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Have Failed So Far

County Boy Submits Lee Coss Denied Bond Account of the 83rd Infantry Engineers In Local Murder Case **Highlights of Long Trip from Probable Cause Of**

Pic. David Wilson Hardison,

promising county youth, died of

wounds on Okinawa May 26, his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Har-

dison, RFD 1, Williamston, were advised a few days ago.

Part of Next Week

Indiana to Junction with **Russians on the Elbe**

A member of Co. B, 308th Engineers, 83rd Division, Sgt. Ernie Lee Modlin, son of Mr. Joe Gray Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville, submits an interesting story of his outfit from the time it was reactivated at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, until it met the Russians across the Elbe in Germany.

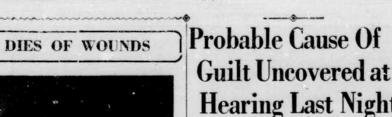
The second installment of the story follows

LOIRE VALLEY - Following the successful conclu-sion of the St. Malo-Dinard campaign, the 83rd moved to the Loire Valley to protect the entire right flank of the Third Army in its dash across France. The mission began on August 22nd and concluded September 20th. The zone of responsibility assigned to the Division extended along the Loire through Nantes, Angers, Tours and Orleans to Auxerre This is a distance of more than 200 miles-the longest line of responsibility given any division in this war. An 83rd Reconnaissance Troop patrol went south to Bordeaux without mishap. Another went south from Orleans and near Geneva contact-ed elements of General Patch's Sev-

enth Army moving north from the Mediterranean. During the month on the Loire approximately 20,000 Germans, including Brigadier General-Botho Elster, were captured. This surrender included all vehicles, arms and other equipment of the March Group which Elster commanded. Formal surrender ceremonies were held at Beaugency Bridge on September 17th. General Elster turned his pistol over to General Macon and then his 20,000 men marched to a prisoner of war enclosure. This was the largest mass sur-

render of the war. The 83rd transferred from the Third to the new Ninth Army during this operation. calendar, but final action was limit-LUXEMBOURG

ed to a few isolated cases. On September 24th, the Division Representing the Williams Chapel moved across France, into Luxem-A. M. E. Zion Church, Sam Faulk bourg to take up positions along the discussed the possibility of provid-Moselle and Sauer Rivers and relieve elements of the 5th Armored and 28th Infantry Divisions. Enemy was pointed out that plans for sewpockets on the Luxembourg side of the Moselle and Sauer were eliminated and patrols sent across into be handled as a post war project. Germany. From positions on the The spokesman also asked for a sew-Luxembourg side of the rivers, 83rd artillery units smashed at enemy rail



Hearing Last Night Perlie Coffield, Young Colored Woman, Fatally Stabbed Late Last Sunday

Probable cause of guilt having een found at a preliminary hearing held in the county courthouse here last evening, Justice John L. Hassell denied Lee Goss, young colored man, bond in the case charging him with the cold-blooded murder of Perlie Coffield, young color-ed woman, just off Hill Street here late last Sunday night. H. S. Ward, one of the two defense attorneys maintained that the state's evidence was not sufficient to support a charge of murder in first degree. H. G. Horgree murder. Justice Hassell agreed

and ordered the defendant held Raleigh On Monday without the privilege of bond for trial in the superior court during the term beginning next September 17. Only two witnesses were called by the state, and possibly much im-

Town Authorities portant evidence was not offered. A fairly large crowd gathered for the In Regular Meet hearing, and the case is expected to attract much public attention, espec-

ially from the colored population. Chas. R. Moore, local officer and Last Monday Night died in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, last the first witness called, stated that Monday afternoon at 12:35 o'clock Dies in Norfolk Last Goss surrendered to him at the po- following several months of declin-Sunday night. "Goss told me to put him in jail, explaining that he had just cut a colored moment" the had of the hearital for the enterlice station about 11:30 o'clock last ing health. Although he had not **Expecting Delivery of New** Fire Truck Possibly Latter

just cut a colored woman," the of- ed the hospital four weeks ago toficer said. "I took Goss to Dr. Early's day. He did not respond to treat-Meeting in regular session last office and saw she was dead," he ment, and pneumonia, developing added. The officer went on to say about the middle of last week, was Monday night, local town commissioners discussed a varied business that the victim was cut or stabbed given as the immediate cause of his

