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Not Certain That Germans and Japs Will Measure Up

Allies Defied In Berlin and **Tokyo Talks Neutrality** In Case Of War

Disturbing news dispatches from both Germany and Japan last week bore out the fears of some Americans and many of our allies that we are strengthening and preparing to rearm some people who may not be found on our side if a showdown comes.

The West German government has openly defied American occupation powers for the first time, in supporting the refusal of Mayor Ernst Reuter of Berlin to interfere with a court ruling. The case concerned a man who admitted he worked as a spy for both the Russians and the Americans in the early days of the occupation after the close of the Second World War.

American officials in Germany apparently believe the defendant, Hans Kemritz, was really helping the Allies, but he was convicted in Berlin of turning anti-Communist Germans over to the Russians.

It's a peculiar case, but according to a New York "Times" story by Drew Middleton, Allied officials are growing angry over this and other evidences of a growing spirit of defiance in the German government

Middleton quoted an unnamed official as saving he fears that "all of us, in our desire to check the Russians and to bring the Germans onto our side, have been too quick to overlook the lessons of 1914, 1939 and, for the French,

"If the Germans act like this now," the official said, "what will they be like when they have their equality and their arms?"

From Japan came reports of a demand by a former military leader, Colonel Masanobu Tsuji, known as the Japanese "god of strategy," that Japan remain neutral in what he regards as the and the United States.

"Then, when the rest of the world is destroyed," he said, "Japan will regain her rightful position as leader of the nations.'

Yet one aim of the proposed treaty with Japan is to open the way to building that country up as a military power to help block

the "Reds." Another area that might flame into a serious situation is the former British colony of India, now divided into India and Pakistan whose governments have been making warlike gestures over the state of Kashmir, which both

Britain always followed a policy of keeping India divided along religious lines, and the present Labor government in London sticks pretty close to the old "Tory" line in foreign policies.

The British still have important interests in Pakistan, and its army is said to be run by "retired" British generals. As in other parts of the Far East, most of the "news" we get from India and Pakistan information which has not been passed by British censors.

six-week "cabinet crisis," which ernment since the national elections in June.

The "middle of the road" parties have been troubled by both Fascist and Communist sniping. General Charles De Gaulle, who seems to have rallied around him the "200 families of France" who hold the financial and industrial power, is following the usual Fascist

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Waives Hearing In Murder Case

Lee Bonner, charged with the student of Edward's Military In- ed today. The body, accompanied ored man, in Everetts early in the by special military escort, is sche- der to find out what it was all morning of August 11, yesterday duled to leave New York Thurs- about. After getting some expreswaived his right to a hearing day afternoon, the special mesthrough his attorneys, Critcher sage received today stated.

and Gurganus. The man continues in the county jail and faces formal indict-

Segregation Petition Mrs. Ada Leggett Three Accidents Validity Questioned

ROUND-UP

Fourteen persons were arrested and detained in the county jail last week-end. Five were booked for public drunkenness, four for drunken driving, two for being absent without leave from the service, and one each for larceny, breaking and entering and murder.

Ten of the fourteen were white, mostly young men. The ages of the group ranged from 17 to 52 years.

Going To Cost More To Live

The smoke cleared away from the new Defense Production Act last week, and it began to be possible to get some idea what the

outlook is for the consumer. The concensus seems to be that it's going to cost more to live in the coming months. Experts can see food prices ranging highermeat up at least five percent, bakery products up 10 percent, and milk costing one cent a quart more. Price boosts on refrigerators and other heavy durables are expected to be relatively small, but increases of about six percent on smaller appliances and up to 10 percent on household utensils and accessories can be expected. Automobile manufacturers have already asked for permission to raise prices 9.5 percent, and truck and parts producers may be allowed increases ranging up to 15

There are a few bright spots, Many clothing and textile manufacturers could raise prices under the new law, but current weakness in the entire textile market "inevitable war" between Russia makes it unlikely. Similarly, buyer apathy in the field of home furnishings will deter any higher orices.

Meanwhile, reports are filtering in from all over the country of increased sales of used cars, major appliances and other items on which credit restrictions were relaxed by the new law.

