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### Historical Review Of the Old Hickory **Division In Europe**

**Several Martin County Young** Men Served In Battles With The Thirtieth

(Continued from last issue)

When re-activated the 30th became composed of the following units: 55th Field Artillery Brigade; 113th Field Artillery Regiment, Tennessee 118th Field Artillery Regiment, Georgia; 59th Infantry Brigade; 118th Infantry Regiment, South Carolina; 121st Infantry Regiment, Georgia; 60th Infantry Brigade; 117th Infantry Regiment, Tennessee; 120th Infantry Regiment, North Carolina; 105th Engineer Regiment, North Car-Iside, would be in New York and day conf. colina; 105th Medical Regiment, North could not be here next week. No Thanksgiving noliday. Carolina; 105th Quartermaster Regiment, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina; 30th Division Special Troops, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Later, when the Division became triangularized this numerical

lineup was slightly altered. Losing part of its trained personnel to help in the organization of new units, the 30th moved to Camp Blanding, Fla., in October, 1942, and began rebuilding its component units with men from all parts of the country. Major General Leland S. Hobbs, who now commands Old Hickory and who led it throughout its European campaigns, had taken charge. Completely trained in the fundamentals of modern warfare, and again performing exceptionally well in the Second Army "Tennessee" maneuvers of September-October, 1943, the Division was selected for early action in combat and was transferred to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, in preparation for overseas service.

The division arrived in the United Kingdom in February, 1944, and immediately began putting on finishing touches in its combat training by undergoing intensive simulated action-problems with the First U. S. Army. Old Hickory was by now a mighty organization and ready for whatever task might be assigned to it. The invasion of France was to be its first objective.

Other American units made the daring, spectacular assault on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day. The 30th Division, like a rugged quarterthen carry the ball deep into enemy territory.

On June 15, 1944, the Division landed on the shores of Omaha Beach. From that day on the powerhouse momentum of the unit that carried the nickname given Andrew Jackson was not to be stopped by the best the Nazis could muster against

The 30th Division's baptism of fire was in the Eigny area. Sniper-incountryside in advance of strong duction, and the request will be wreck, but to try and build up and tenced to the roads for nine months, en back across the Vire River and not one of the thirteen men called the rear. The enemy had to be drivthe Vire et Taute Canal. Strong nightly patrois from the 30th probed their teens. Twelve are eighteen the enemy positions in preparation for the assault crossing of the Vire

Crossing of the river at dawn and the canal at noon were masterfully executed. The preparatory artillery barrage left the Germans stunned in their foxholes, making the initial advance relatively easy. However, panzer troops were brought in to plug the gap thus created and in the succeeding days other elite panzer and parachute troops counter-attacked with the mission of seizing Isigny. Nevertheless, Old Hickorymen ground their way steadily forward. The hedgerow to hedgerow "slugging match" against dug-in German infantrymen and tanks continued until the 30th captured high ground overlooking St. Lo, France, while the 29th a sister division in the XIX Corps, went on into the important railroad center to complete destruction of that

strongpoint. Having already proved itself a (Continued on page four)

## County Boy Against Conscription Force

His six years of service are all he needs to turn him against military conscription, T/5 Billy S. Edwards, Martin County boy, declared in a recent letter written from a convalescent wing of Walter Reed Hospital in Washington City.

"I hope the people are against con-scription and that they will write to their congressmen and take a definite stand against the proposed practice,'

Edwards added. After serving overseas, Cpl. Edwards returned about twelve months ago and has been in Walter Reed since. In his recent letter he said that he had been hoping for a discharge. "However, I am still here with more than the necessary discharge points."

term of the Martin County Superior Governor's office and the local bar decided to call off the calendar scheduled to get under way scheduled for next Monday and here next Monday has been canceled, Tuesday. During the meantime it Clerk L. B. Wynne explaining that was learned that the clerk had been a judge could not be made available advised by mail that Judge W. H. S. (Because there were a number of immediately. The second week of Burgwyn of Woodland had been as-Martin County men in the Thirtieth (Old Hickory) Division, a brief reMonday, November 26, it was exDivision, a brief reMonday, November 26, it was exDivision ReMonday, Novem view of the noble work of that unit plained. Jurymen and litigants are destination, and when it was learnis offered. The second installment being advised that the first week of ed that Burgwyn had been assigned last Monday morning. The docket, the term has been canceled, and that it was too late to alter the cancellathere will be a declared holiday in tion. the legal realm that week. Judge J. C. Smith, recognizing the tentative tions, very few cases were placed on heard by only a fair-sized group of schedule of the superior tribunal, had the calendar for trial next Monday

