Thirteen Districts

In Martin Chapter

Exceed Their Goal

Total of \$8,336.59 Collected

During Drive Ending

This Week

Completing its annual Red Cross

War Fund Drive this week, the Mar-

tin County chapter raised \$8.336.59

or \$1,736.59 in excess of its assign-

ed quota. Expressing great satisfac-

tion with the work handled by the

canvassers and the liberal response

on the part of the general public, Fund Chairman V. J. Spivey and

Chapter Chairman J. C. Manning

stated that the amount was the larg-

est ever contributed in a single cam-

paign previously, that thirteen of the

ESTABLISHED 1899

Montgomery Believed Raymond S. Cherry Driving For the Ruhr For Daring Action

WOUNDED

Pvt. Alex Latham was wound-

ed in action in France on Feb-

ruary 20, his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. D. B. Latham, of Goose

Nest Township, were recently notified by the War Department.

Regular Meeting

On Wednesday afternoon at 4:30

Report Increasing Nazi Resistance in The Western Sector

Devastating Air Attack Paving Way for Drive, Roars Into Its Second Day

A move to break the enemy's back on the Western Front is now believed under way or is just before being launched while four Russian armies move in the East to upset Hitler's plans for an aggravating defense in the mountains of Central Europe. Activities along the northern sector of the Western Front are under a news blackout, but a paralyzing aerial attack is roaring into its second day, and one of those special Monty artillery barrages is falling on the Germans defending the Ruhr. All indications point to a synchronized drive from both the West and the East, and although the Germans this morning were said to be offering a stiffening resistance, the developments now under way and those about to be started have the appearance of an all-out push to wind up the struggle in Germany.

Allied developments on the Western Front in recent days have caused grave concern in Germany, and Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt, the great Prussian strategist, has been replaced by Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, the man who held the Nazi front together in Italy so o'clock the Scouts of the North Star blended their deathly noises into a elite troops are folding up and run- soon. ning for shelter after tasting Allied gun fire for just a few hours.

Ninth and the Canadians and British Easter seals for crippled children, man patrols had already filtered threaten in the northern sector of and the patrol selling the most seals through this section, Sgt. Cherry left the West Front, the First Army's will receive a patrol flag. Much time his squad under the safety of cover, bridgehead in the Remagen area has was spent deciding the things our and hand-carried the wire until he been extended 31 miles along the patrol would do trying to sell the reached his objective. eastern bank of the Rhine and push- most seals and win this patrol flag. ed eight miles inland, the action hav- Saturday, March 31, was the day set back to safety, all without any casing assumed more than tactical im- for the Scouts to sell these Easter ualty. The lines laid by the Head-

day recently in the Saar area, mop- ting started on our field badges. The action that followed. ping up the enemy by the tens of roll was carried by Wanda Jones thousands. One report states that over 5,000 motor vehicles, 300 Our record shows that all Scouts of Funeral Today For tanks and 200 big field guns had this patrol, except one, were presbeen taken by Patton's men alone, ent for church services last Sun-The action there has just about day. cleared the west bank of the Rhine, Games were enjoyed, and during and it is fairly apparent that it the recreation period, Jackie Harris, won't be long before mopping-up Jane Grey Sullivan and Patricia ducted this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock ground manufacturing, a report stat- ing.-Jackie Harris, Scribe. ing today that a factory employing hundreds of men, including 600 slave workers, had been taken deep under- Cotton Insurance ground in that area.

During the meantime confusion inside Germany is mounting. Food rations have been reduced and the transportation system is either choked with refugees and ranking Nazis supports for agriculture had proved der will conduct the last rites. fleeing for safety or blocked alto-

A shattering, round-the-clock aerial bombardment by 27,000 planes in the past three days has blasted a 40-mile arc of utter destruction across the Ruhr. Flying almost 8,-000 sorties yesterday, Allied planes blasted anew at bridges and rail yards and struck a deadly blow at offering insurance on actual cost Miss Nolie Keel Highsmith and Mrs. German leadership by hitting thir-figures. teen army command posts.

