

Seven Districts In County Pass Goals In War Bond Drive

Eighty Percent of "E" Bond Quota Been Subscribed, Report Shows

According to the latest available figures, just about eighty percent of Martin County's "E" bond quota has been subscribed, a late report showing that seven districts—Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Hassell and Goose Nest—had gone over the top. Sales in the Victory Loan Drive, the eighth and final campaign of its kind, are lagging badly in Williamston, and are far from the goals in Bear Grass, Poplar Point and Hamilton.

Sales recently skyrocketed in Robersonville, Township Chairman D. R. Everett stating that they were increased by approximately \$40,000 since the last report was made. Williamston reported an increase of only about \$4,000 during the same period. While Robersonville was increasing its "E" bond purchases by \$40,000, Chairman Everett reported that \$317,000 had been invested in negotiable bonds by citizens in that district. The amount is \$16,000 greater than the negotiable bond quota for the entire county.

The little community of Hassell still holds the spotlight in the Victory Bond parade, the citizens there exceeding the quota nearly four times.

Since the last report Williams and Goose Nest went over the top and did so with some to spare.

Bear Grass Chairman A. B. Ayers called his canvassers into a meeting earlier this week, and a drive to reach the goal is now in progress there.

Little has been accomplished in Williamston, and sales for the most part, have been without direct solicitation. A similar situation exists in some of the other districts, it is understood.

First scheduled to close on Saturday of this week, the "E" bond drive has been extended a few days, and another appeal is being directed to the people of Martin County, urging them to buy and give "E" bonds for Christmas. Reports indicate that the number of sales has been somewhat limited, that a comparatively few persons have boosted the figures with the purchase of bonds of large denomination.

A review of "E" bond sales to date, by districts, follows:

Table with 3 columns: District, Quota, Sales. Rows include Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, Williamston, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Poplar Point, Hamilton, Hassell, Goose Nest, and a total row.

Eight Cases Called In Justice's Court

Justice J. L. Hassell handed eight cases in his court during the past few days.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, J. Leander Hardison was fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs. General Columbus Freeman, operating a motor vehicle on the wrong side of the road, was fined \$10 and required to pay \$7 costs.

Charlie Hodges was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 costs for operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes. Ella Ewell was required to pay \$8.50 costs for disorderly conduct.

Dave Melton was fined \$3 and taxed with \$7 costs in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

Charged with disorderly conduct on two counts, Elbert Whitehurst was sentenced to the roads for thirty days in each case, the justice suspending the road terms upon the payment of \$19 costs.

Roosevelt Butler, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 costs.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Lillie Wynne was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$100.

Operating a truck without a clearance light, Isaac Johnson Brickhouse was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 costs.

Young Man Is Hurt Painfully In Wreck

Frank House, 32-year-old Greenville white man, was painfully but believed not seriously hurt when he ran his Plymouth car into a mail truck between Williamston and Jamesville last Tuesday evening about 6:30 o'clock. Suffering head injuries and chest bruises, he was treated in Dr. E. T. Walker's offices here and later removed to his home.

T. Mack VanLandingham, driving his truck toward Williamston, was not hurt. Investigating the accident, Patrolman W. E. Saunders said that approximately \$200 damage was done to the car, that about \$50 would repair the truck damage.

Limited Decorations For The Christmas Season In Prospect

For the first time since the 1941 Christmas season, Williamston's holiday street lights are being again, adding a bit of cheer to a community trying to recover from the sorrows of war and to readjust itself. The lights were installed after the exact pattern followed in those previous years, but quite a few of the larger bulbs had to be replaced by smaller ones.

Turned on last evening by Mayor John L. Hassell, the lights did not attract anything like the attention they were commanded when they were installed for the first time, but quite a few youngsters, grown out of their babyhood and taking cognizance of the various-colored bulbs for the first time, were really gleeful last night as they looked longingly from their nearby windows. Possibly much of that which so many fought, suffered and died for, is reflected in the little faces of the tots.

