitty") Riddick, 23, of Everetts, North Car-

olina, who was wounded in the back training and return home on leave by German 150mm shrapnel during by early spring. the fighting near Matz, France, is now fully recovered. He is at pres-

ent taking military and physical training at this United States Army After reviewing the cold facts and marked improvement over the fig- rehabilitation center in England pre-

figures, one has little choice other ure for the preceding year. Yet, mo- paratory to his return to duty. than to say that safety suffered on torists on Martin County highways, "When we reached the outskirts the highways and streets in this and throughout the country, too, of Metz, artillery units laid down county last year. There were seven- plunged ahead with their costly de- barrages on the forts surrounding ty-four motor vehicle accidents on struction. There were seven more ac- the city," Cpl. Riddick said. "Our the streets and highways during the cidents last year than the year be- fire also aided the infantry in drivperiod. Forty-four persons were in- fore. One more person was killed ing the Germans into the woods and jured, some of them permanently. than in 1943, and the property dam- we repulsed their attempt to es-The lives of six others were snuffed age was over \$1,500 greater. More tablish a bridgehead across the Moout, some in the twinkling of an eye. cars were wrecked off the roads than selle. One of our machine gun The property damage alone amount- there were new replacements. The squads killed three Germans and captured 80 and three of their vehicles when they tried to infiltrate our lines." H has ben awarded the Purple Heart.

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge Cpl. Riddick, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Riddick of Everetts, has a brother, Cpl. James D. Riddick who is serving with the Army Signal Corps in the South Pacific.

cargo vessels. However, the big Vincent Vehar's men at the prisoner resolution, the commissioners ex- for the ordnance section, supervising exemplified in her humble walk news coming from that area came of war camp after breaking out the pressed the belief that expenditures the supply of ammunition for all through life. She was always a welfrom Adiral Nimitiz's headquarters windshield. Fromm suffered a slight could be made to greater advantage groups in Third Bombardment Divi- comed visitor in any home, her preswho for the first time after an of- shock, but he had recovered the fol- by consultation between the county sion, the division cited by the Presi- ence radiating hope to those in disficial fashion discussed the possible lowing morning and he and Lt. Ire- authorities and the highway com- dent for its epic England-to-Africa tress and cheering others along the

ed through a spirit of closer coopera- plants at Regensburg, Germany. The thoughtful mother, giving willingly

major is responsible for seeing that and lovingly of her all in their wel-Nothing was said about it, but in sufficient numbers of bombs are fare. the Soviet will join the Pacific sions over enemy territory without the past the commissioners have for- supplied to each station for loading In early life, Mrs. Mizelle made serious mishap. Both the young men warded the requests of their people on B-17 Flying Fortresses participat- her home in Williamston while she to the highway authorities with very ing in Eighth Air Force attacks attended the local schools. little success in many cases. They against vital Nazi targets. He also

ankle.

have been advised that funds aren't sees that ammunition is delivered in | and she is survived by four children, Placed on Gummed Sheets available for this or that improve-ment, or some other excuse was stalled in the fast-firing .50 calibre and Mrs. Herman Taylor of Williamavailable for this or that improvelarge quantities which will be in- Mrs. Jordan Ward, Mrs. Roy A. Ward

machine guns to protect the fort- ston and Mrs. T. E. Miller of Norfolk; Quite a few tax relief orders were resses against possible Luftwaffe at- a sister, Mrs. Tom Harrell of Wil-

them to place their sugar stamps on who are in the services. Six were al- as an enlisted man in August, 1941, and was commissioned as a second W. Lawrence Knox year, has been set apart by the Bap- transferring them. It is possible cred- in listing. Twelve against who the lieutenant at Aberdeen, Md., in Sepcounty held accounts, had died. Six tember, 1942. Before entering the others are in prison, one has only Army, the major was an assistant one arm, two others are victims of superintendent at the Standard Fertuberculosis and several are unable tilizer Company in Williamston. He to work, it was explained by the

attended Campbell College. tax collector in presenting the claims mer, died in the local hospital Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. He had

County Boy Has Reverses Receiving Basic Training time, but had been in the hospital

for treatment only a few days. Pvt. William C. Britton, county The son of the late William A. and boy, has met with several reverses Martha Manning Knox, he was born since reporting to Camp Wheeler, neat Robersonville 71 years ago. Ga., for his basic training. Soon af- During the past number of years he ter recovering from an attack of in- had made his home in the Hamilton fluenza, he returned to his battalion section.

and five days later on December 18 He married twice and is survived he broke his ankle and was returned by his widow and five children, one to the hospital. He explained that he of whom is serving in the U.S. Navy. with others was going to put out a Funeral services are being con fire started by a tracer bullet, that ducted this afternoon by Rev. J. M

man hopes to complete his basic

ROUND-UP

was arrested and jailed for va-

grancy and being drunk and dis-

sixty, the arrests last month

were nearly three times greater

than those reported for

Numbering slightly more than

orderly.

