THE ENTERPRISE The Label On Your Advertisers Will Find Our Col-Paper, As It Carries The Date umns A Latchkey To Over 1,600 Your Subscription Expires. Homes Of Martin County **VOLUME XLIII—NUMBER 74** Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, September 13, 1940. **ESTABLISHED 1899** Flake Shaw Addresses Traffic Is Moving **Thirteen Cases Are Local Tobacco Market Blocks Over Roanoke Fill** Placed on Criminal Docket For Trial Farm Bureau Meeting **Today As Price Trend Moves** Here On Schedule

Judge J. J. Burney Will Pre-side Over Two Weeks' **Mixed Term**

The regular two weeks' term of Martin County Superior Court will convene here next Monday with Judge J. J. Burney, of Wilmington, on the bench for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. An unoffi-cial appraisal of the criminal docket shows there are no unusually im-portant cases scheduled for trial but it is apparent that several of them border on the sensational side and are expected to attract large crowds during the first few days of the court.

Monday and Tuesday have been set aside for the trial of criminal cases, the court to start work on a large civil calendar the following day, provided the schedule is maintained.

Unusual as it may appear, very little attention is likely to be cen-tered on the two murder cases on the docket. Raymond Powell is in jail awaiting trial for the alleged murder of Willie Mitchell in Oak City on August 24. Sam Powell, who is implicated in the attack that cost the colored man his life, has not been apprehended. Harvey Short, young Parmele colored boy, is charged with killing his young play-mate. Thomas Little, there on June 23. The youths were playing wild west games and the killing was apparently without malice.

At a hearing held before Justice Rawls in Oak City Tuesday evening, Powell pleaded not guilty. Probable cause was found in the case, and he was ordered held without the privilege of bond.

Charged with breaking into the home of Ike Mizelle in Bear Grass Township on September 1 and steal-ing a shotgun valued at \$45, Grover Taylor, young white man, was ar-rested and placed in jail yesterday. His case will be scheduled for trial next more back next week.

The case charging Edgar Harrell with an assault with a deadly wea-pon with intent to kill G. H. Manning is expected to attract right much attention. Manning, in a critical condition for several weeks following the attack in Harrell's filling station in Oak City on March 7th, is appar ently getting along very well. Only a formal preliminary hearing has been held in the case, and no offi-cial evidence has been offered. The defendant is at liberty under a \$500 bond.

Densil Simpson, young white man is charged with assaulting and at-tempting to rape Myrtle Brabble on June 29 near Williamston. The defendant, bound over for trial by a justice of the peace court, is at lib-erty under a \$300 bond.

The old case charging Gus Forrest with non-support comes over from previous terms for the atten-tion of the court next week.

Appealing from a judgment in the county court, James Gilmore, charged with violating the liquor laws, continues in jail. Charged with larceny and re-ceiving, Henry Coffield is to face

trial next week after appealing from a judgment handed down in the county court several weeks ago. Hilliary Ward Spruill, appealing to the court the sum of \$50 a month

from a lower court judgment, faces trial for alleged drunken driving.



Judge J. J. Burney, of Wilmington, will hold his first term of Martin County Superior Court will hold his first term here next week. Recently elect-ed, he is one of the younger jur-ists on the State bench.

Long Session Of **Recorder's Court** Held Last Monday

Seventeen Cases On Docket For Trial Before Judge H. O. Peele

Idle since the 26th of August, the Idle since the 26th of August, the Martin County Recorder's Court ed goods. Today, industry has forgfound a fairly crowded docket upon ed ahead by having laws enacted that caused the value of the farmer's resuming its activities last Monday, and Judge Peel and Solicitor Johndollar to drop to 56 cents. Labor has organized, and I am glad the son worked well into the dinner hour workers have formed their organiperiod meting out justice. Sevenzations, and through their cooperateen cases were on the docket, quite a few of the cases having accumutive efforts they are now in a posi-tion to protect their rights. Only related since the opening of the mar cently industry had to be assured certain profits before taking action. kets a little over a week ago.