In the Pacific, the war is makmillion Japs are fleeing Tokyo before American air power. The Japs available to all farmers. admit their defenses are not suffithey maintain they are ready to meet any invasion attempt. The Jap fleet has been sought out and derecent days, late reports declaring that the Japs had lost 789 planes, 264 more merchant ships and about thirty warships in the latest general thirty warships in the latest general offensive to wipe the enemy off the Schedule Special Services In seas and from the air.

county agent's office.

will be the Last Words of Christ.

The plan this year is that each Church at 8:00.

American casualties since Pearl Harbor now total 859,587, most of them, or 767,680 being listed as

While the nation counts its casualties, Mayor Laguardia comes out in again announces the Union Holy and 8:00 p. m. in the Baptist Church. a brazen attempt to justify an hour's Week. There will be two such unextension for the curfew in New ion services each day, Monday Christian Church, morning service, York. But many of the night clubs through Friday. The 10:30 services 10:30 in the Watts Theater, and eveclosed at midnight. Down south, will be held at the Watts Theater, ning service in the Christian Church thousands of vacationists are strand- and will be conducted by the local at 8:00. ed in Florida because the govern- ministers. These services will last Wednesday, Rev. Joseph Huske, ment has refused to allow two re- a maximum of 30 minutes. The sub- for the Episcopal Church. Morning lief trains to operate daily. the last week of our Lord's life with Church at 8:00.

Schedule of Services In Local Baptist Church us on earth.

9.45. Sunday school. The attend- held at 8:00 o'clock in each of the ice in the Watts Theater at 10:30, ance last Sunday was the largest in local churches. The subjects of these and evening service and Union Comsome time. Help make it larger. 6:45, Training union.

Worship services, 11 and 8 o'clock church will have charge of one day Friday, the services will be pro-Monday, 7:30, Royal Ambassadors of Holy Week, the churches to act vided by the Presbyterian Church. alphabetically.

Tuesday, 4:30, Intermediate girls' auxiliary will meet at the church.

Wins Bronze Star

Local Boy Blazes Trail Three Miles Under Enemy Fire to Lay Telephone Cable

With the 99th Infantry Division on the Western Front—March—Ignoring the fact that enemy tanks and infantry had infiltrated throughout the town, Staff Sergeant Raymond S. Cherry, of 116 Williams Street, Williamston, N. C., and his squad of seven linesmen laid lines down the center of the main street. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

The order Sgt. Cherry received before attempting the mission was something like this. A line had to be laid from the Regimental CP to the two battalion GPs. The distance to be covered was just about 4500 yards, almost every inch of it under enemy heavy mortar and artillery fire; great deal of it under even smal

Sgt. Cherry and his squad of able inesmen took off. Starting at the Regimental CP, they edged off through town, layed the precious cable along the road until they reached another nearby village. By now, this latter town had been infiltrated with enemy tanks and in

Disregarding personal safety, Sgt. Cherry calmly and efficiently proceeded directly up the main street to the hem of town, expertly working, and guiding his crew all along

Once out of town, he took a winding trail over rolling, open cuontry for a distance of some 1,000 yards. Artillery, 88's and machine guns all long. Increasing resistance is credit- patrol met for their regular week- symphony of horror. But Sgt. Chered to Kesselring's command, but he ly Scout meeting. The first half hour ry kept chewing his gum, working takes over just as the German de- was spent helping. Miss Mary W. along adroitly, with a finesse born fenses are disintegrating before his Taylor clean the building which is of much experience and much guts. eyes. Reports state that Hitler's to be ready for the Scouts to use Along this 1000 yard line, they twice saw enemy positions only 200 yards During the meeting, it was an- away.

nounced by Miss Taylor that the Finally, the small party reached While the American First and Scouts would participate in selling a wooded area. Realizing that Ger-

He then brought the entire patrol quarters Company, 395th Infantry-Patch's Seventh and Patton's Our leader, Mary Lib Keel, gave man and his squad proved to be of Third Armies have had a great field us further information about get- inestimable value in the immediate

