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Makes Final Report Panalysis Fund Drive Hardly On T. B. Christmas A Third Complete In County Seal Sale In County

ford, Chairman Reports

Assigned a quota of \$600, Martin County more than doubled that sum when its citizens raised \$1,318.19 in the recent T. B. Christmas Seal Sale drive, Mrs. Asa Crawford, chairman, reported this week.

The various schools of the county contributed the following amounts: Bear Grass, \$38.64; Oak City, \$51.15; Jamesville, \$53.00; Hamilton, \$26.68; Hassell, \$6; Everetts, \$40.15; Farm Life, \$40.43; Williamston, \$182.24.a total for the schools of \$438.24.

A total of \$63.82 was raised a the Saturday booth sales, and the bangle day sales amounted to \$54.90. In addition to bond purchases already acknowledged, the following organizations and business men sub-

scribed to the following amounts:

Williamston Peanut Co., \$10; Dixie Motors, \$25; B and W Tire Rebuilders, \$10; C. G. Crockett, \$5; Darden's Club, \$5; Williamston Pkg. Mfg. Co., \$5; Saunders and Cox, \$10; Dr. Jno. D. Biggs, \$5; Williamston Motor Co., \$10; Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Co., \$5; Mannings' Laundry, \$5: Harrison Oil Co., \$5; G and H Builders' Supply Co. \$5; Pender's, \$5; Williamston Supply Co., \$5.

One-dollar contributions made by mail and not previously acknowledg-

Williamston (town): Ralph Parker, Henry Handy, Lucy Ward, John Tulloss, Clyde Hassell, W. C. Bailey, J. D. Leggett, G. A. Harris, James Bullock, M. E. Turner, David Modlin, W. R. Banks, E. L. Etheridge, Joel Muse, K. D. Worrell, J. E. Asbury, C. U. Rogers, J. R. Peele, N. R. Manning, Randolph Allen, Mrs. Era Cobb, Mrs. P. B. Cone, Jessup Harrison, H. T. Taylor, Jerry Humble Woodrow Tice, Mrs. Travis Kitchin, R. T. Griffin, Chas. Mobley, Julian Harrell, W. H. Dickens and J. C.

Williamston (R. F. D.): T. L. Roberson, Woodrow Holliday, Mrs. David Keel, C. F. Perry, M. D. Taylor, Chas. M. Peele, S. J. Tetterton, Pleny Peele, Lewis Roberson, L. T. Hardin, M. G. Perry, W. A. Perry, S. H. Mobley, B. F. Lilley, Exum Ward, Nathan Rogers, Henry Oakley, G. F. Godard, Lee Hardison.

Jamesville: W. F. Holliday, P. E. Getsinger, A. E. Manning, W. M. Davis, Mrs. Levi Davis, Mrs. Dare Brown, Mrs. J. L. Davenport, J. R. ham, was advised by the War Depart-Williams, J. F. Martin, J. C. Kirk- ment here last Saturday morning. man, H. W. Barber, Mrs. P. C.

Everetts: Mrs. Gertrude Peele. lory, S. W. Cooper, Mrs. Annie E. Savage, Mr and Mrs. H. S. Piland, B. L. Johnson and L. H. Rouse. Hamilton: Harvey Williams, Asa

Johnson and R. A. Edmondson. Hassell: J. A. Haislip and Mrs. M.

20,000 Casualties **Returning Monthly**

With Army casualty lists steadily increasing and because of the critical shortage of Army nurses and technically trained Medical Department Personnel, General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, announced today the start of a new and vigorous recruiting drive to enlist Wacs for the newly created Women's Army Corps Medical Units for service at the Army's 60 General Hospitals in this country and called upon the governors of the 48 states and the com aissioners of the District of Columbia to exercise their lead-

commissioners asking for local aid, Belgium last December 30, stated General Marshall said: "The care of that he was getting along very well the increasing numbers of casualties in an Army hospital somewhere in returning to the United States, together with the acute shortage in left shoulder and arm, but he assurnurses and hospital personnel gen- ed his wife that the wounds were erally, necessitates urgent measures not serious. being taken to recruit and rapidly Former representative here for the train women for service in Army Royal Baking Company, Raleigh, hospitals. We urgently need Wac un- Pvt. Partin is left handed, making it his sister, Mrs. C. F. Thomas, here its for our 60 general hospitals. Your necessary for him to have someone a few days ago, intimated that he

