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Relations Expected

Drive Across Germany Going appeal by tewn officials, a town-Forward: Withdrawal From Italy Certain

their march across Germany, markday in the Pacific Theater. Russia neutrality pact with Japan, the Jap cabinet resigned and General Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz were placed in charge of General Hap Arnold in charge of

Developments following the break of the break is yet to be determined. Some believe that Russia, claiming that the terms of the pact were rendered useless when Japan aided way for her entry into the wa against the Nips. Others are of the sia against the Japs, but that the Allies will be given the use of bases in Siberia. The action was well received by the people of Russia who have never lost their hate for the Japs. In Tokyo, the Japs claim that the denunciation of the pact terms will mean little, that Russia will hardly move within a year, and that in any eventuality, Japan is ready to meet the Russians. The Japs claim they have twenty divisions ready to meet any Russian move, and are sending 500,000 well-equipped puppet troops to the border. At the same time, Russia has two great armies ready to enter the fight against the

During the meantime, Premier Kuniaki Koiso and his cabinet have resigned, and some have read into the action a step toward peace. Aged Admiral Kantaro Suzuki was called to form a new cabinet, and he is expected by some to send out peace

The drive on Okinawa is still go-ing forward despite stiffening resistance on the southern prong. Late reports state that the Jap civilians are actually cooperating with the Americans, the action pointing to a better reception for the invaders when they go to the Jap homeland.

shipping losses in the China Sea have been tremendously heavy during recent days, and that the Japs have been cut off from their stolen possessions to the south

Montgomery's forces are 'gradually of war to shoot at: Bremen and Hanover.

While it is agreed that victory in ing point of the old Burma Road. Europe is nearer than it was a short The men, all originally volunteers time ago, conflicting reports con- with Maj. Gen. Frank D. Merrill's tinue to come out of the European Marauders, are now attacked to the capitals and war zones. Marshal Ti- 475th Infantry Regiment, a unit of to, speaking from Moscow today, was the Mars Task Force, commanded quoted as saying that the war would by Brig. Gen. John P. Willey, of end in a matter of only a few days. Hampton, Va. General Eisenhower is quoted as Volunteering for service with the

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Woman Is Brutally

ville road last Wednesday. Her skull worst monsoon seasons. he knocked her head against the wall. The victim was unconscious for several hours, and while her conin the local hospital where she was admitted late Wednesday afternoon for treatment.

Robinson, moving to this county from Pitt, was arrested by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Cpl. W. S. Hunt of in Italy.-Lyman L. Britt, Williams- ern Front in Germany last February the State Highway Patrol, and plac- ton, N. C., has been assigned to an 23, Pvt. Winford Mobley, Martin ed in the county jail. No hearing aviation engineer topographic bat- County youth, recently was returnhas been scheduled in the case and talion, in the Mediterranean Theater ed to the States after underlying bond is being denied the husband of Operations, which makes photo treatment in an Army hospital in pending the outcome of his wife's maps for use of the Air Forces and England. He was at Camp Pairick

Details of the dastardly attack support of offensive operations. husband was lying around the house Air Base, Salt Lake City, Utah, he Awarded the Purple Heart, the man's screams and called the sheriff, the Italian campaign.

Treaty Denounced, Clean-up Drive Next Week Break in Russo-Jap Certain To Meet with Success

wide clean-up movement is sched- the citizens will recognize the apuled to get underway here next peal. Monday. Business house operators spring cleaning during the week.

weeds, and it is hoped that not a are not in reach. Garbage cans the over-all attack on Japan with single tin can or places favorable to should be kept covered, and fly and ouched. A general appeal is also eliminated. being directed to store owners and in the Russo-Jap relations are an- operators, urging them to either keenly watched, and with the town. xlously awaited. Much speculation burn or pack their waste paper for civic organizations and other interhas followed, but the real meaning removal. Waste paper has been an ested citizens supporting it, the proeye sore in the backlots and in the gram is certain to be successful.

