

Americans Advance On Luzon; Germans Routed In Belgium

Mighty Tide Of War Turns Against Enemy But Hard Expect

Landing on the important island of Luzon the early part of this week, powerful American forces are today advancing toward important objectives, late reports placing the American Sixth Army more than 22 miles inland on a front about 25 miles long. Patrols are feeling their way forward while more men and supplies are being landed. The main drives are apparently directed at Clark Field, less than 40 miles away, and the capital of the island, Manila, less than 90 miles away.

The drive on Luzon is recognized as equaling the invasion of Normandy in that the move threatens the new Jap empire for the first time in the war. At the same time, the drive is almost certain to alter the tactics of the enemy and will, no doubt, bring a more determined opposition on land and sea. While the drive so far has been most successful and without costly resistance, hard fighting is to be expected. It will be recalled that the Japs, following their dastardly attack on Pearl Harbor, landed on Luzon December 9 and it was not until the sixth of the following May that the small group of American defenders were forced to yield. It is considered quite probable that the decisive and last big sea battles of the Pacific will be fought around Luzon.

While the Pacific struggle pushed ahead to claim main attention, news on the Western Front rates big headlines, too. The Germans are clearing out of the Ardennes and a new stroke by General Patton's men sent thousands of the Nazis scurrying into the woods and in the direction of the fatherland. The Third Army forces cut in half powerful box positions southeast of Bastogne from which three enemy divisions had been hammering at his lines from the east. The neck out of the box now was not more than two miles wide.

Resistance in the remainder of this area was reported collapsing rapidly as the Germans—caught off guard by the unexpected blow—floundered off into the snow drifts and woods toward the uncertain haven of Wiltz, ten miles east of Bastogne, where other Third Army forces lie in wait. The German high command admitted it was quitting all the Belgian bulge west of the Ourthe River and front dispatches said the new line was expected to run from Viesalm on the north for 16 miles southwest through Houffalize to near Bastogne.

This line would contain only about one-fourth of the territory overrun at the height of the Germans' great offensive. It is 23 miles from Grunpont, at the tip of the bulge as it existed Wednesday, to Houffalize. Down in Italy, the Germans are being reinforced by men drawn from Norway, the move indicating that the enemy is being forced to abandon outlying positions to bolster those nearer home.

In the East, the Russians have advanced another mile in Budapest, and the Germans there are calling for help.

What To Do In Case Of Robot Bombing

For the past several months the Office of Civilian Defense has been more or less quiescent. With the apparent success of the Allied Armies in driving the enemy nearer his own territory, the likelihood of bombing attacks was lessened. Now with the use of rocket and robot bombs, there is the possibility that such may be launched from the decks of submarines, the OGD has sent out some instructions to defense centers to be shared with the areas bordering the Atlantic Ocean.

1. Air raid signals may not sound. If the air raid signals do sound, follow the rules in which you have been instructed.
2. Obey the orders of local authority including civilian defense personnel.
3. These bombs may fall without warning.
4. If a bomb is seen or heard approaching, dive behind any protection available or lie face down and protect your head and face with your arms.
5. In case of continued bombings, seek the nearest shelter. Get indoors! Avoid the hazards of flying glass.
6. In case of intermittent bombing attack, proceed cautiously but remain on the alert to take shelter if necessary.
7. Do not use the telephone unless you need help.
8. If you are near a radio, keep tuned to WPTF, as this station handles our calls in Martin County.
9. Curb your curiosity. Do not go to the scene of the bomb explosion. Stay where you are or go about your business.
10. Do not rely upon and do not spread rumors.
11. Be calm.

County Farm Bureau to Elect Officers At Meeting Tuesday

Meeting in the county courthouse Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, members of the Martin County Farm Bureau will elect their officers and directors.

From this county attended the meeting in Chicago and they are expected to bring back the collection high spots.

Reviews Enforcement Liquor Law In County

Ninety-Nine Stills And Big Quantity Of Materials Taken

Illicit Liquor Traffic Believed To Be at Lowest Point Since Prohibition

Although activities on the illicit liquor front in this county are believed to be at their lowest point since prohibition, ABC Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Peel, had a busy time last year, according to the annual report just recently filed by the head of the ABC enforcement division.

Ninety-nine stills were captured, 17,640 gallons of beer and 167 gallons of white liquor were poured out and thirty-eight alleged violators of the liquor laws were arrested during the period, Officer Roebuck said in his yearly report.

Many obstacles were encountered by the illicit liquor manufacturers, and it is possible that on account of the obstacles the business will experience a further decrease in the current year. Copper is available in very small quantities, the officers stating that less than a dozen of the ninety-nine stills were made of the metal, that the others were slimy and dirty gasoline or oil drums and/or tin stills.

