

Local Tobacco Market Ready for Opening Next Tuesday

Japs Reply To Peace Proposal

Lengthy Answer To Ultimatum Reaches Berne Early Today

Hours Will Be Necessary To Decode Message; End of War Right at Hand

After nearly seventy hours of watchful and anxious waiting, the world was advised at 1:49 o'clock this morning that a reply to the Allied surrender ultimatum had been sent to Berne, Switzerland by the Japanese, the Jap news agency, Domei, stating at that time that the Potsdam terms had been accepted. The answer, reported to be a lengthy document, was received in Switzerland a short time later, but hours will be required to decode the message and official announcements are hard to be expected immediately, observers explained. Possibly the war's end may be officially announced by the Allied powers tomorrow.

While no official announcements have been heard, the preliminary reports point to the acceptance of the peace proposals. However, observers are hard pressed to explain away the unusual length of the Jap reply. Could it be that the enemy is offering a conditional surrender and that their pleadings are wrapped up in numerous words? It is fairly certain that no peace reports will be accepted until official announcement comes from recognized sources, following unfounded peace rumors heard Sunday evening about 9:30 o'clock. However, metropolitan centers reported celebrations soon after the Jap news agency stated shortly before 2 o'clock this morning that an answer to the ultimatum had been sent. At 8 o'clock, the Japanese representative at Berne admitted that he had a message and that it would be delivered to the delegation in Berne at 8 o'clock. The message is expected to reach here during the morning.

If the answer supports unconditional surrender, a peace proclamation is to be expected shortly. If certain conditions are set out, then more dickerings is to be expected with the possibility that the atomic bomb will be brought back into use against the Japs. After a two-day armistice, American air forces and Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet yesterday resumed heavy warfare against the enemy, possibly to force an answer from the Japs without continued delay. Russian land and amphibious forces reported no lull, late dispatches declaring that the Red

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Over Hundred Tires Allotted By Board

104 for cars and a dozen for trucks—were released by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday evening. After exhausting the available supply, the tire panel found it necessary to reject quite a few applications, carrying over possibly two hundred or more.

Automobile tires were allotted to the following:

Mrs. Lewis H. Peel, J. R. P. Griffin, Elbert Jones, W. R. Banks, Ace Tom Taylor, H. O. Jarman, C. L. Green, George Hopkins, Clarence Matthews, Bryant Ward, Perlie L. Rogers, Russell Matthews, R. C. Gurganus, C. W. Eborn, James Arthur Perkins, John H. Wynne, James Harry Wynne, J. F. Council, Garland Cowan, A. F. Weaver, Bennie R. Dal, Peccolia Pitt, Jimbo E. Newsome, W. M. Bullock, J. W. Green, Wheeler Martin, T. V. Davis, Francis Williams, C. H. Whitehurst, A. B. Wynne, F. B. Birmingham, E. R. Turner, Ephraim Woolard, M. E. Rogers, Willys Williams, J. W. Watts, J. A. Roberson, J. B. Rogerson, Ethel M. Roberson, G. A. Peel, Viola Price Leggett, A. T. Gurkin, Jeff D. Etheridge, E. L. Etheridge, Raymond Cherry, S. J. Williams, John Chance, William E. Stevenson, L. J. Lilley, Joe Harvey Farmer, Mrs. Emma W. Powell, W. H. Coburn, Ed Peel, A. P. Barnhill, J. S. Whitley, Chester Revels, P. B. Lilley, Mrs. Janie Fleming, Morris Mobley, V. L. Roberson, Mrs. James W. Conklin, Nancy N. Highsmith, Stella Rooks, Vernon H. Davis, S. T. Brady, M. H. Ange, W. A. Jones, Sallie Roberson, S. E. Taylor, Russell Turner, Herbert L. Manning, William D. Rogerson, S. E. Williams, K. P. Lindsey, Benjamin C. Peel, H. S. Hardy, Elno Lilley, W. H. Hardison, Robert Bailey, L. M. Little, J. Leonard Coltrane, Henry Roberson, C. W. Forbes, L. H. Hux, Willie Hadley, Calvin Ayers, John Leggett, Mrs. Minnie Wynne, Chester Hollis.

