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Two Liberated Prisoners Are **Among Few Coming Home During Past Several Days**

While a few led the procession some time ago, Martin County young men are now returning from the European war in greater numbers. Accurate reports are not to be had, but at least six young men, most of them from Williamston, made their appearance during the past few days. Some are returning with discharges pending, others are fairly certain that they are now marking time at home pending the receipt of orders to get ready for assignments in the Pacific area, while still others are not yet certain of their war status. T/Sgt. Eli Clayton Rogers, report-

ed missing on May 1, 1943, was liberated on last May 3 from a German war prisoner camp. He came in last Saturday morning about 4 o'clock with S/Sgt. R. J. Hardison, the two having met in France on their way home. The young man's parents, Mr and Mrs. Eli Rogers of West Main Street, Williamston, did not know their son was even in the States and it was an exciting time when they met early last Saturday morning Obliged to be weary after two years in a war prisoner camp, the young man was not asked for an interview immediately, but it is hoped the youth will later relate a few of his trying experiences for publication.

S/Sgt. R. J. Hardison, a prisoner of the Germans for just about one year, is gradually being absorbed by the ole home-town atmosphere. A bit shy after months in a prison camp, the young man, if he lost any weight, has regained it and more, and looks In an air raid over Austria, the

young man was shot down on May bombardier out, and just about that time the ship went all to pieces," Sgt. Hardison was quoted as saying. "I Health Service Will Spray do not remember bailing out. I was sailing toward the earth when I came to," he added. Injured in the jump, Sgt. Hardison was placed in a hospital for four days and limped around for about a month. He declared that Red Cross packages kept them alive, that while he was not health services are proposing treated "too bad," the Germans re- make the spray available on a larger turning from the war were better to scale but under a control plan.
the prisoners than the first guards Dr. John W. Williams, county were. Apparently those Germans health officer, after discussing the who had been in the war knew who enlarged malaria control program was winning, and acted according- with Mr. White of the U. S.-State

Seriously wounded by shell frag- the following article: ments in Germany on last February 28. Pfc. Ernest Clifton Hollis arriv- county ed home unexpectedly last Saturday night. He had been a patient in a hospital in Georgia for several weeks and will return for another operation for the removal of the shell fragments and further treatment.

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Superior Court Will Hear Cases On Civil Calendar This Week

Settlement Reported in \$25,-000 Damage Suit Against Transportation Firms

Scheduled to complete the trial of criminal cases today, the Martin County Superior Court is expected to hear the first of a few civil actions tomorrow. No big cases are scheduled for trial, but several are expected to require considerable

One of the big cases on the calendar is the \$25,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Ruth Vivian Whitaker against the Carolina Coach Company and the Carolina Delivery Company. It was unofficially learned that the case had been settled out of court, that the case would be called for final judgment. The terms of the settlement could not be learned immediately. Mrs. Whitaker was critically injured in a passenger bustruck accident near Bethel on April 16 of last year. She spent several months in hospitals and it is understood that she is still undergoing

treatment. Divorces are again crowding the civil calendar, the court after sandwiching in two between the trial of criminal cases Monday, left twelve for consideration later in the week. The following divorce cases are now awaiting the attention of the court: Selleck against Selleck, Leggett against Leggett, Mills against Mills, Bell against Bell, Wooden against Wooden, Adams against Adams, Coffield against Coffield, Pippen against Pippen, Williams against Williams, Bennett against Bennett, Gorham against Gorham, Rawlings against Rawlings.

Among the other civil cases on the docket are the following: Laughinghouse against Carter, James against James, Gaylord against Griffin, Furniture Company against Runk.

Most of the cases, it is believed, will be handled or continued tomorrow with the possibility that the court will quit for the term late in the day or early Thursday.

The grand jury completed its work Monday, but its report was not released immediately.

County Young Men Bond Sales \$109,332 From European War Short of County Goal

INJURED

Pfc. Newbrie Benjamin Rog-

erson, a native of this county

and a paratrooper, was injured

recently in a practice jump in

France and is in an Army hospi-

tal in that country undergoing

treatment, his sister, Mrs. John

R. Williams, of near Everetts,

was advised a short time age.

