### Need Is Urgent For More Nurses' Aids In Army Hospitals

Hospital Company in the State At Once

Directing a special plea to Martin County young women 20 years of representatives of the U.S. Army said while here this week:

'The U. S. Army Medical Department is calling for help-the help of women-to supplement the services of Army hospital staffs whose numbers are too few to cope with the increasing flow of sick and wounded soldiers from overseas. These thousands of casualties are placing a heavy burden on the Army hospitals and it is imperative that the overworked doctors and nurses help that any intelligent, healthy, and earnest woman can give. It is skilled help but does not require professional training. It consists in the performance of general hospital duties of a nonprofessional nature which by saving the time of nurses and doctors will enable them to give their professional care to a greater number of patients.

"WAC hospital units will, so far as practicable, be assigned for service in Army general hospitals within their own states. In many cases, members of WAC hospital units may have the opportunity of taking care of sick and wounded soldiers from their own communities.

"They will be given a brief course of basic military training at a WAC Training Center, and six weeks of special training at a Medical Department Technician School. Then these units will be sent to the hospitals for which they were recruited and consolidated into hospital companies of one hundred women each.

"Members of WAC hospital units are paid the same as other soldiers of equivalent grades. They pay as technicians, fifth grade, is \$66 month with increase for each advance in grade, the highest grade receiving \$138 a month. In addition, they are provided with food, clothing, quarters, and medical and dental care. They are also entitled, in general, to the same benefits as are other soldiers, including those provided by the G.I. Bill of Rights.

"The first and most important qualification is the earnest desire to render service to the sick and wounded soldiers in our Army hospitals."

tive also pointed out that at one time approximately 1,500 men were being wounded each day, that around 30,000 wounded are being returned to the Sates each month. There were 10,000 wounded on Iwo, and that's enough men to fill six Army general hospitals and there are only sixty Army general hospitals in the country.

ed in meeting that need and for dow, further information is asked to write | Some time during early yesterday to U. S. Army Recruiting Sub-Station, Box 789, Wilson, N. C.

## Several Nurses To

four others are waiting for their in- the lock. structions to report for service as Officers revealed no clues, but it junior grade lieutenants in the U.S. was intimated that possibly a lead Army Nurse Corps. Several young had been established in one and pos-Martin County women are already sibly both of the robberies. in the Army's Nurse Corps.

of Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurganus, and Mary Louise Taylor, popular and efficient nurse in the county health department for several years, are leaving tomorrow for Camp Rucker, Alabama. Miss Gurganus is the fourth member of her family to enter the service, three brothers, John Hatton, Eli and Edgar, having been in duty for quite some time.

Miss Mary Ruth Mallory, daughter of Mrs. Effie Taylor Mallory of near Oak City and the late Will Mallory, has volunteered for service in John Cooke, and Miss Susie Whitley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Whitley, have volunteered for service in

the Army Nurse Corps. The proposal to draft young single women for nurse duty in the Army has not been enacted into law. During the meantime appeals are being made to young women, urging them to volunteer as regular nurses or as members of hospital companies.

#### Twenty Cases On Docket In The County's Court

At least twenty cases are on the county recorder's court for trial. Several of the cases will be called next Monday but most of them are

scheduled to be tried on April 9. The cases involve alleged crimes of nearly every nature in the list of minor infraction of the law.

### Commercial Fishing Off To Good Start In The Roanoke

in the Roanoke on a big scale this season is not very encouraging. La-Young Women Urged to Join week, reports from the fishery at bor shortages will, no doubt, limit Jamesville stating that the first mauls netted an average of about 800 fishermen can meet the demand herrings and quite a few rock. As which is almost certain to be greatmany as 2,000 herring, were taken er now that the supply of other

at a time, it was reported. Despite the early spring, the fish Fishermen operating on a small age or older and who have had as have not yet appeared in very large scale at various points along the week. Very few people visited the strong enough to turn the machines fishery during the first few days of Very few perch are being caught the current season, but large crowds and shad continues a rare item. are expected there next Monday and Reports from operations along othduring the remainder of the season. er rivers in this section of the State Most of the catches so far have been maintain that the fish are running packed, but sales right off the bat- in large numbers, and the indications tery are almost certain to increase are that increased catches in the and hold up in the future.

