

County Young Men Are Coming Home From European War

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.

T/Sgt. Eli Clayton Rogers, reported missing on May 1, 1943, was liberated on last May 3 from a German war prisoner camp.

S/Sgt. R. J. Hardison, a prisoner of the Germans for just about one year, is gradually being absorbed by the old home-town atmosphere.

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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.

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.

Divorces are again crowding the civil calendar, the court after sandwicing in two between the trial of criminal cases Monday, left two for consideration later in the week.

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

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Bond Sales \$109,332 Short of County Goal

INJURED



Pfc. Newbrie Benjamin Rogerson, a native of this county and a paratrooper, was injured recently in a practice jump in France and is in an Army hospital in that country undergoing treatment.

To Make Insecticide Available on Larger Scale in This County

Health Service Will Spray Homes Where Victims of Malaria Are Living

After spraying fifty-five homes in the Poplar Point area a short time ago with the powerful DDT, the health services are proposing to make the spray available on a larger scale but under a control plan.

Dr. John W. Williams, county health officer, after discussing the enlarged malaria control program with Mr. White of the U. S. State Public Health Services, prepared the following article:

Malaria is going to leave this county. Here is the program: If you call your physician and before he gives you quinine or atabrine he takes a thick blood smear and sends it to the health department.

If you have no physician, come to us with a history of one or two chills and have taken no drug, either chills, quinine or atabrine since you had the chills, we will take a blood smear and send it to the laboratory.

What is it and what does it do: It will not cure your malaria but any mosquito which gets into your room and bites you and lights on the wall or ceiling will never live to bite anyone else and transmit the malaria he got from your blood.

There are two things we have to consider in this program: First, malaria parasites have to be found in the blood of an occupant of the house to be sprayed.

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.

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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.

The bond picture, while still mighty dark in spots, especially in Williamston, showed much improvement in some areas during the past week.

Little has been done locally to boost the drive and only ten days are left to keep the faith with the 49 Martin County boys who sleep the eternal sleep as a result of this war and with those who are still in the fight.

From somewhere out in the Pacific came an account of a Martin County boy. Before anyone says he is tired of hearing about investing in war bonds or doing anything for the war effort, let him remember James Staston Whitehurst, aviation machinist's mate, third class, of RFD 3, Williamston.

County Chairman D. V. Clayton still maintains that the goal can be met by every township in the county. Renewed appeals are being made, urging the people of this county not to let the boys down, but push on toward the goal which will be reached before the drive ends on June 30.

Table with columns: District, Quota, Sales. Includes Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, Williamston, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Poplar Point, Hamilton, Hassell, and Goose Nest.

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Hail Storm Strikes Poplar Point Area

Striking a small area late last Sunday afternoon, a wind and hail storm did considerable damage to tobacco and other field crops and blew down a few trees.

The storm was centered in a streak starting near Gold Point and continuing well across Poplar Point.

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JOINT MEETING

The fate of Woman's Club activities will be largely determined at a joint meeting of members from the Senior and Junior organizations in the club room this evening at 8:30 o'clock.

MacArthur Opening New Base for Great Drive Against Japan

Americans Mopping Up Last Remnants of Enemy On Okinawa

While there is much bitter fighting in progress in the Pacific theater, the spotlight just now is being turned on the preparations for a great drive against the Japs.

During the meantime, American forces are mopping up the Jap remnants on Okinawa, late reports stating that the approximately 3,000 remaining enemy soldiers are being pushed back to the island's suicide cliffs.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that Japanese resistance was "crumbling and diminishing" by last night after 79 days of the bloodiest fighting of the Pacific war.

Dispatches said that elements of five American divisions were cracking through the Japanese defenses at will, chopping up the enemy into isolated units and pushing toward the 100-foot cliffs at the southern tip of the island on the doorstep to the Japanese mainland.

At the same time, American bombers are still hacking away at industrial targets, leaving those in (Continued on page six)

Wounded Soldier Visiting Relatives In the County

Wounded in France last March, Sgt. Macon D. Barber is spending a thirty-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Elaine Barber, here, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Barber near Jamestown.

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.

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. Wiedorter, No. 1 hero of that state, as he receives a jubilant reception in Baltimore after winning the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Sentence Is Invoked in Illegal Operation Case

Defendants Almost Certain To Carry Case To Governor

Superior Tribunal Expected To Complete Criminal Docket Trials Today

Opening a one-week term for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, the Martin County Superior Court yesterday cleared very few cases from the docket and will hardly complete the trial of the few criminal cases before late today.

On Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, the school will present a special program in the Baptist church.

County Colored Men Report For Tests At Fort Bragg Monday

Twenty colored men were called Monday to report for their pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg, by the group including several who were reported to have quit their jobs without permission of the draft board.

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.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Well into its second week, the union daily vacation Bible school here is making marked progress, the superintendent announced today.

Draft Caught Several Men Who Allegedly "Jumped" Their Jobs

The names of the men called, their registration and last-given addresses follow: Columbus James, Robersonville and Baltimore.

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.

With the exception of one or two departments, budget requirements remain virtually the same for the new physical year as they were last year.

It is estimated that the general (Continued on page six)

Capt. Tom Crockett Tells of Horrors In Concentration Camp

Local Young Man Is Awarded Bronze Star Medal for 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 last May 6th.

Moving into the German concentration camp, Captain Crockett wrote: "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.

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 not 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.

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Leo Bell, Robersonville and Suffolk. Normal Earl Sherrod, Oak City and West Palm Beach. Samuel Ellis Smallwood, RFD 1, Williamston and Baltimore. Charlie Hardison, RFD 3, Williamston and Norfolk.

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Ben Junior Everett, Williamston. Theron Lynch, RFD 1, Oak City. Elsworth Andrews, Parmele. Richard Winfred Hoffer, Williamston and Portsmouth, Va. Lee Ward, RFD 2, Robersonville. Elijah Keys, RFD 1, Jamesville. Grover Cleve Lyons, RFD 1, Williamston. William Clifton Lawrence, RFD 1, Oak City. Joseph Edward Purvis, Williams- and Baltimore.

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Benjamin White Marshall, RFD 3, Williamston and Portsmouth. James Gray Eason, Robersonville and Brooklyn. James Godard, RFD 1, Williams- ton. Lonza Lee Rogers, Williamston. Frank Baker, RFD, Williamston, and Lansing, Mich. Clarence Purvis, RFD 1, Oak City. The following men were transferred: Columbus James to Baltimore. Leo Bell to Suffolk, Norman Earl (Continued on page six)