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# At Memorial Service

McMillan Favors Strong Force To Guard Peace

With the several churches cooperat- win, his seventh term, and R. T. Grifrelatives of the young men who had is now working on his third term. made the supreme sacrifice.

marking the end of his second pastoriting as mayor pro-tem, G. H. 100 feet of 15-inch tile in a ditch torate of the Baptist church here, Dr. W. R. Burrell offered a special as treasurer. R. L. Coburn was retween Hatton and Williams Streets. prayer and recited Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar." Names of the honored dead were read and special music was rendered by the choir. It was explained that several names were unavoidably left from the list which now stands at 48 for the coun-

Centering his address around the theme, "My country yesterday, to-day and tomorrow," Mr. McMillan pointed out that the love, laughter and freedom of yesterday came about only through sacrifice, blood and tears. "We follow our fighting men through the war of Independence, 1812, skirmishes with the Indians, the Mexican, the War Between the States, the Spanish, and World Wars I and II, and today we pay tribute to those men and to the Gold Star homes throughout the land.

Continuing, Mr. McMillan pointed out that we have achieved the right of assembly, speech, press, opportunity, enterprise and religion, that no one of these was allowed in Germany or now in Japan. "But," the speaker declared, "in enjoying our great heritage, we must remember that we have responsibilities at home and in world affairs. We look forward to time when peace will prevail, when the lamb will lie down with the lion, but what are we doing to prevent a recurrence of war?"

The speaker offered his own answer when he said, "To be effective in maintaining peace, America must be strong. If the United States had been strong the Japs would not have marched into Manchuria and Italy would not have gone into Ethiopia. The brutality of the Germans and Japs is a tragedy, but there was also a tragedy of democracy's unpre- V. J. Spivey Appointed To paredness for war. Let us make sure America is strong enough to enforce the peace. We did not keep peace with Flanders Field. Let us resolve to keep the faith with Salerno, Corregidor, the Solomons, Iwo Jima and held an uneventful meeting here yes-Okinawa.

Mr. McMillan told those present tivities to matters of a more or less Mr. McMillan told those present divides to indice. All members were that they were molders of opinion routine nature. All members were Mrs. Nora Hopkins of Spring Green, that they can determine if the new present, and the meeting lasted only peace is to be made permanent. The a short time. peace is to be made permanent. The failure of peace last time is trace-able to the American people; failure man of the Martin County Alcoholic williamston, and four brothers, Beverages Control Board for a Masses Frank Reprett of Murfrees.

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## Liberated Prisoner **Visiting in County**

Liberated last April 29 after a stay all but \$6,486.86 of the 1944 levy had of more than seven months in a Ger- been collected. Only \$1,779.90 is unman war prison camp, Pfc. J. Sam- collected on the \$201,029.76 levy for uel Roebuck returned to the States 1943, and there is an unpaid balance last week and was here yesterday of \$1,511.35 on the 1942 levy. visiting his uncle, Mr. Joe H. Roebuck. The young man did not have ders were issued: Elmer Bell, Wil to say that he was happy to be free again, that he was enjoying his 60- Hosea James, Jamesville Township,

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. liamston, \$9.92, in the armed forces; Roebuck, RFD 2, Robersonville, Isolene Meeks, Williamston, \$1.10, went overseas eleven months ago. double listed; Leonard Williams, He went into action in France last Williamston, \$4.26, in navy; Charlie July and after some bitter fighting Carraway, Cross Roads, \$1.20 douand close calls he was captured by ble listed, and Pennie Nelson, Robthe Germans on September 11 and ersonville, \$2.48 double listed. confined to a prison camp near Mun-

"I guess I was one of the lucky ones, for I lived through those seven months fairly well. It was pretty tough working on the railroad damaged by American and British bombers, and I lost weight. We would fix one place today and the road would be wrecked at another place the next day," he said.

Transferred to the farm, the young man said he regained most of his weight. The German farmers fed him very well and with the meager rations at camp, he got along fairly well. The German farms were stripped of most of the power machinery, and most of the plowing was done with oxen, he explained, adding that he was engaged principally in plant ing and cultivating irish potatoes. The farmers fed him eggs and other nourishing foods, but the camp diet centered around bread and potatoes and dehydrated cabbage. When he was transferred from one camp to another he was given transportation, and he added that he was not brutally treated, explaining that some Germans were meaner than others, and it depended on the guard as to how you were treated.