Corn Prospects Are Not So Good

reduced corn prospects in North more equitable our own facilities erson and Elijah Williams, were Dallas James, Jr., Young shels, 11 percent less than last ing familiar with the circumstancyear's record crop of 81,955,000 es existing in this community. bushels but 26 percent greater 934,000 bushels.

at 34 bushels. This is 3.0 bushels There seems to be a concerted per acre less than the July 1 esti- drive backed by people who are mate. This yield, if realized, not and can not be familar with would be 3.0 bushels per acre less the actual and true circumstances

der the 1949 yield. many sections. Growth of later hope that by their own answer ago from Richmond. plantings was held in check some- and by arriving at the truth of Although the change means a drouth conditions in most areas.

Soldier's Body Arrives Friday

The body of Sgf. James Ellis, lost his life in the Korean war, is account of the petition in the Enexpected to reach here on Friday terprise, I was disturbed, and be- called for active duty. of this week, relatives were advis-Funeral arrangements have no

yet been completed. The young man's bodys is the ment by the grand jury at its second of a Korean war hero to quarterly/meeting on September be brought to this county for interment.

Leader Of Negro Race Speaks On The Radio Here

Points Out No Mass Meeting Held To Draw Up Segregation Petition

Turning to the radio, T. K. Slade, teacher and a leader for the Negro race, Sunday afternoon over Station WIAM, declared that a petition presented to the Martin County Board of Education and calling for the elimination of segregation in the school system, did not have the support of a majority of the Negroes in the county.

Introducing the speaker, Williamston's mayor, Robert H. Co-

"Ladies and Gentlemen of the radio audience, it is extremely gratifying to me to have this opportunity to talk to you today. It is our hope that this shall be the first of a series of speeches brought to you on this subject by interested parties, both colored and white, here in Williamston and Martin County. No doubt most of you now are familar with the fact that a few short weeks ago a petition, signed by citizens of Martin County and purportedly arising by and because of their wishes, was served Education, said petition asking that an end be brought to segregation in our schools in Martin County. It is our sincere belief Warns Against The Old that this petition was instigated not by the citizens of Williamston, not by the citizens of Martin County, and not by the citizens of anyone was victimized by flimto our State. Those people are not | find is asked to contact the police said to have been damaged. at all familar with our circumstances, our customs and our mores here in this localized vicinity. We feel that they are trying to Grover Peel Fatally

own school system. "Of course, it is granted that there exist great needs, but those needs exist both with the white and with the colored races. We do not pretend that we are perfect, we are not opposed to change, ed services without leaves of ab but we do know that we are more sence, three young Martin County Hot, dry weather during July capable of equalizing and making men, Pete Pritchett, Harmon Rob-Carolina. Current estimates place than could some foreign element, turned over to military police last 1951 production at 73,066,000 bu- having no knowledge of nor be- Friday.

usurp our prerogatives in trying

to tell the people of Martin Coun-

ty and the State of North Caro-

lina how to run and to operate our

than the 1940-49 average of 57,- gentlemen, that there has been jail for almost two weeks. throughout the South an upsurge As of August 1 the average of petitions similar to those about yield of corn per acre is estimated which we are speaking today. In several areas of the State ity that the colored people themed, therefore, it gives me great ren, Craig and Susan, are regret-

K. Slade:" A summary of the professor's

talk follows: "First of all I wish to make known that I was not drafted or forced by any individual or individuals to make the statements Martin County young man who that are to follow. When I saw an gan immediately to contact some of my friends and associates in orsions from them, I sought for an opportunity to express the feeling of the majority of the Negroes in Martin County. .

"(1) The petition was not presented by nor with the consent

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Funeral Service Will Be Boy Painfully Hurt In A Conducted Wednesday In Robersonville

Mrs. Ada Leggett, respected and well-known county citizen, died at several years, suffering with a the week-end. heart condition. She suffered an The first in the week-end series critical since that time.

fairs of the church and her adopthealth permitted her to be out.

Mrs. Leggett was a member of Robersonvilles Christian Church for many years, and the pastor, the Rev. J. M. Perry, assisted by the Rev. Olin G. Fox, pastor of the Hassell church, will conduct the funeral service there Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the family plot in the old cemetery in Robersonville. The body will be carried to the church one hour before the service.

upon the Martin County Board of Leggett, of Hassell, and a step-Surviving are a son, George son, Clarence Leggett, of Rocky Mount.

