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## **Americans Put More** Men Ashore Behind Japs' Okinawa Line

General Jos. Stilwell Predicts. Pacific War Will Last Two More Years

Believed to have been drawing to a close two weeks or more ago, the battle for Okinawa continues to rage, late reports stating that the Americans have landed more forces, this time on the southern part of the island behind enemy lines. The Japs were issued an ultimatum yesterday to either surrender or be annihilated. They rejected the surrender offer and the fight continues, but observers can't see how the battle can last much longer.

While the Americans were pushing for a final show down on Okinawa, the Australians moved in on North Borneo and are making progress. They are reported to have met surprisingly weak resistance.

The air war continues to gain momentum, late reports stating that Liberator bombers have been seen over the main Jap islands for the first time. Strategic targets are still being pounded, and it is conservatively estimated that more than 100 square miles of Japan's greatest industrial arears have been burned

Commenting on the Pacific war, General Joseph Stilwell said over the week-end that he was of the opinion it would last for two more

While preparations go forward for increasing the tempo of the Pacific fight, progress was made on the diplomatic front these past few days. Unless something unforseen happens to upset it, Harry Hopkins, the man who has been so bitterly condemned by his own countrymen, has won a resounding victory for improved relations with Russia by ironing out the main points of the Polish dispute. Hopkins, just back from Russia, also helped solve the veto question baffling the World Security Confrenece at San Fran-

cisco so long. In Europe the GI's are not at all cheerful over the prospects of transferring to the Pacific. It is now likely that the Third and Seventh Armies will remain in Germany while the Ninth and Fifteenth move toward the Pacific Theater.

In Washington, Josephus Daniels went all out against peace-time conscription, and the Senate, in extending the price control program for another year, inserted an amendment guaranteeing farm profits.

The amendment provides: "It maintain against the producers of any livestock, grain or other agricultural commodity a maximum ham was closed last week-end, the the run of the creek to the river, price for such commodity which Martin County War Price and Ra- just a short distance away. The does not equal all costs and expenses tioning Board announced yesterday. young brother, apparently a poor (including all overhead expenses, a Found with two "A" gas ration swimmer, jumped in and is believed return on capital and an allowance books in his possession, William to have been taken with cramps. Ovfor the labor of the producer and his Taylor, RFD 1, Bethel, had his car erton went to his rescue and Oscar family) incurred in the production grounded until July 8. of such commodity, plus a reasonable profit thereon.

publican, offered the amendment.

## **Employment Unit** Places 118 Workers

ities in Martin and Bertie Counties continued in May to get the bulk of \$255 was returned to Mrs. Mildred were found about fifty feet down non-agricultural workers placed in Bowen Bonds, widow of Pfc. Cecil stream from the spot where the jobs by the local office of the Unit- B. Bonds who was killed in action brothers drowned. ed States Employment Service of the somewhere in the South Central Pa-War Manpower Commission, accord- cific, a year ago this month. ing to Mrs. Alvis R. Jordan, supervising interviewer-in-charge of the

During the past month 118 workcally needed activities. The local office assisted 88 workers in getting jobs, largely through clearing them for new work.

visitors, a slight decrease from numbers in previous months of this year. season, as a large number of work- Grove Farm. The officers poured ers who accept work in industry during the off-season for farming wrecked other equipment. are busy planting and cultivating

tions of problems related to re-es- used as a still at the second plant. tablishing themselves in their communities. Each local office is a Vetunder the G. I. Bill of Rights.

#### Quarterly Conference Will Be Held At Holly Springs

Rev. J. Herbert Miller, superiners are invited to attend.

### REUNION FOR GI 'ENOCH ARDEN'



HE "ENOCH ARDEN" STORY, which may be paraphrased many times before the last GI comes home from the wars, had a particularly happy variation in the case of Lt. Harold Goad, 27, of Portsmouth, O., who was reported dead when his plane was shot down in Burma two years ago. He returned to find his "widow" remarried, but they arranged to pick their lives up again where they had been dropped-and here you see them on a "second honeymoon" after Mrs. Goad applied for an annulment of her second marriage.

## **BIBLE SCHOOL**

The union vacation Bible school was off to a good start here yesterday when 185 pupils reported for class work. Nineteen teachers were present, but Miss Ethel Guest, supervisor, points out that more teachers are needed. Any one who can find time and who will help are asked to contact Miss Guest immediately.

