

Initial Reports On Bond Sales in This County Favorable

Purchases Must Be Made on Large Scale If the \$745,000 Quota Is Met

Preliminary reports on the sale of Seventh War Loan bonds were described as very encouraging by D. V. Clayton, county chairman for the drive, today. No detailed report on the first-day sales yesterday could be had, but a goodly number of persons who do not have to be told that the war will not be over until Japan is licked, invested several thousand dollars in the special government securities on the first day of the drive.

Plans for rallies in the various districts have not been announced, but several are being considered. During the meantime, individuals are earnestly urged to maintain the momentum of the drive from day to day until the quota is reached between now and June 30.

Martin County has been assigned a \$745,000 over-all quota, an increase of \$45,000 over the amount allotted the county as its share of the sixth war loan drive last November-December. Just about one-half of the quota, or \$371,000, the citizens are asked to invest in "E" bonds.

The order is no small one, but it is a well established fact that no one will have to sacrifice one fraction as much as many boys from this county have already sacrificed to meet the challenge. If the sacrifice seems great, just stop and think of the forty-five Martin County young men who have laid down their lives for their country, the twenty-two reported missing, and the suffering experienced by the 78 wounded.

There's a young man just recently back from Germany with a bad shoulder. He may be able to regain use of it or he may not. There's another young man just back from overseas. Both feet froze while he was helping fight back the enemy on the Western Front. He has no feet now. Then there are those other county lads with an arm or leg missing.

It is possible that many Martin citizens will see one or more of these young men before the Seventh War Bond drive is ended. But should they hobble around unnoticed, isn't it enough to know that so many have made such great sacrifices that to raise \$745,000 should be handled with the greatest of ease by the people at home?

There aren't but very few people in this county that can't manage to invest \$30 or more on an average in war bonds between now and the last of June. The patriotism of strikers has been questioned. Can we be classed as patriots if we ignore or fail the task at hand, to give up all pleasures and some necessities if necessary to meet the solemn obligation. Just remember that the war isn't over, that there is no acceptable excuse for resting on the oars until Japan is conquered. Buy a bond today and show the boys who are already in the far Pacific and those who are yet to go there that their county is with them in the fight until the end and they come marching home. Bonds are on sale at all count banks and post offices.

County Young Man Wounded In Action

Sgt. Jos. Elmer Griffin was wounded in action for the second time in Germany on April 15, according to a message received by his father, Mr. Jos. S. Griffin of Bear Grass Township, last Friday afternoon. The young man was wounded in the head last October 12 by a bursting shell.

Writing to his father under date of May 1 and telling about his second wound, the young man said: "Jerry did not think one week's rest was enough for me so he fixed it so I could come back again. It's nothing serious this time; in fact, it isn't as bad as it was the first time. I was hit by pieces of shell in my right shoulder and cheek. The lucky part of it is it missed hitting the bone at both places. The pieces of shell have been removed and I am getting along fine with the exception of being sore, especially in my shoulder which makes it a bit hard to write."

After commenting briefly on the cold weather they were having, the young man extended greetings to the family and friends.

Woman Badly Hurt By Glancing Bullet

Mrs. Joe Whitaker was painfully but believed not seriously hurt when she was accidentally shot in the hip as she walked along the old Greenville Road near the State Highway Prison Camp about two and one-half miles from here last Sunday morning. Removed to the local hospital, she was reported to be getting along very well today.

Guards and the assistant superintendent of the prison camp were having target practice. The assistant superintendent fired a .22 calibre rifle and the bullet glanced and struck Mrs. Whitaker who was walking the opposite direction in which the guards were shooting.

County Tobacco Crop Outlook Improved by Warm Weather

Battered by winds and hampered by cold weather for several weeks, the tobacco crop in this county showed new signs of life over the weekend with the approach of warmer weather. Farmers, questioned this week, declared that their crops showed more improvement from Saturday through Monday than they had during just about all the remainder of the season up until that time.

