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Jas. S. Whitehurst Reviews Record Of

Martin County Young Man ing Pacific Campaign

(In previous installments, Seamar, Whitehurst told about the shakedown cruise and the trip to and stay at Pearl Harbor. There was tenseness as the Shangri-La moved nearer and nearer to the fight.—Ed.)

Over the Horizon to 'Indian Country' Only a short distance out of Pearl Harbor, we assembled at parade on the flight deck, dressed in full battle gear, while Captain Barner told us with intimate frankness just what lay ahead. Captain Barner had always been a good showman as well as a good skipper, and by having us dressed in our battle gear we unconsciously felt the seriousness of

"You are like your forefathers, the pioneers," he said, "who ventured out into the unknown Indian frontier to create a new world. As you go out into the forward area, you, like they, may have to do some Indian hunting of your own, but your Indians will be Japs."

And then he went on to tell us what we might have in store, what tricks the Japs might pull, and touched briefly on what we would do in the battle rea. It wasn't a pretty picture the "skipper" painted that day, but we all felt better for having received some "inside dope".

One thing worried us, however. Al-ways before in friendly waters we time we were standing out for U-lithi, the last outpost before the bat-lithi, the last outpost before the batsolutely unescorted and unprotected in the open sea. We soon forgot our fears, for day by day we were drawing nearer to the Equator and the sun became hotter and hotter as the mile after mile of water washed against our hull.

the crew took frequent holiday rou- attendance figures. The presence of tines, when the ship looked more like influenza cases in any great numa luxury liner than a war vessel as bers was not reflected in the school the crew sunbathed on the flight attendance reports, it was declared. deck atheltic courts.

180th meridian, and first-times of- The office of the superintendent once crossing the international date bus operations, it was learned.

on the job to come. One day we even pointed out. held an all-day practice "GQ" so Professor Harvey Yates

be rehearsed.

Ulithi brought out one interesting Earl Rhodes of Newport has ac-little incident, however. We had lost cepted a position in the Roberson-through the dangerous catwalk to lad, died at her home in Washington county raised \$177.56, as follows: little incident, however. We had lost cepted a position in the Roberson-re-assure the men that everything last Thursday morning following a Williamston, \$72.85; Farm Life, and we were replacing it with one in this county. Miss Mary K. Bunn, from the U.S.S. Intrepid. The crew teacher in the local schools for a few geant Watts successfully lowered the of that ship was quick to grasp the weeks before the holidays, has also mainlanding gear and kicked the nose 2, 1879. Following her marriage she booth sales were \$8.23. opportunity to "rib" us as a new- joined the Robersonville faculty, wheel into position manually, thus comer and had scrawled their mes- Miss Amy Floyd of Orrum is succeed-

from the Fighting Lady to the Robersonville. Showboat. Come over and we will trepid Crew'

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Placed Under Bond

Early M. Boston, young colored until he entered the armed forces, man, was released late Monday aft- has returned and is now teaching the ernoon for assaulting Leamon eighth grade. A teacher application James, also colored, with a knife in for the position has been received the Free Union Section of Jamesville and when it is filled Mr. Edwards Township last Christmas eve night. will move into the high school science Bond was required in the sum of department.

first thought, had only one chance are doubling their work to maintain Carson and wife, he was born in Pitt out of a hundred to recover. After schedules. receiving first aid treatment here he was removed to a Washington hospital where he received treatment Joins Regular Army was removed to a Washington hosuntil Sunday.

James is said to have hit Boston with a beer bottle before Boston went into action with his knife.

Former Assistant Farm

agent in this county for several

vices about two years ago. port stated that he had been offered time for Christmas. a position with the National Cotton The young man is one of the very T. Hurley, local Methodist minister. Council, and that there is a possibility few who was given a furlough home Burial was in the Robersonville cemhe will farm.

