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Williams Declares

liams stated that he was getting the enjoyed reading about the experthe war, and that he would attempt to tell a few of his own. He writes:

"I don't know hardly how to start," "Smokey" said, writing from Okinawa. "I landed here April 2nd, one about a mile away and their artillery fire was terrible. I thought every minutes would be my last. The an airstrip the next day. Work progressed very slowly at first because the Japs kept coming over and dropping bombs all around us. build teh airstrip in seven days. Despite enemy interference, we completed the task in five days and the To Bureau Members first Corsair landed a short time field and went to work on other Other Leaders Discuss New later. We moved our camp off the

"After a few days' time, the Japs slowed up a bit, but every night for two months they would make suicide attacks, coming over three and four at a time. We seldom got over four hours sleep any night.

"I saw George Taylor one day. I was never so glad to see any one in all my life, but he was on his way to the front lines at the time, and I haven't seen or heard from him reau, the meeting was advised that I haven't seen or heard from him reau, the meeting was advised that I locals Lose Opener

was all between the lines.

in a mixture of liquors, beer and early next week. went on a rampage in front of Duck liams, assistant to the state execu- utes of play. Inn on Washington Street here last tive secretary, declared that the state night, battling several persons and office was not worrying about the finally centering a hefty attack on an membership drive in Martin Counfresh reserves, used the tricky "T"

and Moore of the local police force declared. moved in. Scott had been arrested The speaker frankly admitted that Green Wave looked very good in and no difficulty wa santicipated, agriculture in the future. "We can't into a capable team. Second-stringtook him by the arm to lead him to strong fight for fair and reasonable needed subs and a few more plays the of the county will be greats of the the police car. "In a second's time farm commodity prices, which, in the tables should be reversed this Fri-I thought a circular saw had turned face of production costs, we do not day when the locals travel to loose on me, and I landed on the consider too high today. pavement with Scott on top," Offic- He referred briefly to labor's bater Roebuck said, explaining that he tles, and declared that we cannot be did not expect such resistance and too critical of the workers. "They are Local Men Purchase displays of art and some of the countries of was caught off guard. Officer striking while the iron is hot, and er Ballard rushed in and tried to perington trying to have price controls suade Scott to withdraw with a lifted," he said.

rampage, declared at a hearing last liams then cited a few poignant fignight before Justice Hassell that he ures relative to production costs and did not remember the attack, and commodity prices in the period folwent on to explain that the officers had always played fair with him and that he regretted the attack. He was placed under bond in the sum of \$500 for trial in the higher courts. Unable to raise the amount, Scott was returned to jail.

### Limited Number Apply for Space In Freezer-Locker

Only a limited number of applications have been received for space in the proposed freezer-locker here end there is now some doubt if a plant will be located here, according to unofficial reports heard this

Potential customers will be given a few more days in which to file application for spare and if the signup doe snot reach and pass 250 by that time, plans will be made to be cate the plant in some other center, it was indicated.

## "Smokey" Williams Officers Seize and Destroy Big More Martin County Lt. Jesse Wilson Price Chas. W. Coltrain Admits Fright In Lot Illicit Wine in the Gounty From The Services Is Given Up For Dead

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Wine fared bad in this county last the town trash dump on the Creek Writing to The Enterprise under Roy Peel seized and poured out or 39 cases at Hamm's wine store and recent date, B. B. "Smokey" Wil- smashed 3,554 bottles or about 297 smashed it on the town dump. Stop- gressing at a snail's pace in the young paper fairly regularly, that he had of ether was so strong at the town the officers made quite a haul at Martin County boys are returning to iences other local boys had had in sonville to put one to sleep for a of the outlawed wine. No one want- ial reports received here during the major operation.

chants, reported to have had about ficers to go to his property about a played their discharge papers after 20 cases of the synthetic wine on mile from town and helped them a proud fashion during the period. hand, appealed to the courts, and as smash every bottle. day after the invasion was started far as it could be learned that sup-I came ashore just like anyone you ply is about the last of the etherized a case or about \$1,782. It was sold to see in the movies, and I tell you it liquid now in the county. It could the retailers before the legislature homes in this county and that numwas no picnic for us. The Japs were not be learned when the case would acted to outlaw it, and some of them

Going to Arthur Harrison's in Bear time to avoid seizure.

last North Carolina General Assem- and returned to Williamston where week when State ABC Officer Lamm Road for the smashing party. In and County ABC Officer and Deputy Robersonville, the officers picked up cases of the contraband. The smell ping in Everetts on the return trin, dumps near Williamston and Rober- W. C. Bullock's, picking up 215 cases ed all the broken glass on their prop-Terry Brothers, Bear Grass mer- erty, so Mr. Bullock allowed the of-

