

FARMVILLE EMPLOYEES GO OVER TOP WITH \$78,250 WORTH BONDS

Goal of \$60,000 Was Exceeded by \$18,250, Reports Chairman Josh W. Munden

Farmville employees are to be congratulated for their splendid work in securing pledges for the 4th War Loan Drive...

All employees who achieved a minimum of \$200 in Retail Sales of Bonds were awarded a Special Citation signed by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury...

Also to be commended for their work in the Employees Drive are the fifteen Farmville firms who received Award Banners because every member in their firm signed a pledge to sell \$200 or more in Bonds...

Pledges taken by Farmville Store Employees:

- J. F. Rogers, \$525; Charles Rogers, \$300; H. N. Batten, \$200; Nannie Moring, \$2,200; Hazel Taylor, \$4,650; F. G. Dupree, Jr., \$1,000; Margaret Suggs, \$250; H. T. Robertson, \$100; L. W. Allen, \$525; A. C. Phillips, \$100; A. J. Curry, \$100; Shirley Freedman, \$200; Jack Freedman, \$1,650; Rachel Heath, \$275; Robt. L. Tripp, \$200; Claude Joyner, \$100; A. L. Joyner, \$225; Albert P. Mewborne, \$10,150; Albertine B. Moore, \$1,800; J. W. Munden, \$700; Mrs. Paul McDonald, \$600; Ray Goin, \$600; Verla Williams, \$600; Cecil Johnston, \$550; Margaret Smith, \$700; Mrs. Maynard Thorne, \$1,025; Fannie Mae Willford, \$1,100; Mrs. Ervin Evans, \$650; Sodie L. Garris, \$200; Ruth Williams, \$225; Leona Tugwell, \$800; Mildred Hardison, \$250; Mrs. Pat Bundy, \$275; Ida Cobb, \$250; Mrs. Dora Journeaux, \$300; H. P. Norman, \$200; Margie Moring, \$200; Bertha Massey, \$300; Rosa Allen, \$250; Addie Hardison, \$675; W. H. Fisher, \$800; Annie R. Westbrook, \$200; Elvira Tyson, \$400; L. J. Willford, \$200; R. L. Joyner, \$200; W. H. Duke, \$200; A. Q. Roebuck, \$200; Will Jones, \$200; M. G. Thorne, \$250; C. L. Ivey, \$250; T. E. Joyner, \$250; Mrs. T. E. Joyner, \$250; R. L. Manning, \$200; Mrs. Frances Allen, \$100; Mrs. Fred C. Moore, \$75; Mrs. R. E. Duncan, \$100; G. A. Bouse, \$5,000; Mrs. T. R. Mizelle, \$800; Harry Dixon, \$200; C. E. Madlin, \$225; Edgar J. Barrett, \$4,000; Ruth Gardner, \$2,100; Mrs. M. L. Eason, \$5,200; Annie Nichols, \$1,100; Mrs. Lottie K. Lewis, \$250; Mrs. Mamie S. Garraway, \$200; Mrs. Cecil Johnston, \$200; H. M. Winder, \$1,000; R. R. Newton, \$200; Jane Greene, \$200; Myrtle Nichols, \$200; Mrs. Emma L. Jones, \$200; Leila H. Williams, \$200; G. S. Thomas, \$400; Mary Elizabeth Barrett, \$950; John B. Lewis, \$225; Tony Melton, \$300; F. A. Williams, \$550; Mrs. Linwood Russell, \$225; Clarence Davis, \$800; Lottie Braxton, \$575; Mrs. John Barrett, \$900; James Russell, \$200; Ronnie Allen, \$1,175; Harrell Boyce, \$500; Pricilla Joyner, \$200; J. H. Harris, \$1,200; E. L. Barrett, \$225; Mrs. G. H. Burnett, \$200; R. LeRoy Rollins, \$1,125; M. W. Rollins, \$25; K. Cannon, \$225; Annie Nishala, \$225; Mrs. Lester Skinner, \$350; Freddie Pearl Redick, \$300; N. Cannon, \$1,700; B. O. Turnage, \$200.

Red Armies Near Railroad Center In North Russia

Russians Within 39 Miles of Pskov; Trap Tightened Around Cherkassy Nazis

London, Feb. 17. — Soviet troops, driving southward through the forests and lake country of northern Russia, yesterday advanced to within 39 miles northwest of the big German railroad hub of Pskov by capturing the town of Chudak Zabody, on Lake Peipus three miles from southeastern Estonia.