While the court continued several cases, one of them allegedly for the third or fourth time, it did impose at least one long road term and called for one or two substantial

Proceedings of the court: The case charging David Page with issuing a worthless check, was

tributed to the nation, and much has been contributed, it is getting less ontinued. Charged with larceny and receivthan industry and labor. Until recently nothing was ever done. ing, Orlander Rogers pleaded guilagriculture. Certain measures, de-signed to help agriculture, were proty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months. The senposed, but those measures were tence is to begin at the direction of the court at anytime within the vetoed by Republican presidents.

"Back in 1920, the American Farm Bureau started work for an agriculnext two years. A continuince was granted in the case charging Hobart Ralph Hunt with operating a motor vehicle after his driver's license had been re-(Continued on page four) voked.

The case charging Julian Fagan with trespass and larceny was nol prossed. V. Leonard Moore, the white man

who was returned to this county from Moultrie, Ga., to answer to a

ths fo ext twelv the benefit of his wife and five children. A bond in the sum of \$1,500 was demanded as a guarantee for the performance of the duties imposed growing need for physical education in relation to health. He suggested by the judgment. The case charging Silas Askew with an assault with a deadly weapcertain changes in the daily sched-ules in the schools that the health on, was nol prossed. of the individual pupil and the pu-Joe Lanier Godard, Sr., charged with operating an automobile after his operator's license had been repils as a group might be bettered. Advising the school heads to steer away from contests and stop "star voked, was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs. Godard pleaded guilty to building," Mr. Spencer recommended formal exercises and directed the charge.

Important Meeting Highway Authorities Planning To Let Contract In **Of County Group To Early October**

> Closed early in the morning of August 20, the Roanoke River fill vas reopened to limited traffic las Wednesday following the hasty re pairs to the route that was greatly

tion Cites Need for Strong damaged by the recent flood waters Traffic, limited to vehicles of sever tons or less, is moving over the route R. Flake Shaw, new secretary of

Farm Group

farm organization.

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without much delay or interruption and it is certain that a normal sched the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and Guilford County ule can be maintained for local and some through traffic of limited tonommissioner, made a stirring ap-beal to members of the Martin nage

County bureau unit here last Wed-nesday evening, urging them to ral-Special maintenance forces have been assigned to the project, and ly in the support of the organization and help push agriculture to the front. Mr. Shaw's address, deliver-ed straight from the shoulder, was they are expected to keep the route open under most all conditions. Maintenance Superintendent Dewey Hayman was greatly worried when centered around the problems fac-ing agriculture and the work that heavy rains started falling last Tues day night, a few hours before the could be handled through a strong scheduled reopening of the route. The

schedule was maintained however, "Agriculture has made a lot of and despite the unfavorable weather traffic started moving over the progress in the last six years, but there is much yet to be done," Mr. route. A shallow sand surface was placed on the clay, and today traf-Shaw stated. One of the greatest needs, according to the speaker, is fic can move rapidly over the "patch ed" highway. a strong farm organization. The new bureau secretary stated that he was

Bus schedules are being maintain in conference with agricultural leaders in the office of the governor ed over the route today for the first time. However, a few of the light busses started using the road Wedrecently and they were agreed that one of the greatest needs of agriculnesday. Tobacco farmers are travelture was a strong farm organizaing the road in large numbers, and

local traffic is being maintained just as if the road had never been dam-Continuing, Mr. Shaw said, "We are facing a new economic world. aged. Some through traffic is also The rapidly diminishing farm marusing the road, but highway authorket, brought about by events be-yond our control, is giving farm leaders great concern. A quarter of a century ago, farm produce was ities are directing that type of trav-el around by Plymouth and Scotland Neck.