Funeral services are being conthe Saar reveals extensive under- Pledge and song was used in clos- well-known county citizen and prominent business man and farmer, who duty during the battle against the died at his home in Robersonville German break through in Belgium. yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock. His pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry, assisted by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Plan for County Farmville, a former pastor, will conduct the service. Interment will follow in the Robersonville Cemetery Pointing out that two of the main where members of the Masonic Or-

of great value, agricultural leaders The son of the late J. Henry and are now stressing insurance as a Mahala Highsmith, he was born on third support to guarantee the farm- May 23, 1876 in Pitt County where production is geared to consumption to Martin and located in Robersoncome for the farmer is guaranteed, Keel and she survives with two if he makes a crop. Now, the Triple sons, Messrs. Herbert T. and James Mrs. P. B. Cone. A proposes to eliminate that risk by Harvey Highenith; ;two daughters, Leon House, all of Robersonville; one from this state who had been over-court for trial April 2 for alleged Mount next Monday. With the exception of three counsister, Mrs. Will Madry of Scotland seas a long time, Major Collis Jordan assault with a deadly weapon. ing marked progress. Our reclama- to cover tobacco crop failures in the smit hof Roper, and six grandchil-

is being raidly expanded, and three studied in the three counties for tomoving his membership to Robercient to turn back the attacks, but that at least fifty farmers in this fairs and was a member of the Ma- cause they had been speeded near- the county court for trial. county insure their cotton crops this sonic Order and the Shrine. He was er home by a fleet ATC plane." year. Applications must be prepared engaged in the theater business for within the next few days, and de- a long time, and farmed extensively he hasn't ventured out much so required to pay \$8.50 costs. livered another telling blow during tails of the plan may be had at the in addition to handling other busi-

Tuesday, Rev. John Goff, for the

Thursday, Rev. B. T. Hurley, for

munion service in the Methodist

Morning service at 10:30 in the

Local Churches and Theater

The local Ministerial Association Church, 10:30 in the Watts Theatre,

jects of these services are to be the service in the Watts Theater at 10:30,

The evening union services will be the Methodist Church. Morning serv-

Monday, Dr. W. R. Burrell will Watts Theater, and evening services

have the services for the Baptist in the Presbyterian Church at 8:00.

STILL IN FIGHT



Although wounded in action last November and a prisoner of the Germans for a while, Pvt. Willie W. Mizelle, son of Mrs. Minnie Mizelle Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston, is still in the fight against the Nazis. The Purple Heart was forwarded to his mother by the young man a che time ago, and in a letter he explained that he escaped after being captured. He has a brother, Clyde, in the Dutch Indies, and another brother, Elmer, is serving on a hospital ship as a member of the medical corps. Elmer hasn't been home since entering the service two years ago.

Writes of County Young Man's Death

Writing to Mrs. Emma Gardner, mother of Onward L. Gardner who made the supreme sacrifice in Bel- years. Harry Land, a defendant in gium last December 17, Chaplain the first two cases, was found guilty John W. Manen paid fitting tribute in the first one and was sentenced to the Jamesville young man. His to serve not less than three and not letter, just recently received by more than five years in prison. Mrs. Gardner, follows:

from the War Department of the continued. death of your son, Onward L. Gardner, 34464559, a member of this bata terrible blow to you.

orrow that fills your heart. I am noon. sure that it will be a comfort to you al loss in Onward's death.

"Onward was very well liked by Charles Calvin Ebron against Lossatisfaction of all his officers, the helping with many other things that made life more pleasant for all of us.

operations will shift to the east bank and in a big way. The capture of and this was enjoyed. The Scout Church for James Milton Highsmith, ly tell you that he died of wounds received in the performance of his

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Returns Home After with a deadly weapon, Oscar Bynum was bound over to the county Long Stay Overseas James Cogdell, charged with The American Legion Oratorical operating a motor vehicle with im-

ers' future. With quotas in effect, he lived until 1916 when he moved home this week after nearly three costs. years spent in the Pacific and China-

CITATION

Pvt. Thomas Reginald Griffin son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Griffin, Williamston, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal several months ago for "heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Caumont, Normandy, France, June 25th, 1944," it was just recently learned here.