# Pay Tribute To The Town Authorities Start New Memory of War Dead Term After Routine Fashion

Warning the War Is Not Over, commissioners started their new tinue. No change in salaries or fees terms last evening, the beginning of was proposed. the new two-year tenure of office | Very little business was before the "The war is not over and our re"The war is not over and our reL. Hassell, ending twelve years in a short time. License to sell wine sponsibilities are many," R. L. Mc-that position without missing a meet-was denied Dr. Edward Early, but Millan, Raleigh attorney and past ing accepted the oath of office at the applicant was granted a license state commander of the American the hands of Court Clerk L. B. to sell beer, provided he has the Legion, said at a special Memorial Wynne who also administered the service in the local Baptist church oath to Commissioners G. H. Harrily known as Buck's place back from Sunday evening when several hun- son and L. P. Lindsley who are be- the street. It was pointed out that dred people assembled there to pay ginning their 14th and 11th terms, the building in its present location to the memory of those respectively. Mayor Hassell admin- presents a safety hazard. A license young Martin County men who had istered the oath to the other three was also granted E. Watts Brown to laid down their lives in the service commissioners, N. C. Green who is sell beer in his Little Savoy cafe on of their country in World War II. starting his tenth term, V. D. God- Washington Street.

No changes were made in the of- to move them. Participating in his last service ficial organization, L. P. Lindsley

WOUNDED

Pvt. Kenneth H. Roberson

promising and hard-working

young Martin County farmer

before he entered the service last

wounded in action on Okinawa,

his mother, Mrs. Callie Rober-

son, of Robersonville, was ad-

vised by the War Department

last week. The seriousness of his

wound was not disclosed, but it

was learned that he was wound-

ed in the jaw while serving with

Commissioners In

Uneventful Meet

**Head ABC Board For** 

**Next Three Years** 

terday when they limited their ac-

three-year term beginning the first

of next month. The appointment was

made by the combined boards of ed-

ucation and commissioners. Only one

other application was before the

board and that one was submitted

Tax Collector M. L. Peel stated that

The following 1944 tax relief or-

liams Township, \$2 double listed;

\$1.82, in army; J. W. Harrelson, Wil

The Beaufort-Hyde-Martin Re-

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WORKERS

Henry Griffin, local timber-

man and manufacturer, troubl-

ed greatly by labor shortages,

moved yesterday to relieve the

trouble when he imported a

dozen men from the Barbados

Islands, down in the West In-

Employed under a normal and

free labor contract, the workers

are being housed temporarily in

a tenant house out in the coun-

try. Mr. Griffin plans to erect

barracks for the men and will

work them in the log woods and

and are said to be good work-

The workers speak English,

Quite a few of them are being

employed in this country, one

report stating that possibly one

hundred or more will be assign-

ed to industry in Washington

dies area.

County.

by Luther Hardison.

an infantry regiment.

Elected without opposition last | tained as town attorney at a \$100 onth. Williamston's mayor and five annual retainer's fee. All other of-

Animals kept by Bennie Rives on ing, the service was attended by fin, the youngster in the group who Railroad Street constitute a nuisance, the board rules and he will be asked

The town agreed to put in about

# Mrs. Geo. Gardner Dies In Hospital

Funeral Services Were Held At the Home Near Here Yesterday Afternoon

Mrs. Bessie Bennett Gardner died in the local hospital Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock following a long illness. She had been in declining health for two years or more and her condition had been serious for some time. However, she was getting along as well as could be expected up until last week when her condition became worse and she was removed to the hospital. She suffered patiently during her long illness.

The daughter of the late Joel and Dora Burroughs Bennett she was porn near Williamston on February 11, 1892, and lived in this county all her life. She was married to George Gardner twenty-seven years ago. Following the death of her mother about twenty-two years ago, she helped rear her young brothers and sisters and two of her husband's children by a former marriage in addition to two of her own. Loving care was extended to all, and she was a good neighbor and beloved by all who knew her. Mrs. Gardner join-Monday Morning ed the Baptist Church at Riddick's Grove almost twenty-five years ago. was faithful in its service down way engineer and well-known local are said to have launched another through the years, attending services citizen, died last Sunday night at regularly as long as her health would 10 o'clock in a Washington hospital In a speech yesterday, Prime Min-

Martin County's commissioners was held in high esteem. Besides her husband she leaves two children, Edward and Litha Gardner; two step-children, Perlie and Haywood Gardner; four sisters, Mrs. Jesse Rogers of Bear Grass, Messrs. Frank Bennett of Murfreesboro, Leonard Bennett of near Williamston, Hugh B. Bennett of RFD 1, Palmyra, and Vance Bennett, U.