> next Monday. that Judge Henry A. Grady of New the court. Cases had been calendar-Bern, who had been assigned to pre- ed only for next Monday and Tueswould be in New York and day to

The first of a two weeks' special further word was received from the

With the exception of divorce acalready announced that there would and Tuesday, and it is believed that be no session of the recorder's court most of them can be sandwiched into the calendar the following week The first week of the special term when Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanwas called off when it was learned oke Rapids is slated to preside over

## Third of Bond Quota tried to explain how he tore the shirt throughout the world, that the school off an officer. He appealed to the children will step in and help salligher court and hond was required vage a job badly handled by adults," Subscribed In County

CHRISTMAS SEALS

The annual sale of the little Christmas seals to promote the unrelenting fight against tuberculosis here at home and throughout the land will get underway in this county next Monday, Mrs. Joel Muse, county chairman, announced today. Mrs. Claudius J. Hurt, field secretary, was here this week from Raleigh making final plans for the drive which will be advanced on a nation-wide scale.

The sale this year will be advanced principally by direct mail, and the cause is worthy of every consideration.

It was explained that Robersonville will support the seal sale as an individual unit with its own chairman and canvassers.

## **More County White** Men Are Called For

One Of Group Called This Week Asks For Immediate Induction

were called to report this week for may be running wild in this county, worth of clothes from the State Highpre-induction examinations at Fort but the Victory Loan Bond is not in- way and Public Works Commission's Bragg by Selective Service. One of volved, and every penny is needed. prison department, William Taylor, liberal contributors in the past are we beat inflation?" test. As far as it could be learned brunt of war. is married, and all of them are in years of age and the thirteenth one is only nineteen. Most of the youngsters had their eighteenth birthday in September and October.

Seven of the thirteen boys called come from the farm, but few were said to be in school. Names and registration and lastgiven addresses are, as follows:

and Grimesland. Harcum McIver Roebuck, RFD 1

Robersonville. William Alfonza Jones, RFD 1, Wiliamston.

Benjamin Franklin Gurganus, Williamston John Asa Harrison, RFD 1, Rober-

Donald Earl Bunting, RFD 1, Oak

Russell Manning, Oak City. William Charlie Padgett, RFD lamesville and Norfolk. Giles Ervin Stallings, RFD

Curtis Wilmer Hopkins, RFD Williamston Edward Eason Matthews, RFD 3,

Williamston. Ellis Gray Keel, RFD 3, Williams-

Dallas Hopkins, RFD 3, Williams-

### RIVER BRIDGE

Bids for widening the Roanoke River bridge and the possible construction of a new draw span at this point have been asked for the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission. The bids are to be received by the commission in its office at Raleigh on Tuesday. November 27.

The project was to have been handled several years ago, but was postponed on account of the war. Since the fill was rebuilt and widened, several people have lost their lives near the eastern end of the concrete bridge.

## Robersonville Still Holds Lead In Final **Bond Sales For War**

Colored Citizens In Woolard **And Burroughs Sections** Liberal Givers

The eighth and last bond drive payment of the costs. afternoon following a review of pre-

One father with two or three sons ant for nine months. still overseas declared he was not inboys home and care for those who are voked for one year. Thirteen Martin County white men crippled or maimed for life. Politics

purchases to hold on to their bonds. he was in court for alleged violation The surrender of a bond except in extreme emergencies is just another invitation for a depression.

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# Robert Knox, RFD 1, Williamston Seventy-Five Tires

Meeting last Friday, the tire panel f the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board issued seventy-five tires-sixty-five to car owners and ten to truck operators. The issuance was the smallest reported for this county in recent months and reflects

country generally. Passenger car tires were rationed s follows:

Sutton A. Burroughs, Romus Lee, A. D. Ward, H. A. Jenkins, J. M. Ayers, Ollis Lilley, Fenner L. Hardison, Irene McClaren, Thomas Griffin, Roland B. Lilley, Claudius Hardison, J. H. Edmondson, Williamston Package Co., Delmus Rogers, William H. Tyre, S. G. Burnett, Thurston Wynne, J. H. Mooring, W. J. Beach, J. W. Green, Nellie B. James, Paul G. Swinson, J. D. Knox, W. J. Hollis, Howard Coltrain, C. C. Bailey, Ralph Hale, W. H. Modlin, R. R. Thompson John D. Biggs, H. S. Piland, W. D. Gurganus, Velma Bailey, Arthur Peel, L. H. Gurganus, Marion F. Hodges, James A. Rawls, Mrs. Garland Harris, J. W. Grimes, R. H. Taylor, Archie W. Griffin, H. H. Pope, Jr., H. L. Hopkins, George Lee Roberson, L. W. Hardison, Z. D. Cox, L. F. Stokes, R. E. Taylor, W. H. Williams, Jr., C. M. Hurst.