The citation for the medal stated that Young Griffin repeatedly crossed exposed terrain under heavy enemy fire and assisted in the evacuation of numerous casualties. It added, "Pr!vate Griffin's unselfish heroism reflects great credit upon the

Reg is still going strong in the thick of the fight, late reports stating that he had been near enough to the front to make firsthand souvenir collections, including a Nazi flag and several German watches.

Robber Gets Six to Ten Years; Fourteen Divorces Are Granted in a Day

After clearing a few criminal cases and granting fourteen divorces, the Martin County Superior Court, maneuvering in a skillful fashion folded its tent and quit yesterday on the fourth day of a two-weeks' scheduled te:m. It could not be learned why so many cases were continued, but in one or two the parties to the suits were sick and in one or two others certain papers due from the State Supreme Court had not cleared the mains and new trials were delayed.

Judge Q. K. Nimocks, scheduled o preside over the second week of he term, and jurymen have been advised that there will be no court

Proceedings in the court not prev ously reported, follow:

Adjudged guilty of breaking and ering a home in Williams Township some weeks ago, Ausborn Rogers was sentenced to the roads for not less than two and not more than five years. His trial, requiring all last Monday afternoon, was follow ed by one that required all of Wednesday, and it was intimated that the long, drawn-out defense and appar ent misrepresentation of the alleged facts, added to the terms meted out by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, Facing Fewer Tires Issued by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn. Facing five charges, breaking into the Harrison Oil Company, Chas. H. Jen-kins' garage, the laundry, Lucian Peel's store and possessing robber implements, Henry Dave Bonds was He was sentenced to serve not less than six and not more than ten

The case charging Melson Otto "By now you have received word Reynolds with drunken driving was

Completing the trial of the crimitalion. I know that the news has been court cranked up its divorce mill Roebuck, J. L. Wynn, Ophus Bailey, treasury for credit in the next drive, "I am the Chaplain of the bat- ial bonds had been broken, seven Harrison Oil Co., W. A. Burnett, Rev. 1945 drive complete. talion. I want to extend to you the other divorces following that after-

Based on two years of separation, to know that all of us feel a person- absolute divorces were granted in er, Russell Holliday, J. W. Watts, C. thirteen cases, as follows:

all the members in his company. Be- sie Brown Ebron, Daisy Thompson L. Hardy, C. B. Savage, Linwood sides the fact that he filled his duagainst Phillip Thompson, Annie Cowan, Silas Leggett, B. W. Staton, ties as a ambulance driver to the Gray Beacham against Jim Beach-James Everett against Elmora Jas. M. Highsmith members of the company will al- Everett, Charlie D. Brown against ways remember his kindness in Selector Brown, King David Rog-

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By Justice Hassell

cases in his court here recently. Charged with assaulting a female

Robert Harrell was bound over hicle without a driver's license.

John Philpott, charged with dis-

Court Quits During First of Two Weeks Term On Thursday Red Cross Drive Goal

WOUNDED



Pfc. Ernest Clifton Hollis, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hollis, RFD 3, Williamston, was seriously wounded in Germany on February 28, according to information received from the War Department last week.

By Ration Board

Following fairly liberal rations isonly tried on the first two counts. sued during the past several weeks, the young long. Williamstons the the number of tires released by the set a new record when they added rationing board in this county drop- \$434.89 to the fund. ped considerably last Friday. It was Friday was cut by about one-third. | all of them did an exceptionally good

Grade I tires were issued to the fol- goals their support was worthy and

L. D. Roebuck, J. H. Roebuck, T. quota excess. B. Slade, G. P. Hall, S. E. Manning, T. H. House, J. S. Whitman, J. M. Saunders, H. L. House, Noah W. Slade, James W. Bowen, D. O. Weav-H. Beach, Andrew Mobley, Elbert Griffin, James Best, H. R. Smith, D. Jesse Matthews, Joseph Modlin, Clyde Revels, W. S. Bailey, Lorie Williams, J. C. Norwood, J. V. Andrews, J. A. James, M. W. Bissell, Jack Everett, W. S. Rogerson, Jr., J. Heber Peel, C. W. Johnson, James B.