While the town drew from its old stock of material, individuals will find it difficult to resurrect their old lighting materials and since new supplies are limited it is not almost nonexistent, it isn't likely that individual or group decorations will be advanced on any appreciable scale here this Christmas season. Shop operators explain that new supplies were not to be had, and carry-over stocks are minute, meaning that outside decorations this year will be the exception rather than the rule.

Interior decorations, permitted during the war, will possibly be maintained, but there they will be very modest.

Pfc. Jos. Gurganus Says Fight For Iwo Jima A Tough One

Local Young Man Says He Had Any Number of Narrow Battle Escapes

Writing to The Enterprise under date of November 28 from Guam, Pfc. Joseph S. Gurganus, local young man, pointed out that he had many narrow escapes. His letter follows:

To my friends of Williamston who may have wondered whether I was captured by the Japs, this is to let them know I am okay and in the best of health, even though at times I wasn't sure what the outcome would be.

In a replacement draft of approximately seventeen hundred Marines, I left San Diego, California, November 8, 1944, and arrived at Pearl Harbor five or six days later. Most of the draft was sent to the 4th Marine Division stationed on the island of Maui, one of the several Hawaiian islands. Quite a few of the boys, in which group I was located, joined the 4th Pioneer Battalion, whose job in combat is to keep a steady flow of supplies going in to the infantry at the front.

On a small island like Iwo Jima, our outfit was constantly under enemy fire because our supply dumps were one of the main targets for Japanese mortar and artillerymen, and unfortunately they destroyed quite a few of our supply dumps the first few days.

As with all Marines who participated in this battle, I had plenty of narrow escapes, but luckily and with God's help, I was uninjured throughout the operation.

Before the 4th division left for Iwo, we thought the battle would last about ten days, but that "rock" turned out to be a veritable fortress. After about fifteen days or more when resistance was weakening, it was a joke to watch the Japs fire anti-aircraft fire into the sky when none of our planes were above. I guess they just wanted us to know they still had it. But soon afterwards, an end was put to that! Our infantry and planes took care of that!

When the first news of the Japs' surrender was broadcast, you can imagine the jubilee which burst forth from our camp! Hardly anyone had even an hours sleep that night and all the talk was, "when are we going home?" To the Marines that fought all of the division's battles and to men who had fifteen months overseas by September first, this was soon to be a reality. The 4th Marines division left for the states sometime in October, and low-point men left were put into various drafts to be sent to the forward areas.

I came to Guam in the Marianas Islands. It looks as ever deceiving, but this island, all the towns were destroyed when our forces returned here last year. At the present, Guam is crowded with thousands of Marines, sailors and soldiers.

We have a nice camp, with good food and plenty of recreation. My job is that of operating a "bull-dozer," which is an interesting type of work.

I guess quite a few boys are returning home. This is good news to all of their people. I hope to return some time in February. If this is true, I hope to see everyone then.

Fire Destroys Home And Contents Here Last Night

Its origin not definitely known, fire destroyed the humble home of Sherman Bonds, aged colored man, just off Railroad and Sycamore Street here last evening at 7 o'clock. The fire had gained considerable headway when the alarm was sounded, and nothing was saved from the house other than a few papers and articles in an old trunk. Firemen threw water on the fire during the greater part of an hour.

Bonds, about 75 years of age and quite feeble, was led from his burning home by firemen. He shared his home with a soldier's family, and it was reported that the family lost most of its personal belongings.

An inventory of the fire could not be had immediately, but the loss will run into several hundred dollars and possibly more, depending on the value of the owner's personal effects.

GETS HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Private John C. Jones, serving in the European Theater of Operations for 17 months returned home last week after receiving his discharge at Fort Bragg. He wears three battle stars and is now with Mrs. Jones at their home in Palmyra. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jones, Williamston RFD No. 3.

Superior Court Will Open Mixed Term In County On Monday

Twenty Cases On The Criminal Docket; Few Placed On Civil Calendar

With Judge John J. Burney of Williamston presiding, the Martin County Superior Court will open a one-week term next Monday for the trial of criminal and civil cases. The docket carries no criminal cases of a sensational nature, but one-fourth of them involve hit-and-run driving or manslaughter. Several of them were continued at the September term after true bills had been returned by the grand jury.