> Flim-Flammers' Practice It has been several years since

Died Monday At On Highways In Home In Hassell County Recently

Truck-Bike Accident Saturday Morning

Two persons were hurt, one of her home in Hassell at 12:20 them painfully but believed not o'clock Monday afternoon. She seriously, in a series of highway

attack of pneumonia a few weeks was reported on the River Road. ago and her condition had been running from Hamilton to Palmyra, at 8:15 o'clock last Satur-She was born in Bear Grass day morning. Jesse Roy Harrell, Township 86 years ago in April, eight years old, was riding his vi and Mary Revels Rogerson. She toward Hamilton. Richard Ranspent her early life there and dolph Thompson, driving a 1950 following her marriage to Mack Dodge pick-up truck and travel-Robersonville. Since Mr. Leggett's ed to pull to his left and pass the death twenty years ago she had lad. About that time, Harrell cut made her home with her son in to his left and was knocked off Hassell, participating in the af- the bike, receiving painful lacerations about the head and one leg. ed community as long as her It was reported that no bones were broken, that the victim was removed to a Williamston hospital and getting along very well. The bicycle was badly damaged, according to Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation

While driving about five miles south of Jamesville on Temporary Highway 171 Sunday morning was forced out of his 1949 Oldsstarted in the hydraulic lift used in raising and lowering the top. All but the front tires and engine was burned, according to Patrolinvestigation.

about the shoulder when he wrecked his car on the Williamston-Bear Grass Highway about noon Sunday. Patrolman B. W. ple foreign to our community and is offered to share in a pocketbook ly. The side of the machine was her community.

OPS Reprensentatives Will Inferior Quality Of Hold One-Day Clinic Here Leaf Predominant Business analysts from the East-lauspices of civic organizations.

had been in declining health for accidents in the county during ern Carolina Office of Price Sta- "These visits giving on-the-spot bilization will be in Williamston help and information to the busagain on August 22 to assist peo-linessmen of eastern Carolina are ple of this area with reports and a part of our program to do eve OPS regulations, Al Sweatt of the rything possible to be of service Williamston Boosters, Inc., has an- to the public," OPS Director J. nounced .Williamston has been se- G. Clark said, "and we urge people ! lected as the site of a monthly to meet with these specialists for aged a little above \$53.00 per 1865, the daughter of the late Le- bike on the right side of the road field trip by OPS. The OPS rep- any assistance they may need". hundred, reports declaring that resentatives will have an office "Our previous visit to Williamston the opening measured up to exin the Woman's Club Building was enthusiastically received by pectations and that no dissatiswhich will be open from 10 AM the public", Clark added, "and we faction was noted. G. Leggett in 1892 she located in ing in the same direction, start- to 12:30 PM and from 1 PM to 3 will continue these trips as long

throughout the district under the ton, Tyrell and Dare.

as the people want us to".

First Tobacco Sales Averaged

\$53.00 On Local Market Today

The Williamston visit is plan- equally as high if not higher than liamston. As a public service, the ned to serve people in this immed- those received for the better Eastern Carolina OPS has sched-liate vicinity and the following grades last year, fluctuated aculed regular trips to cities counties: Bertie, Martin, Washing- cording to the quality of the of-

Fire destroyed two tobacco cur-

Loses Life In Farm Accident

wick, 37, sister of several Wilabout 1:00 o'clock, Kenneth W. liamston citizens, lost her life in Jones, Lynchburg, Virginia man. an unusual accident at her home in Bertie County early last Thursmobile convertible when fire day morning. Handling a wire, charged with 110 volts and running to a chicken brooder, Mrs Smithwick was electrocuted about 6:00 o'clock that morning, a neighthat morning still clutching the Edward Harris was bruised wire. Reports stated the wire was thinly coated and that the victim got her feet damp in the dew on

the grass, causing a circuit. the State of North Carolina. We flammers here, but local police Parker made the investigation Mrs. J. A. Thomas of RFD 2, end, pushing the total losses for are sincere in believing that the are warning the unsuspecting but complete details on the acci- Windsor, was active in Lawrence's the season up to nine petition was instigated by peo- against the practice. Anyone who dent could not be had immediate- Baptist Church and club work in

> Ahoskie, Guy, Pearley and Grady damaged another and threatened quality types are predominant. Thomas, all of Williamston.

Band Picnic Will

ported in the Dardens section late the Green Wave Band picnic and Sunday night when Dallas James, business meeting originally sched-Jr., 17-year-old colored boy, fat- uled for that date has been moved ally shot Grover Peel, 30-year-old up to the previous night, Monday, colored man, following an argu- August 27, and will be held in

Following the picnic, which is always one of the highlights of the band's summer program, the Band Parents are to hold a meet-One of our strongest allies, dry, hot weather caught early selves, the colored people who are ter upon his new duties with the iff M. W. Holloman and Deputy ing at which new officers will be elected for the coming year. R. L. (Bob) Welch has served the band parents as president for the past two scholastic years.