USE OF PENICILLIN HELPS OLD AILMENT

Wilson, Feb. 14. — Doctors at a local hospital said tonight that Mrs. Gordon Lee of Farmville, who has been suffering with osteomyelitis for the past 18 years, walked out of the hospital this week after being treated for five days with penicillin and was on the road to complete recovery.

This is the second osteomyelitis case to be reported as an apparent cure in the hospital in the last few months as a result of treatment by penicillin. The first was the case of a 13-year-old child.

A doctor who had been treating Mrs. Lee said tonight that she had been suffering from the disease off and on for 18 years. He said that he had treated her with many units of penicillin over a five-day period and that she walked out of the hospital carrying her leg with her.

The doctor, who asked that his name be withheld, said he could not say Mrs. Lee had completely recovered but that she was on the way to it.

Success Story—1944



Smiling as he is wont to do these days, Frank Sinatra, is pictured above receiving one of his many congratulatory messages. His second movie is in the making, his son has been born, and he is now on his own radio show each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock EWT. No wonder fans are notching an added lift to "The Voice."

WILD BULL

Considerable excitement prevailed for a time on Ayden's main street Tuesday when a young bull, trained to harness and hitched to a cart, was frightened by the blinking of a red traffic light, ran wild, separated himself from the cart and dumped Queenie Cox, elderly Negro farm woman, its owner, to the pavement, crashed thru a window at Roy L. Turnage's store and came out of another, to be caught and haltered only after it became mired.

A Negro boy held onto the reins on the bull until it made its passage through the window.

Ayden's downtown thoroughfare was empty of pedestrians until Ferdinand disappeared. "People don't go to cover that quickly where there's a practice blackout," the storekeeper said while the bull was on the rampage. —Reflector.

Trouble is like a trap. It's easy to get into.

Allies Open Up Breaches in the German Lines

American Guns Blasting Enemy On Monastery Hill; Warship Brings Planes Back Into Action

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Feb. 16. —American siege guns have opened a concentrated bombardment of Monastery Hill and "beaches" have been opened in that main sector of the German line overlooking Cassino. It was announced Wednesday, but in the invasion beachhead to the west headquarters, unacknowledged loss of Carroceto, 10 miles north of Anzio.

Warships again battered the Germans ringing the beachhead and RAF Wellingtons flung down block busters in a night attack.

U. S. artillery opened up on Monastery Hill following the aerial destruction of historic Mt. Cassino Abbey, which the Germans had converted into a fortress.

German infantry presumably was still in possession of the key hill, above besieged Cassino, where violent battling into its 16th day.

Fighting Heavier

The fighting increased in intensity as American soldiers who already hold one-third of the town, continued the methodical destruction of house to house which the Nazis have converted into fortresses.

The lull in ground fighting in the beachhead continued, the communiqué reporting only patrol clashes in the Cisterna and Carroceto (Aprilia) areas.

Headquarters said Carroceto was in German hands. Fierce fighting has swirled in this neighborhood, with a canning factory there changing hands four times. Allied forces had pushed four miles north of Carroceto to the outskirts of Campoleone, 16 miles below Rome, but German counterattacks forced them back.

Hit Row Rail Yards

While Allied heavy bombers gave direct support to infantry on both the beach and main Fifth Army front, A-96 invaders struck a sharp series of blows at railroad yards in the suburbs of Rome, plastering two freight yards through which German supplies and reinforcements were moving southward. (The Paris radio said the Rome area was attacked again and that Castel Gandolfo was hit Tuesday.)

The Germans launched their first attack in several weeks against the Eighth Army positions, sending infantry and light tanks against Indian troops. The assault, described as on a "small scale" was beaten back.

In the town of Cassino, doughboys were forcing their way through blistering machine-gun fire from steel-reinforced concrete pillboxes in the dwellings. These strongpoints, protected by armor plate three to four inches thick, each are held by two men, aiming machine-guns with periscopes without exposing themselves.

lino said heavy fighting continued around Vitobak, in White Russia; at Narva, Estonia; and southeast of Krivofog, inside the easternmost bend of the Dnieper River.

The German DNE news agency claimed that one Russian group crossed the ice of Lake Peipus and reached the Estonian shore where it was "entirely wiped out." That claim was not confirmed by Moscow which revealed that the right wing of Gen. Govorov's army had moved at least 35 miles southwest from its last reported positions at Polna on Sunday and captured Chudak Zabody. That town is at a point where Lake Peipus enters a narrow channel connecting it with Lake Pskov and is 30 miles southeast of the Estonian rail junction of Tartu. In the same area the Russians also captured Samolva, 41 miles northeast of Pskov.