A few divorce cases are to be scheduled for trial, but the civil calendar isn't likely to list many cases. The damage suit brought by Holliday against Kader Brown and Williamston Lumber Company has been set for trial during the week, and it is likely that the tribunal will be in session possibly through next Thursday, if not longer.

The twenty cases listed on the criminal docket: N. S. Godard, assault and battery, had his case continued several times. Henry Paul is charged with manslaughter as a result of a truck wreck near Everetts on last March 14, costing Jeremiah Brown his life. A true bill was returned by the grand jury last June and the case was continued.

William E. James, charged with hit-and-run driving and manslaughter, struck and fatally injured Jeff T. Matthews at Oak City last September 2. The administrator was recently awarded a judgment for \$5,000 in a civil action brought against James.

Kader Brown is charged with reckless driving resulting in serious bodily injury to Miss Elizabeth Holliday near Dardens last May 31.

Robert Bunn stands charged with hit-and-run driving resulting in serious bodily injury to Jesse Bullock near Robersonville last August 25.

The case charging Jesse Ben Roberson with shooting Hugh M. Gray was continued under prayer for judgment last September and comes up for final disposition.

Toby Barber is charged with the robbery of \$1 from the person of W. M. Cherry last July 21.

Alleged to have given a mortgage on property he did not possess, John E. Williams is charged with false pretense.

Josh Rascoe appealed from a county court judgment in the case charging him with the possession of illicit liquor for the purpose of sale.

Charged with speeding, Ralph Eugene Andrews appealed from a lower court judgment.

Natie Parker is charged with assaulting Will Biggs with a deadly weapon, with intent to kill him on October 8.

Auston Everett is charged with an assault on a female.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest, and an assault with a deadly weapon, Ben Long Stevenson appealed from lower court judgments in both cases.

Harry Lee Spruill is charged with stealing a car from Charlie Forbes last April 1.

The old pocketbook flim-flam game is slated to be aired again when Roger Howard faces trial for allegedly obtaining \$229 from Luke Biggs last September 21.

Howard "Ted" Scott is charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Charles Fuller faces two breaking and entering and larceny and receiving counts. He is alleged to have stolen \$35 worth of clothes from the laundry last July 1, and in a second alleged trip he stands accused of stealing \$50 worth of clothes on September 23.

Lester Gray Ward is charged with operating a truck with improper brakes and manslaughter. The victim of the accident, Bonnie K. Taylor, Jr., was fatally injured last September 24.

Baby Ray Hill, Billie White, Russell Sherrod and Wheeler Jones are charged with attempted rape.

In the courts for more than a year, the case charging Herman Manning and Joe Martin with aiding and abetting in an illegal operation, is up for final entry on the judgment docket, the courts having held that the two are to start serving two-year road terms next week.

J. Herman Reason Dies In Hospital

J. Herman Reason, well-known farmer of the Dardens community, died in a Durham hospital last Monday noon following an illness of about one year's duration. He had been confined to his bed for five weeks, death resulting from a cerebral hemorrhage.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reason, he was born in Washington County on November 13, 1879. He was married to Miss Annie Jones of Roper and located in this county eighteen years ago. Mr. Reason was an able farmer and highly respected citizen, both in his native and adopted communities.

Surviving are his widow, six sons, Pete, Bryant, Ben and Carlton, of Jamesville, Lomas, of near Williamston, and Ernest Reason of Norfolk; two daughters, Mrs. Roy Phelps of Plymouth, and Mrs. Oscar Jackson of Jamesville; one brother, Bruce Reason, of Norfolk, and three sisters, Mrs. M. K. Jones of Ahoskie, Mrs. Letha Jones of Richmond and Mrs. Bettie Rawls of Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. P. B. Nickens, Baptist minister of Plymouth, and interment was in the Dardens Methodist Church Cemetery.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The accident season reached a climax in the county last week-end when six wrecks were reported. One person almost lost his life and a property damage estimated at \$1,500 was reported. It is about time to start slowing down and driving with greater care.

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.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Weeks, Accidents, Inj'd Killed Dam'g. Rows for 1945, 1944, and 1943.