low. It is believed, however, that

In connection with the clean-up While Allied Armies continue have been contacted by special com- program, the health department yesmittees and all property owners are terday pointed out that cleanliness ed developments took place yester- being urged to cooperate with the is one of the cardinal virtues undernovement and do all in their power lying good health. The department formally denounced her five-year to give the ole town a thorough head declares that sewer line connections should be made where pos-Owners of vacant lots are being sible and that other approved proasked to clear them of rubbish and visions be met where sewer lines mosquito breeding will be left un- mosquito breeding places should be

The clean-up movement will be

rendered useless when Japan aided Germany in its war, is clearing the way for her entry into the war. Fifteen Men Called for Calls Twenty Cases opinion that no active part will be played within the next year by Russia against the Jape but that the

APPOINTMENT

A special representative of the North Carolina State Department of Revenue will be in the Martin County courthouse each Monday from 10 a. m. to about 4:30 p. m. to handle departmental business, it was announced this week by H. B. Ritner, department representative.

The name of the deputy collector who wil fill the one-day appointment each week in the courthouse could not be learned. A full-time representative will likely be assigned here just as soon as additional personnel is available.

County Boy Makes A Record In Foot

Reports also declare that Jap Marched More Than 1,000 years. **Miles Over Worst Terrain** In The World

General Sultan's Headquarters, On the European fronts, Allied Burma - A soldier from Martin Armies are still driving on the heart County, Pfc. J. D. Taylor, RFD 2, of Germany, late reports placing Williamston, is a member of the Mars Patton's men within 125 miles of Ber- Task Force fighting the Japs in Burlin and between 150 and 170 miles ma who have made a record for foot from the Russian front. To the north slogging GI's in the other theaters

closing the trap on the estimated Since February, 1944, these infan-50,000 Germans in Holland, while trymen, the only American ground the U. S. Ninth is driving west to combat unit in action in Southeast help clean up the Ruhr with the aid Asia, have marched more than 1000 of Hodges' First. At the same time, miles over what is described as some other forces from the Ninth are driv- of the worst terrain in the world. ing east and are within 30 miles of to drive the Japs out of North Burma and down toward Lashio, start-

saying that the Nazis will fight to Marauders during the early stages of the North Burma campaign, they marched more than 700 miles in four months, much of it through trackless jungles and mountains. The final lap was a 20-day forced march over a 7,000 foot mountain Beaten by Husband which brought them to the Myitkyina airstrip on May 17, 1944. They attacked the strip the next day and Mrs. Pattie Robinson suffered then participated in the 78-day siege serious injuries when she was bru- of the key city. Many of them marchtally beaten by her husband, Leslie ed into the city when it fell on Au-Robinson, at the Tom Bailey home gust 4th. They had fought and lickjust off the old Williamston-Green- ed the Japs during one of Burma's

was fractured and she received bad In November the men, now part bruises on the neck where he choked of the newly constituted Mars Task her and on one eye. It was reported Force, hit the road again. This time that her skull was fractured when they marched more than 300 miles,

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Gets Unit Citation Home From Europe

With the AAF Engineer Command | Wounded in action on the Westthe 5th and 8th Armies, in direct Henry, Va., for a few days before be-

could not be learned immediately, After receiving special training in Hospital, Thomasville, Ga., for furbut one report stated that while the administrative work at the Army ther treatment. boss. One report declared that he received the Distinguished Unit Ci- be back in the States.

Over Half Of Group Are Teen-Age Youth

To Thirty-seven Years; Five Men Married

Fifteen Martin County white men Bragg. The call, hardly measuring trial until next Monday. up to the number expected, drew mostly from the farm ranks. Of the fifteen men answering the call, nine came from the farm. The ages of the group members range from a scant eighteen to about thirtyseven years, nine of the boys having reached their eighteenth birthdays since early last January. One of the

they left behind eight children. No official report on the group of sum of \$100. men reporting for their prethem were unofficially reported to have been accepted. Unless the official report comes in shortly none ment of the court costs. of those passing the tests last month will likely be called before some

time in May. The names of the men reporting for the pre-induction examinations from the county this week and their registration and last-given addresses

Donald Rupert Andrews, Williamston and South Norfolk.

