

## 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 Kemnitz, 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 saying 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, 1871."

"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 "inevitable war" between Russia 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."

## Segregation Petition Validity Questioned

### Leader Of Negro Race Speaks On The Radio Here

Fourteen persons were arrested and detained in the county jail last week-end. Five were booked for public drunkenness, four for drunk 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 census seems to be that it's going to cost more to live in the coming months. Experts can see food prices ranging higher—meat 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.

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 makes it unlikely. Similarly, buyer apathy in the field of home furnishings will deter any higher prices.

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

Hot, dry weather during July reduced corn prospects in North Carolina. Current estimates place 1951 production at 73,066,000 bushels, 11 percent less than last year's record crop of 81,955,000 bushels but 26 percent greater than the 1940-49 average of 57,934,000 bushels.

## Mrs. Ada Leggett Died Monday At Home In Hassell

### Funeral Service Will Be Conducted Wednesday In Robersonville

Mrs. Ada Leggett, respected and well-known county citizen, died at her home in Hassell at 12:20 o'clock Monday afternoon. She had been in declining health for several years, suffering with a heart condition. She suffered an attack of pneumonia a few weeks ago and her condition had been critical since that time.

She was born in Bear Grass Township 86 years ago in April, 1865, the daughter of the late Levi and Mary Revels Rogerson. She spent her early life there and following her marriage to Mack G. Leggett in 1892 she located in Robersonville. Since Mr. Leggett's death twenty years ago she had made her home with her son in Hassell, participating in the affairs of the church and her adopted community as long as her health permitted her to be out.

Mrs. Leggett was a member of the Robersonville 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.

Surviving are a son, George Leggett, of Hassell, and a stepson, Clarence Leggett, of Rocky Mount.

### Warns Against The Old Flim-Flammers' Practice

It has been several years since anyone was victimized by flim-flammers here, but local police are warning the unsuspecting against the practice. Anyone who is offered to share in a pocketbook find is asked to contact the police.

### Young Men Turned Over To The Military Police

Allegedly absent from the armed services without leaves of absence, three young Martin County men, Pete Pritchett, Harmon Roberson and Elijah Williams, were turned over to military police last Friday.

### Enters Upon New Job In Charlotte

Stationed in Williamston during the past four and one-half years with the General Electric Company, Mr. Neil N. Ripley is transferring to Charlotte today to enter upon his new duties with the General Electric Supply Corporation as sales manager. He is being succeeded here by Mr. R. P. Kloetli who reported here a few days ago from Richmond.

## Three Accidents On Highways In County Recently

### Boy Painfully Hurt In A Truck-Bike Accident Saturday Morning

Two persons were hurt, one of them painfully but believed not seriously, in a series of highway accidents in the county during the week-end.

The first in the week-end series was reported on the River Road, running from Hamilton to Palmyra, at 8:15 o'clock last Saturday morning. Jesse Roy Harrell, eight years old, was riding his bike on the right side of the road toward Hamilton. Richard Randolph Thompson, driving a 1950 Dodge pick-up truck and traveling in the same direction, started to pull to his left and pass the lad. About that time, Harrell cut to his left and was knocked off the bike, receiving painful lacerations about the head and one leg. 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 about 1:00 o'clock, Kenneth W. Jones, Lynchburg, Virginia, was forced out of his 1949 Oldsmobile convertible when fire started in the hydraulic lift used in raising and lowering the top. All but the front tires and engine was burned, according to Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation.

Edward Harris was bruised about the shoulder when he wrecked his car on the Williams-Bear Grass Highway about noon Sunday. Patrolman B. W. Parker made the investigation but complete details on the accident could not be had immediately. The side of the machine was said to have been damaged.

## Grover Peel Fatally Shot Sunday Night

### Murder Is Second In County Within A 10-Day Period

Martin County's second murder within a ten-day period was reported in the Dardens section late Sunday night when Dallas James, Jr., 17-year-old colored boy, fatally shot Grover Peel, 30-year-old colored man, following an argument over Peel's wife. James was arrested at 2:00 o'clock Monday morning, about three hours after the shotgun attack and about three miles from the scene of the shooting. He surrendered to Sheriff M. W. Holloman and Deputy Raymond Rawls.