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# Reporting on collections, County Nearly 300 Tires

Nearly three hundred auto tires and more than fifty truck tires have been allotted this county for rationing in June, it was announced this week by the War Price and Rationing Board. Last month 178 car tires were allotted, but the number was increased by 100. This month, 270 car tires and 51 truck tires were al-

Meeting last week, the county board rationed 32 passenger car

Grade I tires were issued to the

Stanley E. Whitman, John F. Walers, W. C. Wallace, Mildred Everett, J. R. Winslow, A. J. Holliday, Jr., P. E. Getsinger, C. B. Roebuck, Daisy Marie Manning, W. C. Hale, Mrs. Louise Barber, R. H. Weaver, J. L. Whitfield, W. M. Cross, Edgar D. Brown, Louis Barber, Peter Bellflower, Mrs. Lillie Wynn, J. Elliott Barnhill, I. B. Roebuck, Charlie G. Forbes, Dr. E. L. Early, Pleny Peel, D. C. Peel, Edward James Estate, Taylor Mill and Gin Co., James R.

### New Sanitarian Enters **Upon New Duties in County**

Andrew Holliday, Jr., Jamesville young man, entered upon his new duties as county sanitarian last week after receiving special training in

other counties and in Raleigh. In trying to, improve health conditions for the good of the general public, the young man asks the cooperation of the people. A statement from the health office warns willful violators of the public health laws that health measures will be enforc-

### HAS TOUGH TIME



Leggett, son of Mrs. Minnie Leggett, RFD 2, Williamston, and the late H. W. Leggett, declared it was a hot forward to leave the enemy a contime over in Germany for him the latter part of last February.

Wounded in the right hand by a Pvt. Leggett and his half-track vehicle driver, a sergeant by the sergeant went back for the truck, and just as he left a shell struck the spot where he had been seconds southern tip of the island. before. I was wounded, and was Japanese troops had been inter-

mother in this county.

that he had sent souvenirs, including several watches and the wheels off one of the two German planes he had shot down. He wears the Purple

# Frank Hitch Died In Hospital Late

Funeral for Well-known Local Citizen in Church of **Advent Today** 

Frank Smith Hitch, retired highpermit. Mrs. Gardner was devoted to her home. A thoughtful wife and mother, she was a good woman and mother, she was a good woman and where he had been a patient for about ten days. He had been in declining health for some time, but his war within a year, and the boys over condition was not considered serious there are saying, "out of the sticks until about a month ago when he in' 46" suffered a heart attack. He showed much improvement until about two the hospital for treatment.

The son of the late Frank and a year later, locating in Hamilton where his father engaged extensively in the lumber and manufacturing business. About 1895 the family located in Norfolk where he attended the Norfolk Academy and Gatewood Schools ,later engaging in the lumber business with his father for a number of years. Mr. Hitch was mar-Allotted For June ried to Miss Mary Loser of Smithfield, Va., in 1909 and moved to North Carolina three years later, locating in Williamston in the late teens, and making his home here since that time.

He went with the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission about 1920 and specialized in road and bridge engineering, life to his state's march of progress quarter century of able and faithful tired on his sixtieth birthday. Recognizing the need for men, he answered a call to service by the Burin making a farm survey in this after striking the girl. county when he was taken critically

Mr. Hitch was a member of the Episcopal church during a greater part of his life, and he was deeply devoted to the finer ideals in life the accident. No hearing date had and to his work. He made and cher-been fixed. ished many lasting friendships during his residence here, and was held

in high esteem. Besides his wife, he leaves two

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### QUIET

All was very quiet on the crime front here and in most parts of the county last weekend. Only one person was ar-rested and jailed, and he was later released after sobering up a

Two persons, Joe Burt Purvis and Arthur N. Brown, Jr., were cited to court for allegedly operating motor vehicles with improper brakes.

Kobe Struck by Five Hundred B-29's; Okinawa Battle Nearing End

Admitting that the battle for Oki nawa is nearing a close, the Japanes today were quoted as saying that they expected an invasion of their main islands "soon". "All indicanomeland," the Jap radio warned. Action by the Sixth Marine Division apparently disturbed the Japs eports stating that the American ighters stormed ashore on Oruku peninsula on Okinawa yesterday ir surprise attack and swept up half the stubbornly defended airfield at In a recent letter, Pvt. John Bill Naha, the island's capital. At the same time other American forces advancing from the northeast drove

necting strip only three miles wide. Breaking through crumbling en emy lines in some of the most senmortar shell on the night of February 22, 1945, the young man said it was an exciting and dangerous time.