Youth's Heroism Cited Carrier Shangri-La In Posthumous Award

POSTHEMOUS AWARD



Jimmy W. Watts, Jr., Williamston youth who made the supreme sacrifice in Italy last February 7, was recently cited posthumously for bravery and service far beyond the call of

Normal Attendance ways before in friendly waters we had traveled with an escort, but this Reported In Most Bombardment Squadron, 451st Bombardment Group (H), United States

Many Faculty Members Tend- aircraft. er Resignations; Several Positions Unfilled

Reopening Monday following the Christmas holidays, most of the During our first week under way, schools reported from fair to normal day, but the roads were said to be in Then, on April 13, we crossed the bad condition in several districts.

ficially joined the Order of the Gold- was surprised to receive such enen Dragon. We were a bit confused, couraging reports on attendance and en Dragon. We were a bit confused, couraging reports on attendance and en Dragon. We were a bit confused, couraging reports on attendance and en Dragon.

had lost a day, and we kidded a bit roads were not the only problems about feeling the bump when the facing school authorities. Numer-ship crossed the date line.

| Ines, hydraulic fluid had made the lines had been sold, narrow catwalk in hte bomb bays ex-serious. A brother, two-year-old including seal bonds and bangle and We bypassed Jap-neld wake is- ed during the holidays, and a few ture at fifty (50) degrees below zero and the bomb hav doors open. Serland without incident and after sailing north of Eniwetok we picked up
a destroyer escort that would take a late report from the superintenda destroyer escort that would take a late report from the superintendfor his own personal safety, entered

The group, following a visit with short of the goal, but there are at the bomb bay doors open, Sergeant Watts, with complete disregard
were returning to their home in
Broad Creek Village, Va., when the
letters out of approximately 600 cort, flight operations began once time five openings in the various more, augmented with various battle schools, but applications are being problems which refreshed our minds problems which refreshed our minds received for several of them, it was intended in received approximately \$03 leaves

that feeding of battle rations could forced out of the Robersonville hydraulic reserve supply. Because ty during the holiday period. High School just before the holidays Finally, on April 20, after ten by an attack of appendicits. Last fluid was frozen and the bomb bay days at sea, we arrived in Ulithi, reports stated that he was not get- doors would not close. Throughsweltering under the heat of the ting along very well in a Rocky out the route home, Sergeant Watts tropical sun. We were to stop only Mount hospital and it could not be continued to work tirelessly and diliovernight before proceeding to the learned when he will be able to re- gently in an effort to prepare the battle zone, but we had a chance to turn to his post. Mrs. Yates, a teachsee was a Pacific atoll really looked er in the school, is out also for the his fellow members of the waist were

ke.
Ulithi brought out one interesting present.
Earl Rhodes of Newport has ac-Ulithi, due to an operational failure, sor G. W. Rhodes, a former principal was under control. When the ship sage all over the side of the plane: ing Mrs. Harriett Everett Winslow as without any further damage to the Welcome to the forward area commercial department teacher in ship or injury to his crew.

In the Jamesville Schools, Mrs. tell you some sea stories. . . The In- Edward L. Martin is succeeding Mrs. That made us mad. Who were they grade teacher. Herbert Gardner,

Brown, resigned. At Farm Life, Miss Elizabeth Manning is succeeding Mrs. Eris Stall-

For Knife Assault ings Taylor, resigned.
Professor Sam Edwards, a teacher in the Williamston High School Eason R. Carson

Where the teacher shortage has

Figuring he could get a 60-day Belflower, died about a year ago. furlough by signing up for service He is survived by the following in the regular Army, Pfc. Luther children, Mrs. Elton Andrews, Elton Agent Tenders Resignation Peel cast his lot while in the Euro- Carson, Peggy and David Carson, all pean theater and arrived home last of Williamston, Miss Sarah Carson

Overseas since last March, the Phelps of Plymouth, and James Caryears, last week-end formally tend- young man has traveled in five son, U. S. Navy; one brother, James ered his resignation. The young man countries, and expects to return for Carson of Norfolk; and two sisters, was granted a leave of absence when foreign duty with the occupation Mrs. James L. Williams of Green he was called into the armed ser- forces sometime in February. He ville and Mrs. L. J. Ford of Bethel, arrived in Boston on December 23, and three grandchildren. It could not be learned what the after encountering an 89-mile Funeral services were held on young man plans to do, but one restorm, but could not get home in Sunday, December 23, at 3 o'clock in

while in foreign service.