The message stated that both of

his feet were hurt, but it could

To Make Insecticide

Available on Larger

Homes Where Victims of

Malaria Are Living

Malaria is going to leave

disease is your responsibility.

mosquito which gets into your room

and bites you and lights on the wall

or ceiling will never live to bite any-

one else and transmit the malaria

he got from your blood. It is a chem-

sprayed on walls has no odor (after

two hours), does not discolor walls.

does not stain cloth but will kill the

insects mentioned when they con-

There are two things we have to

consider in this program: First, ma-

laria parasites have to be found in

the blood of an occupant of the house

to be sprayed. You may just think

you have malaria but no parasites

show up in sample. Second, you and

symptoms that you do really have

malaria and yet no parasites are

found. We must remember they are

hard to find in many cases and al-

not keep the parasites from showing

As stated the spraying of your

house is not going to cure you of

malaria. You will still have to take

your quinine every six hours by

the clock for 7 days or the atabrine

as your doctor prescribes it. It may

malaria even in your home because

an infected mosquito may get in, fly

direct to you and infect you before

she goes to rest on wall, but when

once she does, she dies, never lives

to infect anyone else, and if she has

just bitten a person with malaria she

They know the chemical will re-

tain its power to kill the insects that

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contact it for four to six months.

and transmit it.

tact the chemical.

ical mixed with zyline and when

After spraying fifty-five homes

not be learned how badly.

Purchases Reported Last Week Slightly More Than \$23,400.

Only Three of the Districts In County Have Met Their Quotas

With some very few exceptions, Martin County citizens gave nothing for the war effort last week and invested very little more. According to the latest report on the Seventh War Loan Drive, actually less than \$1 per capita was invested in war bonds during the period. "E" bond sales last week amounted to \$23,-400.25, leaving the county \$109,332 short of its quota. The people of the county will have to invest right at \$55,000 during the remainder of this week and the same amount next Drive Against Japan week if the challenge coming from Okinawa is to be met.

The bond picture, while still mighty dark in spots, especially in Williamston, showed much improvement in some areas during the past week. Only three townships, Jamesville, Cross Roads and Poplar Point, are over with some to spare, but ture in Williams, Griffins, Poplar pines. Point and Hassell remains just about

ging by over \$72,000. ago with the powerful DDT, the few days ago and they accounted for terday afternoon. much of the gain reported locally last

Public Health Services, prepared it to the state laboratory for examination by experts. If they find ma
| Tarawa | Tarawa | Fleet Distribution Center, reads, in and the Solomons. | Tarawa | Solomons | Tarawa | Solomons | Tarawa | Ta laria parasites in that sample, the part: "The young man is back at the U. S. Public Health Service will business of fighting Japs after a recal which will kill any insect in the one of the Navy's 'recreation islands' house, masquitoes, flies, bed bugs, in the war zone." Stationed on an If you have no physician, come to island" set up on a tiny atoll to put the Japanese mainland. us with a history of one or two chills their feet on solid ground for just

and have taken no drug, either chill a few hours. tonics, quinine or atabrine since you | County Chairman D. V. Clayton had the chills, we will take a blood still maintains that the goal can be smear and send it to the laboratory. met by every township in the coun-If malaria parasites are found the ty. Renewed appeals are being made, house will be sprayed with the chem- urging the people of this county not ical. Of course, the treatment of the to let the boys down, but push on

What is it and what does it do: It tion that the goal will be reached bewill not cure your malaria but any fore the drive ends on June 30. The figures below give the "E"

oond picture ii	n the seve	rai	districts
as of last Satu	rday:		
	Quota		Sales
Jamesville	\$ 11,200	\$	15,450.00
Williams	7,300		3,281.25
Griffins	18,500		4,668.75
Bear Grass			11,062.50
Williamston			84,900.00
Cross Roads			12,300.00
Robersonville	111,300		96,442.25
Poplar Point	7,300		8,212.50
Hamilton	14,750		14,231.25
Hassell	7,500		2,287.50
Goose Nest	11,300		8,831.25

\$371,000 \$261,667.25 your physician may be sure from all symptoms that you do really have Hail Storm Strikes Poplar Point Area

have started malaria treatment. Shots for malaria (unless it is quinine administered in the vein) will storm did considerable damage to tobacco and other field crops and blew down a few trees.

