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Meeting Renominates Prisoner of War Fao Hondis, Mayor And Old Board

Opposition Did Not Materialize at Town **Convention Friday**

Politics Virtually Settled for Two More Years at 15-Minute Meeting

Local politics was settled for another two years at a crowded convention in the courthouse last Friday evening when an organization was perfected, rules and regulations formulated and the incumbent mayor and five members of the board of commissioners were renominated in less than eighteen minutes, the renominated mayor finding time to crowd in a brief acceptance speech without delaying the proceedings.

The action, virtually endorsing the program of the local administration, Battle For Berlin was handled in such a short time that quite a few hardly realized what had happened, and several stragglers met the convention on its way out.

The convention ticket will be placed before the electorate next Tuesday, May 1, the election, judging | Congressmen To Investigate from the record, being recognized as a routine step in Democracy's sim-

Mayor John L. Hassell opened the convention and after briefly anfrom F. J. Margolis and nominations return of the dark ages. were closed seconds later. Nomina- Officially, the Americans and Rusbest efforts, if elected next Tues- south of Berlin. United annual

Before calling for nominations for momentarily. commissioner, Chairman Horton ask-Sr., made a motion to declare the ports placing them at the Po. five highest candidates the convention nominees. The motion was seconded by E. S. Peel and by the time zis hope to make their death stand- Mrs. George Martin of Raleigh. it was carried, R. L. Coburn was rec-

"I am not saying the present commissioners are the best to be had, but organized resistance on the present local Methodist church, and Elder Post Office Income I do say they have done a good job," he said in offering G. H .Harrison, N. C. Green, L. P. Lindsley, V. D. ination. A second was offered by Elbert Peel and Chairman Horton asked if there were other nominations. from Vienna. an opposition vote it was too weak the enemy from France to Yugoto be heard.

Adjournment was proposed and ordered after Chairman Horton ask- for all practical purposes, the Red ning, Mayor John L. Hassell eulo- year. Based on the three-cent sales the house

was attended by an estimated 300 South. citizens, including a goodly number of women and several cripples. fell, the British 2nd Army turned has done. We were all shocked and was also a fairly sizable increase in County War Price and Rationing consideration stipulated and deed it the child was playing beside East

was some disappointment because no contests developed, but there were no outward attacks directed Wehrmacht to the point where it against the administration.

Young Man Returns

South Pacific where he was serious- was the first to report a meeting, in less and labored in an unselfish and ly wounded on January 6th, George Griffin, recently returned to a Naval hospital in Norfolk after spending several days near here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Grif-Local Man Buys The fin, RFD 1, Williamston.

two years, Griffin was serious burned on the right arm and shoulder when the battleship was bombed. In addition to the burns he sustained a and large-scale county farm operathis a better country and a better shrapnel wound in the back.

homa was hit three times by Jap chase price was not officially revealplanes and one of the hits seriously ed, but one report stated that it was Officers Wreck Still In damaged the battleship. In this raid around \$36,000. 240 men were killed.

sons in the service. A seaman and ton Peanut Company, to grant them of Cross Roads Township last Sat stationed on a destroyer which has storage rights for peanuts during urday, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck been doing convoy duty since the the next twenty years. invasion of Italy, William Griffin is The house was sold subject to a a 100-gallon capacity tin still and son, Berlin, is in the Navy.

BOND QUOTA

Martin County people are being asked to invest \$745,000 in war bonds during the seventh war loan drive opening May 14 and continuing through June 30. The quota is \$45,000 larger than the one assigned the county during the sixth drive last November-December.

Of the \$745,000 quota, the people are asked to invest \$371,-000 in Series "E" bonds. The "E" bond quota is \$126,000 larger than the one assigned the county a few months ago.

The quotas were announced last week-end by H. A. Bowen, the county's permanent bond chairman, and D. V. Clayton, chairman of the drive. Save today and be prepared to buy a bond in May.