November.

Following a busy period a week before, local and county

last

somewhere in France.

to return to active duty.

feet, that his condition while possi- ed. Just before leaving for Raleigh ments will hardly be released before bly not critical was a bit serious. today, the county lawmaker stated next Monday and once the House There is some doubt if he will be able that there had been some talk about speakership and one or two other the town of Hamilton calling for a offices are filled at the caucus to-

Commenting briefly on the war, law to have its incorporated limits night, swapping and trading and lit-the young man expressed the belief extended. It was also learned that the else will be in order during the that much of the German power was something had been said about a first few days other than the inbeing spent in the Von Rundstedt law creating a primary for William- augural address by Governor-elect attack in Luxembourg and Belgium, ston. A petition was pending im- Gregg Cherry and the passage of a and that he hoped the war would mediatel yafter the last municipal bill upping the lieutenant governor's election in 1943, but the paper nev- pay. soon be over.

Ration Violations outfit. We never learned about each other though until one day in Ire-

land. I recognized him, and walked Isaac G. Whitley, RFD 2, Roberson- over to talk with the group and

ville, was penalized by the Martin see if he recognized me. We had only a few minutes before chow so County War Price and Rationing naturally I invited him to my comregulations controlling the use of gas gave him my name and looked him in the eye. For a second he sat as if shocked. You can imagine what Going before the board a short followed. A long conversation about time ago, Whitley asked to have his "B" gasoline ration book renewed.

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amined, it was found by an office Funeral Saturday For J. R. Bullock

also found that Whitley had not writ-Funeral services were held last ten his State license number on the Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home in Everetts for Jos. B. Bul-His "A" gas book was taken for lock, well-known county citizen, who three months and the board ordered died at his home here early the that no "B" gasoline rations be alprevious morning after a brief illlowed him during that period. ness. Elders B. S. Cowin and A. B. Ayers conducted the last rites, and

burial was in the Clark Cemetery at Everetts.

Mr. Bullock was 69 years of age and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Grass for a long time. He was a son of the late Robert and Pattie Knox Bullock and lived in this county all of his life.

He leaves three sons, J. C., W. C., and J. I. Bullock; three daughters, Mrs. G. H. Forbes, Mrs. J. E. Edmonds, and Mrs. C. C. Bailey; a brother, N. S. Bullock; a half-brother, J. R. Bullock, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Millie Beach and Miss Nancy Bullock, all of whom live in and around Everetts.

leased this week by the Bureau of the Census for the period ending December 13. The report, filed by Strelsa Griffin, shows that 2,266 bales of cotton were ginned from the 1944 crop in this county as compared with 3,332 bales ginned from the 1943 crop up to the cor-

responding period

Local Boy Removed Few Legislative Changes Are To England Hospital Expected For Martin County

he fell into a ditch and hurt his Perry at 2:30 o'clock at the graveside in the Knox family cemetery Despite his setbacks the young near Robersonville.

His feet frozen while in action somewhere on the Western Front, Jimie Manning, local youth, has been officers reported a fairly quict time on the crime front last week-end. New Year's, observed

very quietly for the most part, did not add to the number of arrests which stood at two for the period. One person, a young col-ored man, was arrested and jailed for an assault, and a white woman, about 36 years of age,

The North Carolina Legislature er made its appearance. It has been opening its regular 1945 session in suggested that the town is large en-Transferred to a departmental hos-pital in England after receiving pre-pass very little legislation affecting would hardly be expressed to a pro-

liminary treatment in a hospital this county or its political subdivi- posal to a law creating a primary. sions directly. At least, no formal The new legislature, scheduled to In a letter just received by his par- requests have been made upon Rep- run the gauntlet of formality, is exents, the young man stated that he resentative Clarence W. Griffin, pected to accomplish little or nothwas still suffering badly with his urging him to have any laws enact- ing this week. Committee appoint-