in about seven places, that possibly death. The son of Mr. Pleny Peel and the an inch and a half or two-inch cut late Ida Corey Peel, he was born in in her back resulted in death. Eleanor Everett with whom the Griffins Township forty-six years tal last Saturday afternoon at 12:15 Coffield girl lived stated that Goss ago last October 8th. He attended the o'clock following a long period of ing sewer connections for the church and Perlie Coffield came to her local community schools as a youth declining health. His condition was and parsonage on Rhodes Street. It house late Sunday night, that they and spent his early life on the farm, considered critical only a few days were talking about some clothing coming to Williamston as a young before the end. er and water line extensions were missing from the Coffield girl's room man to work on the tobacco market The son of the late Eli and Sarah

pending, and that the request would since the night of the Florida Blos- and later to supervise extensive Mobley Gurganus, he was born in som show here. Goss told the Cof- farming interests for J. G. Staton for this county 54 years ago. He was asfield girl, his sweetheart who was a number of years. More recently he sociated with his father in the peaer line on Washington Street and just 21 years old that day, that he had devoted his attention to individ- nut business here for a number of pointed out a bad sidewalk situation had her clothes, that he would give ual farming interests with the ex- years and engaged in the ice manuexisting after each big rain on Elm them to her if she would accompany ception of that time spent in the facturing business for several years street near the Carolina warehouse. him to get them. The witness then employ of local tobacco warehouse- before locating in Norfolk about fif-Treasurer N. C. Green explained said that the Coffield girl was afraid men and on southern markets. Mr. teen years or more ago. that work on the new fiscal year to go with Goss for the clothes and Peel was secretary of the Roanoke He was first married to Miss Salbudget was being delayed pending asked her to go along. They started the completion of the annual audit out for the clothes and along the way many years, and held other positions daughter, Miss Shirley Gurganus, of which is to be handled shortly. The board was advised that the match and lit a cigarette. "It's no (Continued on page four)



John R. Peel, highly respect-

ed and well-known local man,

died in a Raleigh hospital last

Monday afternoon following an

Funeral Tuesday in Baptist

Church for Prominent

Local Citizen

John Roberson Peel, widely-known

and highly respected local citizen,

illness of a few weeks.

County Invests \$391,915.75 In "E" Bonds To Exceed Original Quota By More Than \$20,000.

Board Members Impressed by Only Two Districts New Highway Commissioner

ple in this county, intimated that a John Roberson Peel closer cooperation between local au- exempt property. thorities and highway officials was every consideration possible.

commissioners handled the day's 300 members.

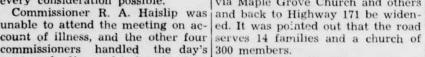


Appearing before the Martin session. The board denied claims for County Commissioners at their reg- tax exemptions on property listed ular monthly meeting last Monday, by members of the attitud to the preby members of the armed forces oth-Murriel Evans, Ahoskie man who sented for tax exemptions in the sum was recently appointed highway of \$128.66, the commissioners reasoncommissioner for this district, made ing that it was hardly fair to allow a very favorable impression on the the exemption claims where other group when he said that he wanted members of the family continue to to work with them, that while he use and handle the property. It is could not guarantee to meet every apparent that the commissioners equest, he would do all in his pow- will continue to exempt members of er to work with the local authorities. the armed forces from the payment Mr. Evans, well known to many peo- of poll taxes, but they are of the tion they have no legal right to had invested \$391,915.75 ... "E" bonds

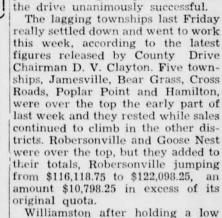
ton, private prosecutor, declared that it had every appearance of first devia Maple Grove Church and others the top with some to spare. Two dis-