sational advances of the bloody of day campaign, American soldiers in the central part of the island broke into Iwa village, only three miles from the southern beaches.

name of Hooper, were traveling fantrymen driving westward after Sunday Afternoon name of Hooper, were traveling along a road when enemy fire got so hot they deserted the machine for a name on Chinen peninsula captured and the southeastern ditch. "When the fire slackened, the Gushican village on the southeastern coast and only five miles from the

As front dispatches reported that His wife, formerly of Florida, and been intertheir two children, Sheron and John-broke through to attack the Amerinie, are making their home with his can fleet off Okinawa. Forty-five In his letter Pvt. Leggett stated one light American naval unit was that he hoped to be home some time damaged, Admiral Chester Nimitz within the next three or four months, announced. The loss of the destroy ers, Morrison and Luce, was announ ed yesterday.

Nearly 500 American Superfortresses today poured 3,300 tons of Heart and is credited with capturing firebombs into Kobe, Japan's sixth largest city and principal port, in a heavy assault against a 10-mile long industrial area stretching from one end of the city to the other.

The big armada of Marianas-based bombers roared in over the Japanese homeland at 7:14 a. m. Tokyo time and spread their devastating loads Last Sunday Night and spread their devastating loads of incendiaries through the heart of the war industry center on Osaka

Fighting still goes on in the Philippines, and in China the Chinese are making gains, reports stating that and death—are riding furiously over ahead and have your big time. But, the Japs are withdrawing from the half of youth when he said, "The be expected. It is time to get down half of youth when he said, "The be expected. It is time to get down corridor leading to Indo-China.

# weeks ago and he was removed to Badly Injured When Run Down by Truck

Miss Elizabeth Holliday, 14-yearold daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Holliday of near Dardens, was gravely injured last Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when she was run down in the yard of her home by an empty log truck operated by Kader Brown, colored employee of the Williamston Lumber Company.

Suffering a skull fracture, a broken collar bone and bad bruises on one side, the young victim had not regained consciousnes searly today. However, her condition was believed to be showing some improvement, late reports from the hospital in Washington where she was admitted for treatment stated.

Young Miss Holliday got off passenger bus traveling toward giving many of the best years of his Jamesville and was crossing the highway to her home. Brown, travin highway construction. After a eling in the direction of Plymouth, drove off the highway about 112 service with the commission, he re- feet from the point where the bus stopped, and bore to his right, striking the girl in the yard about 29 feet from the edge of the hard surface. eau of the Census and was engaged The truck continued about 78 feet

Given first aid treatment in Plymouth she was removed in a Horner ambulance to the hospital. Brown is charged with reckless driving and with failing to report

### **Wounded Boy Hopes** To Get Home Soon

Seriously wounded by a bursting shell in Germany last February, Pfc. Ernest C. Hollis returned to the States a short time ago and is now patient in Finney General Hospi-I, Thomasville, Ga. In a recent letter to his parents

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hollis, the young man said he hoped to be home in about a month. During the meantime, mail from friends will reach him at Finney Hospital, Det. of Patients, Ward B-7, Thomasville, Ga.

The shell fragments injured him in the back, shoulders and neck.

# Japanese Expecting 'E' Bond Sales Exceed Invasion Of Their Main Islands Soon Half of County's Quota

DIES IN HOSPITAL

Contracting a fatal disease while serving in the Pacific Theater of War, Seaman Hubert Davis Brown, son of Guilford Brown, died in a Columbia, S. C., hospital on May 27. He was buried near here last Tuesday.

# Local Schools End Term at Exercises Last Friday Night

Small Crowd Present for Literary Address and Graduation of 27 Seniors

"You are hopelessly in debt, but shamelessly thankful for it." Rev. W. M. Maness, Tarboro minister, said in his address marking the close He returned to action and since laid groups to attend a school commencement program here in several years.

The minister did not paint a bright picture for the youthful graduates when he pointed out that the four horsemen-fear, pestilence, famine flam the ration regulations, then go the world today, but he spoke in be- remember, a day of reckoning is to custom is to direct criticism against to business and say we are going to youth, when it is not as much a youth curtail our foolishness and meet the expectations, the older ones are re-

ing for, a cause that can improve quota has been met and more, Chairyour mind and spirit," he said, de- man Clayton announcing that \$656,claring that we should live for a 421 had been invested in that type cause worth dying for, and the chal- of security during the first two days lenge to you is to go forth and give ight, order and peace to the world. You are a determining factor in a new day about to be born. We believe in you. We are confident that you will make a definite contribuyou will make a definite contribution to the world," he said, adding In Farewell Sermon that today is a day of beginning, a creative period, a period of vision. Youth must be won and trained for building a peaceful world. One of the programs in the postwar world is to

The speaker said, "We are proud of America, a land of freedom and democracy. We are proud of democracy and the traditions of our nation. We are proud of the heroic efforts of our grandfathers. As you look forward to life achievement you can be inspired by the mighty contributions and the flow of culture anded down to you.'