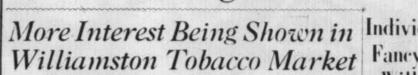
Quite a few of the many who have traveled the fill since the road was opened, point out that the highway forces under the direction of Maintenance Superintendent Dewey Hay man did an excellent job in restor ing traffic in such a short time. The repair work is just about end

ed. The mechanical shovel was mov-ed this morning, and most of the trucks have been returned to their respective districts. A few trucks

The United States Chamber of Com-merce, mouthpiece for business, is will likely be used in keeping the temporary repairs in shape. said to spend 175 million dollars annually for lobbying and they have likely be let in early October. Defi-nite plans for improving the route at 4:12 this afternoon. Buckingham had laws advantageous to their in still unknown here, but unoffi-"Despite what agriculture has con cial reports state that the commission is planning to widen the fill by about sixteen feet and to raise the road from three to four feet or up to for a level even with the concrete bridges across the river and Conine Creek At least two and possibly four concrete bridges will be placed in the road.

ture bill that will give the farmer parity for his crops. And we shall not stop until we have reached that

A program leading to instruction in industrial arts and woodworking German hordes is momentarily ex-

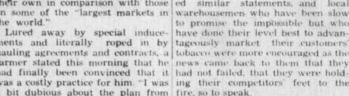


A marked increase in interest in received more here than I did there the Williamston Tobacco Market was and the service, advantages and gen reported this week when farmers completed a first-hand inspection of the larger markets and then center-markets during the past two seaed their attention here to learn that prices here were more than holding Scores of other farmers volunteer

on some of the "largest markets in the world."

nents and literally roped in by tageously market their customers auling agreements and contracts, a farmer stated this morning that he news came back to them that they had finally been convinced that it had not failed, that they were hold-

had finally been convinced that it had not failed, that they were hold-was a costly practice for him. "I was a bit dubious about the plan from fire, so to speak. The beginning, and now I know it has not paid me," the farmer declar-ed. Explaining the situation the far-mer added. "I split one load equal-be sold estimated by Williement end to failed, that they were hold-ing their competitors' feet to the fill is turn-ing considerable quantities of to-bacco into local warehouses, and the market is now progressing rapidly ly, and sold on the Williamston mar-ket and on one of the larger ones. I anywhere.



To New High Peak of Season



ed to the chapel within the huge building. Great destruction result **Tuesday Afternoon** ed during the five-hour raid on the city, and dock fires were reported along the Thames. Many German planes were shot down, and quite a **Funeral Held Near Here Last** Wednesday Afternoon for few German pilots crashed to the earth. No estimate of the plane loss Robert C. Bailey, highly respect-

was immediately available.

England's new method of counter-atack, used effectively earlier in the Additional Courses which darted in and out of the his failing health. Mr. Bailey con-tiouds.

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Individuals Report Fancy Averages On Williamston Mart

Growers Turn To Local Market After Making Careful Comparisons

Boosted by several factors, includng cooler weather, the reopening of he Roanoke River fill and a keener ompetition among huyers, the Wil-camston Tobacco Market this week started elimbing to a new high price and poundage record for the season. Yesterday, the sales were possibly the most encouraging and cer-tainly the most satisfactory of the

season. Individual- averages ranged up to above 31 cents a bound. and sales in all brackets were highly pleasing to the growers. Despite the highly heavy offerings of tips and other in ferior grades, the entire sale of 174. 480 pounds averaged in excess of 17. cents. Farmers, who had been omparing prices on this and other markets, were convinced that their best bet was to sell in Williamston where a price advantage was quite evident and where marketing could be advanced at a minimum cost

The good tidings this week pushed the tobacco marketing business into high gear and today a consider-able quantity will have to be held over until Monday for sale. Unload-ing work was badly congested early this morning, and at times the streets were almost blocked Deliveries were still pouring in just before the noon hour, and the offerings today will possibly run close to or even ex-ceed those on the floors on opening

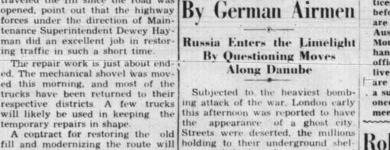
day, a week ago last Tuesday. The price trend, according to able judges of tobacco, was considerably stronger on most of the grades ranging from 6 to 20 cents yesterday, and the market was reported to be hold-

In market was reported to be not ing its own today, as a whole. Considerable quantities of ups and inferior grades are being offered for sale today, but even for the common and nondescript grades the buyers were bidding strong and seldom a price under 6 and 8 cents was seen. Those farmers offering good qual-

ity lugs were more than pleased. "I expected an average of about 25 cents, and received more than 30," Farmer Gaston James said following is sale at 11 o'clock this morning Averages ranging above 31 cents have been reported by individuals

in quite a few cases. The market outlook, according to tobacconists, is more encouraging than it was during the first few days ed county citizen, died in a Washington hospital early last Tuesday afof the season. Once in a while a far-mer rejects a sale, but those cases are mighty limited in number.