To Meet Their Goal **Bonds Purchased Up Until** Noon Tomorrow To Count In Current Drive Investing an additional \$60,000 or more since Tuesday of last week, Martin County citizens pushed the sale of "E" bonds well over the top with more than \$20,000 to spare. Up until yesterday afternoon, the people of this county, including the young men in the armed services,

or \$20,915.75 in excess of the as-The board recommended that the signed quota for the Seventh War Loan Drive. Today, nine of the eleven districts in the county are over



work and adjourned before lunch. Very little business was consider-ed by the officials during the brief B. Birmingham. by \$587.50. The drive has been extended a second time to include bond purchases made up until noon tomorrow, and it is believed that the



tricts, Williamston and Griffins, are

short of their assigned quotas, Wil-

liamston by \$1,463.75 and Griffins

two townships will pull up to and

pass their assigned quotas to make

Williamston after holding a low and almost hopeless position for weeks, pulled almost up to its goal during the past few days when over \$39,000 was invested in "E" bonds. Williams added \$1,443.25 to its total to go over the top. Griffins accounted for \$7,000 in sales to pull within a few hundred dollars of its goal. Hassell, one of the smallest districts in the county, turned out after

al enemy troop and supply trains. While in Luxembourg, the Division was in the Third, Ninth and First

movements and knocked out sever-

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Firemen Get Two Calls This Week

Local volunteer firemen were called out twice this week when fire was discovered in the laundry and when a small fisherman's shack burned on Roanoke River.

Called to the laundry last Sunday morning shortly after five o'clock the firemen found a rack of clothes burning. No material damage was done to the building and no accurate estimate on the clothes loss could be had, but the damage will run well into several hundred dollars. It is believed that some one broke into the building, stole two overcoats and other clothing and then start-

ed the fire to cover the theft. diary origin, fire destroyed the small shack near the river yesterday morning at 4:15 o'clock. The property was owned by W. R. Cherry and houses a few fish nets. The loss was negligible.

Soldier Seriously

Pfc. Carol T. Noble, a member of the guard personnel at the local street. prisoner of war camp, was seriously Rocky Mount last Saturday.

Removed to a hospital, Pfc. Noble trough. whose home is in Texas was said to have suffered a skull fracture and damage was done to the truck. other injuries. His condition is improving, last reports from the institution stated. Pvt. Blaine, a Pennsylvania young man, was discharged this week from the institution and is getting along very well.

Wm. F. Whitaker Passes At Parents' Home Sunday

William Franklin Whitaker, seven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Whitaker, RFD 2, Washington, died at the home of his parents last Sunday.

Besides his parents he is survived by two sisters, Erma Marie and Joan.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. C. F. Heath of Washington. Interment was in the family cemetery in this county.

new Mack fire truck ordered some months ago was about ready for shipment and that delivery could be expected possibly next week.

cently added to the local cemetery had just about been sold the commissioners ordered the purchase of the old colored school site from Mrs. L. B. Harrison. It was the opinion of

the commissioners that the addition meeting was held in the courthouse Sexton, in Washington last Monday tion company for a long time. He sufcould be had for about \$165.

local public library. Appearing before the board, Mr.

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the fire to cover the theft. Believed to have been of incen- Pump In Hamilton

Saturday morning. The water sys- any committee or organization of ington last Tuesday afternoon by Dr. Hurt In Accident Saturday morning. The water sys- any committee or orga

town fathers are having it replaced by a small electric pumping system and chairman of the Martin County the old home in Jamesville Town- ious religious groups assembled in a officially. which will be located just off the Veterans Re-employment Commit- ship.

painfully but not badly hurt when other young man and two young ity to the veterans. Mr. Horton coman Army truck driven by Pvt. girls, was traveling down the street Blaine went out of control and in a pick-up truck and tore into the fence and leaving part of a cement vis Jordan, manager of the local of-

fice, who in turn introduced the No one was hurt and very little area director. The area director pre-

OUIET OBSERVANCE

July 4 was observed very quietly in this county, fairly complete reports indicating that the day passed without accident or untoward incidents. Not a single fire cracker was heard, and activities were limited to work schedules at one or two mills. The main business district was as quiet as it usually is on

any Sunday. Only one arrest was made, and the charge was an old one. Traffic was unusually light on the highways in this section, patrolmen stated, and bus travel was possibly below week-day

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Meets Here Friday

in Williamston Friday evening at evening at 6 o'clock following a long fered a stroke of paralysis several The board agreed to include a \$600 eight o'clock. This meeting was period of declining health. She was appropriation in the new budget for sponsored by the local Selective getting along very well earlier that

Service office and the U. S. Em- day, but was taken critically ill in a few weeks ago when heart trouployment Service 'The purpose of the afternoon and died a short time ble developed and he entered the Jeff Ray maintained that he had not this meeting was to organize the later.

