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## Agriculture Voices Opposition To Any Tobacco Sur-Taxes

### Commissioners of Agriculture Meet at Washington Last Week

Speaking to a meeting of the Association of Southern Commissioners of Agriculture in Washington last week, C. C. Hanson, secretary of the organization, discussed the schedule of super-taxes levied on tobacco in support of the national defense program. It has been argued that tobacco is not trying to shirk its share of the defense cost, but it cries out for justice along with other commodities and industry.

Mr. Hanson's statement, offering enlightening information on the tobacco tax topic, follows: "Many of our tobacco farmers today," Secretary Hanson declared, "are already living on the borderline of poverty." If, instead of raising the tax—the tobacco tax were lowered by 16 2-3 per cent and the farmer got this difference, it would more than double the income of the average tobacco planter and in that way do much to increase the purchasing power of our rural population in the tobacco country.

"How many of our city people realize that a farmer receives less than a penny for all the tobacco in a package of cigarettes, and that the present government tax upon that 1 cent worth of cigarette tobacco is 6 cents right now?" How many know that while the tobacco grower only receives an average of 16 cents a pound for his tobacco, the Federal tax on that single pound of tobacco already amounts to \$1.00 a pound.

"Is it any wonder that our tobacco farmers are distressed?" he asked. "A farmer raises about 1,000 pounds of tobacco per acre. He sells it all for \$159.00 and at the present rate of taxes imposed on cigarettes the government collects approximately \$1,000 on that acre of tobacco. This makes the taxes collected by the government about six times the value of the tobacco and about fifty times the value of the land on which the tobacco was produced."

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## Company to Rebuild Lumber Plant Here

### DRAGGING

The Red Cross movement in the Martin County chapter continues to drag, a late report from the chapter chairman, Harry A. Biggs, showing that a total of only \$140.28 had been contributed in behalf of suffering humanity across the sea.

It has been reported that the local Junior Woman's Club will establish headquarters on the streets of Williamston not to launch a canvass but to present a direct appeal to the citizens. The action of the club in taking charge of the work is commendable, to say the least.

Donations not previously acknowledged:  
Mary Taylor \$ 2.00  
V. O. Godwin 1.00  
Mrs. J. A. Eason 5.00  
Mrs. Susan Taylor 1.00  
Sloan Sunday School 2.00  
Junior Woman's Club 10.00

## Tuberculosis Clinic Will Be Held In The County Next Month

### Dr. G. C. Godwin Scheduled To Make Examinations At Three Centers

Having already made considerable progress, the Martin County Health Department will continue its drive against tuberculosis in this county next month when Dr. G. C. Godwin, tuberculosis specialist with the State Sanatorium, will conduct a series of clinics in three community centers. The clinics are open to the general public, and the health authorities are anxious that the people will take advantage of the facilities.

Announcing the clinics, Dr. J. W. Williams, head of the county health department, said: "At these clinics he hopes to examine every arrested case and every contact of cases of tuberculosis in the county. Thirty-five or forty examinations will be made every day and all persons interested in the disease are invited to take advantage of the opportunity by making appointment dates through the health department. Appointments must be made so that program will run on schedule. The nurses are now busy visiting homes of contacts and cases."

"The tuberculosis death rate for the United States is 52 per 100,000. The rate for Martin County is 76 per 100,000. In other words, 19 persons died from the disease last year and before they died infected more than a hundred.

"The purpose of our clinic is to learn just how much, if any damage, was done to the people who have been in contact with the disease. The clinic is for all persons, white or colored, over 13 years of age.

"Appointments must be made. Examination is free. We are particularly interested in the young men and women. There will not be another such opportunity for two years."

The schedule for the clinics is, as follows:  
Robersonville: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 1, 2 and 3 in the health department at 8:30, 12:00, 1:00 and 4:00 o'clock.  
Oak City: Friday and Monday, July 5 and 8 in the white school building during the same hours announced for the clinics at Robersonville.  
Williamston: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 9, 10, 11 and 12 at the same hours announced for the clinics in Robersonville and Oak City.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways are having more than twice as many wrecks this year as they had last, but by some strange turn of fate they are holding down the figures in the grim death column and cutting the per unit property damage half.