Sgt. Jimmy W. Watts Credited With Feat Saving Ship's Crew

Local Young Man Few Weeks Later Made the Supreme Sacrifice In Italy

The Distinguished Flying Cross was recently awarded posthumously to T/Sgt. Jimmy W. Watts for unon an Army bomber over Poland on courage and remember that all of us December 26, 1944. The award, one of the few received by a Martin County young man during World War II, was delivered to the young Acting to save several thousand man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. one of several honors earned by him during his service with the Fifteenth meantime and throughout every one Air Force in Italy.

Sgt. Watts, a few weeks later on sacrifice when his plane was badly shot up on a regular mission. He en tered the service in April, 1943, and went overseas on July 29, 1944. The citation in narrative form

reads, as follows:
"James W. Watts, Jr., 34670932, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, 724th Bombardment Squadron, 451st Bom-

as an engineer-gunner on a B-24 type

"On December 26, 1944, Sergeant Watts participated in a mission to bomb enemy oil installations at Osweicim, Poland. While over the target, his aircraft suffered very sever damage from accurate anti-aircraft fire. The hydraulic system was badly damaged, all controls and trim cables on the right side of Number six (6) bulkhead were shot out. In Vance Peel of Griffins Township, deck or played games on the hangar All busses were operated the first and the interphone system was pronounced dead upon arrival at and the interphone system was completely cut off. Leaving his position of the extreme temperature, the damaged ship for a landing. Because cut off from communications with the pilot, he made several trips arrived over the home base, Serenabling the pilot to land the plane

> "By his outstanding technical skill and courage, together with his strong devotion to duty and brilliant com-Elsie Holliday, resigned, as 8th bat record of twenty-four (24) missions against the enemy, Sergeant Jr., is supplying in the commercial Watts has reflected great credit upon department, succeeding Mrs. Flora himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

"Residence at erhstment: Wil liamston, North Carolina."

Died December 22

Eason Ricks Carson, retired county merchant, died near here at 2 o'clock a. m., December 22, follow-His throat badly cut, James, it was not been relieved, faculty members ing a long period of declining health The son of the late James Ricks County near Bethel on April 24, 1883, and spent his early life there. He moved to Martin County about 30 years ago and spent some time in And Home On Leave Parmele before making his home

His wife, the former Miss Irene John Ivey Eagles, assistant farm Saturday to visit his parents here. of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Vance

the Biggs Funeral Home by Rev. B.

GREETINGS

lessen the sorrows, lighten the burdens and give new and lasting hope task of readjustment to meet new conditions and trials.

Greetings over the signatures of

sheets of paper, The Enterprise is Watts, here a short time ago, and is carrying over quite a few New Year's not critical for the most part. of the 365 days, may the New Year be rich in all things that are good February 7, 1945, made the supreme and encouraging for our patrons here and everywhere.

THE ENTERPRISE.

Native Of County Is Fatally Injured In Norfolk Wreck

Several Others Are Critically **Hurt Last Wednesday** Morning

Lee Wayne Hux, seven years old was fatally injured, and several others were critically hurt in an automobile-railbus accident in Norfolk early last Wednesday morning The youth, a native of this county and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Norfolk hospital.