Even though transplanting, as a whole, has been much further advanced this season than at any time in recent years, the crop has made very little progress. Plants placed in the field back during the early part of April looked very little better than those transplanted in early May. A few crops have made sufficient growth to permit cultivation, but the plants in most cases have remained almost dormant. The few farmers who are just now transplanting have chances about equal to those who transplanted in early April for a good crop. Possibly with anything like favorable seasons, they will get a better stand and a more uniform crop. It is generally believed that transplanting will be completed in its entirety this week in the county.

Troubled by cut worms, winds and cold weather, numbers of plants died among the early plantings, and farmers transplanted entire fields for the second time in some cases. Others have reset their fields as many as two or three times in an effort to get a stand.

Now that warm weather is believed here to stay, the crop with a few showers to aid it is expected to show continued improvement.



Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hoyt Manning, RFD 1, Williamston, under date of April 18, Pvt. Eli H. Manning, Jr., said:

"Today one month ago I came up on the front lines. It seems like a year instead of one month. "I left the States the last day of February and in eighteen days I was on the front lines. All the way across the Atlantic, then across Scotland, England, France, Luxembourg and part of German in only eighteen days. That was some traveling, and I am still going. I am with the Third Army, 90th Division. The kitchen finally caught up with us so we have had one more hot meal, and a change of clothes which we needed very badly."

The young man said he was in good health, that he missed being home, and expressed the hope that he'd be seeing all soon.

Wounded In Action, Youth Comes Home

Wounded in the right arm and right leg in action in Germany last March 6, Pvt. Dewey Stalls has been returned to the States after undergoing treatment in an Army hospital in England. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stalls, RFD 1, Oak City, the young man is now stationed in a government hospital at Swannanoa, near Asheville, and is getting along very well.

His wife, the former Miss Vivian Bland, and their small daughter are making their home in Hassell for the duration.

Pvt. Stalls entered the service on August 22, 1944, and went overseas the early part of this year.

Thieves Clean Out Farm Smokehouse

Breaking open a padlock, thieves entered Farmer Roy Ward's smokehouse on U. S. Highway No. 17 in Bear Grass Township some time last week and carried away twenty-five choice hams and about thirty nice shoulders. Officers are working on the case.

Members of the family were in the smokehouse early in the week and when they returned Friday they discovered the big robbery. The thieves left the door shut, and it is not known when the meat was stolen.

The robbery was one of the largest reported in this county in recent months.

RAINFALL

After showing improvement following unusually cold weather, general crops in this county are being hampered by dry weather. Since March 30 only 1.63 inches of rain have fallen in this immediate section. More than two-thirds of the rainfall was reported from March 30 to May 15, only .39 of one inch falling so far this month.

The rainfall last month was the smallest on record for any April in this section.

Pvt. Bruce Whitley Takes Leave of War For Visit In Paris

Long-Time Employee of The Enterprise Last Reported in Belgium

(Spending a few days' leave in Paris, Pvt. Bruce Whitley, former employee of The Enterprise, concludes his story of his stay in the gay city):

"The Red Cross sponsors sight-seeing tours, and after a hurried lunch we started out. Our first stop was Concord, a very large square with many streets entering it from all directions of the city. We parked in the center where there was a statue of solid granite about seventy-five feet high. It was given to some French king by the King of Egypt, and it had quite a number of Egyptian symbols carved on it. The stone is about 5,000 years old. To the right is nothing but beautiful streets and markets. The shopping district was built by Napoleon. On the left is the Chamber of Deputies where, during the reign of King Louis V, 17,000 Frenchmen were beheaded. On the far side, the left bank of the Seine can be seen and the Houses of Parliament and Representatives.

"The second stop was Etoile Square. Twelve avenues lead from it, and there's the Arc de Triumph, it is 160 feet high and was built by Napoleon in honor of his victories, 1806-1836. The tomb of the Unknown Soldier is there with a perpetual light that has been burning since 1920.

