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Quotas Assigned To County Districts In Last Bond Campaign

Martin Asked To Invest Half Million Dollars Between Now And December 8

Quotas for the various county districts in the eighth and last bond drive were announced today by D. V. Clayton, drive chairman...

Of the \$544,000 this county is asked to invest, \$243,000 is in "E" bonds and \$301,000 in negotiable instruments...

Commenting on the Victory Loan Drive, Chairman Clayton stated that he was of the firm belief that the amount can and will be invested without any great trouble...

Again the county chairman, Herman A. Bowen, and the campaign chairman, Mr. Clayton, are calling on those district leaders who have worked so willingly in the past...

Last May-June, the people of this county were asked to invest \$745,000 in bonds. They invested more than double that amount...

Some few sales have already been reported since the drive was officially opened yesterday, but they are quite limited so far...

Numbers of bonds have been cashed in throughout the country, but bankers declare that comparatively few people in this county have cashed in theirs...

Escaped Convict Is Recaptured Sunday

Wandering from the Martin County prison camp last Sunday afternoon in the company of two other grade A prisoners, William Taylor, serving a six months sentence for violating the liquor laws, was recaptured near Oak City that night...

Taylor, sentenced in this county the early part of this year, was almost drunk and explained to friends that he had completed his road term. He hired a taxi to take him home...

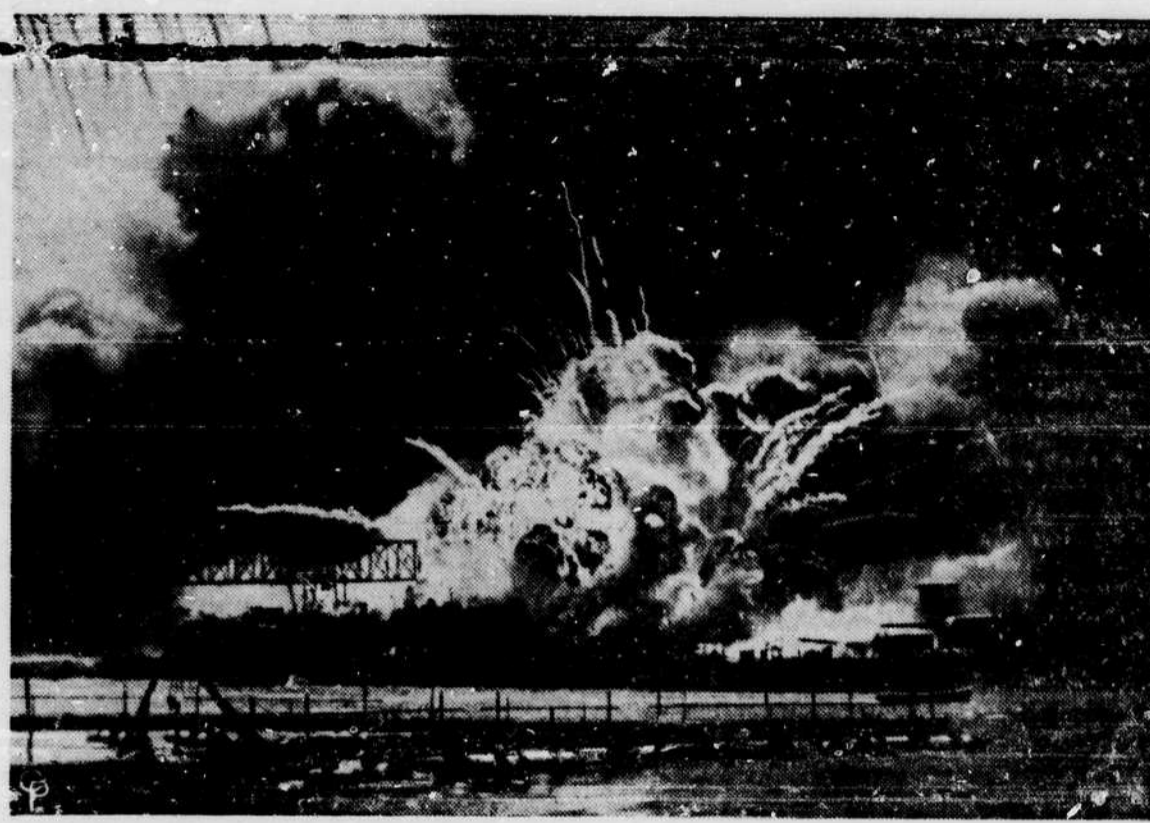
Firemen Called To Home In Everetts Last Sunday

Local volunteer firemen were called to Everetts Sunday morning about 8 o'clock when an oil stove went out of control and smoked the home of Chas. B. Stalls...