Tires for small trucks were issued to the following: Gaines and Kirkman, F. C. Stallngs, Town of Robersonville.

Cherry, E. D. Mizelle, Mrs. H. J. Hai-

Justice J. L. Hassell heard seven Legion-Sponsored Contest Tonight

operating a motor vehicle with im- Contest for the counties of Gates, Raymond Gurkin, canvassers: Herbhouse here tonight at 8 o'clock.

given winners in the contest.

speak on our constitution.

fifteen districts exceeded their assigned quotas, some by sizable mar-No unusually large contributions were received during the drive just ended, but individuals answered the organization's urgent call in possioly greater numbers than ever before, and as far as it could be learned no one refused to contribute to the fund. Record collections were reported

in the schools with the little folks in the grammar grades leading with generous collection of \$370.82. The local high school raised \$184.40, making a total of \$555.12 contributed by

It is difficult to signal out any one estimated that the allotment last district for its support of the drive; Certificates for the purchase of job, and while two missed their figured prominently in boosting the

Possibly a few late donations will nal docket Wednesday morning, the F. L. Haislip, Minnie Cochran, R. A. be received and they will go into the and by lunch time, seven matrimon- Asa Robert Harris, N. P. Roberson, Mr. Spivey said in announcing the

A review of the quotas and re-

sponse by districts	follov	follows:	
G	uota	Amt Ra'ed	
Jamesville	\$ 600	\$ 688.24	
Williams	150	165.15	
Griffins	450	584.80	
Bear Grass	450	535.75	
Macedonia		10.00	
Williamston	3950	5310.00	
Colored Citizens:			
Dardens		81.45	
Jamesville	. 75	80.00	
Williams	60	87.67	
Woolard	60	67.68	
Biggs	60	76.70	
Smithwick	_ 35	37.00	
Gorey	35	42.75	
Bear Grass	35	38.02	
Burroughs	60	41.68	
Williamston	500	489.70	

Individual contributions to the 1945 fund will be acknowledged just as rapidly as possible. The following list is a continuation of those reported in Griffins Township: Mrs. A. C. Roberson and Mrs.