Costly accidents in the corresponding period a year ago added \$1,900 to the damage figure and today the loss in the first 24 weeks of 1939 is greater than it is for the same number of weeks in 1940.

While Martin motorists can boast of their record as it relates to fatal accidents and property losses when compared with the record for 1939, they have much to do in making the highways and streets safer.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

24th Week Comparison  
Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge  
1940 2 3 0 \$ 650  
1939 2 3 0 1900  
Comparison To Date  
1940 46 32 2 \$6030  
1939 21 17 6 6050

Making ready for his wedding the following day, Brooks was to have been returning to Williamston from Raleigh where he was said to have purchased a ring and made financial arrangements for a wedding trip. He was reported to have been carrying \$1,400 in cash in a brief case which could not be found following the wreck. The wedding ring and a suit of clothes were also said to have been missing.

## Work On Project Is Started This Week By Owner Saunders

### Plant, Burned Week Ago, To Be Running Again in About 90 Days

The large sawmill of the Saunders and Cox Lumber Company, destroyed by fire a week ago this afternoon, will be replaced and the new unit made ready for operation in about ninety days, according to information gained from Mr. J. McKimmon Saunders, owner-manager, today. In fact, work on replacing the mill has been started already, the management deciding on a course of action only last Friday.

A replacement, slightly larger and possibly more modern than the unit that went up in smoke in the town's most disastrous fire in more than a dozen years, has been purchased and is being loaded this week for immediate shipment. The burned debris is being removed from the mill site, and it is understood that an order for lumber is being prepared.

Work on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. George Harris to replace the one destroyed in the fire last Tuesday has already been started, and they are planning to have it ready for occupancy within a very few weeks. Plans are nearing completion for the rebuilding of the Texaco service station operated by Mr. Harris just across the street from the lumber mill. Colfax Speller, the colored man who lost his home in the fire, is living with the neighbors and has little assurance that he will be able to rebuild. The man and his wife are out scouting for odds in furniture and a little cash from a liberal people.

According to reports coming from the management, the big lumber mill will be replaced to virtually its original form both as to plans and size. Just how long the rebuilding will require is dependent upon the condition of the old mill foundation. If the heavy concrete blocks are not badly damaged as a result of the fire, the replacement will go forward fairly rapidly. If the old foundations are to be torn away and new ones laid, the task will go into several extra weeks.

"We are anxious to rush the work to completion so that all our men will be able to return to work," Mr. Saunders said yesterday. He is employing about fifty of his force of a few more than a hundred men in the rebuilding work, and it is understood that regular advances are being made to the others.

Steam has been raised in the old boilers, a report stating that they were not damaged by the fire. The large dry kiln will be placed into use for drying lumber to be used in the rebuilding of the mill, and it might be said that the mill was not out of operation entirely for more than a few days.

## Employment Unit Delivers Checks

The Williamston Employment Service office, serving the area embraced in Beaufort, Tyde, Tyrrell, Washington and Martin Counties, has delivered 27,876 checks for \$161,616.32 to unemployed or partially unemployed workers in that area in the two years and five months of benefit payments through May, figures compiled in the central office of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission show.

The 46 white offices, with 10 colored branches in as many cities with large colored populations, distributed 2,186,856 checks for \$14,154,197.59 in the same 29 months, in addition to 22,994 checks for \$258,260.82 sent from the Central UCC office to residents outside the State who had previously accumulated reserves by work in the State. April distributions were \$2,995 checks for \$417,426.27, as compared with May distributions of 87,688 checks for \$438,712.05, both sets of figures including out-of-state checks. The April out-of-state checks numbered 1,584 for \$18,630.39 and the May out-of-state checks reached 1,364 for \$12,396.50.

The Williamston Employment office in the month of April delivered 1,213 checks for \$7,173.00, as compared with the May distribution of 948 checks for \$5,469; it is reported by C. W. Bazemore, office manager.