County Young Man Given Discharge By The Navy

After a long period of service, Dallas Biggs was discharged by the Navy last Thursday, the young man returning to his home in Everetts immediately...

PEARL HARBOR PHOTO ONE OF NAVY'S 100 BEST



CHOSEN BY THE NAVY as one of the hundred best war pictures taken by Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard photographers, this shows the U.S.S. Shaw exploding after a hit in the Jap sneak attack on Pearl Harbor four years ago...

Farm Bureau Gives Support To National Peanut Council

Meeting with the membership canvassers committee in the courthouse last Friday evening, the Martin County Farm Bureau executive committee heartily endorsed the National Peanut Council Program...

when it is explained to them Martin County farmers are almost certain to participate.

The meeting last Friday night climaxed the Farm Bureau's annual membership drive. President Chas. L. Daniel explained that the drive had exceeded the goal...

Messrs. Daniel, H. U. Peel, E. C. Harrison, Sam T. Everett and Carl Griffin were elected to represent the county at an important meeting called by the State Bureau executive committee...

On November 9, the county organization's executive committee will meet to determine delegates to the national convention to be held in Chicago next month...

4-H Club Members In Roper Contest

The annual Ritual and Parliamentary Procedure Contest was held in Roper last Wednesday. The contestants were composed of the five officers from each of the five chapters of the F. F. A., which were as follows: Jamesville, Oak City, Columbia, Roper, and Creswell...

The Ritual Contest consisted of the various chapters going through the opening and closing ceremonies and the Parliamentary Procedure Contest consisted of the making of motions and voting or carrying on business in a business-like manner.

Out of these five chapters, Jamesville received first place and Oak City followed up with second. Having won the Federation Contest, Jamesville will participate in the District Ritual and Parliamentary Procedure Contest, the time and place of which will be announced at a later date.

Farm Life Parents And Teachers Hold Meeting

The Farm Life P. T. A. held its second meeting Thursday, Oct. 18. The meeting was opened by the singing of "Home on the Range" after which Mr. P. E. Getsinger conducted the devotional. Plans for the lunch room were discussed. The parents were asked to donate a plate and five quarts of vegetables for each child they had in school...

REGISTER FIREARMS

Owners of certain types of firearms are being warned to have them registered with the proper authorities, that failure to do so may subject them to heavy penalties imposed by the federal government. The types of firearms include mostly those used in warfare and shipped into this country by members of the armed forces...

Report Two Wrecks In County Recently

No one was hurt and no great property loss resulted in two highway accidents reported in this county during the past week-end.

Driving toward Stokes on the Robersonville-Stokes Highway last Friday about 3:15 o'clock Mrs. L. L. Whitfield started to make a right turn into a driveway when Raymond Louis Phelps, traveling in the same direction, tried to pass her on the right side of the road. He sideswiped the Whitfield car and continued on down the road for almost 200 feet before stopping his vehicle, a light truck. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200 and that to the truck at \$25 by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident.

In Everetts last Saturday about 6 o'clock p. m., Major Bryant, driving a tudor sedan, sideswiped a large truck and trailer loaded with tobacco. No one was hurt and Patrolman W. E. Saunders, investigating the accident, estimated the damage to the car at about \$100 and none or very little to the truck.

Bryant, found in the back seat in an intoxicated condition, declared that the driver ran away. He later said he was under the wheel and still later denied he was driving. Patrolman Saunders explaining that Bryant was and he wasn't.

Many County People See Show Last Night

This county was well represented at the "big top" in Rocky Mount yesterday afternoon and last night. "If all the people from the county had been asked to stand up, about half the crowd there would have responded," one witness conservatively declared.