> The seized wine was valued at \$6 could not dispose of their stocks in

# first night on the island I did not get any sleep at all. Jap zeroes would come over, dropping countless bombs and it was raining very hard. I was wet and miserable, half scared to death and sorely troubled over the outlook. We camped on a site for an airfield and started work on an airstrip, the next day. Work

# My outfit is an aviation engineering battalion and we were assigned to Agriculture Speaks

Farm Problems Friday In Courthouse

National and state Farm Bureau leaders, addressing a meeting of farmers in the Martin County court-"I have never been more afraid house last Friday night, did not paint in all my life than I have been on a very encouraging picture for agrithis island. No one can tell me a culture for the immediate future, but thing about war; I have seen plenty of it. they did say that the shock following World War II should not be as

to the front lines at the time, and I haven't seen or heard from him since. So many of the boys never came back, but I guess George made the round-trip."

president of the county Farm Buson, 1,030 members had joined the organization in this county, that other canvassers would possibly boost the lines at the time, and president of the county Farm Buson, 442, Robersonville; Herman Randolph Whitley, 11-42, Roberson-ville; Macon Dewit Barber, 11-42, RFD 1, Jamesville; Joseph Paul Simpson, 443 Williamston, Alarge son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Williams submitted their reports. He appealof Williamston, expressed a longing to get back home, and while he did not say so in words, homesickness was all between the lines.

It was a battle-scarred and wornjamin Purvis, 8-38, RFD 1, Bethel;
forces Headquarters said, "Reports to go to Yokahoma, and her condition showed something will a Richmond hospital, and her condition showed something will forces Headquarters said, "Reports to go to Yokahoma, and while he did hospital last August for treatment, appeared to be in a damaged condition, was seen to leave the formation. While the reports are to go to Yokahoma, and her condition showed something will indicate that plane, which at the time a while. She entered a Rocky Mount to San Francisco Right hospital last August for treatment, appeared to be in a damaged condition, was seen to leave the formation we are to go to Yokahoma, and her condition showed something will be destination as while. She entered a Rocky Mount to say so in words, homesickness plaining that the need for a strong farm organization is greater now scare of their life, by a score of 19 Now a corporal, the young man, count to 1,200 or more when they son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Williams submitted their reports. He appealthan ever before. "We are going to to 6 in Edenton last Friday. 'Crazy' Man Attacks feel a shock, and it will be well to have a strong farm organization help stitutes, the Williamston boys fought absorb that shock," he declared.

Arresting Officers Farmer J. R. Winslow of Rober-first downs to Edenton's ten. The sonville was elected to represent locals broke through their opthis county at an important peanut ponents' forward wall for five yards Temporarily losing his right mind meeting to be held in Washington on the first play and kept hammering month and he is believed to hold the

due the six foot, two inch all power- much they are indebted to Martin needed three plays to break across ful man, but they would not bring County. If it had not been for Mar- At half time, the score was 7-6. ting County there possibly would be Crazy drunk, Scott blocked traffic no Farm Bureau organization in line backer, used his weight to good on Washington Street and when two this state, and many of the benefits advantage in the second half to brothers found it impossible to take gained in recent years possibly wear down the locals who were him home, Officers Roebuck, Ballard would not have accrued to them," he forced to yield ground and twelve

Roebuck but did not succeed. Offic- their positions, industry is in Wash-

blackjack. They finally succeeded and with the help of Scott's brothers little hope for a reduction in proand other colored citizens, the giant duction costs for the 1946 crop. "And was placed in the car and carried we can't weather a decrease in commodity prices until production costs Scott, apparently worried over the come down," he explained. Wil-

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## ONE DELINQUENT

Delinquency in Martin County's Selective Service System has narrowed down to about one person, according to Chief Clerk Mary Rodgerson

Zeb Gaynor, Jr., scheduled to have left more than a month ago for an induction center, did not report, and the board has not been able to locate him. The colored man gave his registration address as Parmele. He changed to Raleigh, and the board has traced him as far as New York. His case is now being turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for acNo definite reports on the progress of the United War Fund drive in this county are yet available, but it is under-stood that some of the districts are pushing on toward their quotas. Other districts report that the progress is slow, but in no district has it even been suggested that the people would turn their backs on the men still in the service and the starving in war-stricken lands.

