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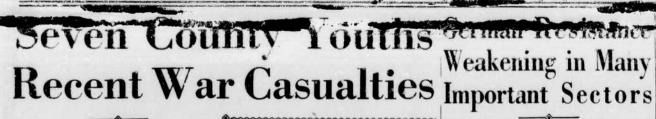
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# **One Killed, Four Are** Wounded, One Dies And One Is Missing

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#### **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. One was killed in action over in Italy on April 5. One died in a hospital somewhere in France. Four other men were wounded, two seriously, and one was reported missing in Germany since Sunday, April 8.

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

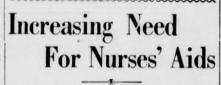
The first in the group of war casualties just recently reported was Pfc. Floyd Congleton, 28-year-old colored man, who died in a hospital somewhere in France on April 7th, presumably of wounds received several months ago. His parents, James and Cynthia Congleton, of Parmele, were notified last Sunday.

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 is believed to be the first Martin County colored man to have been killed in action.

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 Corps, according to WAC recruit-November, 1944, after a short stay at Fort Meade. In his last letter written March 29, he stated he was getting along very well but wished to companies in general Army hospi- other large Italian cities. Mussolini get back home. Besides his parents tals in this country," said Sgt. Burkhe is survived by three brothers, hardt. As medical technicians they by the patriots. James and Chester, of the home, and do much to relieve the Army nurse

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 Lillian Pollard of near Robersonville, was advised this week.



officials are scattering as rats before a flood. Reichmarshal Hermann The little things mean a lot to a Goering, relieved of his air command wounded or sick soldier in an Army was reported today to have fled Berhospital. In order to give our men lin with a 20 million dollar nest egg. the attention that they deserve, over- The whereabouts of Hitler are not worked Army doctors and nurses known, but wherever he is, the Alneed help. Working under the direct lies are making it hot for him. supervision of doctors and nurses. German resistance in Italy members of the Women's Army crumbling. Fifth Army troops have taken Verona and are reported to er, Sgt. Bob Burkhardt, are helping have cut the Nazis off from the care for our fighting men. Brenner Pass while Italian patriots

"These Wacs serve with hospital is reported to have been captured

The nine-day battle for Naha on Andrew who is now in an Army for more professional care. They can Okinawa continues to rage, but the hospital over in France, and a sis- take temperatures: make beds, give Americans have gained some ground baths, keep records of the patient's to feature the developments in the Pvt. Dennis Mayo Harrison, RFD progress, and do many of the other Pacific area these past few days. An-2, Williamston, was seriously wound-ed on Luzon Island in the battle for help speed the recovery of a sick or the island. Just as weapons of destruction are ending one era, delegates are working to begin another era at the World Security Conference in San Francisco. Several obstacles have presented themselves at the start, but the world is convinced that the meeting

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 **Reports from Neutral Sources** last call for serviceable garments and bedclothing is being issued today by K. D. Worrell, chairman of the drive. The second town-wide can-Recent Allied advances in the Eu-

vass 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'

hind the lines. In the northwest, the \$16,000 Suit against Jos. B. Cherry Is Settled by Agreement

> A special two weeks' term of the ed 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. One or two cases were continued and or-

ders were issued in several others. After working almost two days on the \$16,000 suit brought by O. S. Anderson against J. B. Cherry, the court announced that a settlement had been effected. The plaintiff was awarded \$4,129.41.

Eph Galadie - Local Library is Seven **Tells Of Trip And** Activities Overseas Years Old This Month

Tells of the Capture of Many **Prisoners**; Believes War **Can't Last Very Long** 

Writing home a few weeks ago, Cpl. Garland Tice, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Tice, of Griffins Township, told about his trip to Fort Meade and to the fighting fronts, relating a few interesting and dangerous experiences. Since the young man went overseas, his wife, the former Miss Erla Ruth Corey, suffered a costly eye injury while working on the farm. She is much improved now, however. The corporal, entering the service last August 22, writes, as follows:

"On January 1, 1945, I arrived at Fort George Meade, Maryland. It was snowing and raining and ice covered the ground. The first day we were really on the go from one place to another. That night we were divided and put into platoons and assigned to huts. The second day I was issued corporal stripes by

our platoon sergeant, and I caught all the nasty work, taking the boys out on detail work which I didn't miles last night, are within 25 miles Term of Court Ends like a bit. Finally, our orders came down for us to shove off. We were like a bit. Finally, our orders came given a good send-off by a band made Here Late Thursday up of men returned from overseas. You can imagine how I felt. I am telling you I was plenty blue. I am the type that never thought of the future, but on the special morning **Jamesville Youth** I began to see how wrong I had been. Music does things to lonely

GI's and makes them realize what a swell family they have had to Martin County Superior Court, call- leave behind. On Saturday morning, January 6, we got on the boat which was to take us across. We after the program, the Red Cross to his parents, Mr and Mrs. F. W. took over and served nice refreshments. I would like to congratulate all Red Cross members for the of April 1 ,as follows: fine job they are doing on the home front and also on the war front.