Joe Aaron Whitfield, RFD 1, Oak City and Hamilton. Harrell Aubrey Pierce, RFD 1 Williamston.

Blythe Delbert Pierce, RFD 3, Williamston. Jesse Gray Lilley, RFD 1, William-

James Staton Leggett, Haughton Street, Williamston. Carroll Wade Mobley, Horse Cave, Kentucky, and RFD 2, Williams-

Harvey Sylvester Ray Leggett, RFD 1, Robersonville. Claude Vick, Jr., RFD 2, William

Charlie Curtis Leggett, RFD 2, Robersonville, and RFD 2, William-

Jesse Herbert Rogers, RFD 3, Williamston. Evan Beacham, RFD 1, Jamesville.

James Delbert Jones, RFD 1, Jamesville. Dowell Guy Forbes, RFD 1, Rob ersonville.

William Lonnie Haislip, RFD 3 Williamston.

Jesse Gray Lilley, RFD 1, Wil

dition is regarded as serious she was said to be getting along very well Pvt. Lyman L. Britt Wounded Soldier Is

ing transferred to Feany General

liamston, for the duration.

CANNERS

Victory gardeners may not be so numerous, but Martin County farmers and farm wemen are believed to be making extensive

home food supplies. Six canners were delivered to the agricultural building here this week for inspection, and it is certain that many others apparently in good repair will be put to good use this summer. Some the canners inspected this week by an engineer sent here by the State Extension Service were found to be in bad repair. Several new steam gauges were needed along with gaskets.

While no one faces starvation in this country, food is likely to be fairly scarce in coming months, and reports would seem to indicate that if ever there was a time to plant a victory garden that time is now.

Judge Calvin Smith er, the county accepting one-fourth the State, one-fourth, and the feder-

Middle of March Draws Sizable Crowd

After remaining idle for two n session one week and scheduled From County Farms to work a second week, the Martin County Recorder's Court resumed which a couple of meetings in be-Ages Range from Eighteen tween the regular March term and a special term of the superior tribunal convening on April 23. Judge J. C. Smith called twenty cases, but several of them were continued and defendants failed to appear in two left last Wednesday noon for pre- or three others. A few cases on

The session last Monday lasted \$14.00. longer than usual and attracted a fairly sizable crowd. Proceedings:

Jafus James and Hubert Whitaker, both charged with non-support, failed to appear and papers were issued calling for their arrests.

In the case charging Ernest Belgroup was only eighteen years of lamy with bastardy, the court di-Slogging in Burma group was only eighteen years of lamy with bastardy, the court diage last February 27. Other than those in the teen-age group, the paying \$3 a month for the care and ages ranged from 24 to almost 37 support of his illegitimate child, and reappear for further judgment Five of the men are married and on the first Monday in April of next year. Bond was required in the grants by a few dollars.

Pleading not guilty, Lonnie Rog-

his arrest.

tinued until next Monday. Adjudged guilty of assaulting an-

ed to pay the costs. A continuance was granted in the an assault with a deadly weapon.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Nathan Rease was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and costs tunate children present a serious geles and Williamston, and Alberta are not over here on a vacation," and on the further condition that the problem, Mrs. Winston said, and al- L. Nolan, 770 Hubbard St., Detroit, defendant be regularly employed though the last general assembly Mich. during the suspension period of one gave the problem a "sort of priorthe defendant with an assault with a deadly weapon, judgment was sus-disgraceful. She told about correcpended upon the payment of the tional institutions, how the mental-

The case charging Lawrence Wiggins and Albert Wilson with assaultng a female was continued until next Monday

Lugene Bell was found not guilty done with the wayward child?" was Leona Bridgett, both of Williamsin the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

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Child Recovers After Being Run Over By An Automobile

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. was released from the local hospital mits, aids crippled children, makes this week after recovering from in- investigations and aids war veterjuries received when he was run ans, the speaker explained. over by an automobile driven by his uncle the early part of this week. one in this State, but Dr. Winston, The child was playing around the car and the driver did not know it. that it must have the combined co-Fortunately the tire was not fully operation of everyone if it is to inflated and that with the dirt absorbed part of the blow to the child's head, it was stated.