"The third stop was at a museum or Troudero. The two buildings are built in kind of an arc, the one on the right containing all types of architecture, and the one on the other side containing paintings, fine arts and all kinds of marine animals. It wanted to see the inside, but did not have time. It would take a month to walk through both buildings, let alone observing very much that is in them. Underneath both these buildings is a grand concert hall where the nobility of France hold their festival balls. In front of the hall are beautiful lawns and fountains. Directly in front is the Etna bridge over the Seine and in front of that is the Eiffel Tower. It is 889 feet high, including the flag pole it is 1,000 feet high. It was built for experimental purposes in steel construction and for the world fair exposition. It surely did surprise me when I got close to it. I never did realize just how large it was.

"Our fourth stop was the French Military Academy which the Germans used for barracks when they were in Paris. It covers about seven blocks.

"Fifth stop was Ewailes Dome. It was first known as St. Joseph's Church. Here is the tomb of Napoleon. His remains are in six caskets, two of lead, two of zinc, one of oak and one of mahogany. He has one son and two brothers buried there. The Germans returned his son there in 1940 or '41. I don't remember which.

"The next stop was the Latin Quarter. More than 40,000 students live on this street and the great French academies are there.

"The seventh and last stop was the Notre Dame Cathedral. At the entrance is a large rosette window in the center of two columns which are the end stones on the right and left of the edifice. Underneath the window there is a row of 28 kings. The cathedral is 700 years old and built on old Gothic styles. It is built on City Island started by the Gauls before Christ. Work wasn't begun in earnest until 1163 and it wasn't completed until 1325. Most of the beautiful stained glass windows of the old style were taken down and placed in the church vaults until after the war because their precious colors cannot be reproduced. There remain a few of the 16th and 17th century windows in the back of the church, but they were very small. We were not allowed to cross in front of the altar that day because of the exposition of the Crown of Thorns. Words just can't describe the beauty of this altar. Napoleon was crowned by the Pope there in 1804. Joan d' Arc was martyred there, and a statue of her is on the left side of the altar. It is claimed

Youths Bound Over For Theft Of Auto

Charged with the theft of Thurston Wynne's car here last Saturday night, James E. Godard, 17, and Jesse Tom Moore, 16, were given a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell here last evening and probable cause of guilt appearing, the two youths were bound over to the superior court for trial during the second week in June. Bond in the sum of \$200 was required of both the defendants. After a short stay in jail, the defendants were released.

Godard found the car and picked up Moore and the two were arrested by Patrolman Scarborough in Windsor a few minutes later after a complete description of the car was flashed over the highway patrol radio.

When placed in jail the boys accused each other of stealing the car. They were separated and Sunday, Godard proceeded to burn up his mattress and blanket and flood his cell and a county office under-nearth by tampering with the water-works.

Young Man Slightly Injured In Germany

Pfc. Delbert Leggett, Martin County young man, suffered a slight injury in action in Germany on April 21, his mother, Mrs. John Leggett, RFD, Robersonville, was advised a few days ago.

One of his fingers injured, the young man said it was nothing to worry about, that he was receiving excellent care in an Army hospital in France. The only thing worrying him was the delay in getting home.

WAR WORK AS USUAL ON V-E DAY

These two girls, Bernice Tierney (left) and Rose Greco, take time out from their work at the Casco Co. plant at Bridgeport, Conn., to carry a sign around the plant reminding their co-workers of the importance of staying on their jobs despite the reported announcement of Germany's surrender. The plant turns out fuses for 4.2 mortars. (International)

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Local Boy Likely To Lose His Foot

Wounded in Italy last February 7, Pfc. William C. Bunch, Jr., local colored youth, is likely to lose his foot, his father, W. C. Bunch, Sr., proprietor of the Hotel Barber Shop here, was advised last week. Complete details could not be had immediately, but it is apparent that infection has set in and that Army doctors think it advisable to remove the limb just above the ankle.

Pvt. Bunch was returned from overseas about ten days ago and after a brief stay in Charleston was transferred on a hospital train to Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

For the second time in succession, motorists on Martin County highways traveled through another week without accident. In the 19th week of 1944 no high-ways accidents were reported.

19th Week Comparison		Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge	
1945	0	0	\$ 000
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Comparison To Date			
1945	21	11	\$ 86100
1944	19	6	1 34500

Thirty-Two County Men Enter Service

Thirty-two Martin County men entered the armed services in April, according to official records just recently received by the draft board. Nineteen of the men were white. No report on the fifteen white men reporting for pre-induction examinations on May 3 from this county has been received. A goodly number of colored men, possibly forty or more, have been instructed to report for pre-induction examinations later this week.