Bitter Battling

Nineteen miles to the northeast another Soviet force, moving down the Gdov-Pskov railroad which parallels the lake, captured the station of Yumna, 44 miles above Pskov after a fierce battle in which a number of German prisoners were taken. More than 1,000 Germans were killed yesterday on the western side of the front while on the east another 1,000 were slain as Gen. Govorov's left wing captured more than 30 tanks the broadening its line south of Loga to 25 miles.

The closest point to Pskov reached on that sector was Orskan, 88 miles northeast of the German base and 30 miles southwest of Loga on the western end of the 25-mile Soviet line. In the day's greatest gain the Russians advanced nine miles to the Znamensky, in the center of the line 37 miles northwest of Pskov. Advancing along the railroad, they gained 44 miles to the station of Loga, 49 miles northeast of Pskov.

Members of the family of the late Grigg Tyson, one of the most prominent citizens of this section, will have the distinction of being the first to respond to the proposed plan for the 1944 memorialization, and it is noteworthy in that Mr. Tyson knew and loved the history of the State, North Carolina, and the well informed as to the genealogy of the pioneer citizens.



He Laid The Cornerstone For Our Present Democracy

President of the Convention that drafted the Constitution in 1787... and first President of the United States of America under that Constitution... George Washington was both the father of our country, and the founder of that democracy which we still enjoy today.

The First President of the United States established a great nation, founded on firmest principles of liberty and equality. There have been many presidents since him, there will be many more, and on this our first president's anniversary we can do no more than hope for the sustained spirit of his principles of leadership.

D. A. R. Chapter Launches Movement For Memorials

Bronze Plaque and Historical Volume To Memorialize Pioneer and Present Progressive Citizenship

With gifts of additional land and substantial donations already received in connection with recent plans of the Major Benjamin May Chapter, D. A. R., for perpetuating the memory of pioneer families of Eastern North Carolina, and their descendants who are continuing their vision of progress and reputation for prominent citizenship, the Chapter will launch out in full force next week in their objective to further enhance the beauty and historical significance of the Chapter House, the only one in the State.

Since 1926, when the ideal of a cultural and social center of discriminating taste and grace had its inception, it has been the heartfelt desire of the Chapter membership to make it a shrine and sanctuary as well, and to have it stand out in Eastern Carolina as a beautiful and living memorial to its progressive citizenship.

And so, in this spirit, the design of a memorial plaque has been accepted by the Chapter with space for 50 names, which will be cast in bronze and placed in a position to overlook the gallery of the colonial drawing room.

A historical volume, to be compiled, will contain sketches of all the families memorialized in the building, of which there are already a large number.

The recent financial gifts will relieve the Chapter from the present indebtedness on the building and the additional land offered will give ample space for laying off colonial gardens, making appropriate gate entrances and transforming this site into a beauty spot for the State.

These gifts, already pledged, have provided incentive and given assurance of the immediate success of the objective stated at the beginning of this article. Furnishings downstairs will proceed with the drawing room idea in colonial style and the upstairs will be an American banquet room. Objectives include the establishment of a foundation fund for the upkeep of the building.

The Chapter House will be a fitting repository for historical books and documents to be used as a research library, and it is proposed to memorialize the Pitt County Resolves in an appropriate manner. Since its organization, the Chapter has consistently promoted events that have been apocryphal in their nature and have called national attention to the history of Eastern North Carolina.

It has been suggested that the service men of this community, who are engaged in the present conflict have some special place in the memorial plans, and this will doubtless be achieved.

Pacific Forces Grab Another Solomons Base

The Capture Closes A Starve-or-Surrender Trap on 22,000 Japanese Troops To The South

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Feb. 16. —Adm. William F. Halsey's South Pacific Forces in a bold surprise move seized the Green Islands at the northern tip of the Solomons Monday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced, closing a starve-or-surrender trap on 22,000 Japanese troops to the south.

American and New Zealand troops, under cover of air and naval surface strength which included cruisers, landed in an 8 P. M. twilight and met only light machinegun resistance.

"For all strategic military purposes, this completes the campaign for the Solomons Islands," MacArthur said in a communiqué.

The estimated 22,000 Japanese trapped on Choiseul, Shortland, Bourgainville and Buks Islands to the south "are now isolated from their sources of supply at Rabaul (New Britain)," he said.