Casualties are being returned from overseas to Army General Hospitals in this country at the rate of 20,000 per month. The Medical Department load is therefore higher now than it has ever been in the Army's history. For this reason the Army has set up one all-Wac enlisted technicians' school at Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and has opened three other technicians' schools which had formerly been used to train men. These are Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas; Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colo., and Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Women, this is an urgent appeal, write or call the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, P. O. Building, Wilson, alm period. Returns

to be picking up some today. Reporting on the drive, County Chairman L. B. Wynne said that hardly one-third of the \$2,282 quota a thousand dollars was spent by the Infantile Paralysis Foundation in nursing one of the little victims. All expenses have been met and the plained that only a few reports had in advancing research work and as been received. Possibly the most en- a reserve for meeting future emercouraging report received so far gencies. came from the local elementary school where \$212.19 had been raised low expectations.

er heid, and it is still believed with from the direct mail appeals drop- the goal will be reached. Martin ped off considerably last Saturday County reported three cases of in-and Monday, but they were believed fantile paralysis last year. Well over a thousand dollars was spent by the had been raised so far, but he ex- money now being raised will be used

Chairman Wynne is anxious to complete the drive this week, and and turned in late last Friday. The the leaders and school children are report, it was pointed out, is not earnestly asked to do all they can quite complete. Returns from direct to push the county over the top by mail appeals yesterday totalled that time. In Williamston, the Jun-\$373.50, an amount considerably be-Saturday, and in other towns and Preliminary reports received from communities school children will other parts of the county state that handle the lapel sales the same day.

Prominent Citizen Of Dept. Store, \$5; Martin-Elliott Co., \$5; Skinner Tobacco Co., \$10; King Tobacco Co., \$10; Senior Woman's

\$6,600 QUOTA

Assigned a quota of \$6,600.00 for the 1945 Red Cross War Fund the Martin County Chapter is making tentative plans to meet the solemn obligation the early part of March. V. J. Spivey was named chairman of the special drive at a meeting of county and district Red Cross representatives here last week-end. The Martin County Chapter includes Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston Townships. The other five townships are in the Roberson-ville Chapter.

No definite date for launching the campaign has been fixed, but it is thought that the drive will get underway about the 5th

Williamston Youth

T/5 John Foster VanLandingham, Williamston youth, has been missing in Belgium since January 4, his The son of the late Thomas S. mother, Mrs. Emily D. Var

The young man entered the service December 15, 1942, and had been overseas since last June. He was in Oak City: Mrs. C. W. Cowey, W. the field artillery until the early to teach in the county schools at E. Early, R. C. Brown, Sidney Mal- part of last December when he was transferred to the infantry. In his last letter to his mother on December 30th he stated he was getting along all right, but did not like the transfer. He was 23 years old last December 14th.

A twin-brother, Paul, now serving in Belgium, has been wounded twice and was reported missing four days. Technician VanLandingham is the seventeenth Martin County young man to have been reported missing since the outbreak of war December 7, 1941. Six of the number were later reported killed, two others have war, one returned to his station and is now in action, and no late word has been received from the others. He was the second county man reported missing on that front.

Pvt. Wm. B. Partin

Dictating a letter to his wife here ership in aiding this vitally urgent under date of January 6, Pvt. William B. Partin, who was wounded In his letter to the governors and in action on the Western Front in

NO MEETING

After listening to numerous applications during a period of several weeks, the Martin County War Board called off its regular meeting last Friday when it was learned that no farmers had filed applications for permanent or temporary release from the

There has been no marked trend in evidence so far, but reports indicate that some of those farmers who quit the land for other jobs are returning to the country, apparently as a result of proposed changes in the manpower regulations.

Last Rites At Home

Religious And Educational sential" employment when they work Leader, Was First Farm **Agent for This County**

This Afternoon For

Joseph L. Holliday

Funeral services are being conducted at his late home at Macedonia L. Holliday, prominent county citizen who died at his home yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock. His pastor, Rev. Dennis W. Davis, is conducting the last rites, and interment will folow in the family cemetery on the

Mr. Holliday had been in declinng health for several years, retiring from active duties about three years ago. He had been able to be up much of the time until about two weeks Missing in Belgium ago when he was taken ill with pneumonia. His condition became critical last week when he lapsed into unconsciousness, the end coming

> day, he was born in the community where he spent all his life. After attending the schools in this county, he went as a youth to White Hall School at Seven Springs, returning Lilley's Hall and Macedonia and others. On June 12, 1898, he was married to Miss Mamie Leggett and established his home on the family farm where he was early recognized as a porgressive farmer and keen student of agriculture. At the same time he interested himself in religious and community affairs, and was numbered among the leading citizens of the county.