Commercial fishing got underway | At the best, the outlook for the meats has been reduced.

many as two years in high school, numbers, but with continued good stream are reporting only fair luck. weather, catches approaching those Water in the river is at a fairly low of record size, are predicted for next point and the current is hardly

Roanoke will follow shortly.

## the overworked doctors and nurses receive help—at once. The kind of help that they need is the kind of **School Committeemen**

WOUNDED



shrapnel in Germany on March 10, Pfc. Leonard Holliday is recovering in a hospital in France, according to a letter dated March 15 and just received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd W. Holliday of near Jamesville. The young man has a brother, T/3 Jim Brown Holliday, who is now stationed on Guadalcanal.

# Robbers Steal Gas

Breaking into the J. W. Eubanks repair shop in Hassell some time during Wednesday night, robbers The need is urgent for young wo- stole about ten gallons of gasoline men in hospital companies, and any from a truck, leaving other articles Martin County young woman be- untouched. An entrance was gained tween the ages of 20 and 50 interest- by removing a bar from over a win-

morning, robbers entered the Texaco filling station on Main Street in Robersonville and stole fifteen or sixteen automobile tires. The owner, W. B. Rogerson, told local and county officers and state patrolmen Report For Service who investigated the robbery, that a few gasoline ration coupons were a few gasoline ration coupons were also missing. The robbers gained an At least two Martin County young entrance by breaking a small glass women are leaving tomorrow and in the front door and unfastening

### Misses Elsie Gurganus, daughter Library To Observe Easter

The local public library will observe next Monday, Easter Monday, Hamilton.

The library also announced that the following books had been re-The library also announced that cently added to its shelves:

Trudy and the Tree House, Then There Were Five, Magical Melons, Magic Michael, The Sky Bed, The Bountiful Cow, Behind the Microand the King of Siam, Pastoral, Docthe Navy Nurse Corps. Miss Louise tor Ellen, A Bell for Adano, The Cooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Green Years, The Land of the Russian People, I Never Left Home.

### NO GENERAL HOLIDAY

No general holiday will be observed by business in this section Easter Monday, according to incomplete reports received today. The banks, public library, liquor store, health and welfare departments will observe the day as a holiday, but the post office and business in general will con-

tinue operations as usual. Beginning next week, local business houses and offices will observe each Wednesday afternoon during the months of April, May, June, July and August as a holiday. The closing time is one o'clock for the half holidays.

# On Education Board

His First Term Next **Monday Morning** 

Meeting in regular session here next Monday morning, members of the Martin County Board of Education will fill the places on the several district school committees, the county superintendent, J. C. Manning announcing that very little other business is scheduled for consideration at that time

Two members of the county board are starting new terms, Leslie Hardison his second, and Ferd W. Holliday his first. The two men, both of Jamesville Township, were appointed by the State Legislature after they had filed in the primary election almost a year ago. John W. Eubanks. the board for several terms, is retiring. He did not enter the primary and is being succeeded by Mr. Holli-

A copy of the omnibus bill has not been received in the county and the Loss at Package Manufacturwere appointed for could not be learned immediately. One report said they were appointed for four years be limited to two years. They will

J. D. Woolard, chairman, of Williamston, and H. C. Norman, of Rober- and its contents.

as a whole, will hear recommendamaining districts. Three local com- guished. mitteemen are named for Jamesville,

# To Be Held Sunday

from religious leaders.

All religious groups in the Rober-Robersonville cemetery at 6:15 Sun- not materially delay normal opera-Methodist minister, will have charge possible the stock of wire could not by the other ministers and readers interruption later on. n the town.

The service in the Woodlawn cemetery in Williamston will be held at 6:49 o'clock Sunday morning.

These services have attracted large crowds in past years, and with favorable weather a new attendance record will likely be established this

The series of pre-Easter services in the local theater each morning the several participating churches each evening are attracting unusually large crowds. The last in the pre-Easter series will be held in the Presbyterian Church tonight at the usual hour.