The sugar shortage created another problem, but it is indeed evident that a few of the manufacturers established connections with the black market and possibly one-third of the 17,640 gallons of mash poured out were made with the scarce sweetening.

The two-thirds were made mostly from molasses and a comparatively new kind of sugar syrup. Another and possibly the biggest obstacle in the path of the illicit liquor gang was the law enforcement agency itself. The effectiveness of their work is evidenced in the removal from the county of several of the alleged leaders in the rotten business. There were no large scale operators in the field last year in this county. Most of the plants were cheap outfits, and the operators were able to replace a captured plant without a great drain on his economy. However, several lost so many of their plants, that they are said to have pulled stakes and moved to safer ground.

Another contributing factor to the decrease in operations is the marked improvement on the economic front. There is absolutely no excuse for anyone to violate the law to make a living in these days, and it is understood that many quit the business and centered their attention on farming or other activities of a legal and up-right standing.

Reducing their activities to a monetary standard, the officers with very little outside help, accounted for nearly a \$10,000 business. The 17,640 gallons of beer, figured at 25 cents a gallon, was worth \$4,410.00. Although sales were known to have been made for as much as \$20 a gallon, the liquor confiscated was valued at \$10 a gallon, adding another \$1,764.00 to the total. The value or replacement costs of the stills varied considerably, but on an average they could be built and placed for about \$20 each, the 99 representing a total of \$1,980. The operators, unprincipled to start with, in quite a few cases stole the gas or oil drums and held their capital outlay to a low point.

PURPLE HEART

The Purple Heart was recently awarded Cpl. James Willis Griffin for wounds received in action in France some weeks ago. A son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Griffin of the Dardens community, the young man was able to return to combat duty after a stay of about six weeks in a hospital. Last reports received from the corporal stated that he was seeing action in Belgium and that he was getting along very well at that time.

Ellis White Sends Greetings To Paper

Writing from the far-away China-Burma-India theater, Pfc. Ellis S. White expressed greetings in the following:

"Greetings, Enterprise: 'This letter is a greeting and expression of appreciation to you who put out The Enterprise, especially for sending it to us boys overseas. I have really had a lot of pleasure reading the paper. The boys that I graduated with are all in the service nearby, and if it wasn't for The Enterprise, I wouldn't know who was killed or who wasn't. I rather get the paper than four or five letters. I'm sure the paper will always be remembered by all of us boys in the services. Believe me, I'll never forget it. There are some more boys here from North Carolina and I let them read it when I finish. It's their home-town news, but it is from their home state."

"Several times I have received the paper when it carried a picture of one of buddies, stating that he had been wounded, missing or killed. I always cut the pictures out and paste them in my booklet. I didn't know anything about Onley Cowen being killed until I received The Enterprise. Onley and I graduated together, too.

"You good fellows of The Enterprise, I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your sending me the home-town paper and to express the hope that you will continue to send it to us overseas."

Fire Wrecks Home Here On Tuesday

Its origin unknown, fire wrecked the small home owned by Vance Bunting and occupied by Betty Crew on Wilson Street here last Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock. No one was at home at the time and no fire had been built in the house by the family in two or three days. Most of the contents were ruined, but three pocketbooks holding an undisclosed amount of money and hid under a bed mattress were recovered, but little else was saved.

Several hundred feet of hose were laid and water was poured on the burning structure for nearly three-quarters of an hour. Firemen were called back to the home about nine o'clock that night to put out a few sparks and a burning mattress.

Complete details have not yet been received, but two of the several Martin County young men wounded during the recent drive into Belgium have been reported to be getting along very well, according to direct information reaching relatives this week.

Clyde Waters Dies Suddenly at Home Here Last Tuesday

Services Were Held For Young Man At Williamston

Clyde Waters, well-known local citizen, died at his home on East Main Street last Tuesday evening shortly before 8 o'clock of a heart attack suffered just a short time before. Mr. Waters had experienced ill health for a number of years, but his condition had shown much improvement in recent months. However, he had a slight attack the latter part of last week, but apparently getting along very well, he attended to business in Norfolk last Tuesday. He complained of feeling bad only a few minutes before he suffered the fatal attack.

The son of the late James and Evelyn Smith Waters, he was born in New Bern on March 1, 1891, moving when a young child with his family to Williamston where he spent most of his life. When a young man he entered the employ of a paving contracting firm and traveled in various states. He was married to Miss Maude Surnell of Grifton on April 23, 1923, and located a few years later in Windsor where he engaged in business until 1937 when the family came to Williamston to make their home. He was engaged in the contracting business at the time of his death.