Truck tires were issued to the following:

W. H. Peel, D. V. Purvis, H. A. Sexton, Harrison Oil Co., Willie Latham, J. R. Overton, Robert Edwards, J. B. Cherry, Lindsey Ice Co., and W. T. Hurst.

Plan Prayer Service In Local Church To Observe War's End

Expecting the war with Japan to end momentarily, local religious leaders Sunday planned to observe the event with a special prayer service in the Methodist church. The service is to be held at 4:00 o'clock p. m. if the peace announcement is heard before 3:30 o'clock, and at 8:00 p. m. if the declaration comes after 7:30, then the service will be held the following afternoon at 4 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the service and bow in humble prayer for the victory, and to pay a fitting tribute to the memory of those who laid down their lives for our country.

No formal program has been planned for the service, and most of the town's religious leaders are out of town, but the religious observance

will be held after an informal fashion according to schedule.

In keeping with a movement, advanced, more or less on a state-wide scale, all local stores and business houses but two plan to suspend activities for a designated time, unless President Harry Truman proclaims and designates a certain day as a national holiday.

According to a petition circulated last week-end, the stores will observe the following schedule:

If victory is announced during working hours on a week day, they will close immediately and remain closed through the following day.

If victory is announced after closing hours, the stores will be closed the following day.

If victory is announced between the closing on Friday and the opening on Saturday morning, stores will be closed on Saturday only.

AFTER EACH OTHER

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck had the most unusual experience in all his years as an officer yesterday morning when a man scheduled for arrest held him up at the point of a gun.

The officer was called to the home of Frank Powell in Bear Grass at 3 o'clock that morning, the call stating that Ben Hamm, colored, was molesting the Powell family. Not far from the Powell family, Hamm took his stand in the road, and when the sheriff with Deputy Roy Peel drove up, Hamm ordered them to take him to the Powell home, explaining that he had been off and borrowed a shot gun and was returning to kill Powell. Sheriff Roebuck invited Hamm to enter the car, and just as he got in the officers were recognized and Hamm let out a loud oath and submitted.

It is alleged that Hamm went to Powell's home and told the Powell woman that her husband was away with someone else, and that he (Hamm) had come to see her.

Varied Historical Subjects Reviewed In Tobacco Edition

Sources of Information And Aid of Volunteer Workers Acknowledged

The Enterprise today is offering its eighteenth annual tobacco edition to the nearly four thousand subscribers in all corners of the world with the firm hope that the pages will be gleaned with interest and profit by all. The edition makes its appearance after many trials and tribulations traceable to the uncertainties of the times and of life itself. But for the help of old friends, Mr. Warren H. Biggs, C. B. Hassell, Harry Biggs and others, the publishers would have been forced to skip the edition.

There's no complaining and no apologies are offered, but the publishers do remind their readers and other patrons that there were some mighty big ups and downs encountered along the way, that some of the edition's shortcomings, at least, are attributable to those conditions. For instance, the edition carries the name of Mr. Sylvester Lilley in one of the page advertisements. Following Mr. Lilley's untimely death just a few days after the advertisement was printed, the publishers planned to reprint that section, but the obstacles were found to be too numerous to overcome. It is good to note that the warehouse position left vacant by Mr. Lilley's death is being ably filled by his son, Mr. Elmo Lilley. Through error, Mr. John A. Manning's name was left out as one of the proprietors of the Planters and Roanoke-Dixie Warehouses. That section, too, was to have been reprinted, but the shortage of help and a heart-rending tragedy were

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Alleged Robber Returned To Rocky Mount Police

Andrew Herring, colored man wanted in Rocky Mount for an assault and robbery, was arrested here last Saturday and later returned to Rocky Mount.

Herring, it is alleged, attacked and nearly killed his victim about three months ago, and had been at large until last Saturday morning when he was recognized on the street here by a former Rocky Mount officer and detective.

County Birth Rate Shows Slight Gain During War Period

Market Decrease In Number Of Deaths Reported Since Year, 1941

Despite war and the withdrawal of nearly 2,000 young men from the county, the birth rate has been maintained and even slightly increased during the war years, according to a review of vital statistics in the office of register of deeds. At the same time, the number of deaths has declined unusually rapidly, dropping from a high of 210 in 1941 to 150 last year.