been receiving fair treatment a citi-(Continued on page four) Martin County Veterans Service Son Holliday and wife, she was born sions of the G. I. Bill of Rights ex- near Jamesville 64 years ago. She plained. Ray H. Goodmon, chairman was first married to Dolly Hardison of the Martin County Selective Serv- and following his death she married ice Board, presided. The meeting was Frank S. Daw who died about ten open to the public but representa- or twelve years ago. With the ex-Street Torn Down tives from the various government ception of a few years spent in Gold agencies, civic organizations, and Point and other areas, she spent all leading citizens in the town and her life in the Jamesville commun-After withstanding batterings and county were asked to be present. Ap-knocks over a long period of years, proximately fifty persons attended. in Washington about two weeks Hemilton's street water pump was Mr. Goodmon asked each person when she was taken fatally ill. just about cleared from the inter- present to introduce himself, tell the Funeral services were conducted section site there about 2 o'clock last kind of business he is engaged in, and at the home of her sister in Wash-

Hugh G. Horton, local attorney in the Holliday family cemetery near

Mrs. Frank S. Daw

tee, was introduced and made a short | Besides her sister with whom she According to reports reaching here talk on the duties of the re-employ- was visiting she is survived by a hurt and Pvt. William O. Blaine was Mark Bunting, accompanied by an- ment committee and our responsibil-brother, Mr. Wilmer J. Holliday, of the local Ministerial Association in their wedding trip, a message was Jamesville; two sisters, Mrs. L. W. pared the provisions of the G. I. Bill Mizelle of Jamesville, and Mrs. Roxie of the association, Rev. John L. Goff, recting them to inquire why allot- Whitley and his wife quarreled, that to those provided for the returning Smithwick of Washington, and wrecked on U. S. Highway 64 in town pump, wrecking the shelter, servicemen at the close of World War half-sister, Miss Grace Holliday of I. Mr. Goodmon introduced Mrs. Al-Jamesville

POSTPONE TRIALS

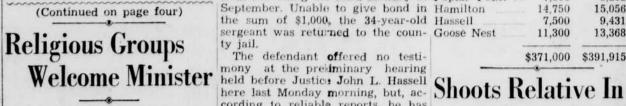
In an effort to help relieve the labor shortage on farms during the tobacco harvesting season, Judge J. C. Smith this week directed an appeal to all justices of the peace, mayors and other lower court officials to schedule no cases for trial in the county recorder's court before August 13 if the cases would take many witnesses or others away from the tobacco harvest. Harvest plans for several farmers have been upset recently when numbers of witnesses were called from the task to appear in

Judge Smith pointed out that only those cases involving farm labor should be continued until or after August 13.

Norfolk, survives the union. He was later married to Mrs .Eva Gainor Tucker who survives. He also leaves a step-son, Bruce F. Tucker, and a Preliminary Trial Is step-daughter, Mrs. S. J. Alexander, Advised that the new acreage re- Veterans Committee Dies In Washington Jr., both of Norfolk; a brother, Mr. Held in Bigamy Case ta and a sister, Mrs. M. G. James, of Norfolk. Mrs. Eva Holliday Daw, native of

After a stay of several years in A Veterans Service Committee home of her sister, Mrs. John E. he was in the employ of a construcyears ago, but was able to return to his work and continued there until hospital. He suffered a second stroke on Thursday of last week.

Mr. Gurganus was a veteran of World War I, serving from August 24, 1918, until 1919 when he was honorably discharged while holding term convening the third Monday



cording to reliable reports, he has Dr. Iva D. S. Knight, entering upon not denied having more than one his new duties as pastor of the Wil- wife. Very little evidence was offer-R. H. Crossfield and interment was liamston Memorial Baptist Church, ed at the hearing and details of the was extended a welcome by the var- alleged crime could not be learned union service at the Baptist Church last Sunday evening.

welcoming any pastor, the president received by the local authorities dipressed "the hope that Dr. and Mrs. last Friday night by Sheriff C. B. Kings 2:1-15. The minister using the defendant had a wife in Alabama. desire of Elisha for a double portion of the spirit of Elijah, and being promised that he would receive it if he saw him (Elijah) when he was taken up. Dr. Knight continued, "Saying that Elisha did not get sidetracked nor did he look at the fiery chariot, but concentrated on seeing Elijah. He saw him and called to him, and therefore received the blessing. Many people miss the main thing by allowing smaller things to come in and absorb their attention. It is needful for the Christian to keep his eye on Jesus Christ and not let the chariots of fire of whatever

kind to distract.' A goodly number of people were in attendance upon this service, despite the unusually warm weather.