Mr. Waters was a veteran of the first World War and served overseas for several months. He enjoyed a large circle of friends, and was a devoted father and husband, always ready and willing to help anyone in need and to befriend his fellowman. Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Misses Pennie Rose Waters of Williamston and Norfolk, and Julia Clyde, a student at A. C. College, Wilson; one brother, Will Waters of Bertie County, and two sisters, Mrs. E. F. Walker of Hampton, Va., and Mrs. Ida Mae Moore, of Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. B. T. Hurley, Methodist minister and the family's pastor. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Employers Asked To Mail Security Tax to U. S. Revenue Office

Payments Not To Be Made To Social Security Board, Manager Explains

Some misunderstanding still exists regarding the social security tax returns made quarterly by industrial and business concerns. All tax and informational returns should be sent direct to the Collector of Internal Revenue, not to the Social Security Board.

This caution was issued today by Ruth G. Duffy, manager of the Rocky Mount office of the Social Security Board.

She also stated that employers—subject to the law—can save themselves time and trouble by making certain that the name, account number, and wage earnings of each employee are shown on this quarterly report. In case a former employee's account number is unknown to the employer, he should call or write the manager of the Social Security Board who will assist in obtaining the missing number.

Mrs. Duffy explained that old-age and survivors insurance benefits which will be paid to the worker

Wounded Improving In Army Hospitals

War conditions made the federal relations committee an unusually important one at this time. In addition to his chairmanship of that committee, he was named a member of the committees on conservation and development, elections and election laws, finance, higher education, judiciary No. 1 and trustees of the University of North Carolina.

HOME SOON

Successfully undergoing a second operation on his heart, Pfc. Lewis Thomas Taylor, son of Mrs. Maniza Taylor Whitaker of Cross Roads Township, is expected home before long according to a message received a short time ago by his cousin, Miss Nina Johnson of Gold Point.

Wounded in France on last June 11, the young man underwent an operation on his heart a short time later. About six weeks ago, shrapnel was removed from the vital organ. After a stay of about three weeks in bed, he was able to be up. In his last letter written December 18, young Taylor stated he was feeling fine and hoped to return to the States soon.

Forty-Eight Cases In Judge Smith's Court

Number of Cases and Fines Believed To Represent An All-Time Record

In a session lasting a greater part of the day, the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday called forty-eight cases to set what is believed an all-time record for numbers. The court is also believed to have established a record in the collection of revenue, a preliminary report released by Clerk L. B. Wynne placing the fines at \$850. The costs will easily boost the total to a figure well over \$1,000.

Paul D. Roberson, after a long leave of absence in the Army, was back in the prosecutor's seat. The wheels of justice turned steadily and by continuing eleven cases the court was able to adjourn shortly before dark even though one case had to go to a special jury.

Twenty-one Youths Register For Draft

Twenty-one youths, reaching their eighteenth birthdays, were registered in this county last month for selective service. Eight of the number were white.

The list of new registrants: John Henry Wynne, c. Jamesville, Harold Rudolph Edmondson, w, RFD 3, Williamston. Richard Myron Margolis, w, Williamston. James Elmon Arthur Baker, c. Williamston. Berlie Baker, c. Williamston. James Willis Wallace, c. Norfolk. John Willis Woolard, c. RFD 1, Jamesville.

William Alonza Harris, Jr., c. RFD 1, Robersonville. Wilbur Eugene Cannon, w, RFD 1, Hobgood. Oliver Harrison, Jr., w, RFD 2, Williamston. George Perry, c. RFD 1, Williamston.

William Spencer Council, c. Oak City. Chester Crandell, c. RFD 1, Robersonville. James Purvis, Jr., c. RFD 1, Bethel. Joe Walter Williams, c. RFD 2, Williamston. Johnnie Lee Savage, c. RFD 1, Oak City.

Louis Franklin Barber, w, RFD 1, Williamston. Walter Anderson, Jr., c. Williamston. Howell Warren, Jr., w, Williamston. Calvin Lafayette Warren, w, RFD 2, Robersonville. Jesse Gray Lilley, w, RFD 1, Williamston.

In addition to these young men included in the Sixth Registration, Elbert Staton Winberry, w, of Robersonville, registered in the Third Registration. The young man had been honorably discharged after serving in the Army. James Doak Worsley, w, of Oak City; Aran Lavallean Wallace, w, RFD 3, Williamston, and Willie Lee Taylor, w, Williamston, registered in the Fifth Registration.