About 1915 he took special courses of instruction in agriculture at State College, Raleigh, returning home to serve the county as its first farm demonstration agent. He worked dilreturned home, two are prisoners of igently with the farmers of the county, introducing many new innovations and figuring prominently in preparing a solid foundation for scientific advancement in the county's agricultural field. Permanent pastures were prepared on a larger scale, and the farm program was enhanced after theoretical and yet highly practical methods. He retir-In Army Hospital ed as county agent and accepted a position with a fertilizer company as ed as county agent and accepted a its demonstration agent in eastern North Carolina. He resigned that position to devote his entire time to his own farm.

As a member of the Macedonia (Continued on page six)

Message Received From Jap Prison of War Camp

Taken prisoner by the Japs soon after war broke out in December, 1941, Rudolph Smithwick, writing to leadership in recruiting these women will be of great service to the Partin.

else write the recent letter to Mrs. was still in the Philippines, that the drive on Luzon was encouraging and that he hoped for liberation soon and looked forward to returning to the States soon. Smithwick, formerly of Windsor, stated that he had just received a package that had been mailed two years ago. The letter was the second received from him in about three years.

Dealers May Have Their Sugar Inventories Adjusted

The county rationing board an-nounced last week-end that wholesalers and retailers with inadequate sugar inventories may have them adjusted by making proper application to the office of the board in the agricultural building.

Applications for adjustments must be filed immediately, it was pointed

y his mother, Mrs. Lucy P. Perry, RFD 1, Jamesville. No details could be learned immediately.

He is the third Martin County man to have been reported missing in action in the European area in recent days. Onward L. Gardner, also of the Jamesville community, and Foster Van-Landingham, of Williamston, were previously reported missing in that area.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

"Essential" and "Critical" Draft Guides

The guides set up by the War Man-Service in inducting men in the 26 through 29 age group make a nice difference between the "essential" industrial employment and that which is considered as "critical" to the war production program. Most smaller communities (excepting mining and specialized manufacturing towns) which are closely related to their agricultural areas, will find that most of the men in the affected age group fall in the category of "es-

in such fields as the following: Agricultural Services: Commercial poultry hatcheries, seed processing, initial processing services of threshthe like, farm repair and mainten-"critical" employment is listed under the WMC guide for agricultural services. The production of packaging materials for shipping and preserving essential products is also listed as an essential class of employment.

In the category of "critical" emin Belgium since January 4, his mother, Mrs. Emily D. VanLanding-Holliday and Sarah Leggett Holli-included in the assential list Types the country in strides so broad that included in the essential list. Types above are deemed "essential."

In the field of health and welfare engineers, veterinarians engaged in Roebuck and Patrolman W. E. Saunfarm livestock treatment, pharmaceutical services, hospitals, nursing services, and institutional care. Into the "essential" class go mortuary services, church activities, accident and fire prevention services. Only educational service considered critiers are listed as essential services.

In the forestry and lumbering fields the only critical classifications Pate called to him to halt. Rodgers Heart and that he had been recomare those of timber tracts and logging camps, cutting of pulpwood, wood for tanning extract, sawmills, veneer and planing and plywood

up by WMC, which is in accordance mer then told Rodgers to halt or he with the directive to Selective Serv-

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Starts Training After Fifteen-Weeks Delay

June Beach, Martin County youth, has entered upon his training as an apprentice seaman at Bainbridge, he had walked down the railroad Md., after a delay of nearly fifteen toward Jamesville and that someone weeks. Entering the service nearly shot him while he was sitting on the four months ago, the youth was tak- creek trestle. en ill with cerebro spinal fever and was confined to a Navy hospital until just a short time ago.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

After breaking into the accident record columns during the second week of the current year, motorists on Martin County highways last week held the line and scored a perfect safety record; that is, as far as reports reaching the highway patrol show. The record to date is not so bad, and by exercising just a little more care and discretion, motorists can materially hold the record to the present figures.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time. 3rd Week Comparison

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 0 \$ 000 . 0 1944 Comparison To Date

SO YOU THINK IT'S COLD HERE



IF YOU THINK you've had reason to complain of the cold, take a look at Pvt. Charles Preston, Nicholasville, Ky., as he cleans the snow from his machine gun mounted on his jeep somewhere in Belgium. That metal gets so cold you can't touch it with your hand without serious consequences. This is an official Signal Corps Radiotelephoto. (International)

Farmer Greets Robber With Load of Bird Shot

Rod Rodgers Taken initial processing services of threshing, cleaning, shelling, curing and Into Custody Later this afternoon at 4 o'clock for Joseph ance services, farm product assembly services, custom grist milling. No By County Officers