Pfc. William Vernon Roebuck was wounded in his leg on Okinawa last June 12, his father, Mr. W. R. Roebuck, RFD 2, Williamston, was advised a few days ago.

Detained in Jail in De-

fault of \$1.000 Bond

The defendant offered no testi-

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RED CROSS WORKER

Relieving Mrs. Lva M. Crimes

as Red Cross Home Service

worker in this chapter for the

next few months, Mrs. Mary

Benson Carstarphen opened an

office on the third floor of the

town hall this week. Red Cross

chapter officials stated that Mrs.

Grimes was expected to resume

her duties as home service work-

er on or about the time the schools are opened for the fall

term

a liberal fashion, boosting its sales by \$7,068.75 and carrying its drive over the top with nearly \$2,000 to spare. In addition to the \$391,915.75 invested in "E" bonds, Martin County

citizens have invested \$1,217.686.50 in negotiable securities, making a total of \$1,537,247.75, an amount \$792,-247.75 in excess of the over-all quo-

Here Last Monday Case Chairman D. V. Clayton plans to make a complete report on the "E" and negotiable bond sales next week, and if Williamston and Griffins come across and meet their "E" bond quo-R. Cornelius Kirkland Being tas the report will be perfect, it is believed.

> A review of the "E" bond sales up until yesterday afternoon:

		Quota	Sales
Probable cause of guilt appearing	Jamesville	\$ 11,250	\$ 16,200.00
in the case charging him with big-	Williams	7,300	7,537.50
amy, Raby Cornelius Kirkland,	Griffins	18,500	17,915.50
member of the guard personnel at	Bear Grass	13,000	13,725.00
the local prisoner of war camp, was	Williamston	157,500	156,036.25
bound over to the Martin County	Cross Roads	11,300	12,337.50
Superior Court for trial during the	Robersonville	111,300	122,098.25
term convening the third Monday in	Poplar Point	7,300	8,212.50
September. Unable to give bond in	Hamilton	14,750	15,056.25
the sum of \$1,000, the 34-year-old	Hassell	7,500	9,431.25
sergeant was returned to the coun-	Goosé Nest	11,300	13,368.75

\$371,000 \$391,915.75

Foot With Shotgun

Frank Moore, colored, was painfully but not seriously hurt when his was revealed, however, that brother-in-law, Willie James Whitwaile the defendant and this bride ley, fired a load of gunshot into his Following a custom established by of only a few days were away on foot last week-end to climax a family quarrel.

presided and conducted the devo- ments to a former wife had been the wife returned to her home and tional part of the service and ex- stopped. Kirkland was arrested here her brother, Frank Moore, took his Knight might have a most fruitful Roebuck who told at the hearing the R. T. Chance farm not far from and happy ministry in our fine little that he had information purporting Hassell. Whitley was prepared for city." Then Dr. Knight was present- to show that the defendant had a the visit and opened fire on Moore ed and delivered the evening mes- wife in Ireland. During the who was said to have been shot in sage taking his scripture from 2 meantime, it was rumored that the the head over in Edgecombe County about a year ago.

Given a hearing before Justice J. B. Whitfield early this week Whitley was bound ever to the superior court in bond of \$750.

Purchases Culpepper Store Building In Main Street

Mr. Samul Zemon recently purhased the store building and lot owned by Luther Culpepper on Main Street here, next to the Virginia Electric and Power Company building. The purchase price was not announced, but it was reported that between \$7,500 and \$10,000 was involved. The new owner plans to develop the property in the post war period, it was learned.

sented Mr. R. C. Godwin, the main speaker. Mr. Godwin very ably explained the provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights and the agency responsible for administering each title. He concluded his talk by stating that the best form of readjustment is to allow the veterans to approach their own problems in their own way without directly directing them. Mr. Godwin stated that the prospect of

jobs in the state for veterans will be a real jeb for all organizations working together. At the conclusion of

Mr. Godwin's talk, the area director ommented on the work of the local office which is rated one of the best in the State. The meeting was thrown open for questions. Due to the incourt. tense heat, the people were more incorrested in getting out than in ask-ing questions and as a result very few questions were asked.