Continues; Expect Link-up Very Soon

Atrocities; Conference **Opens Tomorrow**

Although the enemy's last battle nouncing the schedule of business line in the West has crumbled, fierce he named Hugh G. Horton perma- fighting and stiffening resistance are nent chairman. The organization for being reported in several sectors as handling the business was perfected the Allied Forces scramble for Bertion was made ready for the business around Hitler's dying empire. Even at hand, Elbert Peel was recognized though the Russians hold 190 square and he offered the name of John L. miles of the famous city, the battle Hassell. Mr. Peel explained that the for Berlin this morning was said to incumbent had served consecutive- be marked by stiffening resistance. ly in the office since 1933, and went There'll be no more fighting for oneon to say that he was on the job from half of the city because the Russians nomination, in keeping with a fast- now waving over the spot of ruins there, moving schedule, received a second where Hitler and his gang plotted a

tion was unanimous, the nominee in sians have not linked-up, but an un- One son, Benjamin, who is now a brief address expressing his ap- confirmed report from Russia stated serving in the Navy in the South Papreciation for it and pledging his that the forces had met sixty miles cific, survives. Her second marriage day, in handling the affairs of the ment of the historic meeting of the Besides her husband and son she Americans and Russians is expected leaves her mother, four brothers,

ed the convention what rules it British Eighth Armies continue to buck of Smithfield, and F. J. Roewould adopt. Citizen Chas. Godwin, chase the fleeing Germans, late re- buck of Newcastle, Pa., and four sis-

southern "redoubt"-where the Na- Stewart Sprague of Williamston and European battlefields.

S. 7th armies have swept across the ister of this county. Interment was Godwin and R. T. Griffin for renom- Danube, and the French have reach- in the Spring Green Cemetery. ed the Swiss border with the Rus-

slavia.

have merged their lines into one, Roosevelt. The fifteen-minute convention splitting Germany in two, North and

must rely on guerilla warfare.

This is how it was: west of Berlin, Signal Corps inter- Democratic leader. preters and tankmen glued their ears To Naval Hospital breters and tankmen glued their cuntor radio sets, listening to the running conversation of Soviet tankmen mestic and international, were in the closing eastward below Berlin for hands of an intelligent, courageous Few Removing Old Motor Stationed on the Oklahoma in the the historic junction. Radio Berlin and experienced leader. He was fear-

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In the Navy for approximately Planters Warehouse

Mr. J. Edward Corey, local man tor, recently purchased the Planters According to the seaman the Okla- (Brick) Warehouse here. The pur-

Mr. Corey entered into an agree-Mr. and Mrs. Griffin have four ment with the sellers, the Williams-

here now visiting his parents. He left 1945 lease to a tobacco firm, but it confiscated an expensive copper today for a new assignment. Archie is understood that Mr. Corey will worm. They poured out 200 gallons Griffin is in the Army, and the fourth operate the house for the sale of leaf of beer and confiscated twenty gal-

Officially reported missing on February 6, Pvt. William J. Etneridge, young Martin County man, was liberated from a prisoner of war camp in Germany by advancing American armies on April 1, his father, Mr. Dave W. Etheridge, of Near Hassell, learned last week-end.

In a letter written April 5, Pvt. Etheridge said, ". . . I am getting along fine at the present and am very happy. We were liberated about 10 o'clock Easter Sunday night. The G. I.'s came into the camp Monday morning about 8:00 o'clock, and gee, that was indeed a happy moment for all of us. It's wonderful to be writing home again; in fact, it's wonderful to be in G. I. hands again.

"We started eating Army chow Tuesday night and once again we have full stomachs.'

Pvt. Etheridge had very little to say about his condition or the treatment he received while he was held by the Germans for almost two months. He did tell his father, "I know that God has been with me; in fact, all the fellows, because without His help we probably could not have lived through it."

The young soldier, going overseas two weeks ago. For an address, he week.



PVT. WM. J. ETHERIDGE

gave his name and army serial num-

Shortly after Pvt. Etheridge was reported missing, a companion, Dewey Stalls, also of the Hassell section, in The Enterprise. the early part of this year after en- wrote home and intimated that the tering the service last August, did missing youth had been taken prisnot state where he had been held oner. Nothing was heard from Pvt. prisoner, and he had no address when Etheridge until his father and friends he wrote to his father a little over received the letter from him last

County Native Dies In Virginia Friday

Mrs. Nellie Roebuck McGee, a na tive of this county, died in a Petersin short order, and when the conven- lin and to throw a ring of steel burg hospital last Friday night following an extended illness.