WAR FUND DRIVE

Williamston's special gifts committee is expected to make its direct appeal between now and Friday, and plans are going forward for a township-wide

absorb that shock," he declared. Edenton up and down the field nine Farmer J. R. Winslow of Rober-first downs to Edenton's ten. The Lester Bland, RFD 1, away until Tom Brandon went over wine, Fred Scott, local colored man, Addressing the meeting, Joe Wil- for six points in the first five min-

officers found it difficult to subule the six foot, two inch all powers of much they are indebted to Martin County. If it had not been fired from the fired With only a few minutes remain-

George Habit, 185 pound Edenton more points before game time. The Columbia.

The large lumber mill and all timber holding belonging to Saunders and Cox were purchased last week-end by Messrs. Frank Weston, whi Sid A. Mobley and W. G. Peele. No purchase price was made public, but had been offered for \$75,000.00.

Pointing out that he had worked all his life, Mr. J. McKimmon Saunders who located the plant here about fourteen years ago, explained that he was ready to retire from all the worry. His plans for the future have not been expressed, but there is some doubt if he'll find it possible to remain idle for long after such an active life.

The new owners have taken over operations.

### Firemen Called To Auto Here Sunday Evening

Local vlounteer firemen were called out last Sunday evening at 9:45 o'clock to an automobile fire on the corner of Haughton and Grace Streets. Apparently starting in the wiring, the fire burned the wires off the taxi operated by Walter Jones and owned by W. R. Banks.
Very little damage resulted, it was

**Twenty-Six Sever Connections** With Army And Navy **During Past Month** 

Even though demobilization is proserviceman's opinion, quite a few past few days. At least twenty-six young men were said to have dis-

Since the last report was received in early September, at least twentyeight men have returned to their ber does not include discharges filed so far in October. One report states that at least five discharges were submitted for recording in a single day this week.

Of the twenty-six men discharged during the month of September, 23

The discharges reveal among other things some long service records. John Dee Bland and his brother, Roy Hubert Bland, who were discharged in August were in service long before Pearl Harbor. Sons of Mrs. J. T. Bland of Williamston, Roy was in the service six years, one month and 26 days, and John Dee was in five years, nine months and 21 days. Roy is now receiving treatment in a veterans' hospital at Roanoke, Va.

The names of the white men discharged in September, their date of induction from the service and their

home addresses follow: William Thomas Crawford, 6-42, Williamston; Melvin Odelll Crisp, 4--43, Oak City; Robert Henry Biggs, 10-39, Everetts; Joseph Elmer Griffin, 1-41, RFD 2, Williamston; Wil lidam Atwood Gurganus, 6-41, RFD 1. Williamston; Euris Rayo Vanderford, 6-41, Williamston; Julian Albert Roebuck, 1-41, Williamston; Lester Biand, 6-37, RFD 1, Roberson-ville; James Edward Taylor, 12-43, RFD 1, Williamston; Woodrow Wilson Beaird, 6-42, Williamston; Herman Clayton Williams, 1-41, RFD 1, Robersonville; Oscar Everett Rober-Simpson, 4-43, Williamston; Alonza Hassell, 8-42, Williamston; John Ben-

Henry Warren, Jr., 2-43, RFD 2, Stokes; James Mannon Barclift, 3-43, Williamston; Ernest Clifton Hollis, Lester Bland, RFD 1, Roberson-

ville, was in the service from June, 1937, up until his discharge last service record to date. The names of the three colored

men discharged last month: Robert Earl Gainer, 2-42, RFD 1

The Martin County Agricultural Fair, sponsored by the American without trouble several times before he could not offer a rosy picture for their opener and should round out Legion, opened today with the manwhite school children in the county. the man's belt and Officer Moore we can and are pledging to put up a placements and with these much-

All the booths in the exhibit hall have been taken and an early check last night revealed aht much time and talent had been devoted to the ty's finest agricultural products.

The Central Amusement Company Moore tried to pull Scatt off Officer while they are working to maintain Roebuck but did not succeed. Offic- their positions, industry is in Washis furnishing the rides and shows on the midway. Several additional rides are due in today, it was learn-

> In addition to the rodeo show which will exhibit in front of the grandstand, the Amusement Com-pany will feature two aerial acts on it is understood that the properties the midway. The swaying pole act had been offered for \$75,000.00.

## TOBACCO SALES

Upon the completion of sales last Friday noon, the Williams-ton Tobacco Market had paid to its patrons \$3,503,054.08 for the 8,017,154 pounds of tobacco handled during the current sea-son up to that time. The average stands right at \$43.70 for the season.

There has been a marked decrease in the deliveries during the past few days, but prices are possibly higher today than at any time this season. It is generally believed that eighty percent or more of the current crops has already been marketed in this section.