The young folks are interested in the program, but it appears that it is another case where adult delinquency is proving the big problem.

hall be unlawful to establish or ration books for short periods and Nichols and Lawyer Bell, all from williams Township. The group de

ble profit thereon."

ston, had his car grounded until erton came to the surface, called for Senator Wherry, Nebraska Re- July 8 when it was learned that he help and went back under the wahad detached two gas coupons be- ter.

fore they became valid. books until July 22 for speeding.

## Three Liquor Stills ers were placed in essential and lo-cally needed activities. The local of the loca

Raiding almost in sight of Williamston early last Sunday morning, In May, the local office had 364 ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked a liquor plant just a short distance from U. This decrease is due to the farming S. Highway 17 on the Staton Kelvin out 350 gallons of molasses beer and

Following up their Sunday raid, the officers invaded the Bear Grass Returning war veterans are urged Swamp area Monday and wrecked to use the facilities of the U. S. Em- two plants, including a steam outployment Service in seeking solu- fit and a 50-gallon capacity oil drum

At the first plant raided Monday, the still was hot and the operator, a erans' Information Center and as white man, did not tarry long. Depusuch is currently informed on vet- ty Peel gave chase, but the operator erans matters. A Veterans' Employ- was without shoes and paid no atment Representative is located in tention to the briars. Just as he each U. S. Employment Office and started to reach out for his man, the ings, W. Bruce Johnson, W. E. Holit is his or her prime responsibility officer stumbled and lost the race. to assist returning service men and More than five gallons of cheap li- T. G. Griffin, Lester Terry, Marion explain their rights and privileges quor and fifty gallons of honey beer were poured out at the two plants.

## Receives Cigarettes

tendent of the Elizabeth City Dis- Seattle, Washington, Chief Petty Of- B. B. Taylor, James E. Keel, Ben R. trict of the Methodist Church, will ficer Howard Earp stated that his Manning, James E. Bullock, John A. preach at Holly Springs Methodist brother, missing in the European Ward, Jr., A. R. White. Church Friday, June 15th, at eleven War Theater for a long time, had reo'clock, after which will be held the turned home. The officer stated that following: third quarterly conference. The of- his brother had received a free packficials of the Williamston charge are age of cigarettes from the Williams- Pollard, Williamston Lumber Co., expected to be present, and all oth- ton Kiwanis Club and wanted to W. E. Davis, Standard Fertilizer Co.,

# Two County Colored there. Men Drown in River

Bodies of Two Brothers Taken from Stream Yesterday Morning

Two brothers, Overton James, 33, and Oscar James, 25, both of Williams Township, this county, lost their lives by drowning in Roanoke

By Ration Board ored men went to Conine Creek ship. Williams Township. The group degrabbed and pulled him down. Be-Samuel T. Brown, RFD 2, William- fore others could get to them, Ov-

A search for the bodies was mak-John W. Hollowell, Jr., and I. M. ing little progress until Patrolman Margolis surrendered their "A" W. E. Saunders went to Washington and procured special hooks and Charged with selling a car in ex- dragging operations, handled at the cess of ceiling prices, Thomas Van-direction of R. J. Hardison and Landingham closed his case recent- Johnnie Williams, were completed Essential and locally needed activ- ly when a check for \$510 was paid within an hour after they were startto the United States treasury and ed yesterday morning. The bodies

Coroner Goodwin Byrd of Bertie County investigated the drownings and ruled that no inquest was necessary, that there was no evidence of foul play. The older brother had about \$300 in his clothes and Oscar

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## Sixty - Four Tires Allotted By Board No one was hurt but damage, estimated at \$350 by Patrolman W. E.

Sixty-four tires - fifty-four for passenger cars and ten for truckswere released by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last

Crade I tires were issued to the following:

Thad Newsome, Jr., C. U. Rogers N. W. Johnson, J. H. Edwards, N. T. Fice, Nellie Smith, G. B. Whitfield, George Revels, Mrs. O. S. Anderson, Jimbo Newsome, Mack D. Leggett, W. B. Cannon, A. T. Perkins, R. T. Purvis, Jr., L. H. Hux, F. C. Stallliday, Dr. V. A. Ward, Cecil Brown, E. Smith, Mrs. W. R. L. Purvis, Ruby Williams, Emma W. Powell, Lawrence Williams, W. H. Williams, Jr. Town of Williamston Police Department, Dr. V. E. Brown, J. E. Corey From Local Civic Club E. K. Edmondson, J. V. Andrews, J A. Powell, Mildred Pigg, Charlie Writing a few weeks ago from G. Forbes, J. F. Crisp, E. V. Smith,

Truck tires were released to the Chas. H. Jenkins and Co., F. F. express his appreciation for them. J. H. Harrell, E. E. Brown.