The lad's mother, the former Miss in the upper turret immediately after Susie Lee Peel of this county, was his ship successfully rallied from the hurt internally but last reports state

the bomb bay without his parachute car, driven by Mrs. Hux, and the mailed out have been answered, it

Funeral services for the youth were held in the Old Ford Christian

Church last Saturday afternoon at 1 with contributions enclosed. o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Luther M. Ambrose and burial was in Oakdale Cemetery, Washington. The body was brought to the Biggs meeting its solemn obligation in the Funeral Home here from Norfolk

and prepared for burial. made her home in Beaufort County. She is survived by two c'ildren,

grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted (Continued on page six)

Two Fire Calls Received

Two fire calls were received by the local volunteer fire department during the holiday season, but very little damage resulted in either case. Firemen were called first to the nome of Mr. Jesse Ambrose on West Main Street Saturday, December 22.

when the roof caught fire, and to the Saunders home on Church Street when a chimney caught fire on December 24.

LICENSE RUSH

Laboring under the belief that the 1945 motor vehicle tag ex-pired on December 31, hundreds of car and truck owners crowd-ed into the auto license bureau the Carolina Motor Club in the offices of Harrison and Carstarphen here yesterday and purchased the 1946 tin plates.

Despite the big rush yesterday, the bureau sales for 1946 are running about 500 under those of a year ago, Managers W. H. Carsaid. So far for 1946, the bureau has sold 2,506 car licenses, 485 for trucks, 381 for small trailers and fifty for big trailers. Receipts at the bureau office yesterday were slightly in excess of \$7,000.

lotorists have until February 1 to display the new plates and remove the old ones.

County Exceeds Last War Bond Quota By More Than \$365,000

Christmas Observed Without Every Township In Serious Incident in the County County But One Is

to the world's teeming millions in the ing law enforcement offices, ambuone or two minor wrecks were reported in the county during the enmany local business houses and men tire season, but Martin County peoselfish devotion to his job and the appear in this paper today. Read the ple were involved in at least one safety of his fellow crew members messages and take on new hope and serious automobile accident outside the State.

county during the period, and many persons arrested and jailed, six were fell victim of influenza. Hospitals charged with drunken driving, ten campaign late Monday night, De-Acting to save several thousand were fairly crowded with patients, with public drunkenness, three with cember 31 but the nature of their illnesses was

> Despite twenty-three arrests reported by local and county officers,

The Christmas holiday season was everyone at home Christmas day. we sincerely and earnestly hope and observed in the county without seri- Heavy rains fell during the day in trust that as he ripens in time he will ous incident, according to reports this section while farther to the Over Million Dollars Invested coming from various sources, includaccident toll for the nation to over lance operators and hospitals. Only 400 fatalities during the holiday sea-

> assaults, one each with non-support, breaking and entering, kidnapping and disorderly conduct. The ages of those arrested ranged from a low the season was quietly observed. eighteen to 56 years, and eight of the Weather conditions held nearly 23 were white.

POW'S FOR FARM

A few German prisoners of war are being made available for general farm work in this county at the present time. It was explained, however, that the number to be made available is dependent upon cancella-tions by industry from day to

No date has been officially announced for closing the prisoner of war camp here and sending the prisoners back to Butner and eventually to their homes in Germany. It isn't likely that the camp will be maintained here very much longer.

Sale Of Christmas Seals Below Quota

The annual sale of Christmas seals is still short of the goal in this counmake the necessary repairs to enable father, Matthew Hux, suffered mul- Woman's Club committee handling Manning's store in Griffins; Sexton's once crossing the international date bus operations, it was learned.

line, trying to figure out where we But attendance figures and bad Because of the break in the hydraulic Because of the break in the hydraulic improving. An uncle, Ottis Peel, was late yesterday, \$1,149,89 worth of building in Williamston for farmers lines, hydraulic fluid had made the also hurt but his injuries were not the little TB stickers had been sold, As far as it could be learned the have raised approximately \$93, leavingenuity, he succeeded in repairing accident was the only one costing ing a little over \$200 to be raised the damaged lines and turned on the the life of a person from this count to meet the quota. If the unanswered letters would average about \$1 each,, the goal could be reached, and it is not too late to mail the letters