Farmer Charles Pate Caught Man Coming Out of His Home in Williams

A nagging series of thefts and robberies reported in and near here ployment, as it may affect the draft during recent months was believed status of citizens of non-industrial to have been abruptly stopped last smaller towns, is listed such work Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock as the repair of automobiles, busses, when Farmer Chas. Pate caught trucks, tractors and farm equipment. "Rod" Rodgers coming out of his However, it is intended that in the (Pate's) home over in Williams category of repair services consider- Township and fired a load of bird ation be given only to individuals shot into the intruder's legs. Instead qualified to render all-round repair of stopping him, the shot pushed of repair service other than the officers could hardly maintain the trail from one track to the next.

Farmer Pate did not know the inservices the critical classification is truder, but other parties saw Rodgapplied to physicians, surgeons, den- ers in that community earlier in the tists, oculists, osteopathe, sanitary afternoon and officers, Sheriff C. B ders, picked up the clue and arrested Rodgers about two hours later at his home near Skewarkey.

Troubled by prowlers over a period of months, Farmer Pate last Sunday did not accompany his family to church but took a stand in one of cal is the United States Maritime his outbuildings. Rodgers slipped in-Service Training Program; most oth- to the house and when he started out with ten pounds of sugar, a pair of overalls and a few other items, said nething but started fumbling around his pockets. Pate was quoted as saying that he thought Rodgers was feeling for a gun and he fired the load of bird shot from a point Substantially, the guide system set about 50 or 60 yards away. The farwould shoot him with a load of buck shot. Rodgers depended on speed and went away before a second shot Sgt. Bonnie Taylor could be fired, leaving the sugar and overalls.

When he was arrested and the officers found the shot in his legs, they were certain they had the right man. However, Rodgers maintained that

Rodgers is said to be a good worker but that he has "taking" ways. He has been in the courts for alleged thefts. No hearing has been scheduled in the case, as far as it could be learned late yesterday afternoon.

Former Local Boy Is Now Serving In Pacific Area

Seaman 1/c Charlie Gilbert Mob ley, son of Mrs. Bettie Mobley Lilley, of Williamston and Plymouth, recently notified his wife that he is now serving somewhere in the Pacific. The young man entered the Navy last May 26, received his basic training at Camp Peary, attended a four weeks special course at Camp Shelton, Va., and spent nine weeks at the armed guard center, New York, before being shipped out last November 14th.

Local Boys Meet In Far-Away Calcutta Recently

According to reports reaching here this week, "General" Herbert (Skippy) Cowen and Lawrence Lindsley, Jr., met by chance in far-away Calcutta, India, recently. It was a joyous meeting, the boys learning that they were stationed hardly four miles apart.

ROUND-UP

Local, county and state officers maintained about their usual pace in rounding-up alleged violators of law and order in the town and community when they arrested and temporarily detained five persons last week-end. Two were booked for public drunkenness, and one each for driving drunk, breaking and entering and one for being drunk and disorderly.

The ages of the group ranged from 27 to 51 years, and two of the men were white.

Brother Of Local

been killed in action on December 20. Letters received direct from the Fatherland all right. young man under date of December 28 and 29th stated that he was in the hospital recovering from wounds, that he had received the Purple mended for the Silver Star. The direct information shows the death announcement was made in error. Sgt. Morris, formerly of Ahoskie and Woodville, wears the Bronze Star for movements have been smashed. In an service in the invasion of France on all-day attack yesterday, Allied air-

T/Sgt. Bonnie M. Taylor was slightly wounded in action in Germany on January 3, his parents, Mr and Mrs. B. K. Taylor, RFD 2, Williamston, were advised by the War Department last Friday afternoon. Volunteering his services in October, 1940, Sgt. Taylor was with the Rangers. He has been overseas since November, 1943, and while he talks little about the war, it is known that he has seen much action. He was in B. S. Courtney, Woolard Furniture

to land in France last June. Twenty-four years old next month, the young man attended school at Bear Grass and farmed until he volunteered for service more than four

PRISON LABOR

While most of them are being assigned to industrial plants, quite a few German prisoners from the local Prisoner of War camp are being employed on farms in this county.

According to reliable information gained this week, 463 prisoners were assigned to farm jobs in the county last month. They worked a total of approximately 3,500 hours cetting wood for tobacco curing barns, shrubbing and gatherin corn. The labor cost the farmers approximately \$850.

No prisoners have been used

to cut wood for commercial use.