"Starvation and disease are certain to ensue from the military blockade which renders their position hopeless. With their airfields destroyed and their barge traffic paralyzed, relief of the scattered garrisons is no longer practicable and their ultimate fate is sealed."

The Green Islands, also known as the Nissan Islands, are 40 miles northwest of Buks Island and about 128 miles east of the Japanese base at Rabaul, where the enemy has been taking repeated and heavy Allied aerial poundings.

appear in the local papers relative to historical truths and treasured traditions associated with people and events of this section as the committees in charge of the memorial movement unearth facts and fables in their contact with descendants of the pioneer citizens. In this connection a diary has already been discovered in the possession of a grandson of one of the best known and most beloved personages in this section and may offer an untold wealth of information in the entries.

Chairman and vice chairman of the committees, on which the entire membership of 46 women have been placed, met with the Chapter regent, Mrs. T. C. Turnage, at the home of Mrs. M. V. Jones, Tuesday evening, to make final plans for the memorial movement, which will be launched on Tuesday, February 22nd, and declared ended when the goal of 50 names is reached.

The committees are composed of the following: Mrs. E. Bruce Readey, chairman; Mrs. J. O. Pollard, vice chairman; Mrs. T. C. Turnage, Mrs. A. C. Monk, Mrs. G. E. Moore, Mrs. George Jefferson, Miss Ann Jefferson, Mrs. Bruce Eagles, Mrs. L. S. Morrill, Mrs. J. H. Bynum.

Mrs. M. V. Jones, chairman; Mrs. P. E. Jones, vice chairman; Mrs. Mark E. Dixon, Mrs. Haywood Smith, Mrs. T. Ell Joyner, Mrs. C. R. Townsend, Mrs. C. H. Mazingo.

Mrs. G. Alex. Rouse, chairman; Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson, vice chairman; Mrs. Louise Dixon Harris, Mrs. R. O. Lang, Mrs. C. S. Eagles, Mrs. Herbert E. Hart, Misses Helen, Huldah and Christine Smith.

Mrs. Sam T. White, chairman; Miss Tabitha DeVincenti, vice chairman; Mrs. B. S. Sheppard, Mrs. F. M. Murphy, Mrs. T. E. Hooker, Mrs. J. B. James, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. E. L. Baker, Mrs. Eunice McGee, Mrs. E. H. Robinson.

Mrs. U. H. Cotart, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Whitmore, vice chairman; Mrs. Annie Barrett, Mrs. J. C. Eagles, Mrs. Hugh Sheppard, Mrs. W. C. Holston, Mrs. C. E. Moore, Mrs. L. O. Mosley, Mrs. Patsy May McEwen.

In addition to a realization of its sacred charge to preserve the history of this section and inspired by the splendid gifts of members and friends to undertake this memorial effort, the Chapter has been spurred to further interest and zeal by the recent words of Winston Churchill, a noble man who values the past, envisions the future and is giving the last full measure of his strength in the present to bring a victory that will honor forever the ideals of their forefathers.

"Let all of us remember that we are on the stage of history and that whatever our station may be, whatever part we have to play, great or small, our conduct is liable to be scrutinized not only by history but by our own descendants. Let us rise to the full level of our duty and of our opportunity and let us thank God for the spiritual rewards his has granted for all forms of valiant and faithful service." Address at Rabaul on receiving honorary degree, September 4, 1943.

BOMBERS SMASH BERLIN IN HEAVIEST RAID OF THE WAR

National Headache



DETROIT, MICH.—The idea of March was not going to sneak up on L. M. Hartline, of Detroit, and find him scrambling to get under the income tax deadline wire. So Mr. Hartline takes his headache early and brings his income tax return to W. S. Cookingham, one of the federal deputy tax collectors for the district, to share the headache with him. "We've told that the current tax (for forms) is (for us) the most complicated in the nation's history... and they don't allow you to deduct for the aspirin, either."

FARM LOAN GROUP TO HOLD MEETING

Members of the Washington National Farm Loan Association will hold their annual meeting in the Agricultural Building, Washington, North Carolina, on Saturday, February 19, at 11 o'clock, W. G. Standell, secretary-treasurer, has announced.

At this meeting, a statement of the financial condition of the association for 1943 will be given, together with a report on the year's operations.

D. W. Lupton in president of the Washington National Farm Loan Association, and will preside at the meeting.

A woman is judged by her company, and that company sometimes judges her harshly.

MacArthur Calls For More Bombs To Defeat Japan

Must Defeat Japan's Army By Bringing Our Ground Forces Into Contact With His

Allied Headquarters in Southwest Pacific, Feb. 16. —General Douglas MacArthur said Wednesday that Japan cannot be defeated through blockade and bombing alone.