The ten colored branch offices serve colored claimants in their immediate area only, the 46 white offices serving white claimants in the immediate area, in addition to both white and colored claimants at about 125 "service" points and now about 175 "spot" points, through itinerant service to these points. The "service" points are regular weekly points of call of a representative from the local office for registering unemployed workers, taking claims and delivering checks. The "spot" points are temporary points of call, to mills or plants in the rural areas, or in suburban areas, where it is more convenient for representatives of the employment office to visit the

## Superior Court Is Nearing Close Of Brief Term Today

### Lewd Cases in Numbers Sicken Trial Jurymen

With only one criminal case to be cleared from the docket and with a virtual agreement that most of the civil docket will be "skipped" for the time being, the regular one-week mixed term of the Martin County Superior Court is drawing to a rapid close, reports coming from the old hall of justice at noon today indicated.

Although there were few cases on the docket, the nature of those cases was of such a lewd and base nature, that jurymen declared they were really sickening. The cases were of such a common nature that anything smacking of sensationalism was wiped out, and the testimony was ruled as disgusting. Not only did the cases prove that innocent minors had fallen victims of a wild life, but it was established in open court that the father of a minor daughter had violated the laws of common decency.

"If this country doesn't fall victim to Hitler, it will have to change its ways to prevent falling victim to indecency and corruption," an observer was quoted as saying.

Proceedings in the court: Charged with abusing a female and bastardy, James Roberson was sentenced to the roads for a term of twelve months, the court suspending judgment upon condition that he pay \$8 a month until further notice to Ernestine Knight, the prosecuting witness. The defendant is to pay the case costs.

No true bill was found in the case charging W. C. Bedwell with hit-and-run driving. He was charged with striking a cart in which Mrs. Jane Perry was riding several weeks ago near Williamston. The aged woman, apparently recovered from injuries received in the accident, was present for the case.

Roosevelt Fagan, charged with forgery, was sentenced to the roads for a term of four months.

No true bill was found in the case charging Tobe Rogers with bastardy. It was reported that the colored mother appeared in court with a baby leaning well toward the white side.

Curtis Mobley, colored man charged with breaking and entering, pleaded guilty of forcible trespass and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. Judge Q. K. Nimocks, presiding, suspended the judgment for a period of three years upon the pledged good behavior of the defendant.

Guy Rollins, charged with secret assault with intent to kill, pleaded guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Donnell Gilliam, and the defendant was sentenced to the roads for a term of twelve months. John Robert Lawrence, the victim of the attack, did not appear in court to prosecute the case.

Charged with incest, Rex Whitehead was sentenced to the State's Prison for a term of five years. The case charging Worth Mobley with an assault was nolleprossed.

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## Dillon Padgett Dies In County

Dillon Padgett, retired country merchant and a citizen of Jamesville Township, died in the Martin County home near Williamston, last Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Tuberculosis was given as the cause of his death.

Padgett, handicapped by physical disabilities, tried to carry on despite ill health, but last April he was forced to give up his duties and enter the county home for treatment, the end coming gradually. He was almost 46 years old.

He was devoted to his family and shared liberally of his little means with his brother, Willie, who had his bladder shot out and who died several months ago after remaining helpless for many months.

His widow, the former Miss Sallie Hardison, survives with five children, Molly, Emma, Sarah, Sallie and Elsie, the youngest being only one year old. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Vera Williams, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Calcia Starks, of Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the home near Jamesville, by Daniel Hardison. Interment was in the family cemetery, near the home.

## Christian Endeavor To Hold Convention

The Martin County Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in the Macedonia church on Saturday of this week at 10:30 o'clock, it was announced this week.

## German Hordes Continue Their March of Slaughter As Hitler And Mussolini Talk Peace Plan

### Jurymen Urged To Make Closer Check On Law Violations

#### Judge Q. K. Nimocks Outlines Grand Jury Duties in Brief Charge

Speaking to the Martin County Grand Jury in session here yesterday, Judge Q. K. Nimocks again urged the jurymen to make a closer check on alleged law violations and present any charges to the solicitor. Finding a small docket awaiting the attention of the court, the Fayetteville jurist made only a brief charge in outlining the duties of the jury and ordering an inspection of all accounts held by administrators, executors and guardians. No inspection of public properties was ordered, the jurist explaining that a thorough job had been handled by the March jury and that it was hardly necessary to go over the work at this time.