The daughter of Mrs. Nellie Roe buck of RFD 3, Williamston, and the late Fred Roebuck, Mrs. McGee was born in Poplar Point Township 45 years ago, and spent her early life early morning until late at night. The have laid it to waste, the Red flag at the country home of her parents

When a young woman she was married to Benjamin Daniel and made her home in Rocky Mount. ince- was to W. S. McGee of Petersburg Dr. C. T. Roebuck of Colerain, C. L. In Italy, the American Fifth and Roebuck of Norfolk, Alphonso Roeters, Mrs. W. E. Grimes of Green-The Allied attack on Germany's ville, Mrs. Hal Bridgers and Mrs.

is underway from three directions | Funeral services were conducted and there is mounting evidence that at the family country home near the enemy is close to the end of its here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock local Methodist church, and Elder In the West, the French 1st and U. W. E. Grimes, Primitive Baptist min-

Receipts at the local post office from Vienna. In the south, Allied forces in Italy Receipts at the local post office to the first quarter this Receipts at the local post office to the first quarter this Receipts at the local post office to the first quarter this Receipts at the local post office to the first quarter this treat, have spread the word that the \$9,421.25 treat, have spread the word that the \$16,000 suit she was struck by a car driven by Al-

"The death of President Roosevelt thousand stamps.

long suffering devotion for the causes that he believed to be right," the speaker said.

"In 1933 when hope and confidence were almost gone, Roosevelt came along and restored that which was lost. He fought for and sponsored legislation that directly affected and law. assisted the poor people of this country. He dedicated his life to making world to live in."

Cross Roads Township

Raiding in the Gus Lane section and his assistant, Roy Peel, wrecked lons of fine molasses.

FAT STOCK SHOW

Eighteen Martin County 4-H Club members are anxiously, even nervously, awaiting the time to place their baby beef calves in the second annual Martin County Fat Stock show here the latter part of this week. And it's going to be a corking good show, according to Assistant Agent Claude Goodman, who maintains the young boys and several girls will offer exhibits that will eclipse most anything seen in the State this year.

In addition to the club entries, several individual farmers will compete for some of the show prizes.

The stock will be placed in the Planters Warehouse Thursday and made ready for judging Friday morning. The sale will be held Friday afternoon, and it is hoped that the sponsors and others interested in advancing a real livestock program in the county will take an active part in the bidding.

County housewives are interested in the sale to the extent that they hope it will ease the meat shortage locally for a time, at least.

Greatly Increased

The pause was brief at that point, and the question before the house and the question before the house was put to a vote and if there was will draw a continuous line against At Kiwanis Meeting bunn announcing that the \$\psi_0^{\psi_0}\$. In the south, Allied forces in Italy are moving toward a junction which are moving toward and moving toward a junction which are moving toward a junction which are moving toward and moving toward a j At the regular meeting of the Ki- year ago. Most of the gain was re- Fifty-three Tires The Russians are in Berlin and, wanis Club here last Thursday eve- ported in the first two months of the ed if there was other business before Army and the Allies in the West gized the late President Franklin D. for the most part, the income represents the sale of some over 300

It was fairly apparent that there up a Hitler order of the day which grieved when the sad news announc- the money order business handled Board last Friday night. says in substance that the situation ing his passing reached us," Mr. Has- by the office last quarter. Money in the West has degenerated for the sell said. In rare form the mayor orders were issued in the amount of truck tires were issued to the fol-plaintiff further maintains that per-backed into its path. made an excellent tribute to the late \$46,409.25, a figure slightly more lowing: president and the Kiwanians present than \$6,300 greater than the one said the eulogy was one of the best recorded for the first three months ply Co., W. I. Skinner and Co., Car-Up and down the American front they had heard since the death of the in 1944. However, the business last olina Telephone Co. March was smaller by more than "With Mr. Roosevelt in the White \$1,000 than the total handled in sued as follows: N. R. Rogers, Wil-fendant and Mrs. J. W. Anderson, the

Vehicle License Plates

Advised recently that it was illegal to display old license tags on their motor vehicles, quite a few owners have removed the old plates. Others have not and they are warnbefore starting a drive to enforce the before starting a drive to enforce the before starting a drive to enforce the ward, Mrs. Annie Mae Lilley, John Local Firm Buys

ROUND-UP

Activities on the local police front were at a low point last week-end, the jail records showing that only two persons were detained in the county's boarding house during the period. One was arrested and jailed for drunken driving and a second was detained for allegedly possessing illegal liquor. One was a young white man, the other a middle-aged colored man.

Recalls Few Experiences As First Aider, and Amateur Entertainer

Pfc. Bennie Weaver, the daring young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Weaver of Williamston, and who has the knack of being happy wherever he may be, is having a great time over in the Philippines, according to a letter received a few days ago by The Enterprise. Needless to say, his letters, just as letters from any of the young Martin Coun ty men, are graciously received and carefully noted. Officially, Bennie is listed as a "doctor" and some have goften around to calling him "duck" after the great character Donald in he cartoons.

His letter follows: "It hasn't been very long since you heard from me, but so many things

have happened since that time, I just can't tell all. And, of course some are military secrets.