Taken Fataliy III While Near Three Townships In Tobacco Barn

Sylvester B. Lilley, prominent Martin County citizen, business man and farmer, died suddenly shortly

Top With "E" Sales before 10 o'clock this morning while en route to a local doctor's office. The immediate cause of his death could not be learned, but presumably he was the victim of a heart

Going with Mr. J. C. Norris to Dardens to inspect a tobacco barn urnace, Mr. Lilley complained of eeling badly, but thought he would were turning white, Mr. Norris sugof the seat as if he were sleeping. Mr. Norris stopped and picked up Mr. Albert T. Perry along the way and he held Mr. Lilley's head the remainder of the way to Williamston where he was pronounced dead by Dr. E. T. Walker. It is believed hat he died in the vicinity of James-

Mr. Lilley stated earlier in the like colic during the previous night. However, he was up early this mornto install a stoker in a tobacco barn when he decided to accompany Mr. Norris to the Knowles farm near

Near Conine Creek and wife, he was born in Griffins and he only shook his head when asked about the prospects in Wil ber mill and cotton gin in addition to his farming operations. He later formed a partnership, built the Carolina Warehouse here and served as ognized leader and was one of the other activities far removed from

In early manhood he was married those boys who are bearing the to Miss Sarah Rogerson and she brunt of the fight on foreign battle with three children, Elmo, Roland fields. River near the head of Conine Creek and Ralph, survives. He also leaves Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. two sisters, Mrs. Garland Perry of is more money in the banks right to- Cafe, is rapidly advancing plans for Their bodies were recovered about Griffins Township, and Mrs. John day than at any other time, that the the construction of a church build-

understanding that "spot" checks will be made.

sit Friday and Saturday of this week such a grand and glorious scale. at community house in Bear Grass, Ayers store in Oak City, Manning's store in Griffins, Sexton's store in them and make up your mind now Jamesville, Masonic Hall in Roberon Saturday in Everetts. The Hamilton district committee will sit at Hassell on Friday and in Hamilton on Saturday.

### MOTORISTS ESCAPE INJURY IN CRASH FRIDAY EVENING

No one was hurt but damage, esti-Saunders resulted, when the cars of Dr. C. G. Garrenton and Ira F. Andrews crashed on Highway 64 near Parmele last Friday evening about o'clock.

Andrews was making a left turn during the rain and the Garrenton car skidded into him.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Figures in the accident record continue to climb gradually, members of the N. C. Highway Patrol announcing that motorists on the county highways had one accident last week, boosting the county to 27 so far this

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time. 23rd Week Comparison

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge Comparison To Date

# Sylvester B. Lilley E Bonds Are \$132,733 Apartment Wrecked Dies Suddenly This Morning Near Here Short of County's Goal On Saturday Night

# County Go Over the

Williamston Presents Darkest Spot in Drive with Hardly Half of Quota Sold

At the close of business last Saturday, the main issuing agencies, the Guaranty Banks here and in soon feel better. Seeing that his lips Robersonville and the Branch Bank here had issued \$238,267.00 in the gested that they return immediate- current Seventh War Loan Drive, y, and they were on their way home leaving the county \$132,733.00 short when he laid his head on the back of its assigned "E" bond quota of \$371,000.00, and less than three weeks to meet the challenge in its entirety.

Following the example set by little Poplar Point, Jamesville and Cross Roads went over the top last week with some to spare. Jamesville, answering the call of Chas. Davenport, district chairman, raisday that he wasn't feeling very well, of the assigned quota. Paul Bailey ed \$12,993.75, or \$1,743.75 in excess that he had suffered with something reports \$8,212.50 for Cross Roads, or nearly \$1,000 in excess of the original goal. The picture looks good in ing and was making arrangements Bear Grass, Robersonville and Hamilton where somebody hasn't forgotten the boys out yonder on Okinawa and the acres of cemetery on Iwo Dardens to inspect a barn furnace Jima. While the picture isn't very bright just now in Griffins and Has-Funeral arrangements had not sell districts, County Drive Chairbeen completed shortly before noon man D. V. Clayton is betting on the people there. He hasn't given up The son of the late Kader Lilley hope in Williams and Goose Nest and wife, he was born in Griffins and he only shook his head when a successful farmer, operating a lum- liamston. It is quite evident that olina Warehouse here and served as been done to advance the bond drive Over \$2000 Raised for House one of its proprietors. He was a rec- while there has been an increase in county's most substantial citizens. the war effort and the welfare of

control program, Martin County far- this county could finance the pur- group.

