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Seven County Youths Recent War Casualties

One Killed, Four Are Wounded, One Dies And One Is Missing

Reports Received This Week From Several Theaters Of Operations

Seven Martin County young men were included in recent war casualties, according to messages coming from the War Department during the past few days.

MISSING



Sgt. James Edward Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Taylor, RFD 1, Williamston, has been missing in Germany since April 8, his wife, the former Miss Lilian Pollard of near Robersonville, was advised this week.

No detailed information has been received following the delivery of the messages notifying relatives of the casualties.

The first in the group of war casualties just recently reported was Pfc. Floyd Congleton, 28-year-old colored man, who died in a hospital somewhere in France on April 7th, presumably of wounds received several months ago.

Pfc. Joshua Mariner, also a young colored man, was killed in action over in Italy on April 5th, his parents, Gus and Mittie Mariner, of near Jamesville, were advised by the War Department last Tuesday.

Pvt. Mariner, 22 years old last March 8, entered the service in October, 1943, trained at Camp Lee, and later in Mississippi, Florida and Kentucky, leaving for overseas in November, 1944, after a short stay at Fort Meade.

Pvt. Dennis Mayo Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, was seriously wounded on Luzon Island in the battle for the Philippines on March 30, his brother, Ernest Harrison, was advised last Tuesday.

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Wounded Youth In England Hospital

Seriously wounded in Germany on March 27, Pfc. Delmus W. Clark is now undergoing treatment in an Army hospital somewhere in England, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark, RFD 3, Williamston, this week.

Pfc. Clark, still unable to write, stated in a letter dictated to a friend that he was flown from Germany to England on April 12, was doing fine and getting the best of care, including good food.

It was intimated that the young man would be returning home "soon". During the meantime he will have to spend long hours in the hospital, and it is quite certain that the young man will appreciate and enjoy letters from his friends and acquaintances back home.

Bear Grass Seniors Will Present Play

The Senior class of Bear Grass High School will present its play, 'Mama's Baby Boy', by Charles George, on Friday, May 4th, at 8:00 o'clock.

The cast follows: Mrs. McLean, a young widow, Martha Harrison; Shephard McLean, her son, Dillon Cherry; Luther Long, a widower, Cecil Whitehurst; Juliet Long, his daughter, Leona Rawls; Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. McLean's mother, Kathleen Bennett; Wilbur Warren, E. D. Harrison; Sylvia, Wilbur's girl friend, Peggy Jones; Mrs. Charlotte Anglin, Martha Harrison; Cynthia Anglin, her daughter, Dorothy Wynn; Max Moore, real estate agent, Russell Roberson; Minnie, stage manager, Anne Lou Leggett. Stage manager, Ben Harrison.

German Resistance Weakening in Many Important Sectors

Reports from Neutral Sources Intimate Berlin's Fall Will End War

Recent Allied advances in the European theater of operations indicate that German resistance is rapidly weakening in many important sectors, and unconfirmed reports from neutral countries now indicate that there is a possibility that the war will come to an end in Germany with the fall of Berlin.

Revenge for the Russians is great in Berlin, late reports stating that nothing but wreck and ruin are to be found, that the fight is being carried to subways and sewers and that no quarter is being asked and none is being given.

Americans and Russians are lined up along the Elbe, waiting in holiday fashion for the long-predicted meeting of the two Allies.

To the south the Americans have driven into Austria and are hardly 85 miles from a junction with the Russians. Other forces, driving 18 miles last night, are within 25 miles of Munich, and Patton's spearheads are less than 65 miles from Berchtesgaden.

While Allied armies are applying the finishing touches, German high officials are scattering as rats before a flood. Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, relieved of his air command was reported today to have fled Berlin with a 20 million dollar nest egg.

German resistance in Italy is crumbling. Fifth Army troops have taken Verona and are reported to have cut the Nazis off from the Brenner Pass while Italian patriots are fighting the enemy in Milan and other large Italian cities.

The nine-day battle for Naha on Okinawa continues to rage, but the Americans have gained some ground to feature the developments in the Pacific area these past few days.

Just as weapons of destruction are ending one era, delegates are working to begin another era at the World Security Conference in San Francisco.

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Bigger Fat Stock Show Opens Today

Martin County's second annual fat stock show opened this morning in the Planters Warehouse here. At an early hour this morning, club boys and girls were getting their entries brushed down for the judging contest at 10:30, and quite a few spectators were admiring the entries.

The show has about three times as many entries this year as were seen here a year ago, and a difficult task lay ahead for the judges. Despite a busy schedule on the farm, quite a number of farmers were here early today to see the baby calves and watch the youthful exhibitors as they made their exhibits ready and waited for the judges.

The entries will be offered at public auction this afternoon.

Following the sale, farmers will go to the high school for the annual Farm Bureau meeting and barbecue

Capt. Garland Tice Tells Of Trip And Activities Overseas

The collection of used clothing for the poorly-clad victims of war in stricken lands across the sea will be brought to a close in this county next Monday. A last call for serviceable garments and bedding is being issued today by K. D. Worell, chairman of the drive.