Fifty-five Cases Called In The County's Court

Fines Amounting To \$870. Collected To Establish A Record

Large Crowd Hears Proceedings; No Session County Court Next Week

All previous records are believed to have topped last Monday when Judge J. C. Smith called fifty-five cases and imposed fines amounting to \$870 in a regular session of the Martin County Recorder's Court. In addition to the fine collection, several road and jail terms were meted out to make it a hectic day for alleged violators of the law. The county court had been idle while the superior tribunal was scheduled to handle the trial of civil cases.

Judge Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson were shaking out the cases so rapidly that Clerk L. B. Wynne had to line the defendants up to accept their fines and costs. The costs were not added immediately, but with the fines they will go well over \$1,000 for the day.

Proceedings: Called for further judgment, Jas. E. Strawbridge, defendant in a non-support case, was directed to continue the payment of \$25 every two weeks for the support of his wife and child, and reappear for further judgment on the first Monday in June, 1946.

Booker T. Mizelle, charged with reckless driving, failed to answer when called and papers were issued for his arrest.

The case charging Lester Morgan with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued until December 17.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Jack A. Farmer was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended the following day upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

Charged with disorderly conduct and drunken driving, James Everett was adjudged guilty of the first count and drew a \$25 fine plus the costs.

Kenneth Harrell, called for further judgment in the case charging him with bastardy, was ordered to continue the payment of \$10 a month for the support of his illegitimate child and reappear on the first Monday in June for further judgment.

Charged with operating motor vehicles with improper lights, the following defendants were each fined \$10 and taxed with the costs: Lee Edward Best, William Jake Moore, William Burton Bell, Jesse W. Williams, Hill Webb.

Robert Lee Williams, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper lights, and Jesse Roberson, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, failed to answer when called and papers were issued for their arrests.

Clarence Rudolph Coffield, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Curtis Smith was sentenced to jail for seven days, fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. The court recommended that no operator's license be issued the defendant for six months.

Archie Mizelle was fined \$10 and required to pay the cost in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle with bad brakes.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Kenneth Ervin Semmons with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. The court recommended that no license be issued the defendant for one year.

Charlie Andrews, charged with reckless driving, was fined \$30 and taxed with \$15 costs. He was revoked for 90 days.

William Perkins, operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Willie Edward Burns, Jr., failed to answer when called. Papers were issued for his arrest.

Sam Latham was fined \$20 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. The court recommended that no license be issued the defendant for six months.

A continuance until December 31 was allowed in the case charging Lonnie B. Griffin with reckless driving.

Charged with speeding, Francis P. Gavining was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

The case charging Henry L. Harvey with drunken driving was continued until December 17.

Grover Knox was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his operator's license revoked for one year in the case charging him with drunken driving.

Charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, Andrew Hardison was fined \$20 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly and damaging property in Williamston's Cotton Club, Marshall Scott was sentenced to the road for six months. In a second case, Scott

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Brothers From This County Met A Short Time Ago In Europe

Met Unexpectedly For Long Chat In Regensburg, Germany

Two Martin County brothers, Pfc. Louis Wynne and Pfc. George W. Wynne, met a short time ago in Regensburg, Germany. They had not seen each other in sixteen months.

Stationed in Klatovy, Czechoslovakia, Louis, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wynne, said under date of November 14:

"I bet you will be surprised when you read this letter. Here I am in Regensburg, Germany, with 'Bud.' I got here about 2 o'clock yesterday. I asked a M. P. could he tell me where P. Co. of the 25th Cav. was. He stopped a jeep with two M. P.'s in it and they said they knew where it was and would take me there. 'Gee' was 'Bud' surprised to see me. He's the same old 'Bud' only so much larger than he was the last time I saw him. There is an extra bed in his barracks so I sleep in the same room with him.

"All we have been doing is sit around and talk about what we have seen and done since we last saw each other.

"Bud is in a good outfit now. He doesn't do any training and they have P. W.'s to do all their work for them, shine their shoes, clean the barracks, and make their beds. 'Gee' if we don't hurry and get out of this Army we will be so lazy we won't be able to do any work.