Bill Bob Peel will remember the event for a long time, he declares. Some overlooked his pockets and returned them to the show. He is including the admission fee. He borrowed money from friends and made his way into the big tent, but there was little enjoyment there for him. Quite a few people got turned around and were lost for several hours, the parade home lasting well into the early hours this morning, the last straggler pulling in about 4 o'clock.

PRISONERS

No more German prisoners of war will be made available for general farm work, according to a recent order issued by the Fourth Service Command, Atlanta. Prisoners may be used for harvesting food and feed crops, but they may not be used for ditching, shrubbing or other general farm work.

While the use of the prisoners is being limited, the number being made available is hardly large enough to meet stipulated needs, the office of the county agent explaining this week that the prisoners had been booked for several weeks ahead.

Henry D. Cooke, Williamston Native Died Last Saturday

Funeral Services Are Held Last Sunday Afternoon In Hopewell, Virginia

Henry Dugan Cooke, native of Williamston and retired engineer-machinist, died in a Hopewell, Virginia, hospital last Saturday morning at 7 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Mr. Cooke retired several years ago, but was getting along very well until some time during last Thursday night when he suffered a heart attack. When he failed to get up about his usual hour Friday morning, members of the family visited his room and found him unconscious. He was removed to the hospital where he died without regaining consciousness.

The son of the late John E. and Mary Emily Dugan Cooke, he was born on January 9, 1869, in the old family home where the Godards now live on Marshall Avenue. Mr. Cooke spent his early life in Williamston and engaged in machinist's work before going with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company as an engineer. Retiring some years later, he engaged in the merc for a short time before locating in Hopewell, Virginia, about 30 years ago to enter the employ of the Allied Chemical and Dye Works as consulting engineer. While in Hopewell he introduced a number of labor-saving devices.

When a young man he was married to Miss Virginia Smith of Williamston.

WAR FUND

Considering the small number of reports received, material progress was made in raising money for the United War Fund in the county since last Thursday. Williamston special gifts committee handed in several hundred more dollars, boosting the total raised and actually reported in the district to date to \$2,528.85. No other reports were received, other than one from Oak City where the chairman explained that several of the canvassers had quit, but that the work was still being carried on with success.

The drive is not near complete. Tomorrow, Monday, less than half of the districts have made even a preliminary report, approximately \$4,000 of the \$13,223.96 quota has been raised and turned in to date. Several counties in this section with larger quotas have already reached their goals, it was learned yesterday.

First Deliveries Are Made To Dixie Peanut Company Here

Although their plant is not quite ready for operation, owners of the Dixie Peanut Company yesterday received their first peanut deliveries. Farmer Toby Bowen, of Bear Grass, delivered approximately 200 bags from the current crop yesterday afternoon. Other purchases are being made as rapidly as possible, and the company plans to continue on the market without interruption. Purchases will be stored until the plant is placed in operation when the large plant will be able to take care of normal deliveries.

The company, just recently organized by Messrs. Johnny Gurkin, Carlyle Langley, John A. Manning, W. C. Windley and Bob Edmondson, has just about completed the construction of one of the largest plants in this entire section, on the Washington Road at the railroad just across from the Williamston Lumber Company. The engine, one of the largest

ever seen in this section, has been installed and masons are bricking up the boiler today. Workmen are busy installing elevators and the various machines, Mr. Gurkin stating yesterday that the firm was making every effort to place the plant in operation by early December. The firm was delayed many days by unfavorable weather when construction was first started on the large plant and storage houses.

Reports from the farms state that harvesting was being advanced on an increased scale yesterday, and with fair weather during the next few days the crop will start moving to market in volume. In addition to a reduced crop, quality is not measuring up to expectations. Very few crops so far have graded over 15 percent extra large, but the meat content is fairly high and the bagged goobers are weighing unusually heavy.

More Martin County Men Enter the Army

Twenty Three White Men Report During The Past Few Days

Fourteen Leave For Pre-Induction Tests and Nine For Final Induction

The order of the draft and service discharges that once called for fifteen men and discharged one is now in reverse and gaining rapidly, late reports indicating that the services are discharging about fifteen men every time they call one. But Martin County men—fathers, farmers and teenagers—are still being called by Selective Service.