There were 147 births in the county last year, the number being the largest ever recorded in any one year. While the number of births among the white population barely held its own, the colored population reported sizable gains, the number exceeding the white births by 169 during the period.

The trend in the number of deaths and births is seen for the past five years in the following figures: 1940, 654 births and 185 deaths; 1941, 694 births and 210 deaths; 1942, 699 births and 164 deaths; 1943, 742 births and 150 deaths, and 1944, 747 births and 152 deaths.

The following figures show the number of white and colored births and white and colored deaths, by townships, for 1944:

Township	Births	Deaths
Jamesville	18 34 52	6 11 17
Williams	8 11 19	2 0 2
Griffins	8 16 24	3 1 4
Bear Grass	11 29 4	1 1 1
Wmston	122 135 257	37 24 61
Cross Roads	18 20 38	8 5 13
R'ville	47 112 159	16 19 35
Poplar Pt.	15 15 30	1 0 1
Hamilton	10 40 50	5 9 14
Goose Nest	25 64 89	8 5 13

Totals 289 458 747 82 70 152
Of the 172 births reported in the town of Williamston, 95 were white. In the township, exclusive of the town, 27 of the 85 births were white. In the town and township combined, 122 or nearly half of the 257 births were white. The number of colored births was greater than the number reported by the whites in nine of the ten county townships, and in that one, Poplar Point, the total was evenly divided.

There were fifteen stillbirths, and midwives were in attendance upon 255 or nearly one-third of the births. Births were reported by midwives, as follows, by townships: Jamesville, 22; Williams, 6; Griffins, 6;

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War or Peace, Men Still Being Called For Armed Service

Ten White Men Called For Final Induction Tuesday From This County

War or peace, Martin County men continue to report to induction centers for military service. Ten Martin County white men left for Fort Bragg early Tuesday morning.

What effect the end of war with Japan will have on the military service draft could not be learned immediately, but it is generally believed that the size of the calls will be materially reduced, if not eliminated, in time.

Fifteen white men were called to report for final induction from the county this week, but the available supply of men was at a low point and the call could not be met in its entirety. It was pointed out that the reduction was not a result of direct orders from Selective Service headquarters.

There were only nine in the group leaving for Fort Bragg Tuesday, the tenth one, Eugene Wallace Rochester, having been transferred to Shelby for induction along with other Cleveland County young men. Only three of the group called this week are married, and only one was listed as a father.

Seven of the men come from the farm, the other three having been taken from occupations listed as vital to the war effort, for the most part.

Five of the group are just eighteen years of age, the ages of the others ranging from 21 to 29 years.

One of the men was honorably discharged less than a year ago for medical reasons. Apparently the physical defects had been remedied, for he recently passed his pre-induction physical examination.

Names of the men called, their registration and last-given addresses follow:

- Moses Paran Wheeler, Williamston.
- Eugene Wallace Rochester, Robersonville and Waco, N. C.
- John Edward Gurganus, Williamston.
- Clinton White Johnson, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- George Carr Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston, and Williamston.
- John Levy Flanagan, RFD 1, Hobgood.
- Wiley Stewart VanNortwick, Robersonville.
- Oscar Tice, RFD 1, Williamston.
- John Luke Mizelle, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Bernice Saunders Silverthorne, RFD 3, Williamston.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

One near-serious accident was reported on the highways of this county last week, injuring two persons and doing right much property damage.

The markets are opening next week and gas rations are almost certain to be increased. It is in view of these things that a note of solemn warning is issued today. Drive carefully that some one may live to see a relative return from the war fronts.

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.

32nd Week		
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed
1945	1	2
1944	0	0

Comparison To Date		
1945	35	17
1944	43	23

Mayor John L. Hassell Extends A Cordial Invitation To All To Visit In Williamston

The Williamston Tobacco Market opens the 1945 season on Tuesday, August 21.

During the 1945 season there will be no strange faces in the business. Men with years of experience in the tobacco business will be on hand. They are veterans who know how to make each grade of tobacco bring its top market value, and they will be in there every second working for the interests of their customers.

Williamston has always been known as the farmers' town, and it is located in the hub of one of the finest and most diversified agricultural sections you will find anywhere in North Carolina.