Rev. Maness then cited our obligations and told the graduates that hey were indebted to Moses, Isaiah, David and Jesus and others who gave o the world new ideals. You are indebted to the Greeks for the philoophical mind, to Italy for art, to England for representative govern-

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### BUDGET

The 1945-46 school budget was

tentatively fixed by members of the board of education for the county yesterday. Approximately \$96,925 are called for this year as compared with about \$86,000 for the term just ended, the board chairman explaining that debt service was up about \$1,000, capital outlay about \$2,000 and current ex-penses about \$7,000. Debt service was estimated at \$23,682, capital outlay at \$16,550, and current expenses at \$56,692. The State accepts about \$17,000 as its share of the current expense item which includes insurance, vocational teacher salaries, repairs, fuel, janitors' services.

According to the preliminary budget figures and operating costs last term, the schools in this county will cost right at \$339,924 next term.

## Sale Of Negotiable Bonds Over the Top In Very Short Time

"Little" Buyers Are Earnestly Urged To Support the Purchase of 'E' Bonds

The Seventh War Loan Drive in this county made considerable progress last week when citizens invested an additional \$60.845.75 in 'E" bonds and went to oversubscribe the quota of negotiable securities by more than \$282,000

While the bond picture has been materially brightened, County Drive Chairman D. V. Clayton points out that the "E" bond quota is hardly more than half subscribed, that the people of this county cannot conin the face when they return unless the challenge is met to the last penny. Through last Saturday, \$208, 252.00 had been invested in "E" bonds by Martin County people, leaving the drive \$162,748.000 short of its goal. Just a little over three weeks is left to meet the challenge. Reports state that a comparatively few investors have been responsible for the bulk of the progress made in the drive to date, that the "little" fellows are not measuring up to expectations. Leaders of the drive are again appealing to the "little" investors to get busy and carry the E" bond drive over the top.

A holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor who distinguished himself on the field of battle and who came back home just long enough during the Sixth War Loan Drive to ask the "little" folks to buy bonds will not be asking them to buy bonds in the current drive. of the local schools and the gradua- down his life. It is a great tragedy tion of twenty-seven young men and when we at home can't save enough roung women last Friday night. His back from a pleasure-driving, entersounding a serious warning, tainment-going, liquor-drinking, and was heard by one of the smallest a general good-time program to invest a few filthy dollars in bonds which are needed to support the boys carrying the fight to the enemy. If to ease your conscience and can flimproblem as it is an adult problem. challenge, or we are going to con-If you have failed to measure up to tinue on our merry way, leaving the boys in the lurch and the devil to take the hindmost

"But you have a cause worth liv- Martin County's negotiable bond

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# Dr. Wm. R. Burrell

After faithfully serving nearly ten years, Dr. W. R. Burrell ended his second pastorate with the Williamsdirect the thinking of youth toward ton Memorial Baptist Church last

an order of peace and love," he add- Sunday. One of his last official acts as pastor was to name a committee to have prepared a memorial to the memory of Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs who gave the church plant to the ownership about thirty years ago.

For his farewell sermon, Dr. Burrell, who labored so unselfishlessly for the religious betterment of the entire community, chose the first 15 verses of the second chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians. "Paul called the pastors together to give them final instructions. He said, 'I commend you to God, and be worthy of His grace that is able to build

you up'. The retiring minister, inwardly touched as he preached to those whom he loved and with whom he had worked, said, "There are greater issues than me. We are living a great age when to live is sublime, an age that can give dimensions and directions for years to come. Move on to that divine goal that your life might be sublime, for bonds based on God's word are lasting. Broken nomes and churches might not have been had we taken God into account," he declared, adding. "In comng days whether they be few or

nany, I commend you to God." Dr. Burrell announced the acceptance of the church's call by Dr. Ira Knight, of West Palm Beach. "I hope he'll be God's man to lead the church into great things. I go with great appreciation and deepest humility, and throw the torch to Brother Knight for him to carry on."

Dr. Burrell, boarding a moving van carrying his furniture, left yesterday morning for Weaverville where he will spend the summer and continue to Florida next fall to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Workman. "But I'll be coming back for a visit before then," he said as he took leave of the church he loved and the people of the town.