"We must defeat Japan's army and for that purpose our strategy must devise ways and means to bring our ground forces into contact with his at decisive points," he said in a special statement.

The Southwest Pacific commander made his comment following discussion of recent successes in his sector in which blockade and bombing played such a vital part.

The statement said the General was asked if he thought Japan could be defeated through blockade and bombing alone, and the answer was a decisive "no."

"Both of these are powerful weapons indeed but decisive results in modern war can only be achieved through the combined efforts of all three forces — ground, naval and air," MacArthur declared. "No one or no two of them can obtain victory."

"The strongest military element of Japan is his army which must be defeated before our success is assured. This can only be done by the use of large ground forces. It's useless and misleading to talk of short cuts. They do not exist."

"The teamwork of a unified, well-balanced command used as a unit and not the preponderance of any one element that is essential to victory. We debate ourselves if we plan otherwise. Just as in the case with Germany, we must devise ways and means to bring our ground forces into contact with his at decisive points."

More than 2,800 Tons of Explosives Dropped on Already Destroyed German Capital Tuesday Night; 43 Planes Failed to Return

London, Feb. 16. —The RAF smashed Berlin Tuesday night with the greatest load of bombs ever dropped on a single target—well over 2,800 tons which cascaded down in a smothering 20-minute attack by 890 to 900 heavy bombers.

Forty-five aircraft are missing from the night's operations, which included other forays.

The RAF waited two weeks to deal this crushing blow against the expiring capital of the German Reich. Not since January 30, when Berlin was hit by a force approaching 800 planes had it made a major attack.

It is believed that the armada sent over Germany comprised the greatest number of planes ever to fill the Reich's skies in one night, including 1,000 heavy bombers and more than 300 lighter craft. Berlin received the contents of 800 to 900 big bomb bays.

Billows of flames swept through the city when the assault was finished. Crews of reconnoitering Mosquitoes reported a very large field of fire, with smoke pluming four miles into the air.

Just before Berlin was hit a smaller force of Lancasters made a feint attack on Frankfurt-on-Oder, 50 miles east of Berlin, and Mosquitoes bombed targets in western Germany and Holland. Mines also were laid in enemy waters.

The heaviest previous raid on Berlin was on the night of last January 20 when more than 2,576 tons (2,300 British long tons) were dropped with in an hour. The RAF's heaviest previous raid on a single target was its attack on Hanover, about 2,800 tons (2,500 long tons) last Sept. 23.

A communiqué declared that the bombers "took the offensive against Germany in very great strength, flying in all operations over 1,000 sorties."

Other sectors hit. "The main objective was Berlin, where well over 2,500 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped, a heavier load than in any previous attack on any objective in air warfare."

Lancaster bombers made a feint attack on Frankfurt on the Oder, 50 miles east of Berlin, while Mosquitoes bombed objectives in western Germany and Holland. Other planes laid mines.

OVER THE TOP

Washington, Feb. 15. — Twenty states and Alaska have gone over the top in the \$14,000,000,000 4th War Loan drive which ends officially at midnight today as telephone through Saturday reached \$13,000,000,000.

The 100 per cent-or-better states include North Carolina.

Farmville's quota of \$74,000 had gone over with a grand total of \$267,273.25 as of February 15th.

Women are of different types of figures. Some are only figures of speech.

MISSING IN ACTION

Sgt. Cyrus B. Butts, has been missing in action since Jan. 15, 1944, according to a telegram received from the War Department by his mother, Mrs. Elsie Butts of Wintonburg, on last Friday.

Sgt. Butts, a brother of Joe Butts of Farmville, was living here at the time of his induction in January, 1943. He received his training at Keesler Field, Miss.; Buckley Field, Arizona; Alamogordo, New Mexico, and Tucson, Arizona. He was a gunner on a B-24 bomber.

BASKETBALL HERE TONIGHT

Farmville and Fontana will meet in a double header here tonight (in the high school gym) at 7:30. In two previous games each team has taken a win, and the contest tonight should be close.

Farmville's boys' and girls' teams won two games each last week. Both teams defeated Belmont Friday night. The girls won in the first game 15-12 with Williams leading in the scoring. The boys with their game 40-12. Winton and Belmont led the scoring.

Farmville girls defeated Fountain in the local gym Tuesday night 20-17, while the boys took a win over Belmont at 45-26. Moore and Harper led the girls, while Williams and Rogers led the boys in scoring.