Firemen Called To Tar Heel Apartment Wednesday

Starting from cigarette ashes, fire damaged an easy chair and smoked in a drunken condition his wife had was sent overseas and has seen three young man stated in a letter to his up a Tar Heel apartment shortly few days. gone to the Bailey home to help pick months of active duty in Italy as wife, the former Miss Catherine before 10 o'clock last Wednesday a tobacco bed, that he later followed company clerk with the aviation en- Wynne, that his condition was much night. No one had been in the apartand was going to show her who was gineers. Pvt. Britt's battalion has improved and that he was happy to ment for about two hours, and other drunk and down. tenants in the building broke beat his wife during the greater part tation, and he wears the Unit Cita- Mrs. Mobley and their small through a glass door and had the of an hour, that the aged members tion Badge and the European-Afri- daughter, Sandra, are making their fire under control by the time volof the Bailey family were unable to can-Middle East Theater Ribbon, home with Mrs. Mobley's mother, unteers carried the fire-fighting intervene. A traveler heard the wo- with one battle participation star for Mrs. Thurston Wynne, RFD 3, Wil- equipment there. Very little damage was done.

Dr. Ellen Winston Addresses Meeting

wiever Reviews Welfare Program and Services In North Carolina

Addressing members of the several ocal civic organizations and special guests, Dr. Ellen Winston, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, reriewed in detail the public welfare program in North Carolina last Wednesday evening in the Woman's Club building here. Expressing a keen interest in her work, the gifted speak r outlined the four main divisions of the welfare program in the State and frankly offered some startling facts, facts bordering on the disgraceful.

Public assistance is being extended to 33,000 aged persons in the State, according to the commissioner, the county accepting one-fourth, al government, one-half the cost. The everage grant of about \$12 in this State ranks about 46th or just two rom the bottom in the list of grants In Recorder's Court in the nation. The number receiving old age pensions has dropped about 7,000 since the war, she explained.

First Session Held Since The In Martin County the number remains about the same or around 220. Mrs. Winston, not so long in the high welfare position, explained that case investigations generally fix minimum needs for the aged per weeks while the superior court was sioner and his or her mate cost ap proximately \$35 or \$40 a month. Ordinarily the pensioner has othe sources of income, the children or its activities last Monday to sand- other relatives aiding with smal contributions, leaving a deficit o about \$20. Then the welfare program ly grant of \$12. It is not quite clear where the other \$8 comes from, or how the pensioner gets along without it. At the present time, Martin County is pensioning its needy aged at induction examinations at Fort the docket were not scheduled for the rate of \$11.86, but it is proposed Getsinger in this county last month, gallons of garbage found in a second

> families with dependent children, in various parts of the country. the average for the state being around \$23.46. North Carolina ranks age size. 47th in the aid-to-dependent-children

Dr. Winston said that the last session of the General Assembly admitit should, and raised the average dard, RFD 3, Williamston.

induction examinations in March erson and Lafayette Pearsall were need for local participation and de-NAS, Weeksville, N. C. has been received. Quite a few of found guilty in the case charging clared that the program for the State them with cruelty to animals. Judg- can advance no faster than the 100 line Johnson, both of Hamilton. ment was suspended upon the pay- county units advance. She explain- Pvt. Slade R. White, Williamston this country enough to eat, treat William J. Everett, charged with it is apparent that progress is being Grimes, of Williamston. disorderly conduct, failed to appear made in theory, at least, in that field. and papers were issued calling for The work and activities in this divi- and Williamston, and Ruby Van- sion." sion are indeed extensive. They deal Landingham Harrell, of Williams-The case charging Sidney Harris with orphanages, adoptions, board-ton. with disorderly conduct was con- ing homes and provisions for meet-

ing an ever-increasing need. other with a deadly weapon, Gaynor the welfare department is offering Robersonville and Washington, N. C. oners can "make their bed either soft Edwards was fined \$10 and requir- special services, Dr. Winston said, citing a case where the welfare con- Douglas, Wis., and Williamston, and go out and give a good day's work' sultant had found a soldier's wife Virginia Hines, of Williamston. case charging Oscar Bynum with denying food to her children. It is Pvt. Malotha B. Price, of RFD 3, rules and regulations. "We want to commissioner, psychiatric and psy- James, of Robersonville. the child welfare field.