No estimate of the damage could be had immediately, but losses to tobacco crops in the small streak struck by hail ranged up to 85 per cent or more.

The storm was centered in a streak not even keep you from contracting starting near Gold Point and continuing well across Poplar Point. On the LeRoy Taylor farm in Poplar Point trees were blown down on buildings, damaging the structures. Hail damage was reported immediately on the F. J. Roebuck, Mayo Hardison, Mack Wynn, Slade White never lives to develop it in her body and Taylor farms and possibly other farms were struck.

The storm was heard here, but no rain fell and there was little or no change in the thermometer readings, and news of the damage came as a surprise later in the afternoon.

The fate of Woman's Club activities will be largely deter-mined at a joint meeting of members from the Senior and Junior organizations in the club room this evening at 8:30 o'clock. A merger of the two clubs is being proposed and the meeting this evening will discuss plans toward that end. The club presidency is said to be the main problem before the membership, but certainly a leader can be found among the combined

Miss Natalie Gould, Red Cross worker in the Mediterranean and European war theaters for more than two years, will address the meeting, and it is hoped that all club members and others interested in maintaining an active organization will make every effort to attend.

MacArthur Opening New Base for Great

Americans Mopping Up Last Remnants of Enemy On Okinawa

While there is much bitter fighting in progress in the Pacific theater others made marked progress dur- the spotlight just now is being turning the period. Oak City led last ed on the preparations for a great week with the largest percentage drive against the Japs. Few details gain, jumping from \$3,225 to \$8,-831.25. Hamilton is pushing right on announced that General MacArthur toward its quota and surely will go is establishing new bases for handlover the top this week. Roberson- ing worlds of ammunition, supplies ville, adding more than \$8,000 or and men, meaning that within the about one-third of the purchases re- next few months the Japs will begin ported for the entire county last feeling the full weight of Allied week, is pushing on toward its goal. might from every side. Tokyo has young man was shot down on May Scale in This County to its goal excess. Griffins boosted strong air force units from the its sales by almost \$1.000. The pic- European theater to the Philip-Jamesville added about \$2,500 extra already told about the transfer of

> During the meantime, American the same, if not the same. And in forces are mopping up the Jap Williamston, well, the drive is lag- remnants on Okinawa, late reports stating that the approximately 3,000 Little has been done locally to remaining enemy soldiers are being boost the drive and only ten days pushed back to the island's suicide in the Poplar Point area a short time are left to keep the faith with the cliffs, that the U.S. troops are fight-49 Martin County boys who sleep ing furiously to end the battle and the eternal sleep as a result of this avenge the death of their leader, Lt. war and with those who are still in Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, who the fight. Representatives of the was killed by a Japanese shell in the Woman's Club started a canvass a front lines on Okinawa early yes-

Fleet. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz anweek. The appeal is yet to be heard nounced that Japanese resistance in most of the industrial plants here, was "crumbling and diminishing" but the mad pleasure rush continues. by last night after 79 days of the From somewhere out in the Pa- bloodiest fighting of the Pacific war. cific came an account of a Martin | Nimitz disclosed that two units

Here is the program: If you call County boy. Before anyone says he of the Second Marine Division, comyour physician and he makes a diag- is tired of hearing about investing manded by Brig. Gen. L. P. Hunt, nosis of malaria and before he gives in war bonds or doing anything for had gone into action on the western you quinine or atabrine he takes a the war effort, let him remember side of the Okinawa front alongside thick blood smear and sends it to James Staton Whitehurst, aviation the First and Sixth Marine Divi- the Martin County Superior Court the health department. We will mail machinist's mate, third class, of RFD sions. The men of the Second are yesterday cleared very few cases

spray that house with DDT, a chem- cent THREE-HOUR rest period on ing through the Japanese defenses driving case and the charge against at will, chopping up the enemy into Lucile Bowen Brown was aired dur isolated units and pushing toward ing a greater part of the afternoon fleas, lice, most forms of roaches, and aircraft carrier, the young man and the 100-foot cliffs at the southern before Judge Q. K. Nimocks, presid a few others visited the "recreation tip of the island on the doorstep to ing, granted a motion of non-suit and

Japanese resistance was expected at the county and the State Supreme any time as the Americans slugged Court in Raleigh. A third defendant Draft Caught Several Men through the last few thousand yards pleaded guilty and accounted for leading to the end of the island.