\$6600 \$8336.59

proper lights and without brakes, Bertie, Northampton, Hertford and ert Leslie Manning, \$1; Ira Hardison, T/5 Howard B. Cone returned was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 Martin will be held in the court- \$1; Marvin Roberson, \$1; John Edwin Manning, \$2; W. D. Daniel, \$1; The Martin County winner is Per- Archie T. Coltrain, \$1; Jim Wiggins, and with parity prices in effect, in- ville. He was married to Miss Nolie Burma-India theaters. He will spend to the county court in the case charg- lie Modlin, Jr., who comes from \$1; Carrie and Gabe Roberson, \$2; his furlough here with his mother, ing him wit hoperating a motor ve- Jamesville High School. He will com- Fenner Silverthorne, 50c; John R. pete with the other county winners Coltrain, \$1; Maple Grove Church. Reporting the arrival of the young | Lawrence Wiggins and Albert Wil- in this district to determine who will \$10; Maple Grove Sunday School, man along with three others who son were bound over to the county represent this district at Rocky \$10; W. G. Hardison, \$2; P. E. Gestinger, \$1; Connie Baynor, \$1.50; Mrs. The American Legion sponsors an Bruce Coltrain, \$1; Nat Ellis, \$1; ties, no insurance is being offered Neck, one brother, Mr. John High of the Public Relations Office, Air Joe Roberson, Williams Township oratorical contest among the high Fenner Hardison, \$1; A Friend, 71c; Transport Command, said, "About man, was fined \$1.50 and required to school students of the nation on Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Daniel, \$2; Mr. tion program in the Philippine area state this year. The plan is being dren and two great-grandchildren. It is to cover tobacco crop failures in the smit hot hoper, and six grandchildren. It is to cover tobacco crop failures in the smit hot hoper, and six grandchildren. It is to cover tobacco crop failures in the smit hot hoper, and six grandchildren. It is some phase of the United States constant and two great-grandchildren. It is some phase of the United States constant and two great-grandchildren. It is some phase of the United States constant and two great-grandchildren. It is some phase of the United States constant and two great-grandchildren. It is some phase of the United States constant and two great-grandchildren. It is some phase of the United States constant and two great-grandchildren. It is some phase of the United States constant and two great-grandchildren. stitution in which thousands of stu- Mrs. John A. Hardison, \$2; A. T. bacco, but cotton insurance is now at Oak Grove when a young man, Transport Command's Miami Air Charged with operating a motor dents take part. The national win- Whitley and family, \$3; Raymond Field en route to North Carolina. vehicle without a driver's license, ner is give \$4,000 on a college edu-Gurkin, \$2; N. S. Roberson, \$1; M. Agricultural leaders are asking sonville. He was active in church af- Their broad grins were evident be- Howard Cherry was bound over to cation. Other valuable prizes are W. Bissel, \$1; Roy Coltrain, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Roberson, \$2; L. E. The public is cordially invited to Kidd, \$1; Pete Hardison, \$3; Clyde Doc is so busy enjoying home that orderly conduct, was fined \$1,50 and come and hear these young students Lassiter, \$2; Justus Coltrain, \$1; Ottis Wainright, \$1; Rufus Hardison, \$1; Henry Corey, \$1; Birddie Daniel, \$1; Mrs. Ella Lilley, \$5; Mrs. Emma Corey, \$2; Miss Mary Ann Daniel, Robert Hardison, \$1; Bill Gay, \$1; N. T. Daniel, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. James Harrington, \$3; Rufus Corey, \$2; Urban Lilley, \$1; Anna Coltrain, \$1; David Coltrain, \$1; James A. Roberson, 15c; Johnson Corey, \$1; \$1; Rufus Coltrain, \$1; Arnold Roberson, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Manning, \$2; Marvin Leggett, \$2; Mrs. Marie Manning, \$1; J. A. Ellis, \$1; Arthur Roberson, \$3; Mrs. Lea Jones, \$1; George E. Roberson, \$1; Lewis Roberson and family, \$3; Mrs. Maggie Roberson, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Asa Hardison, \$2; Mrs. Gertie Corey, \$1; W. T. Roberson, \$2; Frank Roberson, \$1; C. C. Coltrain, \$1; Felton Daniel, \$1.—Total, \$122.86.

Announce Sunday Services In Presbyterian Church

Services will be held in the Wilbonds than were purchased last complete plans for the drive local- day morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. war loan campaign. "It is possible woman and child in the county is Broken in Calvary". Services will that we will be asked to invest from asked to save every penny and make also be held by Rev. Mr. Sollomon at Bear Grass at 9:45 a. m.

Preliminary Plans Are Made For Seventh War Bond Drive

Preliminary plans for advancing during the coming campaign than for the drive which begins May 14 assigned quotas. and continues through June 30.

Mr. Woolard explained that indi-county had a combined "E" bond ridual quotas had not been assign- quota of \$826,000 and actually ind, but that the government was vested \$1,102,000. calling for fourteen billion dollars 20 to 30 per cent more in "E" bonds ready to support the campaign.

the Seventh War Bond Drive in this district were formulated at a meeting held in the Branch Banking and urging them to do all in their power Trust Company offices here last to make the drive a successful one. Wednesday evening. Mr. Billy Wool- He complimented the three counties ard, well-known banker and chair- for the splendid record achieved in man of the bond campaig in this past drives, and stated that this reregion, met with representatives gion had exceeded its past quotas by from this and Washington and Ber- 36 per cent while the average for the tie Counties and outlined the plans country was 28 per cent in excess of

During the last three drives, this

County Chairman H. A. Bowen during the drive, that the people will call a county meeting the latwould be asked to buy even more ter part of April or early May to liamston Presbyterian Church Sun-November-December in the sixth iy. During the meantime, every man. C. W. Sollomon. Topic:

Army Medical Department."