#### MISSING



S/Sgt. William James Burnette, Jamesville young man, has been missing over Italy since February 28, his fostor parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. Holliday, were advised recently. The young man was a gunner on a

while in action on the Western Front a few days ago, Sgt. James E. Tay lor has returned to active combat, Ferd W. Holliday Will Begin his parents, Mr. and Mrs, Luther Taylor, of near Williamston, were advised this week. Writing on March 12, the young man said he was enjoying the best of health, and asked them not to worry

> "It has been pretty tough at times, but the boys are taking it fairly easy now," Sgt. Taylor said in his letter The young man has been awarded several medals since leaving the

States the early part of last year. He asked his family to keep praying for him, and that with the help of the Lord he hoped to be home

### Storage House And almost a year ago. John W. Eubanks, after serving ably as a member of Contents Destroyed By Fire Last Night

length of the term the members ing Company Plant Estimated at about \$10,000

Fire of undetermined origin deand another said their terms would stroyed a large storage house and than they have been during recent And Tires in County be sworn in by Clerk of Court L. B. machinery and other equipment at current reserves when the plant of the Williamston Pack-during the period. be sworn in by Clerk of Court L. B. machinery and other equipment at current reserves will be depleted age Manufacturing Company near Other members of the county the river early last evening. The board whose terms do not expire this main plant was threatened and year are, Geo. C. Griffin, of Griffins; caught fire once, but no great dam-

When discovered and the alarm April 4th. As far as it could be learned the was sounded, the fire had gained Names and registration and last board members have received no considerable headway, and by the given addresses of the white men recommendations for appointments time volunteer firemen reached the leaving last Wednesday for their to the positions on the several local scene and employees of the plant pre-induction exams follow: district committees. Once elected by had brought out company-owned Dennis Clayton Mobley, RFD 3, public convention vote, the local fire fighting equipment, little could Williamston. committee members are now ap- be done other than hold the fire to Joseph Hubert Daniels, Williamspointed by the board of education, the one building. Two barrels of oil ton. Joe has volunteered for just usually upon the recommendation of in the storage house burned and about every branch in the service, the member representing the schools sent up a cloud of black smoke and including the Merchant Marine, and in his area. Since two of the board it wasn't until the structure had was turned down. members are from the same district, almost burned down that fire was Leonard Tilton Harney, Paris, one area is left without direct rep- discovered in one corner of the main Kentucky, and Robersonville. resentation on the body. The board, building. It was quickly brought under control, but water was pour- Md., and RFD 1, Oak City. tions from patrons in that district as ed on the original fire for several Lionel Long Etheridge, RFD 1 well as from any one in the five re- hours before it was finally extin- Oak City.

The day shift had been away from Palmyra. Farm Life, Bear Grass and William- the factory for some time and it was ston, and five each for Robersonville about fifteen minutes before the liamston. and Oak City, the last two districts night shift was to report at 7 for du-Monday As Holiday Here to also have sub-committees com- ty. However, several employees of Hobgood posed of at least three members the plant were handling special each-at Gold Point, Hassell and tasks during the meantime and they liamston. did not discover the fire until it had gained much headway.

An estimate on the loss could not be had officially but one report stated that the damage would approximate \$10,000 or more. The comwire and a truck load of twine and transferred from Annapolis, Mary- Boston, drunk and disorderly again, At least two sunrise services will placed them in the house along with land. phone, The New Wizard of Oz, Anna be held in this county Easter Sunday, two big electric motors, two barrels according to announcements coming of oil, machinery and other mater-

ial and equipment. Plant Manager Ernest Etheridge day morning. Rev. T. H. House, tions immediately, but that it was of the program. He will be assisted be replaced in time to prevent an two townships in this county receiv-

#### SPEAKER

Dr. Ellen Winston, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, will address a joint meeting of the local women's and Lions and Kiwanis clubs in the Woman's Club hall here next Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Winston will have for her address topic, "Public Welfare in North Carolina."

The meeting is open to the general public.

### Recommending Local Young Hodges First Army Man for the Legion of Merit

Public Relations Office, Ft. Ben-|further experimentation of various ing, Ga .- (Special to The Enter- conditions concerning parachuting prise).—Major General Fred C. Waler, formerly commanding the Thirty-fourth Division in Italy, new ber of free and static line jumps, and Post Commandant, today recom- others almost too numerous to men mended Tech. Sgt. Joseph H. Thig- tion. He has employed as many a pen, of Williamston, N. C., for the three chutes in a single fall, former

The award, one of the nation's outstanding meritorious service. nstructor in the Second Parachute erseas. ording to General Walker.

ng record of jumps performed to of Williamston.

low altitude free jumps, 26,000 and

285 feet respectively; greatest numly considered impossible.