"Today, I received some letters from a few friends and it seems as though everyone saw my last article

"To begin with-I've moved again and am very well satisfied with our new location. The Filipinos here really treat us fine and life isn't bad at all. I'm just afraid something will happen so that this 'set-up' o mine will be done away with.

"Here's what I'm doing: Another fellow and I are running a dispensary for this company, doing firstaid work, but sending serious cases to our captain not far from here. Anyway, we handle anything from bruises. Seriously, I like the work although we have to have someone here 24 hours a day. Tonight happens to be Bill's (that's my friend's name) night off and I'm hoping I won't be interrupted by some GI's

out mostly 'tropical ulcers'.

"I know, last year this time if ach. Some of the fellows in the the sum of \$185. company have to leave the dispen-I'm used to them now.

have even offered Bill and me a re-claimed by the plaintiff. frigerator which I think we are gojust won't take 'no' for an answer.

tory', and hold up two fingers.

far they haven't. "The thing that gets me the most

shocked the people of this country While the revenue from stamp forty-two for cars and one for a that the defendant was to operate moved the child from the hospital la-And while these climactic blows and of the world as no other man sales was materially increased, there tractor—were issued by the Martin the derendant was to operate moved the child from the hospital latter tractor—were issued by the Martin the farm, pay off the debt for the ter in the day. According to reports,

Certificates for the purchase of

J. E. Andrews, Williamston Sup-

Bailey, S. O. Peel, Arthur Revels, C. fendant explained at that time that A. Hough, G. W. Ayers, Walter Keel, he did that so there would not be Bennie Bryant, Andrew C. Kirby, so many papers to be signed in bor-Viola P. Leggett, W. C. Chance, H. H. Roberson, J. Dawson Roberson, Fannie Cowin Shelton, Perlie Hardison, J. W. Grimes, J. T. Powell, Gar-Carolina Delivery Company has been gleton, last Sunday. No details were N. Chance, G. E. Jenkins, H. D. Harrison, Jr., Mrs. H. L. Meador, John F. Thigpen, B. K. Taylor, D. V. Clayton, E. T. Smith, Palmer Taylor, Jake Purvis, W. J. Johnson, W. L. Ausbon, A. Corey, B. H. James, Mrs. Levi Harrison, W. H. Peel, J. Carl Griffin.

L. Roberson.

A tractor tire was issued to Vance

Correction In Jamesville

the recent Red Cross War Fund, two this section. errors were made. Donations were \$2, and Mrs. Sam Godard \$2.

Youth of County Is Liberated In The Philippines Wreck Early Saturday

BARBECUE

A big day in the Martin County Farm Bureau's annual program will be observed here next Friday when approximately 1,-500 farmers are expected for the annual barbecue supper and speaking. The speaking will be held in the high school auditorium at 6 o'clock, and the supper will be served in the gymnasium

immediately afterwards. The best cooks in the county have been engaged to prepare the meal. Between 25 and 28 pigs have been engaged and they will be prepared Martin County style. Corn bread will be prepared by the bushels and gallons of slaw will be served along with other trimmings.

Alonza Edwards of Hookerton will address the meeting. Mr. Edwards, a recognized leader in the State Farm Bureau, is a member of the legislature and he will have a timely message for Farm Bureau members.

Superior Court In Second of Special

Jury Allows Judgment in Sum of the worst wrecks they had seen of \$185 After Working All Day on Mule Case

Opening the second of a twoweeks' term of superior court for the trial of civil cases only, Judge R. D. railing post down the road 93 feet with a cut or something. Men, I Dixon of Edenton called the case of have learned, can be such 'babies' Mrs. Ada Brown against Dan Smith, at times, but over here you have to Washington mule dealer. Nearly all be mighty careful about cuts and day was spent in taking evidence in and splinters. The boards from the the case and hearing the litigants' bridge railing struck Sheppard and "We treat, I think, at least fifty counsel in their addresses and Judge Godard. Biggs, also known as John Filipinos for one thing or another, Dixon's charge to the jury. The issues were placed in the hands of the jury about 5:30 o'clock and a decision someone had showed me a tropical was reached after an argument lastulcer like I see each day, I would ing the greater part of an hour. The have easily gotten sick on my stom- plaintiff was given a judgment in side. The machine cleared the stream

sary while I'm dressing some, but defendant sold her a pair of mules in February of last year, that they the shock, went for help, but it was "These ulcers are caused by mal- did not come up to his guarantee, not until the patrolmen reached nutrition and lack of medical care. and damages in the sum of \$450 were These Filipinos are always bring- asked. Apparently the jury had lit- ard were recovered from the wrecking us things such as vegetables, the difficulty in reaching a decision fruits and souvenirs, and we even to the guarantee, but found it difhave a radio in our tent. Now they ficult to fix the amount of damages

A shortage of jurors faced the ing to get some time soon. They court yesterday morning, several farmers, explaining to the judge that charged with reckless driving and Everywhere you go, children run they had planned to transplant toout hollering at you, 'Hello, Joe, Vic-bacco, asked to be excused. Deputy hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell J. H. Roebuck scoured the town and here some time next week. "I thought, after a while, they finally rounded up enough jurymen Damage to the bridge was estimatwould get tired of doing it, but so for the court to proceed with its ed at \$100 and that to the car at business.