Last Wednesday, fourteen men reported to Fort Bragg for pre-induction tests. On Monday of this week, nine left for final induction.

Of the seventeen white men called for preinduction last Wednesday, three were transferred to other boards. Only four of the seventeen were called from the farm, and there was only one father in the group. All but five were 20 years old or younger, most of them being just eighteen years of age. There was one volunteer in the list.

The names of the white men called for the pre-induction test and their addresses follow:

- Lollie Bryant Williams, RFD 3, Williamston.
James Robert Bullock, RFD 3, Williamston, and Norfolk.
Claude Moore, Williamston.
Geo. David Martin, RFD 1, Jamesville, and RFD 2, Williamston.
Richard Earl Bland, RFD 1, Oak City.
Charlie Daniel Price, Hamilton.
Manuel Edward Harris, RFD 2, Williamston.
Samuel Morris Rogerson, RFD 2, Williamston.
James Robert Smith, Hamilton.
Clifton Loelen Whitaker, Robersonville and Baltimore.
John Dinwiddie Mobley, Williams-ton and Washington.
Henry Brown Winslow, RFD 1, Robersonville and Raleigh.
Dixie Elliott Greene, Robersonville.
Juhus Thomas Price, Hamilton.
William Henry Warren, RFD 1, Hogwood.
Joseph Eugene Wynne, Williams-ton and High Point.
Moses LeRoy Merritt, Jamesville.
Henry B. Winslow was transferred to Raleigh, Clifton Whitaker to Baltimore, and Dixie Elliott Green to Hillsboro.

Of the nine white men called Monday for final induction, four come from the farm. All are listed as single, and their ages range from 18 to 23.

Throws Brick At Husband And Breaks Store Window

Angered because her husband would not accompany her to church, Annie Johnson, colored woman, threw a brick or rock at him, missed and smashed a plate glass in one of Margolis Brothers' store windows on Main Street here Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Forgettable Gets Williamston Franchise In Coastal League

Forgettable will succeed Williams-ton as a member of the Coastal Plain Baseball League, it was announced following a meeting of the league directors and officials in New Bern last evening. Bids submitted for the berth by Wilmington and Jacksonville were rejected, it was learned.

U. S. S. Destroyer Shaw Played Great Part In Recent War

Martin County Youth Goes With Ship Through Danger Of Many Missions

Wherever there has been any action of much importance, Martin County has been represented with possibly a few exceptions. A story just recently released and reviewing the great part the U. S. S. Destroyer "Shaw" played in World War II, indirectly tells about a Martin County boy, Chief Petty Officer Albert Gay Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bennett of Oak City.

The young man was on the U. S. S. Downs when it was wrecked by the Japs at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He was immediately transferred to the badly crippled Shaw. The following account released by the Navy picks up the story from there:

The saga of the gallant destroyer Shaw, twice heated of grievous battle wounds at Mare Island, was revealed by Navy authorities who credited the ship's crew with destruction of a Jap destroyer, a gunboat, a freighter, nine enemy planes as well as participation in 10 bombardments of Nipponese shore installations.

Through no fault of hers, pointed out the Navy's public relations office, the Shaw had a rather ignominious but spectacular introduction to war. To the Shaw went the credit for furnishing one of the most dramatic explosion pictures of this war, when Jap planes blasted her in drydock at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. She returned to Mare Island then with a stubby false bow. The temporary job was replaced by a prefabricated, standard set-up and the Shaw headed back to even the score.

Like her sister destroyers, the Shaw was part of "the dangereous navy," the workhorses of the fleet. In the initial invasion of the Philippines, she brought in fog oil to conceal the first landing. She then transferred ammunition and torpedoes from Suragao to ships in the invasion force. Fighting off torpedo and dive-bomber air attacks on ammunition ships and tankers loaded with aviation gas was one of her jobs.

With three other destroyers and 12 landing craft, she was in the first group to supply the Army after its initial landing at Ormoc. Bombed twice and strafed continually, they were able to drive off the attackers without suffering damage.