Missing Last Year

Missing on a mission to Denmark on February 22, 1944, 2nd Lt. Jesse Wilson Price is now presumed dead, according to a message received from the War Department last Friday by the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Price of Williamston. The message ,coming after extensive investigations and searches had been made, offered to new details, and shatters just about all hope for the safety of the young men and all other

members of the missing B-17 Fort-

Had Been Reported

Message Received by Parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Price,

Here Last Friday

After listing October 3, 1945, as the presumptive date of Lt. Price's death, Major General Edward F. Witsell, Acting the Adjutant General of the Army, said, "I regret the necessity for this message but trust that the ending of a long period of uncertainty may give at least some small measure of consolation. An appraisal of the sacrifice made by your son in the service of his country compels in us feelings of humility and respect. May Providence grant a measure of relief from the anguish and anxiety you have experienced during these many months.'

Reports, considered very encouraging, had been received following the one announcing the young man and the other members of the Fortress crew missing, but it is now believed that he and the others went down into and perished in the North Sea. A prisoner of war in Germany who knew the pilot of the plane, told relatives that he met the pilot, Lt. Wolke, while in prison, and that other members of the crew were reported to have bailed out. It later dismissed as unfounded.

parently under control. It then ing worse until the end.

ing crew members, after an exten-

ship and one other were lost. The through the years. other ship has been accounted for; Devoted to her family and friends, its crew made prisoners of war.

gine (on left side) stopped, indicat- and willing to assist others. not affect his speed or control.

formation, that returned, was inter-children. viewed and gave a signed statement.

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## Officers Wreck Two Liquor Distilleries

Raiding in the Gus Lane territory They destroyed the 50-gallon capacity oil drum kettle and three frementers and poured out fifty gallons of molasses beer.

In Robersonville Townshiu, not far from Flat Swamp, the officers wrecked a similar plant the next day, destroying a fifty-gallon oil drum used for a still and five 50gallon capacity fermenters and pouring out fifty gallons of molasses

Illicit liquor manufacturers are hard pushed to find materials for their business and there is believed to be very little activity in that field just now. Only the old and recognized customers whose identity can be established beyond all doubt are able to purchase tax-paid whiskey from the retail dealers, and just now the liquor business is described as being "tight".

## Local Young Airman GIVEN UP FOR LOST



to Denmark on February 22, 1944, Lt. Jesse Wilson Price has been given up for lost, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Price, were advised here last week-end by the War Depart-

## Mrs. Nannie Haislip Died Yesterday At we were organized scheduled to by Home Near Oak City

Funeral Services Will Be Held Wednesday Afternoon At 3:00 O'clock

respected county citizen, died at her home near Oak City yesterday afterperiod of declining health. Mrs. relatives in this country had been death of her son, William Freeman to operate a shop here. entered in a hospital for the mental- Haislip on Guadalcanal, three years "Last night we got word that we ly sick, and the report was virtually ago this month. About a year ago are to go on to Japan within the In April of last year, Army Air- a Richmond hospital, and her condi- mation we are to go to Yokahoma, mark, and go into a dive but was apago, her condition gradually grow- that's bad!

p. m., some 75 miles west of Den-terville about 35 years ago she is sitting and talking to one, he or mark over the North Sea, they were joined the Baptist church, and at-Opens Here Today mark over the North Sea, they were joined the Baptist church, and at she will squat. One of the fellows tended services regularly down walked up and put his arm around

Mrs. Haislip was a thoughtful talk but they do no fooling around. "At 12:15 smoke streamed from and accommodating neighbor, asking Of course, there are a few of the Wolf's right wing and his No. 2 en- little for herself but always ready

ing two hits. His ship dived, pre- She is survived by four children, chuted out. One chute got fouled Bryant Fleming of Wake Forest and buy 50 to 75 bananas for a nickel on the belly gun turret, finally tore Marvin E. Haislip, U. S. Army now before the war. Now, they are sellitself lose. He released his bombs in Germany; one brother, Deputy ing at the rate of ten small ones for so that the loss of one engine would Sheriff W. F. Haislip of Williamston; 50 cents. a half-sister, Mrs. W. E. Roberson of "Each man from every plane in the RFD 3, Williamston, and four grand-

> at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Hobgood Baptist minister, assisted by Rev. J. M.
> Perry of Robersonville. Interment will follow in the family plot in the Hamilton cemetery.

## CHEERFUL

## FIRST CALL

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was called to Angetown in Jamesville Township last Sunday morning. The officer receives many calls, but it was the first time since he was made sheriff back in 1929 that he had ever been called to that peaceful and lawabiding section of the county. John Smith, colored tenant, had settled up for his farming, bought himself a second-hand automobile and started going places. Last Saturday night he returned home and chased his wife away in scant attire. The sheriff took the man into custo-dy and booked him for trial.