The feeble-minded and less-for-In a second case, charging ity," the action of the State in meeting its responsibility is shameful and Jones, both of Palmyra. ly ill were confined to common jails with no room for them in institu- both of Williamston. tions. She stressed the illegality in placing minors in the common jail, ner, both of Palmyra. but the big question, "What is to be

not immediately answered. Law enforcement officers have questioned a law that rules out the jailing of minors when there is no provision for handling the youthful offender. It was suggested by the speaker that it was the community's problem.

The welfare department "keeps" Bennie Griffin of Williams Township minors in school, issues work per-The welfare program is a great

concluding her remarks, pointed out

Three Cases Heard By Justice Hassell

Three cases were heard by Jus-John Henry White, colored, was

Charged with disorderly conduct,

him with disorderly conduct.

Congressman Inspects Wednesday Night Prisoner of War Camp

OLD CLOTHES

A nation-wide arive is underway to collect old clothing for unfortunate millions who have been reduced to rags or left almost naked in the wake of war in a number of countries. Headed by the Lions Club and sponsored by other civic organizations, the drive is scheduled to reach its climax locally on the afternoon of Sunday, April 15, when a house-to-house canvass will be made. During the meantime every individual is urged to inventory his wardrobe, pull out every piece of clothing that can be spared, have it cleaned but not pressed and made ready

for the canvassers. The collection depot will be maintained in the showroom of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, and any one, especially those cities in the rural communities where no canvass can be made, who can spare any clothing is asked to deliver it there to K. D. Worrell or Wheeler Manning

Average Number Of Marriage Licenses Is **Issued in the County**

comes along with an average month- Most of Grooms Volunteer from Armed Forces in Various Parts of Country

ued by Register of Deeds J. Sam grounds, and there were hardly two to increase the average to about ten going to white and ten to color- can following the noon-day meal. ed couples. Apparently finding the The aid to dependent children plan number of prospects limited among whether he would favor a reduction was explained, and there, too, is a the civilian population, Cupid did in food rations for the prisoners, but fairly wide gap between the allow- an effective work among members it was apparent that he was deeply ance and actual needs. Martin Coun- of the armed forces, at least eight of worried over the comparison of the ty is allowing about \$29 a month to the grooms coming from the services treatment received by German pris-

The issuance was about the aver-Licenses were issued to the follow-

ng couples: ted that the State was not doing what and Williamston, and Thelma Bed-

Continuing her review of the State sonville and Fort Monroe, Va., and ly before an interpreter, the law Helen Sugg, S 2/c, Goldsboro and maker recalled the treatment William Herbert Everett and Pau-

S/Sgt. James A. Wynne, of Williamston and Oliver General Hospi-

Jimmy James and Naomi Hunter, both of Jamesville.

Luther Perkins and Ruth Nichols, Henry Ridley and Roberta Skin-Luther Earl Griffin and Maggie

Gladys Baker, of Oak City. Fleming, both of Robersonville. Louise Brown, both of RFD, Wil- Cemetery

iamston. Willie Acklin and Larsie Lee Haris, both of Bethel. Kelly Wilkins and Emma White nurst, both of Robersonville

County Young Man Gets Army Release

September 10, 1944, Burrace F. Ange, survives. She also leaves besides Martin County young man of the her mother, one brother, George H. Jamesville section, was recently giv- Wynne, who is now stationed in Texen an honorable discharge by the as after serving in both the Pacific Army. Pfc. Ange was the victim of and European war theaters; four a gunshot wound on the side of his sisters, Mrs. Chas. Mizelle and Misses face, but after receiving treatment Della Catherine and Dollie Jane tice J. L. Hassell here during the past in Army hospitals he is apparently Wynne, all of Williamston, and Mrs. getting along very well now. He was Faye White, of Columbus, Ohio. here yesterday morning to have his taxed with \$9.50 costs for being discharge recorded in the office of service last June, she and the chilthe register of deeds.

Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Bonner Surprised to Find Limited Supply Of Food In Storage

Frankly Declares that Prisoners Can "Make Their Bed Either Soft or Hard"

Concerned over reports received relative to surplus food stored for German prisoners of war, Congressman Herbert Bonner made a hurried but fairly complete inspection of the camp on Roanoke River here Wednesday afternoon. He was particularly interested in checking a report claiming that canned milk was being unloaded by the carload for prisoners of war at the local camp. But he did not stop his personal investigation there. The representative reached the camp just as supplies for the next two days were being unloaded by trucks directly from the parent camp at Buiner. He read the shipping lists, examined a can of milk, went to the cold storage rooms, the dry storage compartments, peeked into the recreation hall and in-

spected the garbage pails one by one Commenting on the inspection, Congressman Bonner declared he was surprised to find such a small quantity of food on hand, and added found that the prisoners were being the small amount of garbage in the Twenty marriage licenses were is- cans. In one pail were a few coffee

Congressman Bonner did not say oners in this country and that accorded Americans held prisoners by

Nothing like retaliation was mentioned, but Bonner said that a wave of indignation was sweeping the Roy G. Stevenson, of Harvey Point country against the treatment accorded Americans in German prison camps, and that it was about time to Pfc. Herman R. Whitley, of Rober- tighten up a bit. Talking quite frank-German prison camps, and explained "we want to give the prisoners in ed the division of child welfare, and and Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Sarah them kindly and as humans, but they must wake up and find out that they Pvt. Albert Murphy, of New York are not in this country on an excur-

His words were spoken with deep meaning and emphasized with strong

language at one or two points. Talking directly to an interpret-In addition to financial assistance, tal, Atlanta, and Eunice Wynne, of er, Bonner frankly said that the pris-Pvt. Ernest Schneider, of Camp or hard." He added that they "can or anticipate a more rigid set of limited now, but according to the Williamston, and Frances Christine send the prisoners back home, and send them in good shape, firmly imchological service is likely to be ex- Albert Bullock, of Oak City, and pressed that they have been fairly panded to meet an urgent need in Lillie Mae Jackson, of Washington, treated, but they have a part to perform. They will find it to their ad-Joseph C. McCormick, of Los An- vantage to wake up and realize they

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Spruill Williams and Elizabeth Funeral Sunday For Mrs. Jas, Edmondson

Funeral services will be conducted at the home on North Haughton Street Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Mrs. Etta Mae Edmondson who died Wednesday at 1:25 o'clock p. Haywood Fields, of Palmyra, and m. following a long illness. Rev. John L. Goff will conduct the serv-John Lee Sheppard and Doris ice, and he will be assisted by Rev. B. T. Hurley. Interment will follow Hoyt Purrington and Fannie in the family plot in Woodlawn

Mrs. Edmondson suffered an attack of pneumonia about five months ago and had been confined to her bed since, patiently suffering and striving to recover her health dur-

ing the long period. The daughter of Mrs. Katie Harrison Wynne and the late George D. Wynne, she was born in Williamston on June 1, 1923. She was mar-ried to James T. Edmondsor in February, 1941, and he with two chil-Wounded near Brest, France, on dren, Tony Ray and Brenda Kay,

Since her husband entered the dren had made their home with her The young man entered the serv- mother on North Haughton Street. Henry Crawford was fined \$5 and ice in December, 1943, and was over- Mr. Edmondson, stationed at Tynrequired to pay \$6 costs.

seas from July 15, 1944 to last Octo-dall Field, Florida, reached home beto pay \$9 costs in the case charging much time in Northington General expected home from Texas late to-

morrow.