Modest and amazingly young connighest, is given for performance of sidering the effect of the dangerous tasks he has undertaken, T/Sgt. Sergeant Thigpen, serving as an Thigpen is awaiting assignment ov

Fraining Regiment, is crediting the Entering the Army in October Army of the United States with lead- 1943, Thigpen volunteered for army ership in military parachuting, ac- sky-troops, qualifying in February 1944. The young man is the youngest "Thigpen current holds the follow- son of Dr. and Mrs. John F. Thigper

## Dozen Men Report for **Pre-Induction Exams**

## New Members To Be Back In The Fight Be Expected During KILLED IN ACTION The Month Of April

**Eight of Group Leaving Coun**ty Last Wednesday Were In Non-Farm Group

Twelve young Martin County white men reported Wednesday for their pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg. The original call was for only ten men, but two were transferred to this county from other boards, it was explained. Eight of the group come from non-farm occupations or vocations, three of them being students either in high school or college and one from filling station lunch counter.

Seven of the group are in their ate teens and three are in their arly twenties.

As far as it could be learned only one in the group is married and he s leaving behind three children. Two are making a return trip to he pre-induction station for their second or third time.

It could not be learned officially, out it is possible that the young men reporting last Wednesday for their pre-induction tests will be called for final induction the latter part of induction calls will be much larger a large supply of basket wire, twine, months, meaning that just about all Costly Woods Fire

Notices instructing more white men to report for pre-induction examinations have already been received in this county, it was learnage was done to the big building ed today. According to the instruc- diary origin, fire, starting in the lowtions the call is to be answered on er corner of Martin where the boun-

Carlton L. Edmondson, Annapolis,

Hugh Burroughs Bennett, RFD 1

Richard Myron Margolis, Wil-

Wilbur Eugene Cannon, RFD Oliver Harrison, Jr., RFD 2, Wil-

Louis Franklin Barber, RFD 1 Williamston. Howell Warren, Jr., Williamston.

Calvin Lafayette Warren, RFD 2

Robersonville Harney was transferred from Parpany had just unloaded a carload of is, Kentucky, and Edmondson was

## sonville community will meet in the said last night that the fire would Robersonville cemetery at 6:15 Sunnot materially delay normal opera-

Illicit liquor manufacturing in ed a heavy blow this week when Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel wrecked four distilleries and poured out a quantity of beer. All of the plants were crudely equipped and had very little material on hand when the raids were made.

Working along the Edgecombe ooundary in Hamilton Township, the officers blew up a fifty-gallon capacity oil drum kettle and two fer menters. A day later, the officers invaded the Stingy Point section of Robersonville Township and wrecked three plants, all equipped with oil drums for stills. They poured out five hundred gallons of molasses



Sgt. J. R. Minton, formerly of this county, was killed in action in the battle for Manila on February 8. The son of Mrs. Gussie Minton and the late John R. Minton, the young man was born in Nash County and moved when he was ten years old with his parents to the Robersonville community where he was graduated from high school. Besides two brothers and three sisters.

## **Checked In County**

Believed to have been of incendaries of this, Washington and Beaufort Counties join, swept over an estimated 7,000 acres of woodsland before it was brought under control, in a single day on the Western Front late Tuesday, Marvin Leggett of sweeping around the headwaters of

yesterday. It was estimated that 5,000 acres of woodsland was burned over in Jamesville Township.

resulting loss. Forest fires raged in other counties also. Craven reported several including the destruction of a rural home not far from New Bern.

#### Justice Hears Two Cases In His Court This Week

Justice J. L. Hassell had only two cases in his court this week. Roy was fined \$1.50 and taxed with \$8.50 costs. Charged with operating a mo-Wreck Four Liquor tor vehicle with improper brakes, Patrick Henry Coleman was fined \$10 and required to pay \$6.00 costs.