A survey reveals that Williamston warehousemen and other business men are thoroughly prepared to play host to an even greater number of

tobacco growers than ever before. The merchants have stocked their stores with every available article, and they stand ready to serve their patrons in the very best way possible.

Buyers, representing all the leading companies, and independent buyers will be on hand and the farmer who brings his tobacco to Williamston is assured the highest price that can be obtained anywhere on the Bright Leaf Belt.

Williamston cordially invites farmers from Martin and adjoining counties to visit the tobacco market on opening day and all through the season with the full assurance that the market here will measure up to the best in this tobacco or any other belt.

Williamston is easily accessible

Progressive And Widely - Known Firms Will Operate Four Large Warehouses Here This Season

No Big Changes Immediately After the War Are Expected

No big changes in the civilian economy are expected immediately after the war, according to observers in Washington. Some things will be removed from the rationing list, but some form of price control and the rationing of quite a few items are almost certain to continue, possibly for as long as a year. The shortages in quite a few basic commodities such as fuel oil will loosen somewhat, and even restrictions on other fuels might be lifted to some extent.

Gasoline will likely go off the ration list within a few days, some guessing it will be lifted within 24 to 48 hours. Tire rationing is likely to continue for some weeks.

There'll be no immediate relief from the meat and sugar shortage, reliable reports declaring that another year will have to pass before supplies can approach a normal figure.

Marriage Licenses Issued Last Month In Martin County

Number Is About an Average But Far Ahead of White Issuance Year Ago

An even dozen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, eight to white and four to colored couples. While the issuance holds just about to an average for the past ten years, the number of white couples marrying during the month was eight times greater than the total marrying in July of last year. A year ago, there were thirteen colored marriages in the county during July, the number dropping to four last month. The issuance of licenses to white couples last month was the second one to exceed the number issued to colored couples in any month this year.

The servicemen still figure in the marriage license bureau activities, several of the licenses having been issued to them last month.

Licenses were issued in July by J. Sam Getsinger to the following couples:

White
Jacob J. Steigerwalt of Whiteville and Philadelphia, and Annie Mae Roberson of Williamston.
William J. Goff of Williamston, and Louise Halslip of Robersonville.
James Edward Moore of Williamston and Annie Ruth Speller of Windsor.
Cpl. William C. Wynne of Everetts and Emma Zilphia Moecks of Greenville.
John Linwood Byrum of Edenton and Alina Louise Godwin of Williamston.
Benjamin Edwin Powell of Robersonville, and Edith Hall Everett, RFD 1, Robersonville.
Edward E. Whitfield of Robersonville, and Fannie Mae Thomas of Hamilton.
Jesse Robert Griffin and Mamie Clyde Manning, both of Williamston.

Colored
Charlie Bryant and Alona Everett, both of Oak City.
Joseph Highsmith of Williams- ton, and Ella Louise Black of Robersonville.
John Daniel Small and Jeannette Marie Adams, both of Williamston.

ROUND-UP

Local and county officers had a fairly busy time last week-end when they jailed five, delivered at least one drunk to him over the creek and chased in a few less than a dozen others.

One man was jailed twice before the week-end was spent. Three were booked for public drunkenness, one for an alleged assault with a deadly weapon, and one for not having in his possession a draft registration card.

All of the temporary inmates of the institution were colored.

Jamesville Citizen Passes In Hospital On Friday Evening

Funeral Service Held Sunday Afternoon at Home for Ola G. Carson

Ola G. Carson, prominent Jamesville citizen and well-known Martin County man, died in the local hospital last Friday evening at 6 o'clock following months of declining health. Suffering a stroke of paralysis about a year ago, Mr. Carson partially recovered from the attack and was able to be up most of the time and to attend to some business duties until a short time ago when his condition became worse and he entered hospital for treatment. Late last Thursday he was reported to be getting along very well, but he later suffered a second stroke and that with a weakened heart resulted in death a short time later.

The son of the late William G. and Fannie Briley Carson, he was born in Pitt County between Bethel and Parmele on November 5, 1888. He spent his early life on the farm and in October, 1910, he was married to Miss Nancy Elizabeth Tooley. He located in Jamesville twenty-eight years ago and served as telegrapher and station agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company there.

Mr. Carson was a member of the Methodist church for many years, and a member of the Masonic order.