Very few spectators were in the

Allotted By Board purchase of the Anderson farms re-relative in Elizabeth City. Campbell cently sold near Williamston, that Fifty-three tires—ten for trucks, and receive to per cent. The pand tions and bruises. The family resonal property valued at about \$3, 000 was on the farm at the time, that he left his half of the property there. County Young Man Later it was learned that a deed had Passenger tire certificates were is-been prepared in the name of the deliam H. Tyre, Marion Evans, Seth plaintiff pointing out that the derowing money.

The \$25,000 damage suit brought y Mrs. Chas. Whitaker against the continued, Judge Dixon setting it for trial in June

The Harrison Oil Company recent- able to return home. ly purchased the large bulk oil plant | A native of Pitt County, Conglewas not disclosed.

Red Crass Contributions pacity of approximately 400,000 gal- went to Philadelphia and entered the In listing the contributions to age to almost one million gallons in been overseas about thirteen months.

port trucks and boats.

Young Cirl Injured When Struck by Car Saturday Afternoon

John Biggs, Colored, Faces Reckless and Manslaughter Charges in Court

Louis Sheppard, 25-year-old colored man, was killed and William Godard, about 29, was fatally injured when the car in which they were riding went out of control, ripped away a bridge railing at Bear Grass Swamp not far from the Martin-Beaufort boundary shortly after midnight last Friday. John Biggs, colored, owner and driver of the 1941 Plymouth, escaped with minor

bruises and some shock. Sheppard, the top of his face and head riped away by the bridge timbers, died instantly. Godard, his lower part of his face almost torn away and part of his tongue ripped out, died in the local hospital Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock without re-

gaining consciousness. The three colored men were last een between 11:30 and midnight Friday in Bear Grass where they went to buy a gallon of kerosene. W. S. Hunt and W. E. Saunders of the Two Weeks' Term S. Hunt and W. E. Saunders of the State Highway Patrol, were called about 1:30 o'clock and they reached there a short time later to find one n months.

Driving in the direction of the Beaufort line, the car, apparently traveling at a rapid speed, skidded side of the bride, knocking the corner and tearing the rail timber away for looked as if it had been struck by a buzz bomb loaded with timber Respass, was either thrown out of the car or he jumped out. The car continued its wild run into the swamp, landing on its nose and turning a somesault to land on its left of water and landed in the mud and

there that the dead man and God-

Godard and Sheppard both lived in this county and Biggs lived just across the line in Beaufort.

Biggs, said to have had a small portion of wine, has been formally manslaughter and will be given a

brought by O. S. Anderson against ton P. Campbell, young Rocky Mount J. B. Cherry. The plaintiff maintains man who with his parents was on that he started negotiations for the his way to attend the funeral of a purchase of the Anderson farms re-relative in Elizabeth City. Campbell the defendant was to put up \$2,000 fering with a broken right arm at and receive 10 per cent. The plain- the elbow, a head injury and laceraone-half to the plaintiff and one-half Main Street and started to run across to the J. W. Anderson heirs. The it. She saw the car, stopped and then

Dies Over in France

Floyd Congleton, 28-year-old colored man, died in France on April 7, presumably from wounds received several months ago, according to a message received by his parents, offered, and little could be learned about the soldier during the past six or seven months spent in France.

One report received by a relative a short time ago said that Congleton, a private first class, was in a hospi-Purol Bulk Plant a private first class, was in a hospital somewhere in France and was getting along very well. He expressed the hope that he would soon be

of the Purol Oil Company on Roan- ton moved to this county with his oke River here. The purchase price parents when he was a baby, and lived in the Robersonville commun-The property, having a storage ca- ity most of hi slife. About 1940 he lons, will boost the company's stor- service a short time later. He had His parents, now making their home New pipe lines have been laid for in Parmele, said Sunday that they made as follows: Mrs. Watson Waters unloading oil from rail cars, trans- had not heard from him in several