"We are trying to complete the drive this week, and late contributions will greatly aid this county in fight against tuberculosis," the chair-

man added. Five schools reporting in the long illness. The daughter of the late \$30.68; Oak City, \$33.75; Hamilton, Henry and Victoria Peel, Mrs. Oliver \$27.97, and Hassell, \$12.31. Bangle was born in Martin County on April day sales amounted to \$67.10, and

three brothers, a sister and six Man Charged With **County Kidnapping**

Clarence Little, young colored man, was arrested Christmas day for During The Holidays Here allegedly kidnapping his young daughter from his estranged wife, in the Oak City section. Little, according to officers, visited his child and the two went to his mother's home for a short stay. The father declared that he had no intention of stealing the child, that he merely wanted to see her and deliver some Christmas fruits and toys to her. The warrant, charging kidnapping

was sworn out by the mother's father, and at a hearing before Justice J. B. Whitfield in Oak City Little was placed under a \$300 bond for his appearance in the Martin County Superior Court next March.

Minor Car Accident Is Reported Here Friday

Damage, estimated at \$150 by Officer Chas. Moore, was done to two Mildred Coltrain started to make a today.

left-hand turn into Smithwick. No Likewise, replacement of ration for home soon on his enlistment furone was hurt.

County Young Man Gets

Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Take Applications For Soil Payments

Martin Farmers Have Possibly Earned \$40,000 Under 1945 Program

On January 4 and 5

Applications for payments under he 1945 Triple A soil building program will be received in this county on Friday and Saturday of this week in accordance with a schedule being announced today by the office of the county agent. It is estimated that Martin County farmers earned possibly \$40,000 under the 1945 program, that all they have to do is make formal application to their espective community committeemen the latter part of this week to be

eligible for the money payments. Applications will be received as

Friday and Saturday, January 4 and 5: C. U. Rogers' store in Bear building in Williamston for farmers in Poplar Point and Williamston, lasonic Hall in Robersonville.

county house in Williams Township. Saturday only, January 5: Harry Hardy's store in Everetts, and Ed-

mondson's store in Hassell. Farmers are asked to note the dates and file their applications for tricts in this county follows: payments with their respective or nearest community committees.

The Triple A program for 1946 will be placed before the farmers at a later date, possibly the latter part of this month or early February, it was announced today by the office of the county farm agent.

Johnny M. Cherry Gets His Discharge

Johnny M. Cherry, fireman 1-c. from the naval service.

Stationed on an LST, Fireman Cherry left the States for the Pacific last May 28 and his ship, loaded with occupation forces, was the first to pull into the harbor at Nagasaki where one of the atomic bombs was dropped. "The bomb exploded five miles away, but there wasn't a area," the seaman declared.

Telling about his return trip, Fire-director, said today. man Cherry said that they left the Pacific theater the latter part of period through April 30, Johnson November and reached the West Coast on December 17. "We were sugar supply. A survey on Decembeld in the harbor at San Pedro for ber 1 showed that present sugar supfive days. Unable to land there, we plies in the Southeast, rather than were transferred to San Francisco, being plentiful, are in fact 16 per and finding everything blocked there cent less than at the same time last with ships and returning servicemen, year, he said. we returned to Pedro. When we finacross the continent we left service- Cuba and Puerto Rico in "carrymen waiting by the tens of thousands over" stocks from last year, Johnson Cherry added.

Industrial Users Of Sugar Apply To Raleigh For Quotas

Beginning January 1, consumers, cars in an accident at the corner of industrial and institutional users of Main and Smithwick Streets here sugar in North Carolina will apply to last Friday night. Ernest Harris was the OPA District Office in Raleigh driving west on Main Street and for their allotments, Theodore S. reached the intersection just as Miss Johnson, District Director, announc-

books, and new ration books for lough. babies and returning veterans will Pfc. Williams was one of the first be made by the District Office John- 8 000 men on this island to enlist son said. Applicants may either under the Army's new process. Discharge From The Navy son said. Applicants may either under the Milly write or call in person for such which offers financial benefits, edublanks at the District Office.