On Luzon, American columns are sweeping northward, scoring gains actions which were run through the up to eight miles, reports stating that mill after a sandwich fashion. toward the goal with the determina- Japanese and Formosan troops were quitting the fight in unprecedented opened shortly after 10 o'clock by At the same time, American

combers are still hacking away at (Continued on page six)

Wounded Soldier Visiting Relatives In the County

Wounded in France last March, Sgt. Macon D. Barber is spending a near Jamesville. He just recently returned to the States and after his furlough he will leave for a hospital at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for continued treatment.

MEASUREMENTS

A large majority of farmers in this county reported tobacco acreages to their respective community committeemen last Friday and Saturday, but no accurate check on the project was to be had immediately.

A preliminary review of the initial reports indicates that quite a few farmers overplanted their quotas.

Those farmers who did not get their measurements to the committeemen are directed to call at the county agent's office for a card form, fill in the required information, submit it to their respective community committeeman and then return the card properly prepared to the agent's office. No marketing cards will be issued unless measurements are properly reported, and the reports should be in by

New County Tax Rate Tentatively Fixed at \$1.05 Per \$100 Assessed Valuation By Board Last Friday

WINS THE HEART OF MARYLAND



IT'S MARYLAND, HIS MARYLAND, for S/Sgt. Paul J. Wiedorfer, No. 1 hero of that state, as he receives a jubilant reception in Baltimore after winning the Congressional Medal of Honor Here Gen. of the Army George Marshall personally greets the returned hero while at left of the wounded Sergeant are Sen George Radcliffe and Gov Herbert R. O'Connor, Mayor Theodore McKeldin (right) awaits his turn.

Sentence Is Invoked in **Illegal Operation Case**

Defendants Almost Certain To Carry Case To Governor

Superior Tribunal Expected Docket Trials Today

Opening a one-week term for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, five American divisions were cracking through the Japanese defenses at will, chapping up the spread of the charge against Lucile Bayers Brown charge against Lucile Bayers Brown charge against Reports said that the end of all had traveled through two courts in one-third of the judgment records for the day outside of two divorce

the Fayetteville jurist, and since no charge to the permanent grand jury was considered necessary, Judge industrial targets, leaving those in Nimocks handled the preliminaries quickly and the second judicial district's new and promising solicitor. George Fountain, went into action. The young man made a very favorable impression and the record of two losses and no victories does not reflect his earnestness, sincerity, work and ability. At the same time it was apparent that he is a prosecuthirty-day furlough with his wife, tor and not a persecutor. The young Mrs. Elaine Barber, here, and his man had studied the docket before parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Barber he went into the court room, and it was the nature of the cases rather than the way in which they were

The Monday morning session was

Tried and convicted in superior court last September for aiding and abetting in an illegal operation resulting in the death of Beulah Brown

handled that limited the number to

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Painfully Hurt In **Automobile Wreck**

W. A. Bailey, Jr., was painfully but not seriously hurt in an automobile accident south of Bear Grass near the Martin-Pitt-Beaufort boundary last Sunday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. His shoulder was hurt and he suffered about a fifteenstitch cut on his arm. Damage to his car was estimated at about \$50 by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident.

It could not be learned just how the accident happened. According to one report the young man lost control of his car and it plunged into a ditch and against an embankment. The young man was given medical attention in the local hospital.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Well into its second week, the union daily vacation Bible school here is making marked progress, the superintendent announced today. With nearly 200 enrolled, the school last week reported an average daily attendance of 174 pupils.

On Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, the school will present a special program in the Baptist church. Arrangements are being made to seat a capacity audience and the public is invited to attend.

Report For Tests At Local Young Man Is Awarded Bronze Star Medal for Fort Bragg Monday

Who Allegedly "Jumped" Their Jobs

Twenty colored men were called last May 6th. Monday to report for their pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg, the group including several who were reported to have quit their ing officer commenting, "Captain obs without permission of the draft Crockett's outstanding accomplishboard. Most of the men are single ments and performance of duties are and several are over thirty years of in the highest traditions of the miliage. Only three are in the teen age, tary service.' and only three were called from the farm. Eight of the men had been rejected previously but were called back when they were said to have quit their jobs.