Truck tires were issued to the fol-Robersonville Ice and Coal Co., G.

W. Hodges, C. U. Rogers, Seth Weathersbee, Rosalie Andrews, J. R. Overton, William B. Dickerson, J. B. Everett, Roy A. Peel.

Roads For Interfering With Police Officer

Calling eight cases, Judge J. Calvin Smith held the Martin County two hours before clearing the docket following the trial of several unusually large ones, was of about norsize. The proceedings were spectators

While crime continues to center around several "hot" spots in the county, the number visiting those trouble continues to increase, apparwith an officer in the performance that Judge John J. Burney is sched- this county said today uled to return to the county to preside over the next term of criminal for distribution through the schools, court, the defendant withdrew his and the public is being humbly asked appeal and the sentence was reduced to take a hand and help put this counfrom six to four months on the roads. ty over the top in the last drive of

papers were issued for his arrest. | early next week, and a great wind-

pleaded not guilty. She was adjudg-ed guilty of simple assault and the canvassers who have not reported

cheduled for financing costs of Charged with violating the liquor Drive Chairman V. J. Spivey and J. World War II and getting the boys laws, John Manning, colored, plead- C. Manning, are asked to complete back home is making fair but steady ed guilty and was sentenced to the the task and make a report either progress in this county, Drive Chair- roads for nine months. All but the tomorrow or early Monday. man D. V. Clayton said yesterday first forty days of the term was sustime for handling the drive is about fendant is not to violate any criminal and several canvassers in some of sion and are now ready for use. half spent and not quite a third of law or have an intoxicating bever- the other districts are yet to report. the total quota has been subscribed ages in his possession during the Nearly two thousand dollars have who have been looking for good and horror of the Nazi regime is the to date, Chairman Clayton is still period of suspension. He was given been added to the fund since the last reading definitely "not about the bunk, for I have seen several of the confident that the drive will go over until December 15 to start his road report was released, and the picture, war." Irvin Cobb is good for a laugh "Torture Camps." The one at Nurn-

Some of the canvassers who have Moore was fined \$25 and taxed with Township reported \$76.37 collected of wasn't working at being funny.

terested, forgetting that billions of driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the giving \$70.08 and Woolard's, \$83.43. His final collection, LAST LEAVES, was there, two days after the war in

Charged with larceny of \$7.50 of the one the defendant is now In addition to asking the people to serving. Taylor was hailed into court invest and save their every surplus last December for allegedly violating penny, the United States Treasury the health laws. He was fined \$10 humbly advises those who have made and taxed with the costs. Last April

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## Most of the bond sales during the Driver Released **Following Wreck**

Allotted By Board ty in the case in which he was charged with drunken and reckless driving, was released from the county jail last Wednesday after paying a

\$75 fine and trial costs. Just recently returned from overnear Robersonville early last Monday a stock shortage prevailing in the morning. He was only slightly hurt, but Rosalie Whichard, of Robersonville, was critically injured. Reports from a Rocky Mount hospital where she was carried for treatment, state that her condition is improving, that she was conscious for short periods.

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motor vehicle accidents are multiplying rapidly on Martin County highways, patrolmen reporting them at the rate of nearly one a day, on an average, for the past week. Only two persons were listed as casualties, but one of them was badly hurt.

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. Forty-Fifth Week Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge

3 2 0 \$ 810 Comparisons To Date 39 38 12.895 12,000

# First Week Of Special Term Judge Calvin Smith Thanksgiving Appeal County Young Man Of Superior County Canceled Calls Eight Cases Thanksgiving Appeal County Young Man Of Superior Court Canceled Calls Eight Cases The first of a two weeks' special further word was received from the In County's Court Made For War Fund German Atrocities

Defendant Given Sentence On Total Collection To Date For County Is Little Under \$7,000

Preliminary Reports Received From All But One District In County

Pointing out that there's no better way to express our thanks this 1945 Thankgsgiving than to make it possible for others to give thanks places and subjecting themselves to through unselfish contributions to the United War Fund, leaders of the At Williamston's Duk Inn, campaign in this county are address-Ernest Lanier allegedly interfered ing a final appeal to the general public and to the white school children. of his duty, and the man was sen- "We sincerely hope and trust that the tenced to the roads for six months. people of this county will make a last Lanier maintained his innocence, and rally in support of suffering millions higher court and bond was required vage a job badly handled by adults," in the sum of \$300. Possibly advised a representative of the campaign in

A special letter is being prepared Other proceedings in the court fol- its kind the people of this county will James LeRoy O'Mary, charged other challenges have been met, and

canvassers who have not reported court suspended judgment upon the their collections either to County Chairman Clarence W. Griffin or

According to the incomplete re-

yet to be heard from, it was pointed abandoned for reaching the goal.