John Walter Moore, electrician's Although Price Control Boards ducements to enlistees. mate, 3-C, of RFD 3, Williamston, will no longer issue any ration books mate, 3-C, of RFD 3, Williamston, will no longer issue any ration books was recently discharged from the or rationed commodities, a few apconsumers, Johnson added.

Over Top In Drive

In All Types Of Bonds **During Period**

Last-minute buying during the few Drunks and drunken drivers kept days before Christmas pushed total county and local officers busy dur- sales in the Victory Loan and last ing most of last week, but the num- war bond drive to \$308,465.75, an ber of arrests was only two greater amount \$65,465.75 in excess of the than it was in the corresponding "E" bond quota assigned this coun-There were a few deaths in the period of 1944. Of the twenty-three ty, Drive Chairman D. V. Clayton announced following the close of the

In addition to the \$308,465.75 invested in "E" bonds in the county, Chairman Clayton explained that \$691,970.50 worth of negotiable bonds had been purchased, mainly by county individuals. The combined purchases amount to \$1,004,436.25 while the combined or over-all quota was only \$544,000.00. The negotiable bond quota was oversubscribed by \$390,970.50, but the \$65,465.75 invested in "E" bonds in execess of the quota reflects a saving habit that is bound to have telling effect when and if times should get "tight" on

the economic front. The last-minute buying spurt carried the county well over the top in the "E" bond column, but Williamston missed the mark by \$27,023.75. Approximately \$29,000 was invested in "E" bonds in the district during the few days just before Christmas, and the instruments were offered as Christmas presents in large numbers.

Poplar Point went over the top at the last minute. Goose Nest added nearly \$4,000 to its total. Robersonville, already in the big spot light with purchases considerably in excess of its quota, pushed ahead and added \$21,087.25 to boost its total to \$129,043.75, an amount equal to about 53 percent of the original "E"

bond quota in the county. According to the latest available eport, twenty-one counties in the State had reached or passed their 'E" bond quotas. Of the sixteen counties making up Region I in the drive, Martin County held second position, Perquimans leading by a small percentage. At the present time, Martin has subscribed 127 per Friday only, January 4: filling sta- cent of its "E" bond quota. Polk leads tion at Cross Roads; Slade, Rhodes the State with 177 percent, and Al-Company's store in Hamilton, and leghany is second from the top with 134 percent. Currituck is trailing the State with only 14 percent of its quota subscribed. Last Friday, the State was \$5,100,000 short of its goal. A review of "E" bond sales by dis-

		Quota		Sales
Jamesville	\$	7,300	\$	14,175.00
Williams	,	4,700		5,737.50
Griffins		12,250		14,456.50
Bear Grass		8,500		10,931.25
Williamtson	. 3	103,000		75,796.25
Cross Roads		7,300		8,568.75
Robersonville		73,000	- 1	129,043.75
Poplar Point		4,850		4,981.25
Hamilton		9,800		10,950.50
Hassell	7	5,000		18,862.50
Goose Nest		7,300		14,962.50

\$243,000 \$308,465.75 Announcing the drive complete, Chairman Clayton said he felt greatafter a hectic trip from Japan, re- ly indebted to the district chairmen turned to his home and family here and canvassers who worked diligentlast Sunday night with his discharge ly and sacrificed their time to help put the drive over the top.

No. 39 Now Valid

Sugar stamp No. 39 became valid window in a building in the harbor for five pounds of sugar January 1, Theodore S. Johnson, OPA district

Since this stamp must cover the

The turn of the year finds only ally landed and started the trip 300,000 tons of sugar available from for transportation to the East," pointed out. He added that additional receipts for the next two months are expected to be considerably below those for the correspond-

ing period a year ago. County Young Man Joins Regular Army At Okinawa

Okinawa-Private First Class Columbus Williams, 20, of Williamston, North Carolina, has enlisted in the regular Army and expects to leave

cational opportunities, and other en-

naval service, it was announced last plication blanks will be placed at has been overseas since April 1945. week-end by the Naval Separation each board for the convenience of He is the son of Sylvester Williams of Williamston