> nut crop (for picking or threshtee of one to see that the grass is two went outside where Peel took cut around the stands in the ball

most successful seasons, the can- was realized last year. The ex- had sold this season 183,655,123 nery at Jamesville will be operat- pected 238 thousand acres of peaed Friday of this week and Wed- nuts to be picked or threshed this Last week the sales totaled 31,nesday of next and then will close year are 3 percent more than the 231,841 pounds and averaged except by appointment, it was an- 231,000 agres harvested last year, \$38.39. The Stabilization Corporanounced this morning.

Under the direction of Vaiden 49 average. Hairr, the cannery has turned out | The expected increase over last over 10,000 cans of produce this year's yield is a result of favor- Returns To His Home summer. While the bulk of the able growing conditions to date in canned goods is vegetable, there the heavier peanut producing has been some fruit tinned now areas. Little disease has been reand then. Mr. Hairr has supervis- ported and vines are in good con- a local hospital, receiving treated the canning operations and has dition. Generally, the crop is ment for a heart condition, ABC helped to make cans available for clean, stands are normal, and soil Officer Joe H. Roebuck has refarm near Dardens, had been in the various individuals with vege- conditions are favorable for peg- turned to his home on West Main tables and fruits to can for use ging, pointing to a good peanut Street with definite instructions crop for 1951.

TAX NOTICES Tax notices were placed in

the mails last Thursday by the Martin County tax collector's office and the little pink slips are bringing in a great response, according to Collector 8,500 of the notices, and the property owners started reproperty owners started responding before the tobacco markets were opened. man R. P. Narron who made the bor finding her several hours later Two Curing Barns **Burned In County**

Surviving are her husband, Wil- rett estate farm near Williamston others had not had time to preliam H. Smithwick; four sisters, last Thursday night shortly be- pare any of the leaf for market. Mrs. W. L. Connor, Mrs. W. N. fore 11:00 o'clock. Williamston's However, there were several thou-White and Mrs. C. J. Rose, all of fire department was called, and Route 2, Windsor and Mrs. Fannie firemen went there with equip-Leggett of Route 1, Windsor; six ment but could render very little ity of the "break" on the floors Shot Sunday Night brothers, J. A. of Windsor, Dunkin of Route 2, Windsor, Charles of Aborkie Guy Pearley and Grady damaged another and threatened damaged another and threatened quality types are predominant.

to a minimum.

the Sherrof home farm near Ham-

Reports reaching here stated

that the barn fire on the Sherrod

that the burning timbers fell in

an advantageous position to limit

materializes, this will be the larg-

mated at 1,170 pounds per acre or

pounds were harvested.

the fire to the one structure.

Prospects Good

ilton early last night.

in Edgewood Cemetery.

Be Held Monday two barns. A large oil tank caught fire and exploded, but the firemen ty is to be expected.

Because the circus will be play ing here on Tuesday of next week the ball park instead of on the

Cannery Ending Successful Year

during the winter months.

In First Of Crop

Comparatively Small Block Will Be Cleared Here Early Tomorrow

Early sales on Williamston's tobacco market this morning aver-

Prices admittedly lower for the inferior or nondescript types but ferings. There was a range from 15 to 72 cents in prices, most of the sales falling in the 40- to 60cent category.

The first sale of 346 pounds averaged right at 40 cents, but by the time 7.188 pounds had been sold the price average had pulled up to \$55.55. The average fluctuated from that point, settling down to a figure just above \$53.00 per hundred by the time 20,000 pounds had been sold

The house figured prominently in the early sales, but the companies soon stepped in to get most of the tobacco. It was estimated that the government of stabiliza. tion corporation purchased from 15 to 20 percent of the early sales. Farmers, acquainted with sales on the border, said the price structure here was much better than they had found it to the south.

The size of the crowds present for the opening today did not measure up to those of past years, reports from the rural areas point-A large barn, filled with choice ing out that many were still busy tobacco, burned on the Robt. Eve- with the harvest and most of the sand visitors here for the opening.

just about all the other buildings Others maintain the quality of the Funeral services were held Fri- including Wm. Cherry's home on first offerings is equally as good day in the Lawrences Baptist the Roberson farm about two as it was on opening day last year. Church, conducted by the Rev. A. miles from Robersonville last Fri- Farmers explained that the crop Corey of Jamesville. Burial was dy afternoon. Robersonville's fire was spaced so closely in the fields department turned the fire back that the sun could not reach the after one barn was burned and lower leaves, that the coloring it had caught a second one and process was difficult. However, burned most of a shed connecting many growers point out that two barns. A large oil tank caught marked improvement in the qualidid a good job and held the loss

By early Monday, the market had received a full sale for today. Another barn, the tenth in the The carry-over block is certain to county, was destroyed by fire on be cleared by early tomorrow, and reasonably light sales are expected throughout the belt during the next several days. While a majority of farmers completed farm threatened other buildings, the harvest last week, it will be several more days before the task is handled in its entirety, with a few finding it impossible to get the last of their crops into the barns before sometime next week. All of the tobacco companies For Peanut Crop were represented when the sales were started without any formal

program promptly at 9:00 o'clock Based on August 1 condition re- this morning. J. Edward Corey is a commit- ports, North Carolina's 1951 pea- Reports from the markets south of here maintain that there has ing) is estimated at 278,460,000 been a price rise in recent days. pounds. If the current estimate The border last week sold 32,552,-959 pounds for an average price of est peanut crop produced since \$52.71. Season sales through last 1948 when almost 347 million week on the border totaled 69,-153,115 pounds, averaging only

The 1951 average yield is esti- \$51.02. Before most of its markets clos-Nearing the end of one of its 105 pounds more per acre than ed last Friday, the Georgia belt pounds for an average of \$46.58. but 15 percent less than the 1940- tion took about nine percent of the crop in the Georgia belt.

On West Main Street

After a stay of several weeks in to "take it easy" for some weeks.

Pritchett and Roberson were taken into custody last Thursday. "It has been noted, ladies and Williams had been a "gust" in the **Enters Upon New**

Job In Charlotte Stationed in Williamston during comes through British channels. than the record yield established wherein the demands are made. the past four and one-half years morning, about three hours after That means Americans get little in 1950 and 1.0 bushel per acre un- To my knowledge this is the first with the General Electric Com- the shotgun attack and about time in any area and in any local- pany, Mr. Neil N.Ripley is trans- three miles from the scene of the ferring to Charlotte today to en-France, has been weakened by a corn in the critical stage of de- citizens of the area in which these General Electric Supply Corpora. Raymond Rawls. velopment, burning tassels prior demands are filed have asked for tion as assistant supply and appahas resulted in poor pollination swer a petition filed by their own succeeded here by Mr. R. P. Kloc-

success in their new home and po-

They will be at home at 205 Perrin Place, Charlotte.

Resigns Position With Local Furniture Company

After being associated with the Woolard Furniture Company here for almost ten years, Mr. B. F. Perry has resigned his position as sales manager of the company, it was announced yesterday. Mr. Perry has not made public his plans for the future.

Young Men Turned Over Murder Is Second To The Military Police In County Within Allegedly absent from the arm-A 10-Day Period

Colored Boy Arrested Monday Morning

Martin County's second murder vithin a ten-day period was rement over Peel's wife. James was arrested at 2:00 o'clock Monday school grounds. shooting. He surrendered to Sher-

James went to a piccolo joint means there has been no real gov- to the emergence of the silks. This and been granted the right to an- ratus sales manager. He is being operated by "Buddy" James on Highway 64, not far from Dardens. and reduced yield prespects in race. It is my sincere belief and it who reported here a few days and was dancing with Peel's wife An argument followed and the what. However, rains during the the matter this can be settled promotion for him, friends of Mr. one of James's shoes and beat him park before the picnic is set up. last few days of July relieved amicably for all parties concern- Ripley, Mrs. Ripley and the child- down. The operator of the dance hall separated the two and You ... pleasure to introduce Professor T., ful of their leaving but wish them James went three miles to his home and returned with a shot gun. Peel was in front of Romulus Peel's store at that time, and Grover threatened to whip James Mr. Ripley has just been notified again. Moving toward James, Peel to report on Thursday of this week was warned to stop. He paid no to Fort Bragg for a final type phy- attention to the warning, accordsical as a member of the Army ing to the story told by Sheriff Reserve, meaning that he could be Holloman, and James fired at fairly close range a full load of

> shot into the man's right side. Peel was removed to a Plymouth hospital where he died at 1.00 o'clock Monday morning. James ran from the scene, but did not try to escape, Sheriff Holloman said.

Peel, employed on the Coburn court several times for various

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