Most growers realize the quality of their crops is not up to normal, and considering that factor they Williamston until a few weeks ago when he was forced to his bed by ill-state that tobacco is selling for a fair



Ralph Duggar appealed his case in the lower courts and is slated for trial for alleged violation of the li quor laws.

Abe Purrington, charged with bastardy, awaits trial under a \$100

Murial Rascoe, young Negro boy, faces a charge of larceny and receiving, forgery and obtaining goods under false pretense. The boy is alleged to have stolen a \$16 pension check belonging to Mrs. Sallie Jackson Coltrain on August 3rd from Mrs. Juanita Coltrain, daughter-inlaw of Mrs. Coltrain.

Charged with entering a Robersonville filling station on August 11 and stealing \$75, Joe Rogers is in the county jail awaiting trial. Alleged to have broken into the

coop and stealing a blue rooster and a black hen from Fannie Perkins in Hamilton Township, Joe Smallwood is booked for trial next week on a breaking and entering and larceny and receiving charge. He is at lib-erty under a \$100 bond.

Mill To Resume **Operations Soon**

Idle since the destructive fire that swept the lower end of Williamston's Main Street last June 11, the large lumber plant of Saunders and Cox is scheduled to resume operations within the next week or ten days, according to Mr. J. McKimmon Saunders, owner-operator. A new plant has been constructed

on the same set, and millwrights are rapidly completing their work. "We gram, hope to test the plant the latter part of next week," Mr. Saunders said power

group play. "It is the task of the schools to make healthy and social The case charging William Arthur Stokes with non-support was beings," he declared. Marion Justice, head of the denol prossed.

Arthur Roberson, Jamesville truck (Continued on page four)

relationship between the teacher and **Draft Bill Likely** the pupil.

The passage of the military draft bill is expected in Congress this week-end as the nation bends its efforts in the promotion of the greatest peace-time defense program in history. Senate and House differ-

The order mobilizing the Nation-al Guard is taking several young Martin County men to camp within the next few days. William Fowden ences have been virtually ironed out, and the isolationist block has admitted that little or nothing can pre-vent the enactment of the bill into

law by tomorrow. The bill calls for the registration Clark, L. T. Fowden, Jr., both of Williamston, and Lue Mallory, of of all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive. Under the Company C of the 113th Field Artilprovisions of the proposed law, the President is empowered to comlery in Washington next Monday. Following an organization period of mander industrial plants when the about a week or ten days, the com-need is considered imperative in pany will move to Camp Jackson. the furtherance of the defense pro-Columbia, S. C., for a year's train-Registration of the nation's man-

These three men, joining the National Guard this week, are the first power between the designated ages

While the new plant has been im-proved and slightly enlarged, its production capacity remains about the same as it was before the first mill was burned, according to Mr. Saunders. is slated to get underway about the middle of next month. Pending the enactment of the law and the subsequent call to service, out a number of young men are entering the army, navy and nation-al guard. Martin natives to be called into serv-ice under the nation's greatest peace-time defense program. A large num-ber of Martin County boys, possi-ious branches of the service during recent months.

here this week, Charles Spencer, struction of a shop building. Eighhead of health and physical educa- teen boys are enrolled in the morntion for the State Department of ing class for three continuous hours French coast, but there is no new of study and building practice, and indication that actual invasion has

it is planned that shop construction will be a project for this group. Beginning next week two classes of eighth and ninth grade boys will Essen and Hanover. Chemically-be given instruction in mechanical treated cards have been dropped on drawing preparatory to actual shop Germany, causing numerous fires instruction and practice. It is ex- throughout the land A report that pected that the mechanical drawing will continue for several weeks. The

morning class of older boys and the eighth and ninth grade groups wil make up the enrollment of Mr. Mc-Guire's classes for the 1940-41 term, laying the foundation for a practipartment's guidence program, urged the principals to work for a closer cal program which in the years to come should be an important part of

the local school curriculum

One of the most extensive and complete dollar-day trade events ever advanced in this immediate section is being announced for the last three days of next week by Williamston merchants. Pledged a cooperation approxi-mating 100 per cent, the dollar days — Thursday, Friday and Saturday—are expected to at-tract a record patronage from