S/Sgt. John D. Bland, son of

Mrs. J. T. Bland, of Williamsten,

was wounded recently in Italy

for the fourth time in a little

over twelve months. His right

hand wounded, the young man

dictated a letter to his mother,

stating that he was back in the

hospital.

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 2300 volumes

During the seven years of opera tion 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. New books added during the year totaled 150. Fifteen magazines and one newspaper, along with numerous pamphlets are also available to readers.

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

During the seven years of operation, and even before, Mrs. J. C. Writes To Parents Cooke has given her time gratuitously in its organization and in the pur-

chasing, classifying and accession-Wounded in action on the Western ing of its books .Mrs. Cooke continues were greeted by another band and Front, Pfc. Leonard Holliday wrote to render this service until the support of the library is sufficient to employ a full time librarian. Holliday, of Jamesville, under date

The support of the library

grown from year to year, and it is "Today is Eastern Sunday. How believed that in a few years more quickly the years seem to go by, and ample quarters may be had, and "After we were on the boat and yet, some of the minutes I have spent with the growing collection better got settled as best we could, all the in the past have seemed like library service will be available. It talk was about the long voyage we months, and a day in the hell of is hoped that Martin County and the were to take. We knew lots of battle, amidst the flying bullets and citizens of Williamston in looking Surveys were ordered made in things could happen and that makes bursting shells, seems like a year around for a suitable memorial to the boundary line dispute cases a fellow think of the life he has left within itself. Today marks the end the brave men who gave their lives brought by R. H. Weaver against H. behind. Whether he was good or of winter-the end of a nightmare that free institutions might live, will C. Norman, and H. H. Cowen bad, all the important things he I will never forget. How could I for-against C. E. Jenkins. In a third left under small has been back to hust and get the two months of plowing its building is which is a commun-



ter, Pearl Mariner

the Philippines on March 30, his injured man. brother, Ernest Harrison, was adwent overseas the following Febru- operative cases.

(Continued on page six) Wounded Youth In

Seriously wounded in Germany is now undergoing treatment in an land, 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 Call Off War Board England on April 12, was doing fine and getting the best of care, including good food.

It was intimated that the young have to spend long hours in the hos- the secretary, Mrs. Josephine Hold- waited for the judges. pital, and it is quite certain that the ing, explaining that the members young man will appreciate and en- wanted to attend the Fat Stock Show lic auction this afternoon. joy letters from his friends and ac- and sale and the Farm Bureau meetquaintances back home. His present ing. The next session of the board go to the high school for the annual address is, "Pfc. Delmas W. Clark, will be held Friday, May 4th. 34854426, 4148 U. S. Army Hospital Plant, APO 63, Care Postmaster, New

"The surgical technicians with a vised last Tuesday. The young man Wac hospital company prepare opis the son of the late Redmond and erating rooms and surgical equip-Mattie Roberson Harrison. He en- ment and do varied non-professional tered the service in August, 1942, and duties for post-operative and pre-

"Members of the Women's Army Corps who are assigned to hospital companies have the satisfaction of knowing that they are working for Bigger Fat Stock the most appreciattive men in the England Hospital world . . . wounded or sick G. I.'s,' added Sgt. Burkhart. The way a soldier says, "Thanks," means a great deal to these women who are help-

on March 27, Pfc. Delmus W. Clark ing them when they really need fat stock show opened this morning help.

Army hospital somewhere in Eng-Wac hospital companies are now open boys and girls were getting their ento over 8,000 women. To qualify, you do not have to be professionally trained. The Army will train you."

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cannot, must not fail. Show Opens Today

**Intimate Berlin's Fall** 

Will End War

ropean theater of operations indi-

cate that German resistance is rap-

idly 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. Over two-

have taken Stettin and entered Bres-

lau to clean up those pockets far be-

British have taken Bremen and are

While Allied Armies are applying

the finishing touches, German high

now going after Hamburg.

Martin County's second annual in the Planters Warehouse here. At "Opportunities for service with an early hour this morning, club

tries 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 ermen are reporting fair progress in arm just above the elbow and serbusy schedule on the farm, quite a continue very small. number of farmers were here early

The entries will be offered at pub-

Following the sale, farmers will Farm Bureau meeting and barbecue

ed the defendant to cultivate certain land by posting a \$50 bond.

against Richard Slade, the plaintiff enemy. was declared the owner of certain lands.