County Legislator Draws Assignments

Prayer for judgment was continued for two weeks after Elmer Bellflower pleaded guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Rosalie Whichard, alias Dixie Whichard, pleaded guilty in the case charging her with drunken driving and she was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. Her driver's license was revoked for one year.

Joe Parker was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for operating a motor vehicle without driver's license. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$15 fine and cost and on the further condition that the defendant be regularly employed for one year.

Heber Tucker was fined \$10, taxed with the cost and had his license to drive a motor vehicle revoked for thirty days in the case charging him with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle.

County Bookmobile Will Make Regular Schedule Next Week

New Books Added To Collection In This County

The types of books in the new collection are as varied as the reading tastes of the borrowers. People who enjoy Franklin P. Adams on "Information Please," will be delighted to meet him in print again. Nedra and Becks contains much from his columns; poems and articles. Here one finds the "walking encyclopedia of useful and useless information" at his best.

Another clever, entertaining book is Emily Kimbrough's How Dear To My Heart. She is well remembered for the recent book and movie, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." Her new book is an account of a very happy childhood spent in Muncie, Indiana. As has been stated elsewhere, "It is a happy, humorous glance over our shoulders at the way things used to be."

Margaret Burke-White has another pictorial account from the war front. They Called It "Purple Heart Valley" is a combat chronicle from Italy. She relates, along with her photographs, vivid accounts of the day-by-day life that our soldiers are leading there.

The story of the four chaplains who gave their lives together when the Dorchester sank has been greatly publicized. Clark Poling was one of the chaplains and his father, Daniel Poling, has written a book addressed to his grandson. The spirit of this book, Your Daddy Did Not Die, is that of consolation. It was written with the hope "that it may be a humble tribute to all those youthful, radiant lives who have given and yet will give 'that last full measure'."

For the many who shall return from military to civilian living there will be as many problems of readjustment. Relatives, friends and employers can be very helpful during this period of transition. Soldier to Civilian by Dr. George K. Pratt is a well-written book designed to help the people back home be prepared to meet and aid their returning servicemen.

New fiction includes the delightful novel by Maura Laverty which follows the life of Delia Scully, whose earlier days were related in "Never No More." No More Than Human covers the years spent in Madrid and her return to Ireland.

Vera Brittain's Account Rendered is a "highly dramatic story, rich in color and swift in movement."

The bookmobile schedule in this county next weeks follows:

Monday, January 15
9 a. m., Edward's Service Station; 10 a. m., Hamilton School; 11:05 a. m., front of Hamilton bank; 12:45 p. m., Gold Point School; 1:35 p. m., Johnson's Service Station, Gold Point; 2:10 p. m., Robersonville Public Library.

Tuesday, January 16
9:30 a. m., Hassell School; 10:00 a. m., Hassell Post Office; 10:40 a. m., Edmondson's Service Station; 11:15, Oak City School; 1:30 p. m.

Shortage Of Fuels Is Now More Acute

Although the distribution of two carloads of coal this week relieved the situation to some extent, the fuel shortage here is gradually becoming more acute, according to direct reports coming from dealers today. The situation can be expected to become worse unless volunteers go to the woods and replenish their woodpiles or the Solid Fuel Administration steps in and boosts the allotment. Few volunteers are likely to go to the woods for their own fuel and there is little the Solid Fuel Administration can do in the face of an estimated twenty-two million-ton shortage in coal.

Urgent orders were on file this week for three times the amount of coal received, and many people recognized the seriousness of the situation and never placed an order for coal.

The shortage is being felt in many sections of this state, local dealers this week stating that they had had urgent appeals from people sixty miles away.

Reports state that many activities, hardly essential under present conditions, are being carried on without letup. Temperatures, ranging up to 80 degrees, are being maintained in some buildings. All this is going on while numbers of coal bins are completely empty and wood piles have been depleted.

Government reports state that coal production has been increased to 822,000,000 tons, about double the preemerging production. Despite the tremendous increase, the supply for the nation is running twenty-two million tons short of actual needs.

Urgent recommendations have been made, calling for the elimination of all non-essential activities where heat is required; that no fires be built when outside temperature is above 65 degrees, that every effort be made to conserve every ounce of fuel.

Jamesville Young Man Is Home War Front In France

Stationed in the European Theatre of War and Located in France Since D-Day, Sgt. F. T. Waters Returned to the States Last Thursday

Stationed in the European theatre of war and located in France since D-Day, Sgt. F. T. Waters returned to the States last Thursday, and is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Waters, of Jamesville, and his wife, the former Miss Grace Nobles, of Plymouth.

Sgt. Waters will report to San Diego, Calif., January 10th for reassignment.