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## Wait For The Draft And See The World

Pfc. Harry J. Smith declares, and ne has the proof to back the statement, that one does not have to join the Navy to see the world. He goes on to explain in a letter written the latter part of May:

Boy, that's enough for me.

back in the one and only good old possibility the building could be lo-Williamston with my wife and loved cated on property near the munici-

## CHAPLAIN MAJOR



Rev. John W. Hardy, former rector of the local Episcopal Church, was promoted to the rank of Chaplain Major on May 1st, his wife, the former Miss Sue Martin Capehart, of Windsor, was advised a few days ago. Serving in England, the young major will hardly be able to get home before late fall. Recently he had the pleasure of visiting the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Goeffrey Francis Fisher, the new Archbishop of Canterbury.

# New Church Assured For Group At West

of Worship, Committee Chairman Announces

An interdenominational group, or-Reliable reports declare that there held in Roberson's Slaughter House 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning and made ready for burial.

Logging contractors, the two colLogging contractors, the two colEason Lilley, both of Griffins Town
Manning, and Mrs. John day than at any other time, that the people of this county could underwrite a bond issue in the several millions of dollars and still not demillions of dollars and still not demill ny themselves the necessities of ly \$2,086.16 has been raised or pledg-life. It is quite certain that some ed and a lot, located in the point all directions the water fleeding the Several motorists lost their gas Several motorists lost their gas Several motorists lost their gas To Submit Several motorists lost their gas Several motorists lost have actually denied themselves of en the group by Dr. W. R. Burrell Tobacco Acreages the bare necessities of life to play who recently retired as pastor of the fair with the boys over yonder. Williamston Memorial Baptist It is hard to believe, but a finan- Church and who with others were In accordance with the tobacco cier estimates that the people of instrumental in organizing the

mers are being asked to measure chase of automobiles to the tune of On April 16, Rev. W. G. Bullard, their tobacco acreages and report to one and one-half million dollars, and returned missionary, at the invitatheir respective committeemen dur- yet there aren't enough people out tion of Dr. Burrell and J. C. Andering the next few days with the full of the approximately 26,000 in the son, local churchman, conducted a county who will go forward and in- series of revival services in Robervest \$371,000 in bonds for kith and son's Slaughter House Cafe. The With one exception, the commit- kin who fight in foreign lands. meeting was very successful and a ees will sit on Friday and Saturday Those boys will be coming home one Sunday school was organized. Inof this week to accept the measure- of these days and they will want terest mounted and the settlement, ments. To avoid a conflict with the to know why the people at home with an estimated support of possiquarterly conference at Holly have to be begged and begged to bly 150 or more families, proposed Springs on Friday, the committee invest in bonds. They realize the the construction of a church buildfor that district will be at the coun- conditions some face, but they will ing. At the present time, the Sunday ty house on Saturday and Monday, want to know how and why pleas- school is reporting an attendance June 16 and 18. The committees will ure schedules are maintained on of 65 or more members, and the prospects are bright for its contin-The "E" bond sales are pictured ued growth and sufficient support in the figures below. Read and study for the operation of a church plant.

Plans for a building are being to do something to help push Martin studied, but no definite construcsonville and at agricultural building County over the top. If it is impostion program has been determined. for Poplar Point and Williamston. sible for you to buy a bond, plead The leaders of the movement are On Friday the committee for Cross with someone else and urge them anxious to raise approximately \$5,Roads will sit at Cross Roads and to invest. It will be little less than 000 for the plant. Construction work will be started just as soon as building plans can be approved and the fund is boosted up to around \$3,-

The group includes representa-(Continued on page six)