Following a brief outline of the jury duties, Judge Nimocks urged the jurymen to report any law violations known to them to the court. "It is your solemn and sworn duty to make presentment of any and all violations of the criminal laws coming to your knowledge," the jurist declared. Continuing, he said, "Coming from all parts of the county as you do, it is highly probable that you know about some conditions that should be remedied, but you fail to act because of fear. There is also a tendency to hesitate to cite any apparent violation because there is a general opinion that officers are paid to enforce the laws, that it is none of your business." Judge Nimocks made it quite plain that it was the duty of the jurymen to report any and all crimes coming to their knowledge, that there is no need for fear since the jurymen are sworn to secrecy. "I do not have to tell you what a member of your body has done if he mentions anything outside of the grand jury room in violation of his oath," the jurist said, intimating that he was subject to prosecution in the courts.

"There has been much money squandered and unwisely spent because of improper safeguards against such practices," Judge Nimocks said in ordering the jurymen to make a complete investigation of all guardians, administrators and executors' accounts.

"I understand the law is being adhered to in Martin County, but I direct you men to make sure," the jurist said in ordering the jurymen to see that no minors were being held in the common jail with seasoned criminals.

In the list of grand jury duties outlined by Judge Nimocks, he mentioned the handling of bills of indictment, how twelve of the body of eighteen men must pass on a bill and that every witness must be examined before a bill could be turned in as a true one.

Concluding his thirty-minute charge, Judge Nimocks urged the jurymen to diligently enter upon their work and investigate all matters called to their attention.

Mr. Joshua L. Coltrain, of Williams Township, was named foreman of the body. The names of other members are: W. O. Peel, R. S. Pruce, Jr., Julian Fagan, Kader Lilley, P. M. Matthews, S. W. Marshall, S. A. Perry, Hugh Daniel, Harvey Medford, Frank Carstaphen, Ollie Keel, George A. Oglesby, J. D. Rawls, Russell Turner, L. W. James, Joseph G. Corey and W. Berkeley Rogers.

For the first time in many courts no one asked to be relieved of jury duty.

## Two Are Hurt In Car Wreck Sunday

Harry Stubbs, Jr., was badly cut on his left arm and suffered a slight head injury and Miss Mary Katherine Spruill was bruised on her forehead when their car went out of control and turned over twice on "dead man's curve" near Collier Swamp between Everetts and Robersonville about 10:30 o'clock Sunday night.

Miss Spruill, driver of the Oldsmobile, was said to have lost control of the machine when it ran off the hard surface onto the wet shoulder.

The accident victims were carried to their home in Windsor where their injuries were treated.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$350.

## Drought Broken In County By Showers Early Today

Intermittent showers falling generally over the county early this morning and again in the early afternoon have given what farmers call a "good season" for crops. "It's too wet to plow out home, but we could stand a little more rain," Farmer Joshua Coltrain said today.

### LIBRARY HOURS

During the summer months the library hours will be from 9-12 in the morning and 7-8 at night. All patrons are requested to notice this change of schedule.

### Graham Advocates Immediate Aid To Victims Of Hitler

#### University Man Sees Urgent Need For Extending Aid To The Allies

#### By DR. FRANK P. GRAHAM President, Uni. of North Carolina

We favor immediate material aid to the Allies with equipment and supplies because the democracies, with all their own injustices, frustrations and failures give the world's people, including the German people, more hope of the opportunity to struggle for peace, freedom, democracy and humane religion as the basis of them all. The dictators expressly despise democracy, magnify the philosophy of force, and glorify war as an instrument of totalitarian power. Although we realize that the case for the dictators is not all black and that the case for the democracies is not all white, yet, in these times, when freedom and democracy are renounced or crushed in more than half the world, we vigorously join the President of the United States in voicing the sympathies of America with the Allied peoples struggling to save the freedom to struggle for freedom.

The dictators have made clear to all the world the primary essentials of freedom by striking down those institutions and ideas which stood across the way of their ruthless march to totalitarian power. Mark up as our democratic necessities which the dictators struck down; the decent freedom of the church, legislative assembly, labor union, business enterprise, press, radio, school and university.

Let us resolutely go ahead in our present emergency with plans for adequate national defense, not only as protection against potential enemies without but also as protection against alarms, fears and sometimes hysteria within. National hysteria can cause us to tear down the very freedom and democracy which are now the chief justification of more adequate defenses of America in a disorganized world of lawless force and ruthless dictators. One of our main jobs is to be the stronghold of freedom and democracy as the basis for the reconstruction of a stricken world. America must hold the line for democracy in America and send the equipment and supplies immediately most needed by Great Britain and France, holding the line for democracy in Europe, faithful with the hopes of the peoples of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium.