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. Judge R. D. Dixon, of Edenton, presided.

In the \$2,000 damage suit brought by W. W. Hinson against L. B. Flem-

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## Slight Improvement In

After weeks of small catches, fish- burst near him, tearing off his right

many entries this year as were seen the Roanoke this week. Rock fish jously injuring both legs below the here a year ago, and a difficult task are being taken in unusually large knees. Shrapnel also tore into other County Native Returns lay ahead for the judges. Despite a numbers, but the herring catches parts of his body in numerous places. Although he has no right arm, he

part of May will hardly make the the best of spirits.

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. Registrar John E. Pope points out that the recent registration was the largest in years, but even then the total of new names added to the books is not impressive. The registrar reports that thirteen new names were added to the books during the recent registration period, that most of them belonged to citizens who had lived here for years and who had never registered.

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; that is, the voter may write in the names of his favorite candidates and rut a cross mark in a drawn square beside their names.

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

left undone come back to hurt and get the two

life from the one he had lived be-In the case of Henry Wallace fore he had to shove off to face the

> (Continued on page six) **Wounded Officer** Visits In County

Lt. and Mrs. John Goodman (Jack) Getsinger visited his uncle, Mr. J. "I hope today when the people at home go to church, they will not go Sam Getsinger, here this week. Lt. Getsinger was wounded twice to show their new Easter bonnets. in action ,first in the Sicilian cam- Somehow I hope they will all re-

paign and some months later in member the boys over here and in France. He was first wounded in the Pacific. I hope they will rethe knee, and almost killed in member the thousands upon thous- two and three hundred pennies, a France. While on a reconnaisance ands of American boys who lie dead ration book and carried away charge Fishing In The Roanoke mission he was giving instructions now, and who such a short time ago to his men when an enemy shell were alive and happy

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The water in the Roanoke has is rapidly mastering the use of an The regular weekly meeting of today to see the baby calves and been rising in recent days, and it artifical limb with a hook in it. He this county, recently returned to stock, and the robbers left the sta-It was intimated that the young home the Martin County War Board watch the youthful exhibitors as is quite likely that the fish will run has to walk with a brace, but de- the States after a stay in the Euman would be returning home the Match the youthful exhibits as is quite likely that the fish will run has to wark with a brace, but de-in larger numbers. However, record spite the impediment, he gets around ropean theater. He is now in Moore It was the fourth time the station catches from now until the early wonderfully well and seems to be in General Hospital, Swannanoa, for had been robbed in the past two treatment of asthma.

current season into anything like a He and Mrs. Getsinger are returning today to Atlantic City where he will undergo further hospital treat- Heath, who moved to Tarboro a few ington, Del., arrested in connection ment. years ago

months of plowing ity building in which the librar boundary line case, W. W. Griffin nag his conscience. Then he wishes through snow sometimes four and could be housed, as a living memor he could be home with his loved five feet deep, but never less than ial to these, our honored dead

ones to start an entirely different two. Yes, it was truly hell on earth. The library board consisting For hours we'd lie in the snow with Mayor John L. Hassell, Mrs. F. M. frozen feet and hands so cold we Manning, Senior Woman's Club; Mrs. could hardly squeeze the trigger, but J. F. Thigpen, of P. T. A.; Mrs. J. C. somehow did. Nights and days we Cooke, of Junior Woman's Club and spent in fox-holes. Bodies of the librarian; D. V. Clayton, Lions Club; dead would freeze a short time after H. H. Taylor, Kiwanis Club; J. C. life was snuffed out. It was days Manning, Masons; J. S. Getsinger, like those that we fought all the American Legion, and Rev. John L. way through the Siegfried Line, at-

(Continued on page six) tacking pill box after pill box. Hundreds of times I was shot at, but they

always missed. I was one of the for-tunate—I made it, but many didn't. Robbers Break Into **Esso Station Here** 

> Forcing an entrance through a side window, robbers stole between slips valued in excess of \$100 from the Carroll Coltrain Esso Station,

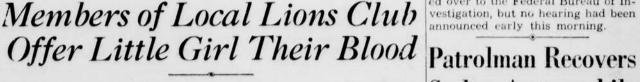
corner of Main and Haughton Streets here during the early hours of last Wednesday night. The robbers wrecked a \$275 cash register in their From European Theater crude way of forcing the money box open

T/4 Clyde B. Heath, a native of No items were missed from the

years.

He hopes to get a furlough and David Rookey, Jr., of Oswego, N. visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Y., and Fred Robert Stuart of Wilmwith a Virginia car theft, admitted

> the station robbery. They were turned over to the Federal Bureau of Inannounced early this morning.