#### TOWN BOARD

Meeting in regular session next Monday evening at eight o'clock, the local town commissioners will, in addition to handiing routine business, call a town convention for the nomination of mayor and five members of the board and rame a registrar and judges for the election to be held the first Tuesday in May.

Very little other business is scheduled for consideration at the meeting, Mayor J. L. Hassell said yesterday, other than a discussion of plans for a general clean-up week beginning April

## **Encircles The Ruhr** And Turns Eastward

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trian Frontier and British Fleet Active against Japs

In a sixty-mile sweep, General Courtney Hodges' First Army has outflanked Germany's great industrial Ruhr, and apparently has taken its place in the race toward Berlin. The First Army's paralyzing blow, delivered in less than 24 hours, has had its repercus ions throughout Germany, adding to the confusion of the enemy and ggravating chaotic conditions now existing among the super race. Just how far the Allied Armies have adranced could not be learned, the 'Stars and Stripes," American Army newspaper, stating yesterday that its front line map was being omithad driven right off it, and the map

nstitution. More than a million prisoners have een taken since D-Day last June, but unconfirmed reports heard early would be the largest in all history Towns and cities are surrendering by telephone and others are searching for Allied soldiers to whom they could extend the white flag of surrender. The "Hour of Success" is believed near, but it is possible that the enemy is withdrawing all the power he can for a last stand before Berlin. During the meantime, Hitler and many of his murderous gang have withdrawn to Germany's southern provinces to further defy his

fate in the Bavarian Alps. While the northern defenders of Berlin's approaches reeled under these tremendous blows, the United States Third Army slashed almost halfway across Germany's waist with a 20-mile eastward surge that netted a total of 14,000 prisoners, a ecord for one day.

All Germany's great western cites, her last reliance in any longdrawn struggle, were toppling into

Allied hands. Already the Third Army Frankfurt, the Reich's ninth largest city with a population of 546,000, the United States Ninth Army had Duisourg, population 431,000, and Euope's biggest river port, almost in the bag, and the United States 7th Army captured Mannheim, popula-

ion 283,000. The Germans, realizing the enormity of the disasters in the west, wrote off as lost the entire Ruhr, with such manufacturing cities as Essen—greatest munitions maker of all Europe-Hamm, Dortmund, Dues-

seldorf and Muchlheim The First Army cut one of the most important railways from Es sen to Berlin as well as a superhigh way, leaving only two railways still

open out of the Ruhr to the capital. (Luxembourg Radio said the Britsh had entered the Westphalian capital of Muenster, cutting one of these railways. There was no confirmation, but hard-riding British tanks were only 17 miles away when

he news blackout was clamped on.) The United States First Army reeled off the longest gain ever made the county forest fire service, said the Ruhr River and completely outflanking the vital production area.

As the Allied drive pushes eastward, there is unofficial but recognized rumor of a new German secret Special fire-fighting equipment, weapon, one "so powerfully destrucncluding tractors and plows, were tive it is almost inconceivable." Said used in checking the fire and about not to involve poison gas, the reportseventy men worked at various times ed weapon is a tiny gadget which during the more than two days the could be placed in a rocket bomb and fire swept through that area. No which could be launched with comofficial estimate on the damage has plete effectiveness against the Unitbeen released, Mr. Leggett stating ed States. It is declared that the that a representative of the Nation- Germans are saving it for a last al Forestry Service was to make a stand, and they are confident that survey of the acreage burned and the their secret weapon will wipe out

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### Youth Loses Life In English Channel

In a personal letter received this week from Captain Willard C. Merriam, U. S. Army, Mrs. Lucy Moore Perry was advised that her son, Cpl. Clifton B. Moore was killed in action in the English Channel on last Deember 25. Mrs. Perry had been notified previously of her son's unimely death, but the letter from his commanding officer was the first to definitely reveal the approximate scene of the action where the young man made the supreme sacrifice.

The letter reads, in part, as fol-. Your son died in the service of his country, a sacrifice which makes those who knew him deeply

numble. We, who were closely associated with him, share your intense sorrow in the loss of a friend and a "I regret that, inasmuch as a comolete and thorough search has failed

o recover his body, no burial servce could be held. "I realize that there is little any-

one can say or do to alleviate your great sorrow. However, on behalf of the members of your son's unit, I want to extend to you our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy . ."