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HOMES OF MARTIN COUNTY

Jas. S. Whitehurst Carrier Shangri La

ing Pacific Campaign

(Telling the story of the Shangri-La, Seaman James Whitehurst, in previous installments, recalled the hectic days the big carrier spent off Okinawa. In the current installment he recalls the preparations made at Ulithi for a return to the fight.—Ed.)

Ulithi, Sweat, Rest and Mail

Our return to Ulithi was supposed to give us a rest from the rigors of number of packages were mailed to fighting, but somehow we all felt like the boys overseas. Thousands of compared with \$210,833.06 last year, Hats, it was pointed out, are not we would prefer to stay in the battle Christmas gifts were mailed in Oc- an increase of \$36,082.42. Over half solicited because they can not be area with the Japs. Ulithi meant we could let down a bit, but at the same time, it meant back-breaking loading year. Receipts for the fourth quarter of that jumped from \$59,299.21 to \$78,123.68. Receipts for the fourth quarter when money orders jumped from \$59,299.21 to \$78,123.68. of stores and repairing equipment that needed attention. It meant too, that we were back in that tropical heat and would swelter 24 hours a day once more. Frankly, we preferred the Japs and cooler weather to the heat and possible security of eight days.

But whether we wanted to or not, three days later we were back in those torrid little coral reefs, where our bodies broke out with heat rash over night and we slept in pools of

Ulithi did give us a chance to play once again in spite of the work. Hardly had we dropped anchor than the basketball games were started on the hangar deck and continued until we left. Movies were shown once again and all hands had the opportunity to go on one of those famous South Sea Island beer parties on a little island known as "Mog-Mog." The facilities were crude and the heat intense, yet there was a sort of tropical lure to the tiny desert isle with its towering palms, sun scorched huts and crumbling grave stones.

After a long spell at sea, a few cans of beer and a plunge in the surf made any spot in the vast wilderness of the Pacific look like an island paradise. It was the escape Faculty Positions from the ship and diversion from routine that helped more than anything else . . . and Mog-Mog apparently offered us that.

It was surprising what a change had come over the crew since we had

cept to envy him a bit sitting up on lear

McCain hoisted his flag and quarter- eral weeks for an appendicitis operation of a stock company with plans along with everything else. Even S. Hunt and W. E. Saunders of the sixteen grandchildren, twenty-four ed his staff, bringing to this new cartion, returned Monday to his post in for regular investments. The other charred timbers are used over again, rier, which had operated in the for- the Robersonville High School. Mrs. ward area for less than a month, the Yates returned the Monday before distinction of being the flagship of after a short time spent with her husthe Third Fleet's Aerial Armada.

ment for the crew who now wonder- eighth grade in the Williamston ed what this might mean to their School, Professor Sam Edwards daily lives. After a couple of days of switching to the science department. cleaning and polishing, the Flag was | Mrs. Marjorie B. James has sucwell settled and the crew hardly ceeded Mrs. Miriam J. James as knew there had been a change.

tines, we upped anchor once more ed to join her husband who recently on the morning of May 24 and re- returned from overseas. turned to the Okinawa battle zone once again.

Back To Okinawa

We knew our strike days would be our General Quarters Stations from before dawn until well after sunset Railing On Bridge ness in the event of a raid and localization of fires and casualties in the event of a hit.

manned and the answer was plain. and a bus load of passengers barely he would willingly pledge even a An accommodating taxi driver carship on our part, still we were thank- bridge. ful that our officers were fore-sight- Last Friday noon, a produce truck

for our first strike day we received to the guard rail just beyond the the conclusion that there are suffiquite a jolt. There it was . . . Re- draw bridge. Seven sections of the cient people here who have benefitveille at 2:45 A. M. and we would guard rail were torn down and shat- ted and thrived in the town's proremain at "GQ" until after 8 P. M. tered before the driver could stop. gressive march who would now conall. We piled into our bunks early truck and bridge was estimated at that night to catch every possible \$500 by Hunt and Saunders of the extra minute of sleep, but the night highway patrol. was gone before any of us knew just where and we found ourselves groping bleery eyed down the passage Working on Deep way for breakfast before taking our stations. Succeeding nights seemed to fly by even faster than the first.

Except for our mental state of mind we really were not suffering too much from the all day "GQ" . . . Particularly when we thought of the Soldiers and Marines wallowing over

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Young County Man Gets Promotion In The Navy in that area.

Navyman recently returned to Ha- within the next few months. waii following an assignment in Japting along all right.

Local Post Office Misses First Lists Items Needed Ten Persons Victims of Reviews Record Of Class Rating by About \$3,000 For The Relief Of

week. However, local post authorities are optimistic over the outlook class rating would be niet, but in-for 1946 and believe the receipts will stead of maintaining the upward pass \$40,000, a figure that must be trend, fourth quarter receipts showed under the chairmanship of Bob Tarkcan be assigned to a post office.

Reviewing the office receipts by quarters, Postmaster Dunn stated that substantial gains were made during the first three periods of 1945, but a slump came last October

quarter that requirements for a first-

short of the desired rating.

ed \$36,831.56, a gain of \$2,679.34.

New Hotel Proposed By Club Committees

ROUND-UP

After a hilarious and warbling time during the first week of the New Year, Martin County subjects with a very few exceptions, steered a straight and narrow course last week. At least only five persons were rounded up and jailed last week. Three of the number forgot the war was over and engaged in promiscuous shooting and fighting. One was booked for public drunkenness and still another was charged with drunken driving.

All five were colored and their ages ranged from 30 to 50 years.

Filled In County

Following a little flash flood of last been to Ulithi. On our first trip, resignations just before the Christmost of us were overly conscious of mas holidays, nearly all faculty posithe fact that Japs were still on Yap tions in the county school system we had been right up to the Jap's a report coming from the office of front door, we felt as safe as though the superintendent this week. Two or three positions were filled temporately giving the Jap a thought except to envy him a hit sitting up on learned all classes are being could be lear es are being met, and

On May 18, Vice-Admiral John S. Professor Harvey Yates, out sevband in a Rocky Mount hospital.

This brought a flurry of excite- Miss Patsy King has accepted the sixth grade teacher in the Everetts Then after a couple of holiday rou- School. Mrs. Miriam James resign-

Mrs. Minton Beach is joining the Oak City faculty, it was learned, to complete the teacher roster there.

more strenuous this time than on our first trip for now we would stay at Truck Knocks Down

If the highway commission doesn't hurry up and widen the river bridge, We had the figures cold and hard trucks and cars and busses will tear from ships that had been hit while the old one down. Time and again at General Quarters as compared large sections of the guard rail have

Though it would cause more hard- escaped with theirs on the narrow

ed enough to take this precaution. driven by James Wade White of the meeting, but the committee brief-When we read the plan of the day Windsor blew a tire and crashed in-Wow! war was going to be hell after No one was hurt, and damage to sider it no more than fair to turn

Equipment was moved here and take constructive action. Members et up last week for drilling a deep of the committee will gladly accept well at Skewarkey for the town's any recommendation the public may vater system. The town authorities offer and are anxious to discuss the propose to sink a well there about proposal with interested parties. 400 feet deep and if the water supply Other towns, facing similar condiis not sufficient at that source, a sec- tions as those existing here, are takond supporting well will be sunk ing progressive steps to remedy con-

Rdm. William E. Early, Jr., Oak show a very small salt content, and vantageous postion to act than some City youth, was recently promoted to it is fairly certain that the trouble of the others. the rank of petty officer, S-c, in the plaguing the system will be relieved Navy at his station in Hawaii. The when the new hook-up is effected Hall, Geo. A. Harris and James Sta-

The cost of the two wells will be Department last evening to work an, and late reports state he is get- little more than the contract amount with the committee members from for the one deep one first proposed. the several civic organizations.

Quite A Few Willing ing were collected in this county and sent overseas. As a result of that

Need For New and Enlarged Hotel Accommodations Pointed Out By Group

Lions and Kiwanis Clubs held a pre- Cross will see that every article is liminary organizational meeting last properly distributed. of promoting such a project.

spective organizations to study the ing?""

plan, the promoters are of the opin- stress in their expressions of gratiion that the project would liquidate tude, is that they would be unable to itself in time. A greater portion of carry on this work without the gifts the stock, the committee believes, of clothing from America." would have to be raised locally, but it has been intimated that a hotel

chain would be glad to cooperate. Under the second plan, a fairly sizable amount would have to be raised, but at the same time outside interests would be willing to invest more because there would be no obligation to other investors.

greater amount in helping meet one ried the boys home. of the town's most urgent reeds. No assessments were considered at

around and invest or donate outright goodly sums to insure town's progressive march.

The project is a town-wide undertaking and is deserving of everyone's Well at Skewarkey in the future will become more difficult, and it is indeed about time to recognize the facts as they exist and

ditions, and the committee believes Tests from the well now being dug Williamston is in possibly a more ad-

A committee composed of G. P. ton Ayers was named by the Fire

Drive Now Under Way

Sponsored by the local Lions Club reached before a first-class rating a loss, leaving the office \$3,168.44 enton, the Victory Clothing Drive is pleading for a list of fifteen clothing In 1944 the receipts amounted to items for the relief of ragged war \$34,152.22 and last year they total- victims in many lands across the seas. The list, Chairman Tarkenton The money order business at the said, includes, overcoats, topcoats, office here pushed on toward a suits, jackets, pants, shoes, dresses, when only a comparatively small record figure. In 1944, money order skirts, gloves caps sweaters, robes, tober, 1944, to boost the office re- the 1945 gain over 1944 came in the properly packed without being da-

Receiving stations are now open in Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Williamston, Everetts, Robersonville, Hamilton. The collection is to be completed by the last of this month, but the sponsors of the drive which is being advanced on a nation-wide scale are anxious to receive and pack that possibly two or there others as many clothes as possible during

In April and May of last year, sev eral thousand pounds of used clothdrive throughout the nation, twenty-To Invest In Stock five million ragged people were clothed in war stricken countries of To Promote Project Europe, and in China and the Philippines. That number is a small percentage of the destitute and ragged millions of war victims still in desperate need. Our people are being asked not to forget the others. The current collection is seeking 100 million garments in addition to shoes Recognizing the long existing and bedding. The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Adminisurgent need for larger hotel accommodations here, representatives of gifts overseas promptly, and estabthe Junior Chamber of Commerce, lished agencies, including the Red

Reports from the first distribution week and discussed the possibilities following the collection last April inch from his right eye. Other vicclearly indicate that Americans by tims were peppered at various parts and Martha Perry, she was born in voked in cases of major violation," it Jaycees A. J. Manning, William giving their old clothing made new of their anatomy. Shot in the stom- this county on June 14, 1867, and was added. Everett, J. Paul Simpson, Lions friends. Writing from Russia, Leo ach and thigh, Irving Bullock called married to Nathan T. Harris in 1884. George Sfetsos, Frank Weston and Gruliow, representative, said, "Again for help when blood started spurting Ben Courtney and Kiwanians N. C. and again I heard these word, 'Will Green, Garland Woolard and Frank you please say thanks to our Ameri-Margolis were named by their re- can friends for the gifts of cloth-

proposal and report to the three Mr. Gruliow reports that on a visit and Truk nearby. This time since have again been filled, according to the representatives discussed the progroups. Meeting in the Lotus Club, to the almost totally destroyed cities

> the proposals calls for the organiza- local brick plants were destroyed would be advanced on a cooperative and even the nails are pulled from plan by which gifts would be made the burnt wood for re-use. "The point for the American people to re-While no large return is expected member," he said, "and the point from the investment under the first that the Russian people themselves

Little Tots Spend Hours at The Movie

Four little tots, their ages ranging It was estimated by the special from four to about nine years, left committee that possibly \$100,000 Oak City early last Saturday aftercould be raised locally under the first noon by bus and came to Williamsplan, that between twenty-five and ton to see the movies. The four lit- to counter the attack, struck Moore, thirty thousand could be raised un- tle brothers, one of them having re- and the first phase of the trouble der the second plan. Following the covered from infantile paralysis ended there. meeting, members of the committee some months ago, witnessed one were assured by quite a few local show and sat through another and he was going home, that he would people that they would be willing to another. Shortly before midnight be back and be prepared to handle cooperate under either plan in pro- and after the last bus to Oak City the moting the project. Several declar- had long been gone, the little folks paid to the threat and the group of with those who had been taken by been ripped off and torn down. At ed they would be willing to denate left the theater and found themselv-citizens met at Barnhill's store and

Families Airing Furniture

School officials, postal workers and others are of the opinion that that night, was questioned by officmoving will approach a new high record in the county this year. "I've tried to persuade Moore not to shoot. never seen so many families airing Failing to stop Moore, Daniel was out their household goods and earthly possessions," one official said.

Most of the moving is within the school districts, it was pointed out. support. Unless hotel facilities are In the Everetts district, the school returning to Everetts with his gun, enlarged, the progress of the town lost fifteen pupils but eleven new was stopped by Henry Lawrence who ones moved in.

SIGN-UP

Approximately 1,325 Martin County farmers or about 74 percent of the 1.650 in the county have signed their applications for soil building practices, it was learned from Miss Mary Carstarphen at the office of the county agent this week.

Quite a few are reporting to the agent's office to file their applications, and others are warned that their applications should be in not later than Friday of next week.

Ragged War Victims Gun Attack at Everetts Highway Accidents

As an aftermath of all the moving to and fro within the

county and many workers re-

turning home from the war

plants and industry, The Enter-

prise force is having a great time

trying to keep the paper's mail-

ing list in order. Over 100

changes in addresses were hand-

led last week, and yesterday the

requests for changes were even

Quite a few of those request-

ing changes in their mailing ad-

dresses fail to list their old ad-

dresses, making it quite difficult

for the mailing department to

make the changes. Subscribers,

changing their addresses, are

earnestly asked to list their old

addresses when making requests

Mrs. Tapina Harris

Home Of Granddaughter

In Pitt County Friday

Mrs. Tapina Perry Harris, highly

The daughter of the late Robert

Following her husband's death about

Wreck Victim Back

Critically injured when his car

His back broken in two places,

down and continues in a serious con-

dition, it is understood. Apparently

was removed to Raleigh a few days

later and returned here last week-

In Auto Accident

Gene Rawls, young Martin County

man, was slightly injured when his

car turned over on the Bear Grass-

Washington Road in Beaufort County

last Thursday evening about 7:30

o'clock. Although he carried the im-

print of the car's steering wheel,

Rawls was able to leave the local

hospital a few hours after he was

Rawls was passing a car when he

met another. He cut back to his

the car which left the road and turn-

ed over. The car was wrecked

Locals Watloped By Bear

operations in Raleigh.

the operations.

were not hurt.

to free shots.

Grass and turnet

at the home of her granddaughter,

more numerous.

for changes.

Time After Shooting John L. Daniel Arrested and Charged With Aiding Gun Assault

Into Custody Short

Ten persons were painfully but not seriously hurt about 10 o'clock last Saturday night when John Sam Moore, colored man, fired a load of gun shot into them at Everetts. Several barely escaped with their eyesight and all carried away with them from two to an estimated 75 of No. 6 shot. The victims were Fabian Barnhill, Durand Beach, Horace Johnson, Herbert Jackson, Raymond Stalls, Jr., Bill and Irving Bullock, Thurman and Verban Peaks and James Eason Barnhill. One report stated were slightly glazed by a few shot, but their names could not be learned. One or two others in the group were not hit, but even if he missed Funeral Held Here

one or two, Moore is believed to have established an all-time record as a Saturday Afternoon The victims were treated in the local hospital and in doctors' offices Native Of County Died At here and in Robersonville, reports stating that while the wounds were quite painful they were not serious. Several of the victims are certain to carry scars for a long time, and possibly all the shot will not be remov-

were not hit, but even if he missed

ed from the victims' flesh. Fabian Barnhill apparently stop- Mrs. Chas. Simpson, in Pitt County ble drivers," he said. ped a greater portion of the load, the near Winterville last Friday morning young man stating that about 75 shot at 10:15 o'clock. Mrs. Harris had buried themselves in his head, shoul- been in declining health following a ders and in his back to his hips. Sev- fall about three years ago, but her eral pierced the fingers and thumb condition was little changed until on his left hand. Horace Johnson was some over a week ago. She had shot in the neck and three shot been critically ill since January 6 struck him in the forehead, a scant and the end was expected. from his thigh wounds and was quot- twenty-five years ago she had made ed as saying, "Some body help me. I'm nearly killed."

The group engaged in conversation at the side of Barnhill's store past twelve months. near the front, hardly realized what had happened, some stating that they by a large circle of friends, was a sting of the shot and blood started years. She was a good neighbor and tions requiring quick judgment. pouring from the wounds, the ten thoughtful of others. The committee approached the task Mr. Gruliow explained that the victims quickly dispersed and ran than the shot gun attack, there was great-grandchildren.

no disorder or trouble reported. Moore, charged with the assault, the local Pentecostal Holiness church eretts by the officers shortly after o'clock by Rev. D. J. Little, Holiness the attack was reported, and John L. minister of Morehead City, and her Daniel, also colored, was arrested pastor, Rev. H. M. Pope. Interment Sunday and formally charged with was in Woodlawn Cemetery here. aiding and abetting the crime.

No official version of the attack or the acts leading up to the attack could be had immediately. According to reliable reports, Clarence Williams, colored man, was drinking and cursing on the streets shortly before 10 o'clock that night. He was politely reprimanded for his act, and John Sam Moore, said to have been half drunk, moved in with an open knife and started to attack H.

Moore was quoted as saying that No great attention was

Moore came from behind the store and fired into the group hardly 75 feet away. Using a 12-gauge gun, Moore fired only once, but the victims find it hard to explain how so On Martin County Roads many shot could be packed into one Slightly Injured Daniel, seen on the town streets

ers, and the man declared that he said to have told Moore, "If you do shoot, you had better run like the devil," or words to that effect.

It later developed that Moore, after advised against the attack. Moore said in jail that he listened to Lawrence and started back home when Daniel called to him and prompted him to go ahead with the attack. Moore denied the attack at first, but Itaer admitted it and involved Daniel as his accessory.

Officers found Moore at his home after getting a lead from Daniel. Moore had reloaded his gun with a No. 4 shell, officers recovering the weapon from its hiding place behind a trunk in the home.

The defendants waived prelimin-

\$200 bond was arranged, but Moore Friday night by a score of 36 to 6. he entered his car and fled. was unable to raise his bond in the Williamston's scoring was traceable No warrant has been issued in the sum of \$1,000.

Propose Long-Range Program To Reduce

Motor Club Would Have Law To Provide Responsibility For Accidents

Endorsed by motorists throughout North Carolina, a long-range program prepared for consideration of the State Legislature was outlined recently by the Carclina Motor Club. Coleman W. Roberts, president of the club, said that a complete draft of the proposals with an accompanying explanation was being sent to each member of the legislature.

According to the proposal, North Carolina's Safety Responsibility Law, now under scrutiny of a legislative commission, would be modified to provide full responsibility on the part of motorists at fault in accidents, and should force them to prove their responsibility before being allowed to resume operation of their

The commission appointed by Govrnor R. Gregg Cherry to investigate such legislation met recently to study aspects of compulsory insurance, but reached no conclusions. The inquiry vas deferred until a February meet-

In regard to the motor club's proosed law, Mr. Robert explained, 'Compulsory insurance would not be prerequisite of such legislation, alhough car owners might find insurance of increasing convenience." Perons against who damages were judged would be subject to driver's license revocation pending full settlenent of damages and satisfaction of strict personal requirements. "Such respected native of this county, died a law would do much to help rid our nighways of reckless and irresponsi-