"I think we will go to the show tonight. 'Bud' said 'A Thousand and One Nights' was on, and was a good show.

"I certainly hope my outfit doesn't move before I get back. We are supposed to move by the first of December. As soon as I move I'm going to send 'Bud' word where I am and I want him to try to get a pass and spend Christmas with me, that wouldn't make Christmas so bad.

"I bet it is getting cold back home now. We have had lots of snow in Czechoslovakia but there hasn't been very much here in Germany.

"Mama I hope each and every one has a very nice Thanksgiving. Tell everyone hello. Bud and I are getting along fine.

Geo. W., writing at the same time, said:

"I feel the best today I have felt in many days. Just think when I ate supper last night Louis ate with me and we slept in the same room. Yesterday I received 10 letters, I hadn't received any in 7 days. I was leaning back in a chair with my feet on a table reading one letter saying that Louis' company had moved and that he hoped he could come and see me, when the door opened and he walked in. Mama, I couldn't move, he was coming toward me and I thought I never would get up. I was so glad to see him. He's the same old Louis, talk, he can still do that, I felt like I was home for a few minutes.

"We went over to the P. X. a while last night and drank coca-colas and talked.

"He'll be with me for about 7 days. Don't worry about us. I am taking care of Louis and he is taking care of me."

River Project Is Favored By Group In Recent Meeting

Further Action Is Now Pending In Upper House Of The National Congress

While there was some vigorous opposition expressed, the program of flood control and power development for the Roanoke River Valley was favored by a group of about five hundred delegates at a public hearing held in South Hill, Virginia, on Wednesday of this week.

The meeting, despite the opposition, went on record as favoring the expenditure of approximately \$1 million dollars for controlling flood waters and developing new power sources. As far as it could be learned, this immediate section was not represented at the hearing.

The opposition, led by delegates from Vance County, declared that the proposed dam at Buggs Island, Virginia, would cause the dam waters to cover approximately 19,000 acres of land, including several thousand acres of fine farming country. Railroad companies also opposing the proposed project, but power companies voiced no opposition, according to reports reaching here. Led by the Carolina Power and Light Company, the opposition is expected to submit written briefs against the program.

The little community of Soudan, Virginia, a section which will be completely covered by water if the power dam is thrown across the river in Virginia, is said to have gone on record as favoring the program as originally proposed.

A million-dollar appropriation for starting work on the project was denied by the House Appropriations Committee a few days ago, but the item was included in a deficiency measure and passed. The United States Senate is now to consider the item, and the project is likely to encounter some stiff opposition there.

In their regular meeting last Monday evening, Williamston's town commissioners appropriated \$100 and passed a resolution endorsing the program.

County Young Man Writes From Japan

Stationed in Japan, Clarence Pate, Martin County young man, said in a recent letter that he was seeing "some really beautiful country. The landscape is wonderful, mostly mountainous. I have done quite a bit of traveling and am now in Honshu.

"My brother, Maurice, is here in Japan, also. He came to the Pacific theater two years ago, but I beat him to Japan even though I did not leave until last August. We haven't seen each other, but we hope to meet. I was at Tokyo for the international rodeo on Labor Day, and hoped to see my brother there but did not. Anyway, I'm not really worrying because I'll see him at home in the near future—if a couple of years can be thought of as the near future."

In closing, Pfc. Pate stated he was hoping to get The Enterprise in the next mail.

Undergoes Operation For Removal Of Safety Pin

Catherine, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Baxter Clark, Jr., successfully underwent an operation in a Richmond hospital last Tuesday for the removal of a safety pin from her stomach. Swallowing the open pin in a flash, the little girl apparently felt no ill effect and she was reported today to be getting along very well. She is expected to be able to return home Sunday or Monday.

Mr. Clark returned home Wednesday evening.

Nearly Four Hundred Tires Are Allotted This County

Nearly four hundred tires—347 for passenger cars and 44 for trucks—have been allotted this county for rationing during the current month, it was announced by Mrs. Gladys Brewer at the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board this week.

The car tire allotment is slightly larger than the one for November, but the truck tire quota is a bit smaller.