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### And The Barber Kept On Shaving The Court Judge

"Will you give me a quick shave" a middle-aged man asked Barber Bob Taylor in Pete Hall's barber shop yesterday morning, the customer explaining he had to be in court at 10 o'clock.

Always anxious to relieve one's anxiety, Barber Taylor not knowing his customer, assured him it would be perfectly all right if he did not get there right on the dot and went on to explain, "the judge is always late getting here Monday morning."

"But I happen to be that judge," His Honor Q. K. Nimocks explained and the barber kept on shaving but with a quickened pace. Barber Phelps stated that Taylor slug rather like unto a brick mason slinging mortar.

It was apparent that Barber Taylor had talked too much, that he had become excited and when the judge handed him a \$5 bill he forgot to offer him but 80 cents in change.

But the barber was right when he said the judge is always late on Monday morning for at the time the shave was started the Western Union clock recorded the time at 10:10.

### Defeat Of France Shifts Attention To British Shores

#### Disposition Of French Navy Uncertain In Face Of Hitler Peace Acceptance

Experiencing another costly blow in the surrender of France on Sunday at the hands of a barbarian of the first water and a traitor that would make Benedict Arnold appear eligible for the role of a saint, the Allied Cause today grimly awaits the pleasure of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini in drawing up peace terms for the prostrate French people.

"It is necessary to try to end the fighting," Marshal Henri Petain, the 84-year-old hero of the Battle of Verdun in the World War, told the French people in a broadcast soon after he succeeded Premier Reynaud, resigned. "I made contact with the adversary asking him as soldier-to-soldier to seek with me the means to stop the fight," the saddened 84-year-old man told his people yesterday.

But today late reports stated that the German barbarian hordes continued their march of slaughter and destruction deep into the south of France, leaving the German swastika flying over Paris, Versailles and the Eiffel Tower. France's half billion dollar hope of security, is gone and the rich industrial centers of France are in the hands of the invaders.

Still later bulletins, based on rumors and without official confirmation, state that Hitler's peace terms were so strong that the first answer offered by the French was a continuation of the fight, that French leaders and French people preferred to continue the fight until death rather than submit to terms of bondage proposed by Hitler, the world's scoundrel and enemy to mankind.

With France all but prostrate at the feet of the Teutonic barbarians, interest shifted to the shores surrounding the tiny British Isles. Hitler says he will bring English people to their knees within six weeks after starting his attack in that section. Prime Minister Churchill in an address this morning stated that England would continue the fight even though France has been forced from her side as an ally.

The momentous question before the Allied Cause and the world today centers around the French navy. Will Hitler get it? Will the French seamen revolt and join the British sea forces? Will England capture it and maintain a small hope for victory by keeping the fleet out of German hands? They are the questions that are being asked. It is apparent that Hitler is demanding

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### Church Attendance Picture Here Not At All Complimentary

#### Williamston Manifests Little Interest In Support of Its Churches

#### By REV. S. J. STARNES Pastor, Methodist Church

With world conditions as they are today Christian people should redouble their efforts and reconsecrate their lives to exalt God and to make Christian principles basic in all life. Williamston still has no ground for boasting when it comes to the interest it manifests in its churches. No finer citizenship can be found anywhere when it comes to the ordinary matters of friendship and congeniality; but there seems to be a distressing lack of interest in the religious life of the community as expressed in church attendance.

It is said that Nero fiddled while Rome burned. In a community of 4,000 people, 386 were found in all six of the churches last Sunday morning, 104 in the evening services, 18 in young people's meetings, and 463 in all the Sunday schools. Many of these were people who attend both church services as well as Sunday school, so the percentage is miserably low for such a fine community. There are many very loyal people, but so many others who are irregular, and some others who never go to church, until the picture is not complimentary.

The figures for the various churches are as follows:

	S.S.	Y.P.	Church A.M.	P.M.
Baptist	123		57	
Christian	106		80	
Episcopalian	18		47	
Holiness	125		100	65
Methodist	69	18	49	39
Presbyterian	22		23	
Totals	463	18	386	104