First reports from the coop-erating merchanis state that unerating merchants state that un-usual bargains will be made available during the special shopping period, and that season-able merchandise just in from the manufacturers will be in-cluded in the special bargain items. items.

Watch the next edition of this paper for complete an-nouncements and the long list of bargains.

reported in the Channel along the been started.

England is fighting back with England is fighting back with heavy attacks reported on Bremen, Bailey, Mrs. Herman Biggs and Mrs. John Beach, all of this county. He also leaves one brother, J. Thomas Bailey, a half-sister, Mrs. Mary Bailey Colias, of Raleigh, and a the British had dropped potato bugs brother, M. C. Bailey, of Tarboro. on Germany's Irish potato crop has

Mr. Bailey was a member of the church at Cross Roads for more een denied in London. Russia has again entered the limethan a quarter of a century. Durlight. This time she is questioning the Axis move along the Danube, and ing the past 23 years he had made his home in the Brown Springs comwarnings have been given Rumania munity, and spent his entire life in against trouble along her border. this county excepting two years he In this country trouble appeared lived in Pitt. He was a hard-workin New Jersey where a large pow-der plant blew up and killed at least ing farmer and a good neighbor. He was held in high esteem by all who as persons and injured many oth-ers. The possibility of sabotage is his fellowman.

Piephoff, Presbyterian minister. In-terment was in the Coburn Ceme-tery in Robersonville Township be-**Organization Here** tween Cross Roads and Roberson-

Native Of County

Respected Citizen

Holding a county-wide meeting here a few days ago, the white teachers in the ten district schools perfected the Martin County unit of the North Carolina Educational Association. Mrs. Effie Holliday, teach er in the Jamesville Schools,

Teachers Perfect

being investigated.

Luther Hugh Hardison, Jamesville elected to head the organization unit as president. Other officers are, Pronative and son of Mr. and Mrs. Luor Marvin Everett, of Roberson ther Hardison, was critically injurtreasurer. tessor Marvin Everett, of Roberson-ville, vice president; Miss Reba Mc-ed yesterday afternoon when he was run down by a truck on a high-treasurer. treasurer. treasur treasurer. Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, field sec-

retary of the North Carolina Educa-tional Association, made an interestng talk on the organization of the boro hospital.

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Louise Roberson Bailey, he was ways were crowded with trucks and large quantities of leaf were still in eighth of next month. In December, the street

Including today's offerings, the 1902, he was married to Miss Ad-die Coburn who survives with four local market has sold approximate-ly one and one-half million pounds for more than \$208,000 or an approximate average of \$17.70.

> Large Attendance half-Upon Negro School

> > While the attendance upon the everal white schools is believed to have reached a peak, the number of olored children attending school in this county is apparently increasing. A comparison of opening-day figures this year with those of a year ago is not available, but it is

apparent that the number of color-Funeral services were conducted ed children in the schools is stead-Wednesday afternoon at the late ily increasing with no peak record home at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Z. T. in sight.

A delayed count of the opening day enrollment figures shows that 3.058 children entered the 23 colored schools last week. The enrollment held back by farm activities, will gradually increase until nearly 3,-700 children are in school.

An interruption in the schedule for some of the colored schools in Is Critically Hurt the upper part of the county is considered likely next month when one of the largest cotton crops in years

will be needing picking. A record of enrollment figures in the 23 colored schools follows possible internal injuries, the 23-year old man was said to be in a crit-ical condition by attaches in a Golds-Salsbury, 85; White Cak Springs, 64; Whichard-James, 89; Woolard,