## **Lions Club Offers** \$1,000 To Scouts

Sponsoring one of the Boy Scout "Why enlist? Just wait and be troops here and interested in the drafted as I was and you can see the Scout movement for both boys and world in full bloom. One year from girls, the local Lions Club recently the day I left home I had spent four voted to contribute \$1,000 to a Scout and one-half months in Florida and building fund. The club itself is shipped to POE with a ten-day de- drawing most of that amount from lay en route, and from there to its general fund and individual California where I spent the next members have pledged to boost it to \$1,000. A general appeal will "I was on the Pacific for six days. soon be directed to the public to crossed the United States twice, support the movement and help eeing thirty-two states. Went into boost the amount to possibly \$5,000. five foreign countries after crossing Discussing the proposed project, the Atlantic and fought two battles. K. D. Worrell, chairman, stated that several sites are being considered, "Although the tour has been an but one has not been selected. Mr. adventure and the European theater Wheeler Martin was reported to a beautiful country, in my heart have offered the Scouts a lot on have but one desire. I long to be West Main Street, while there is a

pal swimming pool. "The war is over in Germany and | Shortly the sponsors will "plant" all contributions.

Two Occupants Painfully but Not Seriously Burned Looking for Son

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Manning were painfully burned about the face and hands when fire wrecked the old W. C. Manning residence housing three apartments, corner of Haughton and Church Streets here late last Saturday night. Given medical attention, they were able to be out the next day, and are getting

Its origin unknown, the fire was first discovered about 11:50 o'clock burning through the room and windows of the living room in an upstairs apartment. Mr. and Mrs. Manning and their young son, Henry, Jr., were sleeping across the hall with both doors closed and they did not know the building was on fire until the fire department alarm was sounded. Neither did occupants on the first floor detect the fire immediately

During the meantime, Henry, Jr., even years old, woke up, ran out of the house crying and hearing nim, neighbors telephoned in the alarm. When the Mannings got up they missed the boy and they ran into the room where the fire was looking for him. Almost overcome by smoke, they were helped down the stairs and advised that the boy was out. Occupants on the first floor during the meantime, fled from the building in their night clothes and robes. The Randolph Allens, occupying one of the first floor apartments, were able to get out some of their furniture from one room, out most of it along with that of the D. L. Vanderfords, was subjected to considerable water damage.

Everything in the Mannings' living room was burned and some damage was done to furniture in an adjoining room. For the most part, however, the fire was confined to he one room and the roof which were just about wrecked.

Receiving the call at 11:50, volinteer firemen had the first streams of water on the fire in just about ganized following a revival meeting four and one-half minutes. Two other lines were soon turned on, but it was almost an hour before the fire was brought under complete control. The room was burning from one end to the other, and firemen, working their way to the second house. Just about every piece of furniture not in the upstairs living

coom was soaked. Burning three families out of heir living quarters, the fire has added to the serious housing shortage here. The Mannings are with his mother at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Allen and their young son and small daughter went to the home of Mrs. Allen's parents in Plymouth,

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## Youth Relates Few War Experiences

Writing to his sister, Miss Lucy Moore, here a short time ago, Pfc. A. E. Moore related a few of his experiences while at a hospital station in England.

Going across in October, 1943, the young man stated that the trip was uneventful, that the convoy was one of the largest ever to cross, and that just before they landed they encountered submarines but made it all right. The night they unloaded at Liverpool was the darkest he had ver seen and many of the boys were still seasick. By the time they reached their destination the next afteroon, the German planes greeted hem. "I can tell you right now you don't feel so good the first two or three nights you have to stand out and listen to German planes, not knowing where they are going to unload," he said. Continuing he said, "I soon got used to the planes and I would lie in bed and sleep and not even hear the siren. I have seen a ew German planes shot down, and it is a beautiful sight to see them

come down on a real dark night in blaze of fire. "Hitler changed to the flying oomb and they certainly did make mess. I was pretty lucky, just got ocked out of bed a couple of times, but it did not bother me at all. I would just shake the glass off my bed and go right back to sleep," Pvt. Moore said, adding that he had had several close calls while visiting in ondon.

Closing he said that he did not know when he would get home, but he hoped it would not be long.

#### Cross Roads Ladies Will Serve Country Supper

The Ladies' Aid Society of the will soon be over in the Pacific, we small jars in the business houses Cross Roads church will serve a hope. They are discharging men and other local public places, and country supper at the church there who have eighty-five or more points. the public will be asked to drop in tomorrow (Wednesday) evening But if they don't lower the standard as many loose coins as possible. D. about 8:30 o'clock. The menu will I'll have only about twenty-eight V. Clayton is treasurer of the Scout include fried chicken, country ham, years and eleven months more to building fund and he will welcome chicken salad, etc. The public is in-