## Europe To Pacific Refers To High Moral Standard Of Natives In the

**Philippines** 

Tells of Trip from

Writing back home a short time ago, Sgt. Charles W. Coltrain recalls his trip from Europe to the Philippines and relates a few of his experiences in Manila.

He said, in part : "We left Langres the last of May and arrived in the Calais staging area on June 2, remaining there until July 17 when we loaded on the 'General George Randall''. We left Marseilles on the 19th and arrived at the Panama Canal on July 29th, laying over at Cristobal one night. While there we visited a USO reception center. It was a large place, for the 7,000 men on our ship did not seem at all crowded there. We got free ice cream, hot dogs and hot coffee, and enjoyed all the cocoanuts, bananas, 'cokes', candies, smokes, obacco and souvenirs. I received everal letters at the stop.

"We were eight hours going through the canal on the 30th and then made a bee-line for the Marshall Islands. We passed within thirty miles of a Jap-held island one day, and the Japs asked to surrender the next. There was all kinds of speculation about our turning around and sailing for home. The news only served to build up our hopes, and we were soon let down, for we continued the long journey, and our next stop was the Carolines. Our hopes were again boosted, for pass the Carolines. Our hopes faded again as we pushed farther away from home. We soon picked up an escort and sailed on to the Philippines, by-passing Leyte, Bataan and Corregidor. We arrived in Manila harbor on August 26, and sat there for three days. Going ashore after the there-day wait, we pitched our Mrs. Nannie Jane Haislip, highly pup tents in a nice muddy spot and spent the next two days there battling first the rains and then the hot noon at 2 o'clock following a long sun. We moved to another location and are now setting up squad tents developed that the young man who Haislip had not enjoyed very good with wooden floors, and the arrangeknew Wolfe and who talked with health since she was notified of the ment will not be so bad. We are

she underwent a major operation in next six weeks. According to infor-

tion, off the southwest coast of Den- she returned to he rhome two weeks before next summer or fall. And "I haven't yet been on pass, so I

turned in the opposite direction The daughter of the late William don't know very much about this from the formation, regained alti- A. and Deborah Freeman Hall Hai- place. I have met several people tude and disappeared from sight. slip, she was born in Hamilton on here. They are about the color of That was 12:40 p. m. and when last May 12, 1895, and spent her early a person with suntan. They are a sighted, the Fortress was over Den-life there. After completing the bit smaller than we are, and I've mark, headed in the direction of schools there, she studied at Winter- yet to see one that could be called ville and Salem College. About 31 overweight. They come around Last December, Lt. Clyde T. Ellis, years ago she was married to Han-USNR, a brother of one of the miss- nibal J. Haislip who died ten years nanas, cocoanuts, pineapples and sive investigation, wrote to relatives managed the farming operations and friendly and not at all like the of others in the plane. He said, in nobly carried on her added work un- French. The girls have mighty nice til forced to her bed by failing figures and are very neat and clean. The old men and women are not "Lt. Wolf's ship was squadron leadth. While attending school at Win- very pleasing to gaze upon. If a GI while attending school at Win- is sitting and talking to one, he or a girl and she moved out of the way very quickly. They will stand and other typ,e but they are outcasts.

"The natives do very good washing and ironing and at reasonable

"Most all the people here speak English. No other language is used in the school room. The Filipino Funeral services will be conducted language has at least 78 dialets and sounds very much like Spanish."

## Flies To Florida

MIAMI.-Flown here from over-Although he is unable to leave his seas as part of the "Green Pro-ject" is performed at an altitude of 125 of Cross Roads Township last weekfeet and the performer is said to be
end, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and
one of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of her kind in the big of the best of the bes one of the best of her kind in the his assistant, Deputy Roy Peel, wrecked a little-used liquor plant. Main Street, and enjoys company. other Martin County man is back in the states. Many of the planes are manned by veteran pilots and crews from the Troop Carrier Command.

In less than 24 hours he left for Camp Blanding, Fla., by rail. From there he will go to a reception center nearer home for separation from the service or furlough prior to re-

assignment. Sgt. James D. Nicholson, RFD 3. Williamston, had been overseas eighteen months in the Puerto Rico theater. He returned September 30.

## OVER THE TOP

A report received this morning states that Dardens had gone over the top in the War Fund Drive, Noah Boston and W. S. Keys turning into the treasury \$120.00.

And it's nats off to the colored citlizens of that community!