With the supply offered by mem- ley Peel, Eugene Rice, Bill Woolard, Stolen Automobile bers of the local fire department H. P. Mobley, Clyde Manning and virtually exhausted, members of the Marvin Baker. Mr. Mears made a

local Lions Club this week stepped donation Wednesday, and Cpl. Bill Stolen in Williamsburg, Va., early forward to offer their blood for lit- Hunt was called in yesterday to Wednesday, a 1941 Plymouth autotle Miss Peggy Harrison who yes- furnish the remainder to complete mobile was recovered by Patrolman terday received her 114th transfu- the 114th transfusion after Fireman W. E. Saunders between Sweet Wasion in the local hospital. Nine mem- Julian Harrell had donated about a ter Creek and Holly Springs Methbers of the club have had their pint earlier in the week. odist Church on Highway No. 64 blood typed, and Roy Ward, presi- The blood of only five of the six- about midnight Wednesday. David dent of the club, was quoted as say- teen firemen was of the type requir- Rookey, Jr., 16-year-old boy from ing that he was fairly certain the ed and some of them had given as RFD 1, Oswego, N. Y., and Fred Robentire membership would respond many as three transfusions when the ert Stuart, 2223 Pine St., Wilmington, to the call and be ready to donate Lions Club members heard the call. Del., were arrested by the patrolman their blood not only to little Miss Peggy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. who was patrolling the route when Harrison but for emergency trans- E. C. Harrison of near Bear Grass, he found the car parked beside the fusions also. In addition to the nine has to have transfusions about every road and the boys sleeping in it. who had their blood typed this eight weeks. Her condition is grad- Thinking something was wrong, wesk, several club members who nally improving and it is hoped that the officer investigated and found belong to the volunteer fire depart- she will overcome her disability in it difficult to wake the two up. Turnment had had theirs typed previous- time. During the meantime it is most ed over to FBI agents, the boys were commendable of the firemen and said to have admitted the theft of ly and had donated blood. Those who had their blood typed Lions Club members to offer their the car. Officers later connected the this week include. Ernest Mears, blood gratis and help strengthen the two lads with the robbery of Col-Bill Howell, H. O. Peele, Jarnes Bai- little girl's hold on life. train's Esso Station here.

### Will Hold Pre-School Clinics **Bear Grass Seniors** In County Starting April 30 Will Present Play

Beginning next Monday, the Mar- | The law regulating entrance retin Health Department will hold a quirements for beginners remains

The Senior class of Bear Grass series of pre-school clinics for white unchanged. The child must be six High School will present its play, children in the county, and a gen- years old on or before next October Mama's Baby Boy, by Charles eral appeal is being addressed to all 1 to enter school next fall.

George, on Friday, May 4th, at 8:00 parents who have children entering Children reporting to the preo'clock. This play is a riot of laughs school for the first time next fall to school clinics will be vaccinated and provides an evening of rare en- get the youngsters to the nearest against smallpox, and against diphtheria if they have not already been clinic.

tertainment. The cast follows: Mrs. McLean, a The first of the clinics will be held protected from that disease by imyoung widow, Martha Harrison; next Monday at Jamesville. The re- munization. Recent legislative act Shephard McLean, her son, Dillon mainder of the clinic schedule fol- requires all children to be vaccinat-Cherry; Luther Long, a widower, lows: Farm Life, Tuesday, May 1; ed against whooping cough, but Cccil Whitehurst; Juliet Long, his Williamston, Thursday and Friday, since the immunization program daughter, Leons Rawls; Mrs. Black- May 3 and 4; Bear Grass, Monday, calls for several doses no attempt burn, Mrs. McLean's mother, Kath- May 7; Everetts, Tuesday, May 8; is to be made to administer the leen Bennett; Wilbur Warren, E. D. Robersonville, Thursday, May 10; serum at the clinics. Arrangements Harrison; Sylvia, Wilbur's girl Hamilton, Friday, May 11; Oak City, will be made later to offer it to the friend, Peggy Jones; Mrs. Charlotte Monday, May 16. All of the above children. The clinics will also ex-Anglin, Martha Harrison; Cynthia scheduled clinics will open at 9:30 amine the little tots for physical de-Anglin, her daughter, Dorothy o'clock a. m. On Tuesday, May 15, fects such as bad tonsils, poor eye Wynn; Max Moore, real estate a clinic will be held at Gold Point sight and other remedial defects. agent, Russell Roberson; Minnie, a from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m., and one at It is believed that the clinics will Anne Lou Leggett. Hasseli from 11:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. attract a larger number of children than they did last year in the county. Stage mar ger, Ben Harrison. the same day.

York, N. Y."