The second town-wide canvass made locally last Sunday was not very successful, as a whole, but Scoutmaster Leo Slade and his colored Scouts helped boost the drive with a collection of their own.

Incomplete reports state that the appeal in the county, as a whole, has not received the expected response. However, some communities have made much progress, and it is still hoped that the combined collections will fill a freight car.

Any one who has old clothes they can spare and have not yet offered them, are humbly asked to deliver them to the offices of the Virginia Electric and Power Company where the Lions Club members will pack them for shipment.

Special Two Weeks' Term of Court Ends Here Late Thursday

\$16,000 Suit against Jos. B. Cherry Is Settled by Agreement

A special two weeks' term of the Martin County Superior Court, called for the trial of civil cases only, was brought to a close here late yesterday after most of the cases on the calendar had been cleared.

Surveys were ordered made in the boundary line dispute cases brought by R. H. Weaver against H. C. Norman, and H. H. Cowen against C. E. Jenkins.

A divorce, based on two years' separation, was granted Sallie Clemmons against Elmo Clemmons.

The case of Josephine James against Abner James was continued. Very few people attended the court sessions during the term just ended, and the proceedings attracted very little attention.

In the \$2,000 damage suit brought by W. W. Hinson against L. B. Flemming, the case was continued.

Slight Improvement In Fishing In The Roanoke

After weeks of small catches, fishermen are reporting fair progress in the Roanoke this week. Rock fish are being taken in unusually large numbers, but the herring catches continue very small.

The water in the Roanoke has been rising in recent days, and it is quite likely that the fish will run in larger numbers. However, record catches from now until the early part of May will hardly make the current season into anything like a successful one.

ELECTION

More than passing interest in the municipal election here next Tuesday is expected, but no startling results are believed in the making at this time.

An independent ticket is out of the question at this late date, and if there is any opposition it will have to be expressed on the regular ballot.

Voting will be in order from 8 a. m. until sunset in the firemen's room in the town hall building.

Local Library Is Seven Years Old This Month

Over 75,000 Books Circulated during Seven-year Period

Over One Hundred and Fifty Books Added To Library In Recent Months

By JOHN L. GOFF

The Williamston Public Library completed seven years of community service on the 10th of this month and began its eighth year on the 11th. The book collection has now grown until it numbers more than 2360 volumes.

During the seven years of operation there have been 75,745 books circulated, 10,745 were put into the hands of its readers last year. Sixty-one per cent were adult readers and 39 per cent were juvenile.

The local library serves as one of Martin County's Bookmobile depositories. Through this cooperative set-up patrons have access to hundreds of books that the local library does not have, nor could afford to purchase at this time.

Jamesville Youth Writes To Parents

Wounded in action on the Western Front, Pfc. Leonard Holliday wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Holliday, of Jamesville, under date of April 1, as follows:

"Today is Eastern Sunday. How quickly the years seem to go by, and yet, some of the minutes I have spent in the past have seemed like months, and a day in the hell of battle, amidst the flying bullets and bursting shells, seems like a year within itself. Today marks the end of winter—the end of a nightmare I will never forget.

"After we were on the boat and got settled as best we could, all the talk was about the long voyage we were to take. We knew lots of things could happen and that makes a fellow think of the life he has left behind.

Wounded Officer Visits In County

Lt. and Mrs. John Goodman (Jack) Getsinger visited his uncle, Mr. J. Sam Getsinger, here this week. Lt. Getsinger was wounded twice in action, first in the Sicilian campaign and some months later in France.

County Native Returns From European Theater

T/4 Clyde B. Heath, a native of this county, recently returned to the States after a stay in the European theater. He is now in Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, for treatment of asthma.

Members of Local Lions Club Offer Little Girl Their Blood

With the supply offered by members of the local fire department virtually exhausted, members of the local Lions Club this week stepped forward to offer their blood for the Miss Peggy Harrison who yesterday received her 114th transfusion in the local hospital.

Those who had their blood typed this week include, Ernest Mears, Bill Howell, H. O. Peele, James Bal-

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Robbers Break Into Esso Station Here

Forcing an entrance through a side window, robbers stole between two and three hundred pennies, a ration book and carried away charge slips valued in excess of \$100 from the Carroll Coltrain Esso Station, corner of Main and Houghton Streets here during the early hours of last Wednesday night.

Patrolman Recovers Stolen Automobile

Stolen in Williamsburg, Va., early Wednesday, a 1941 Plymouth automobile was recovered by Patrolman W. E. Saunders between Sweet Water Creek and Holly Springs Methodist Church on Highway No. 64 about midnight Wednesday.

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Thinking something was wrong, the officer investigated and found it difficult to wake the two up. Turned over to FBI agents, the boys were said to have admitted the theft of the car. Officers later connected the two lads with the robbery of Coltrain's Esso Station here.