

Albert Nichols, Jap Prisoner, May Have Escaped

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John E. Nichols of Newton received a telephone message from Albert Green of Altamont this week, informing him that his son, Albert Nichols, who has been a Japanese prisoner since March, 1942, may have escaped when a transport bearing American war prisoners was sunk recently near New Guinea, when attacked by American aircraft.

Mr. Green said that his son swam to safety after the vessel was bombed and that a number of other American prisoners escaped with him. They were picked up by American vessels and rescued.

Louis Clay Mahan, son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles N. Mahan of Willow Hill, and Elmer Ervin, a son of Emmitt Ervin of near Falmouth are also Jap prisoners of war.

Gordon Romack Is Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Romack have received a letter from their son, Sergeant Gordon Romack, stating that he was now in a hospital in England. He was recently wounded in Germany, receiving an injured right arm and left eye. He also received the Purple Heart.

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SOY BEANS ARE MOVING RAPIDLY

Soy beans continue to come into market in great quantities and are moving to processors rapidly. Both trucks and railroad cars have been at a premium because of the heavy movement of beans.

Processors have been swamped recently by this heavy movement of beans, which has been beyond their ability to unload, and this has tended to slow up the shipment of beans here.

Yields have been quite high. The best so far reported in Jasper county is thirty-eight bushels an acre, made by a small patch grown by Elza Clark of Northwest Wade township in the Embarras river bottoms. Yields of thirty to thirty-six bushels are common and it is probable that someone will have forty bushels an acre.

The fine weather of the past two weeks has permitted the crop to be harvested with a minimum of difficulty, for combines have been able to cut every day. This, of course, has resulted in the beans piling up in the market much faster than last year.