James went to a picnic joint operated by "Buddy" James on Highway 64, not far from Dardens, and was dancing with Peel's wife. An argument followed and the two went outside where Peel took one of James' shoes and beat him down. The operator of the dance hall separated the two and Young James went three miles to his home and returned with a shotgun. Peel was in front of Romulus Peel's store at that time, and Grover threatened to whip James again. Moving toward James, Peel was warned to stop. He paid no attention to the warning, according to the story told by Sheriff 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.

## First Tobacco Sales Averaged \$53.00 On Local Market Today

### OPS Representatives Will Hold One-Day Clinic Here

Business analysts from the Eastern Carolina Office of Price Stabilization will be in Williamston again on August 22 to assist people of this area with reports and OPS regulations. Al Sweatt of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., has announced, Williamston has been selected as the site of a monthly field trip by OPS. The OPS representatives will have an office in the Woman's Club Building which will be open from 10 AM to 12:30 PM and from 1 PM to 3 PM.

This is the second trip to Williamston. As a public service, the Eastern Carolina OPS has scheduled regular trips to cities throughout the district under the auspices of civic organizations.

### Loses Life In Farm Accident

Mrs. Minerva Thomas Smithwick, 37, sister of several Williamston citizens, lost her life in an unusual accident at her home in Bertie County early last Thursday 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 neighbor finding her several hours later that morning still clutching the 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.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomas of RFD 2, Windsor, was active in Lawrence's Baptist Church and club work in her community.

Surviving are her husband, William H. Smithwick; four sisters, Mrs. W. L. Connor, Mrs. W. N. White and Mrs. C. J. Rose, all of Route 2, Windsor and Mrs. Fannie Leggett of Route 1, Windsor; six brothers, J. A. of Windsor, Dunkin of Route 2, Windsor, Charles of Ahoskie, Guy, Pearley and Grady Thomas, all of Williamston.

### Band Picnic Will Be Held Monday

Because the circus will be playing here on Tuesday of next week the Green Wave Band picnic and business meeting originally scheduled for that date has been moved up to the previous night, Monday, August 27, and will be held in the ball park instead of on the school grounds.

### Cannery Ending Successful Year

Nearing the end of one of its most successful seasons, the cannery at Jamesville will be operated Friday of this week and Wednesday of next and then will close except by appointment, it was announced this morning.

## Inferior Quality Of Leaf Predominant In First Of Crop

### Comparatively Small Block Will Be Cleared Here Early Tomorrow

Early sales on Williamston's tobacco market this morning averaged a little above \$53.00 per hundred, reports declaring that the opening measured up to expectations and that no dissatisfaction was noted.

Prices, admittedly lower for the inferior or nondescript types but equally as high if not higher than those received for the better grades last year, fluctuated according to the quality of the offerings. There was a range from 15 to 72 cents in prices, most of the sales falling in the 40- to 60-cent category.

### Two Curing Barns Burned In County

Fire destroyed two tobacco curing barns in the county last week-end, pushing the total losses for the season up to nine.

A large barn, filled with choice tobacco, burned on the Robt. Everett estate farm near Williamston last Thursday night shortly before 11:00 o'clock. Williamston's fire department was called, and firemen went there with equipment but could render very little assistance.

Fire destroyed a curing barn, damaged another and threatened just about all the other buildings including Wm. Cherry's home on the Roberson farm about two miles from Robersonville last Friday afternoon. Robersonville's fire department turned the fire back after one barn was burned and it had caught a second one and burned most of a shed connecting two barns. A large oil tank caught fire and exploded, but the firemen did a good job and held the loss to a minimum.

### Prospects Good For Peanut Crop

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The 1951 average yield is estimated at 1,170 pounds per acre or 105 pounds more per acre than was realized last year. The expected 238 thousand acres of peanuts to be picked or threshed this year are 3 percent more than the 231,000 acres harvested last year, but 15 percent less than the 1940-49 average.

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Following the picnic, which is always one of the highlights of the band's summer program, the Band Parents are to hold a meeting at which new officers will be elected for the coming year. R. L. (Bob) Welch has served as band parents as president for the past two scholastic years.

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