Of the nineteen white men entering the service from the county on the 28th of last month, two, Andrew Jackson Modlin and Fred James Calloway, were accepted by the Navy. The Army accepted the following: William David Scott, Rupert Turner, Robert Lee Everett, Joseph Warren Martin, Livingston Earl Hyman, William Blaney Cowan, Jr., Donald Gilliam Matthews, Jr., James Henry Bunch, Jonah Mack Stalls, William Daniel Leggett, Roland McKinley Beppard, James Lloyd Moore, Samuel Tim Jackson, Edward Earl Whitley, Romas Taylor Griffin, Harold Rudolph Edmondson, Paul Hartwell Williams.

Of the thirteen county colored men accepted for service on April 19, 1945, William Lawrence Everett entered the Navy, and the following were accepted by the Army: Walter Barfield, Leon Lyons, John Davis Staton, Geo. Henry Lyons, Jr., John Lee James, Charlie Edward Davis, Isaiiah Hill, Noah Huff, James Thos. Hilliard, Johnnie Pharr Williams, Jonah Peel, J. C. Savage, Booker T. Williams, passing his pre-induction test, was rejected when he reported for final induction.

Reliable reports point to no marked decrease in the size of draft calls. Replacements will be called to relieve the "old-timers" in the service.

Four Liquor Stills Wrecked in County

Raiding in the northwestern section of Robersonville Township, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel had a busy day last Friday. The officers wrecked four liquor plants and poured out eleven barrels of beer.

Each one of the plants was cheaply constructed and the beer was made from a poor grade of molasses. Three of the manufacturing units were located just back of Sting Point.

Plant No. 1 was equipped with an oil drum still and two barrels of beer. No. 2 had a 30-gallon capacity drum still and two barrels of beer. Nos. 3 and 4 had 50-gallon capacity oil drums for stills and two and five barrels of beer respectively.

The stills were the first captured in the county this month. The officers found and wrecked eleven illicit distilleries in the county during April.

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ROUND-UP

Local and county officers and highway patrolmen had a fairly busy time last week-end when they rounded up and jailed seven alleged violators of the law. Two were booked for disorderly conduct, two were detained for the alleged theft of an automobile, and three were jailed for public drunkenness.

The ages of the group ranged from a low of sixteen to 47 years, and four of the seven were white.

Pacific War Tempo Stepped Up; Fourth Of Nagoya In Ruins

Americans In Flanking Advance to Push on Toward Capital of Okinawa

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Lt. J. A. Dunsmoor Visits Friends Here

First Lieutenant John A. Dunsmoor, bomber pilot on the mission in which S/Sgt. Jimmy Watts gave his life for his country over Italy last February 7, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts, Sr., here this week. Accompanied by his wife and mother, Lt. Dunsmoor just recently returned from overseas and was en route to Miami for reassignment.

While here, the officer paid a fitting tribute to the memory of Sgt. Watts. "More than once he endangered his life in the performance of duty, and there's no doubt but what he saved the lives of all of us on at least two missions." Lt. Dunsmoor was quoted as saying, Sgt. Watts, according to the officer, removed his parachute to crawl over open bomb doors to repair broken lines and keep the ship in the air. For this and other meritorious service he was to have been presented the Distinguished Flying Cross. The order for the award has been issued, according to one report, but it has not come through as yet.

Sgt. Watts was one of two men to jump from the plane. The chute of the crew member jumping just ahead of him opened just before he hit the ground. The crew member was badly bruised in the fall. Jimmy's pilot chute opened, but the main chute did not.

One other member of the crew who did not have time to jump, was reported to have been thrown out when the bomber crashed.

Corrections Made In Jury List For The June Court

In announcing the jury list drawn by the county commissioners last first Monday the name of D. L. Sessoms appeared instead of the name of D. L. Simmons, and R. Sherrod Corey, Griffins Township man, was left out.