The names of the men called, their registration and last-given addresses

and Baltimore. Leo Bell, Robersonville and Suf-

Normal Earl Sherrod, Oak City and West Palm Beach. Samuel Ellis Smallwood, RFD 1

Williamston and Baltimore. Charlie Hardison, RFD 3, Williamon and Norfolk. Ben Junior Everett, Williamston.

Theron Lynch, RFD 1, Oak City. Elsworth Andrews, Parmele. Richard Winfred Hoffler, iamston and Portsmouth, Va. Lee Ward, RFD 2, Robersonville. Elijah Keys, RFD 1, Jamesville. Grover Cleve Lyons, RFD 1, Wil-

William Clifton Lawrence, RFD 1 Oak City. Joseph Edward Purvis, Williamston and Baltimore

Benjamin White Marshall, RFD 3, Williamston and Portsmouth. James Gray Eason, Robersonville and Brooklyn. James Godard, RFD 1, Williams-

Lonza Lee Rogers, Williamston. Frank Baker, RFD, Williamsion, and Lansing, Mich.

Clarence Purvis, RFD 1, Oak City. The following men were transferred, Columbus James to Baltimore, them and died in that position. The Leo Bell to Suffolk, Nerman Earl living, if you could call them liv-

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Reduction Of Five Cents Effected In Rate for New Year

Proposed Budget Calls for Just About Same Amount of Revenue As in 1944

After tussling with figures and budget requests just about all day, the Martin County Commissioners late last Friday afternoon tentatively fixed the county's tax rate for the 1945-46 fiscal year at \$1.05 per \$100 assessed property valuation. While the newly proposed rate is five cents below the one for 1944-45, the budget calls for almost the same amount of money raised a year ago. Last year, the \$1.10 rate raised \$162,843.93 from general taxation. This year, the \$1.05 rate, it is estimated, will raise \$162,724.00. It was possible to drop the rate for two reasons, first because there was marked reduction in general county bond requirements, and, secondly, because of about a half million

dollar gain in property values. With the exception of one or two departments, budget requirements remain virtually the same for the new physical year as they were last year. The schools with a rate of 50.7 cents are calling for an increase of 7.7 cents, the general county fund is being increased from 9 to 13.5 cents, and about one-half cent is being added to welfare administration while the amounts for aid to the aged and dependent children are actually being reduced, along with a one and one-quarter cent reduction in the health fund. The main reducon is traceable to county debt service. Some years ago, C. A. Harrison, late treasurer of the county, bought in bonds at a great saving. This saving is reflected in the approximately 9-cent reduction in the debt service rate this year. However, it should be pointed out that the debt service requirements will go back to about a normal figure next year, meaning that the rate for that item will jump from 26.5 cents for the 1945-46 year to around 35 cents for the 1946-47 fiscal year.

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Capt. Tom Crockett Tells of Horrors In

Accomplishments

Writing to his parents just before V-E day, Captain Thomas W. Crockett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Crockett of Williamston, described a few of the horrors he found as a member of a liberating force in Germany

Captain Crockett was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service, his command-

Moving into the German concentration camp, Captain Crockett

"Today, I saw with my own two eyes the greatest sight of horror that it is possible to view. I'm not telling you what someone told me, but what I actually saw for myself by visiting one of the German concentration camps. The sights are unbelievable and one must see them for himself to actually realize the horror of it all. I would probably have gotten sick at the stomach if I hadn't already seen so much that I just suppose I had become hardened to it. Believe me when I say it is impossible for me to exaggerate the condi-

"The camp had two wire fences around it and was located in a piney woods which was, in itself, a scene of desolation. I did no. go into the women's section, but in the men's section there were brick buildings with holes for windows, but no windows. There were no floors-just dirt, no heat, no lights, no beds, no furniture, no water, no toilet facilities; in other words, 'no nothing.' I walked into the first building and lying on the floor were four or five dead men. They wouldn't weigh 60 pounds. They didn't smell because bones don't smell. They had completely starved to death and there was just a thin layer of skin over their bones. Some had just leaned up against the side of the building and gone to sleep for the last time. Some had a filthy blanket wrapped around

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