County Chairman Clarence Griffin the help of every one is earnestly

and urgently asked. the drive to date follows, by dis-

	Quota	Amt.
Jamesville	\$ 800	\$ 314.00
Williams	150	76.37
Griffins	550	393.25
Bear Grass	550	307.70
Williamston	6,282	3,486.63
Cross Roads	450	280.00
Robersonville	2,250	1,112.08
Poplar Point	175	107.05
Colored Citizens	1,000	747.30
Total	\$13,232	\$6.824.38

## seas, the young officer was driving the car which figured in an accident More Martin County **Boys Return Home**

discharge at Camp Rucker, Ala., a Pearl Harbor to the "Road To Tofew days ago, returned to his home kyo. An index makes it an easy near Oak City this week. The young book to use in reference work man was slightly wounded in the European area. Clarence Sexton, after serving in

the European area, received his discharge a few days ago and returned to his home in Jamesville this week. Lt. Arthur Anderson, with 25 missions over Japan to his credit, returned home yesterday for a 45-day leave. The young man left Guam on October 27 in a plane and landed on the West Coast the first of this month. Boarding a troop train, he spent several days making the trip across the continent.

Bruce Whitley Returns From the European Area

After spending twenty-seven months in the European theater, Bruce Whitley, Enterprise employee, landed in the States last Friday night and returned home early yesterday morning for a ten-day leave. He ex-pects his discharge shortly before Christmas.

### FINAL SALES

Selling 11,278,890 pounds since opening day, Tuesday, August 21, the local tobacco market yesterday closed its most successful season in its history. Sales were brisk right up until the last pound was sold, and government graders were quoted as saving that prices, grade for grade, were as high as they were on any day during the season. Growers, including quite a few new customers, received \$4,978,413.28, and the average for the season stands right at \$44.14 per hundred. The figures are not official, but they are recognized as being virtually

correct. The market yesterday sold 36, 966 pounds for \$13,146.76. The sale included large quantities of tied-up scrap and a few thousand pounds of damaged leaf. Black tobacco, hardly acceptable for stable bedding in years gone by, sold for 30 cents a pound or bet-

Immediately following the sale, buyers started leaving for their homes, quite a few of them going to Kentucky.

### ever be asked to support. All the steer challenges have been met and Bookmobile to Make with careless and reckless driving, failed to answer when called, and the hands of the little school folks Regular Trips Next Charged with assaulting another up is scheduled for Thanksgiving Week In The County

Thanksgiving Day To Be Observed As Holiday By The **Book Truck** 

The bookmobile returns to Martin pended for eighteen months upon the ports ,this county has raised \$6,824.38 these new ones purchased by the re- that the radio and newspaper acliminary reports received from ten payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The of its \$13,232 quota. Hamilton, Has- gion, over three hundred have been counts of Nazi concentration camps of the eleven districts. Although the court further stipulated that the de-sell and Oak City have not reported, borrowed from the Library Commis- are only propaganda. That is far from

the top. "However, it is fairly certain that the canvassers will have to take more interest in the solemn to take more interest in the sol hicle without a driver's license, Joe dollars to its total, and Williams intimate account of Cobb when he ed bone, and the horrible scent there

out, and all hope has not yet been GAUNTLET, is sure to find favor ful thing I saw was several men and with many. Here is the story of a women who had suffered so much and Drive Chairman J. C. Manning town in the early twenties when troops to liberate them, and upon will carry the final appeal to the schools next Monday or Tuesday, and preacher's wife." The things that of food and proper care, that they

> thau, Jr., has written a very readable it is the truth, and as far as I'm conshowing proposals for Post-War Ger- Dachau, the gas chamber was clean, Potsdam Declaration.