Surviving are, Mrs. Carson; four daughters, Mrs. Howard Gaylord of Plymouth, Mrs. Titus Martin of Washington, Mrs. Thomas Blount of Norfolk, and Mrs. Elwood Brown of Jamesville; one son, Edwin H. Carson, U. S. Army; three brothers, Messrs. C. D. Carson of Bethel, W. C. Carson of Raleigh, and R. A. Carson of Florida, and a sister, Mrs. S. C. Ives of Bethel.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Jamesville Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Wood, Methodist minister of Plymouth, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister of this county. Interment was in the Carson Cemetery, near Parmele.

Firemen Called To Barn Fire Yesterday Morning

A tobacco barn belonging to Farmer Joe Leggett burned on his farm near here on the Hamilton Road yesterday morning. The owner had left the barn hardly five minutes before the fire was discovered. The local fire department was called out at 11 o'clock, but reached there too late to be of any assistance.

The barn was about the 24th one to burn in the county this season, according to incomplete reports.

Indications Point To A Successful Season For the Market Here

Sales Get Under Way At 9:00 O'clock; All Buyers Returning

Announcing the opening of Williamston's Tobacco Market next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, the members of the two progressive and able warehouse firms today predicted a successful year, and added that everything is in readiness for the initial sales, the forty-fourth to be held here.

There is some difference of opinion as to the size of the break expected here that day, but indications point to what might be a record poundage. The first of the current crop will be received by the warehouses on Thursday, it was announced last Friday.

The market this year has at its helm nine strong men with able assistants. At the Farmers and New Carolina houses, Messrs. C. Claude Griffin, Jimmy Taylor, Elmo Lilley and Leman Barnhill will handle the sales with the assistance of Mr. Jule James. They will have Mr. Francis Hicks as their auctioneer.

Messrs. Carlyle Langley, John A. Manning, W. R. Edmondson, Edward Corey and Johnny Gurkin will pilot the activities at the Planters and Roanoke-Dixie houses, and Mr. Edmondson, one of the proprietors, will auctioneer.

A familiar figure on the market for the past quarter century, Mr. Jno. R. Peel, who died a few weeks ago, will be missed on the market. Mr. Peel served ably and patiently the thousands of patrons here. He is being succeeded by Mr. Peck Jones, of Wilson, who comes here highly recommended.

C. Urbin and J. Rossel Rogers will again supervise the sales, their close association with the farmer placing them in a splendid position to render a splendid service to the market patrons.

Even though no fancy crop of tobacco was produced during the extremely wet season, good prices are expected and it is believed the market is just about to open what will prove to be its most successful season.

Selling arrangements will conform to regular schedules, three and one-half hours daily with a maximum of 1,400 piles to be bought by the regular companies. It is possible that the entire belt will block reasonably early in the season and that a change in the selling arrangements will have to be made. Labor shortages and uncertain conditions might have something to do with the selling arrangement.

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Jamesville Youth On Plane Carrier

Aboard the escort carrier, Suwannee, in the Pacific—George H. Manning, 23, aviation machinist's mate, second class, U. S. N. R., son of Mrs. Alice A. Manning of Jamesville, N. C., is one of the men who keep this carrier's planes in condition to strike the enemy on their own territory.

He is a specialist in the hydraulic mechanisms used extensively on carrier-based aircraft.

He entered the Navy in October, 1942, and took recruit training at the Great Lakes, Ill. Center. He was stationed for a time at Navy Pier, Chicago, then transferred to Seattle, Wash., for duty at the Naval Air Station there. He went back to Chicago for an extensive course in hydraulic mechanisms before coming aboard this carrier last December.

The Suwannee's planes provided close support for our assault troops, bombing, rocketing and machine-gunning the Japs until airfields could be established and the job could be taken over by land-based planes.

Her pilots and aircrewmembers flew a total of 2,652 sorties at Okinawa and after her planes were no longer needed against the enemy she cruised along the coast of the island, driving off enemy planes and submarines.

The Suwannee is one of the oldest carriers of the fleet. She was commissioned September 24, 1942, and after participation in the North African invasion moved to the Pacific. She was damaged by Jap bombers at Leyte, but soon returned to that theater after being reconditioned at Bremerton, Wash.

J. L. HASSELL, Mayor.