German People Are Fleeing From Perlin THE RESERVE THE PERSON NAMED IN

Russians Less Than 150 Miles of Capital; Big Drive in West Is Predicted

Late reports coming through Swelen and yet unconfirmed declare that civilians and quite a few of the high ranking authorities are fleeing from Berlin as the Russians continue their great five-prong offensive from the East. Hitler, believed to have been idle in the military affairs of Germany for some time, is being taken from the "cedar chest" to boost his countrymen's morale, the report adding that he is leaving for the Eastern Front presumably to direct the defense of the Fatherland along the Oder River. Adolf will have to hurry if he is to reach the Oder ahead of the Russians, late reports stating that General Konev's Red Army has the river defenses under fire and that the Russians are now within 150 miles of Berlin, German morale is now believed facing the supreme test. Never before has a great war been fought on German soil and the German people are about to crack under the new experience. They were told back yonder that they must kill and murder the Russians to save the Fatherland. Now, the Russians, remembering the brutal slaughter in more than 100 of their big cities and thousands of owns, are marching toward Berlin.

The first few days of the Russian drive have not materially weakened the Germans in manpower, one report stating that hardly half as many prisoners were taken in the latest campaign as had been taken in previous offensives. Less than 25,000 prisoners were taken in the first few days of the drive, but the counted dead numbered around 60,000. It is believed that the Germans withdrew, hastily to be sure, to the Oder River where an all-out defense is likely. Some observers think the Germans will offer a stubborn defense along that line and then center their strikng power for offensives in the West. This line of reasoning runs counter to much of the optimism expressed at the present time. However, others point out that German morale is at a new low point, that Germany is likely to crack within even before the Allics deliver the all-out mili-

While the Germans may bank on the Oder River defense line, they have a serious problem to the North where General Rokossovsky's Red Resident Wounded Army is driving rapidly from Tannenberg toward Danzig, threatening o cut off 200,000 of the enemy. This S/Sgt. Andrew Lewis Morris is in action is in progress while General in Army hospital somewhere in Cherniakovsky's Army is pushing France recovering from wounds re- down from recently captured Instereived on the Western Front in Bel- burg in East Prussia. A third Rusium, his sister, Mrs. C. R. Whitak- sian army under General Zhukov r, 306 W. Main Street, Williamston, is pushing toward Poznan, and faras advised last week-end. He was ther south, General Konev is almost within sight of Breslau, capital of The young man's mother, Mrs. A. the Silesian Province. Still farther Morris, of Richmond, received a south, General Petrov's Army is actelegram from the War Department tive in the Carpathians. The five on January 14, stating that he had armies integrated in one big push are offering a serious threat to the

Over on the Western Front where a big Allied drive is being predicted, the Germans are having a tough time all along the line with the possible exception of the Strasbourg area where the enemy continues to attack fiercely. The enemy's retreat from the Belgian bulge has been turned into a route, and vast German men pounded 3,000 German vehicles in their flight from the Ardennes sector toward the Siegfried Line and

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Wounded in Action Eighty-three Tires **Allotted By Board**

Eighty-three tires-77 for cars and ix for trucks-were allotted by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night. Certificates for the purchase of Grade I tires were issued to the fol-

W. Robert Everett, Hyman Clark, the first group of American troops Co., R. L. Coburn, Velma Bailey, Raleigh Lilley, Geo. W. Wynne, H. W. Modlin, J. T. Thompson, S. J. Lilley, Richard D. Jones, Noah Boston, Kader Lilley, Matthew Cotten, W. I. Watkins, J. H. Mooring, Nathaniel Coltrain, A. R. White, Willis Williams, L. C. Brown, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Royal Gurganus, Standard Fertilizer Co., W. W. Waters, J. H. Hopkins, Geo. C. James, Henry Haislip, James Bailey, Adrow Smith, Mary Slade, H. M. Peel, W. L. Taylor, Octavious Barber, F. W. McDaniels, J. D. Etheridge, Frank Bell, J. Ernie Gardner, C. P. Hopkins, Mrs. W. Henry Gray, Mrs. W. R. L. Purvis, G. A. Wetherington, Roy Martin. Cortez Bowen, Ernest Harrison, Simon Lilley, Carl R. Wynne, Clayton Revels, Luther Lee Whitfield, C. D. Bullock, W. B. Peel, J. D. Suits, H. C. Roberson. A. F. Coltrain, E. D. Mizelle, Willie Long, Sam Moore, Irving G. Rob-

erson, White and Everett Certificates for truck tires were i-sued to the following: A. C. Boyce, Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Standard Fertilizer Co., M. B. Ward.