Decrying the presence of inapt and rresponsible drivers on the highways, the club's program urged that North Carolina legislators institute a law requiring that driver's licenses be subject to expiration every two years, and that drivers face reexamnation before having them renewed. 'Licenses should be suspended or re-

The proposed driver's license law would also see that requirements for obtaining driver's licenses are made her home with her children and more stringent. According to the grandchildren and had spent some proposal, a more comprehensive extime in the Simpson home during the amination should be given to those applying for licenses, including a Mrs. Harris, held in high esteem "thorough behind-the-wheel test of

. . aptitude in parking, maneuverthought a firecracker had exploded faithful member of the Pentecostal ing in heavy traffic and on difficult among them. When they felt the Holiness Church here for twenty terrain, and reaction to traffic situa-

his home island where it was cool it is believed that the seriousness of from two different angles, either of first job in reconstruction was pickfor their homes. The community family, Mrs. Harris is survived by abilities of automobile drivers is the while we rotted and prickled in our the teacher shortage is now beginwhile we rotted and prickled in our the teacher shortage is now beginwhile we rotted and prickled in our the teacher shortage is now begining up bricks, one by one. They
was soon stirred up and a large three sons, Henry Harris of Petersinstallation of driver training courses port, the members believe. One of must be cut for re-use because the crowd gathered to add to the excite- burg, S. Tom Harris of Williamston in schools and colleges. The instrucment. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and W. and Robert Harris of this county; tion recommended would provide "indoctrination in safety rules, trafhighway patrol moved in, but other great-grandchildren and nine great- fic laws, and customs and courtesies of the road, and would go into the Funeral services were conducted in technique of good driving, and simole automobile mechanics." Actual was arrested at his home near Ev- last Saturday afternoon at 2:30 driving experience was also prescrib-

ed for those under instruction. The club suggested that "as an ultimate aim," the driver training program should be administered by the State, but stressed the importance of independent action of schools and colleges in adding the course to their curriculum in cases where this was In Local Hospital practicable.

The motor club's legislative program advocated the creation of special bureaus to deal with minor inturned over in Bear Grass on the fractions of the traffic laws, to be night of December 14, James Russell administered by municipal or county Cherry, Martin County farmer, was governments, but under the jurisdicreturned to the local hospital last tion of recorder's courts. The buaccording to a fixed scale against new offenders, while habitual or seri-Cherry is paralyzed from his waist ous cases would be bound over to a higher authority. Of the proposed bureaus Mr. Roberts said, "They his condition was little improved by would make it possible to deal uniformly and expeditiously with traffic cases, would relieve the cluttered Cherry lost control of his car in front of the Rogers home in Bear dockets of the courts now handling rases, and would dispense will

treatment in the local hospital he the need of keeping patrolmen off the highways to act as witnesses." In its program the automobile club objected strenuously to differences existing in the traffic laws and court practices. Claiming that "the conscientious motorist is hamstrung in his efforts to follow the law by the confusion which its multiplicity generates," the document suggested to legislators that their course of action lies in unification of municipal

laws governing motor vehicle traffic. The poor mechanical condition of some automobiles on the highways was held to be an important factor in the State's accident toll; and laws requiring their regular inspection was urged as a remedy. The proposal called for routine inspections to admitted for treatment. Buddy Peel be made at least every six months, and another passenger in the car and emphasized that in cases where a car had been wrecked or exposed

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right hurriedly and lost control of **Hunter Kills Hog On Farm** In County Last Saturday

Hunting on the farm of Ulysses Jones in the county last Saturday Crass Quint Last Friday afternoon, a hunter shot and killed a sow leaving a number of small ary examination at an informal hearing before Justice C. B. Riddick Mon-ball quint was walloped by the strong could not be definitely established, day and bond was offered. Daniel's Bear Grass Five at Bear Grass last ran across the field to the road where

case so far.