> CHINA. As a foreign correspondent burned bodies. Believe me, this was in Asia for 12 years, Mr. Stein has no propaganda. become well acquainted with the situation in semi-feudal China of which he writes. HEROES OF THE PACIFIC by

J. W. Belflower, Jr., receiving his heroes and those not so famous from Patrol Checks On The schedule follows:

Monday, November 19 Williamston Elementary School, 9; ilton School, 11; Hamilton, in front

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### MARKETING CARDS

Now that the season is over, or virtually over, the Triple A office in the county agricultural building is asking all farmers in the county to send or deliver their 1945 tobacco marketing cards to the office as soon as pos

The cards will be checked against the records already in the office, and refunds are to be expected in those cases where growers paid penalties in excess of the regular schedules, it was explained.

### Pfc. Ernest Capps Writes From Kraslice Over In Czechoslovakia

Writing to The Enterprise from Kraslice, Czechoslovakia, Pfc. Ernest Capps recently told more about the German atrocities ,a few of which he mentions in the following letter:

"It has been sometime since I received my last copy of the paper, but due to my own neglect in renewing my subscription. Anyway, I hope to get an edition soon. I am writing this in hope that some of my old buddies that are returning from overseas will see it and drop me a line. It seems that since my division didn't sail before V. J. Day, in the redeployment of troops to the Pacific, we will now be here until early spring. At the present time we are in that part of Czechoslovakia known as Sudetenland, and serving the State Dept. in a military capacity. Our immediate task is to work under the American Ambassador to Czechoslovakia in aiding the people to reorganize their government along democratic lines. It seems that there is quite a squabble over Sudeten-land, and the Germans must all go, except those declared desirable for citizenship in the Czech nation. Sudeten-land has always been mostly German, and when Hitler rose to power, the people voted almost 100 percent to be annexed to Germany, and now they are screaming about the plan to send them back to Germany. As usual, they claim it was Hitler, Goebbels, and the other Nazi leaders, who were to blame, but notice the pictures of Hitler in his hey-day, and you will see that he was always surrounded by admiring subjects of his. The reason Sudeten-land is so important to the Czech republic is it's industrial

capacity, as it is almost completely filled with Hitler-made factories. "There have been some stories County next week with many new coming from America that returning books for all ages. In addition to servicemen are spreading the rumor the truth, and don't let any one ever This is the lucky month for those tell you that the story of brutality Pre-induction Tests | Some of the canvassers who have already started the task are telling the cost. The court recommended the cost is the cost of some mighty disheartening stories. that no license be issued the defend- the Woolard and Burroughs-Spring stories and essays of a humorous na- mountains, was one of Hitler's pet

Hill School Communities made liber- ture with shrewd wisdom running spots, for there he kept the Poles, Fate Little, charged with drunken al responses, the Burroughs section beneath the gaiety and merriment. Jews, and the Czech. At the time I dollars are still needed to get the cost, and had his driver's license re- Including previous donations receiv- is filled with the same wit and wised from colored citizens in the coundom found in his earlier works. The piled five and six tier deep, and the ty and the \$200.25 from the Williams- twenty-one pieces in this volume bones of other bodies were stacked in ton Colored High School, the fund range all the way from "Are witty neat piles for transfer to other places now has \$6,824.38. Several fairly women attractive to men?" to "Can for any use they could be put to. The sadness, the horror of it all was James Street's new novel, THE enough in itself, but the most pitiyoung minister in a small Missouri while waiting for the American happen to London Wingo and his were still dying in groups. It was wife could have happened to any nothing to see two men struggling An unofficial but reliable report on young preacher's family in a small along some street of the camp and one of them tumble over, dead. May-The problems of the world today be I can't tell it plain enough for the cannot be ignored. Henry Morgen- people back home to believe it, but account of his plans which have caus- cerned the entire German country ed much discussion. GERMANY IS and population are to blame, for no OUR PROBLEM, gives his long-term one can convince me that all this plan in detail. It includes a map went on without their knowledge. At man boundaries and the text of the and well kept, and the place where the bodies were burned, was also A problem of immediate interest clean and without outward appearto Americans is presented by Gun- ance of wrong doing, but the further Stein in CHALLENGE OF RED naces were still piled with bones and

Several railroad cars were on the

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# Speed, Equipment

Now that the speed limit has been fixed at 50 miles per hour for all Edwards Service Station, 19:30; Ham- motor vehicles on the State highways, patrolmen have been instructed to enforce the speed law and to check vehicles for improper equipment. It was also stated that arrests have been ordered in those cases where motorists do not dim their lights. There'll be no warnings and violations will not be tolerated, it

was declared. Improper equipment includes indequate lights, bad brakes and steering apparatus in dangerous con-

Each vehicle must have headlights and tail light visible for at least 200 feet, and trailers must have proper

clearance lights Quite a few arrests have been made by members of the State Highway Patrol in this county during recent days, and more arrests are to be expected where the traffic laws are vio-