Then, 12 suicide bombers came in. The first made directly for the Shaw. His aim was bad, or the maneuvering of the commanding officer, Lieutenant Commander Victor B. Graf, U. S. N., was good. The Jap missed the stern by less than 30 feet and crashed. So close was the plane that an unfurled parachute from the plane brushed the ship, before billowing clouds of water carried the silk down as a shroud for the plane.

The 11 other planes followed in rapid succession. One destroyer was damaged, three landing craft were sunk, before the blasting AA fire of the Shaw and the other ships scored heavily enough to break up the attack.

Credit for three planes went to the Shaw. Another destroyer got two, and our planes, providing air cover got two more. The remaining five decided that suicide was not the better part of valor and broke off the engagement.

A battle with a Jap destroyer outside Manila Bay disposed of that ship almost before it knew what hit it. With three other destroyers the Shaw closed in on the Nip. The first salvo seemed to explode the engine room. The blast lighted the midnight sky, illuminating the target fully. Almost as the stunned Jap started to fire her forward guns, another direct hit plowed into her forward magazine. Ammunition was still exploding in the sky as the Jap took "the deep six," and disappeared from sight.

County Young Man Returns Home from Pacific Theater

After spending eighteen months in the Pacific theater, Pfc. Erwin Cullipher received his discharge at Fort Bragg last Monday afternoon and was home a few hours later. In the service nearly three years, the young man, son of Mr. Herbert Cullipher, was with the amphibious engineers and served on New Guinea, New Britain, the Philippines and spent thirteen days in Japan.

The Japs are fairly modern, having electric trains and other late devices, but the area from Yokohama to Tokyo was badly wrecked by fire bombs, he said, adding that he was happy to be back home. The young man lost his mother while he was serving in the Philippines.

Mrs. Minnie Matthews Is Critically Ill In Hospital

Mrs. Minnie Matthews, well-known Hamilton citizen who entered the local hospital a few days ago for treatment, continues critically ill there, it was learned this morning. Very little hope is held for her recovery, it was reported.

TOBACCO SALES

Even though a large percentage of the crop has already been marketed in this section, tobacco sales on the local market have continued to hold up unusually well during recent days. And prices have held up, too, the market averaging just a little under \$46.75 yesterday.

Through yesterday, the market had sold 10,695,988 pounds for \$4,731,894.44, a resulting average for the season of slightly more than \$44.33 per 100 pounds.

A large majority of farmers have completed the marketing of their crops, and with few exceptions those who have not completed the task have hardly more than an average of one barn left for sale.

Claude Nelson Died Late Last Saturday At Home In Hassell

Funeral Service Held Monday For Respected County Resident

Claude LeRoy Nelson, highly respected county citizen and well-known farmer, died at his home in Hassell last Saturday night at 11:35 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Suffering a heart attack three or more years ago, he had been confined to his home and bed most of the time for many months.

The son of the late J. M. C. Nelson and Nancy E. Nelson, he was born in Pitt County on September 12, 1891, and spent his early life there. When a young man he moved with his father to this county and located on a farm in the Hassell community where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Nelson was a progressive farmer and took a great interest in the affairs of his adopted community. He served as secretary of the Modern Woodman Camp for about thirty-five years, and worked for the maintenance of peace and order as justice of the peace for a number of years, giving of his time and means in support of worthy undertakings. Mr. Nelson was a faithful member of the Christian church at Hassell for a number of years and was devoted to his family and enjoyed a large circle of friends.

Twenty-eight years ago he was married to Miss Mabel Haislip of Hassell and she survives with two children, Claude L. Nelson, Jr., and Miss Frances Ruth Nelson, all of Hassell.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the late home at 3 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister, and interment was in the Hamilton cemetery.

ROUND-UP

Nine persons were rounded up and placed in the county jail last week-end, five for public drunkenness, two for assaults and one each for non-support and disorderly conduct.

The ages of the group ranged from 19 to 39 years, and three of the nine were white.

Up until yesterday, 65 persons had been placed in the county jail during the current month. In October, nineteen years ago, nine persons were arrested and jailed, and most of the increase came during the past several years.