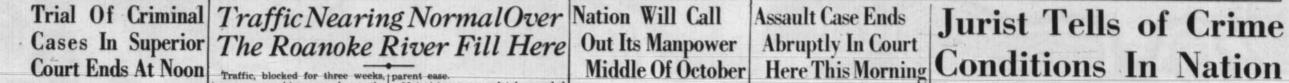
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#### First of Civil Cases Will Be **Called By Judge Burney** Here Tomorrow

The trial of criminal cases in the Martin County Superior Court was ended here at noon today, the work of the court having been advanced when the defendant in the Manning assault case pleaded guil-ty and when the Ellis assault case was continued. There was some doubt if the criminal docket could have been completed today had the 'rial of those cases been handled as first planned first planned.

Tomorrow, the court will call the first of a large number of civil cases according to a schedule previously arranged by the county bar. Proceedings in the court:

A continuance was granted the defense attorney in the case charg-ing H. W. Spruill with drunken driving. "The case will be the first one called in December and I'll be here," Judge Burney was quoted as say-ing to the defense attorney.

James Gilmore, Jamesville colored man who was convicted in the county court for alleged violation of the liquor laws, apparently made a costly move when he appealed to the higher court. Sentenced to the roads for a period of six months by Judge H. O. Peel in the county court, Gilmore had three months added to the term by Judge Bur-ney in the superior court Monday. The man, unable to raise bond, has

been in jail awaiting trial. The case charging William Hen-ry Coffield with larceny and re-ceiving was nol prossed with leave. Papers were issued for the im-mediate arrest of Ralph Dugger when he failed to appear in court and answer in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

No true bill was found by the grand jury in the case charging Densil Simpson with an attempt to

Densil Simpson with an attempt to commit rape. Entering a plea of nolo contendere Abe Purrington was adjudged guil-ty in the case charging him with bastardy. He was ordered to pay \$1 a week for the support of the child.

Muriel Rascoe, the colored youth who allegedly stole a pocket book and an old-age pension check from Mrs. Jaunita Coltrain in the old Mrs. Jaunita Coltrain in the old hall of justice itself, pleaded guil-ty of larceny of property valued at less than \$20. Taking the check belonging to Mrs. Coltrain's mother-in-law, Rascoe forged an endorse-ment and obtained goods under false pretense. Judge Burney sen-tenced him to the roads for a term of two years. The sentence will be staid for three years, upon the conof two years. The sentence will be staid for three years, upon the con-dition that the youth pay the cost of the case and refund the \$16. Ras-coe is not to be seen on any city or town streets after 7.30 p. m. and not before 6:30 a. m. and is not to take a drink of liquor or intoxicat-ing beverages during that time. Joe Rogers was sentenced to the roads for a term of 18 months in the case charging him with break-

roads for a term of 18 months in the case charging him with break-ing into and robbing a filling sta-tion in Robersonville. Joe Smallwood, charged with breaking into a chicken coop and stealing a blue rooster and a black

to anow approaching normal over the toanoke River fill at this point, ac-by road signs at the corner of Main cording to information gained from Hugh Spruill, bridgekeeper, early by side, one sign says that the road today. While the route is closed to heavy trucks, other types of traffic tons. The other sign directs through

heavy trucks, other types of traffic are increasing in numbers daily, Mr. Sprull said. A climax was reached Sunday when an estimated 2,000 or more vehicles crossed over the re-paired fill. Most of them were view-ing the damage for the first time and accounted for the heavy flow of traffic. However, daily travel is in-creasing from day to day, and little delay is caused by the one-way bridges and dirt drives.

ly are now enjoying normal life. During the period that traffic was blocked on both the river and the delay is caused by the one-way bridges and dirt drives. bridges and dirt drives. Despite puzzling detour signs, for-eign cars are using the route in fair-ly large numbers, Mr. Spruill went on to say. Busses are maintaining complete schedules without delay and are traveling the route with ap-

Tobacco Prices Hold register. Everyone falling in that age group will be required to reg-Firm on Market Here Well Over Million Judge States His And a Half Pounds **Position On Fifth** Sold Here To Date

## **Column** Activities

Warning against fifth column activities in this country, Judge J. J. Burney in his address to the Martin County Grand Jury Monday stated frankly and forci-bly his stand against practices designed to undermine this na-

tion. "If they do not like this coun-try, there is only two ways to handle the fifth columnists. One is to send them back across the ocean and the other is to put them under the ground, and if they are put under the ground they can't come back from across the ocean " ocean.

The jurist stated his position after urging the grand jurymen to report any and all subservient activities they detect or any call-ed to their attention.

In voicing his position the jurist expressed the sentiments of the crowded courtroom. "Fifth column activities are

inth country activities are underway throughout the coun-try," the judge said and added that he would not be surprised if there were such activities right here in this county.

**Invasion Threat Is** Lessened By Bad **Channel Weather** 

### Heavy Bombing Reported By Both Sides Over Wide Territory

Englishmen, while subjected to continued and barbaric attacks from the air, were heartened today as

First Peace Time Draft Law Signed by the President Yesterday The seriousness of the world sit-

uation was brought closer to home for United States citizens yesterday when President Roosevelt signed the country's first peace-time draft law. Today, sixteen and one-half millions in the 21-31 age limit, inclusive,

stand subject to call for a year of military training. Passed by Congress last week-end and signed by the President short-ly after three o'clock Monday afternoon, the compulsory military train-ing law will reach out for its first quota of 400,000 men this winter. On October 16, the more than sixteen

million men within the inclusive 21 to 31 age limit will be required to ister regardless of race, color or sta-tion in life. The first call will take 400,000 this winter. Next year an-other 400,000 will be called. Since

this country is not actually engaged in war, the call to service does not have the serious ring that the one back in 1917 had. However, the outlook is not at all encouraging, but as Judge J. J. Burney said in superior court this week, it would appear that the army affords a place about

as safe as our highways are. And then in the war across the seas, more civilians, including women and chil-dren are being killed than soldiers.

Large Quantities of Tips and It was reported here today that Harry A. Biggs had applied for a place on the draft board in this county. As far as it could be learn-ed there will be little competition for the three places. The appoint-ment of the board is expected short-

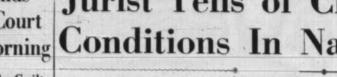
Tobacco prices were reported to be holding firm on the local tobac-co market today, Sales Supervisor ly, but few details in connection with the draft plans have been made pub-K. B. Crawford stating that he could detect very little difference in the lic. The clerk of the court, chairman of the county board of elections and market since it strengthened to reach the highest peak of the sea-son early last week. Mr. Crawford superintendent of county schools will, it is understood, be charged with the duty of appointing a draft board which is to include a business did point out that large quantities of tips and inferior grades were be-ing offered for sale, and that the genman, doctor and a lawyer. It is like ly that the county election officials eral price average was not up to the high point reached a few days ago. vill handle the registration which is scheduled to get underway at seven

o'clock and continue until 9 p. on October 16th.

# **Case Is Shifted In**

Superior Tribunal Upholds **County Recorder in Case** Continuance

small farmer from Beaufort sold three piles of tobacco, one for 18 cents, one of 29 and one for 31 cents. The serious assault case brought The split grades offered for sale on by Farmer Arthur C. Roberson against J. A. Ellis is being shifted the larger markets yesterday sold for 15 cents, 26 and 30 cents, respectfrom one court to another in this county, Judge J. J. Burney in the for 15 cents, 26 and 30 cents, respect-ively. The visiting farmer was well pleased with the sales, but he as well as many others are agreed that to-bacco prices are not high. He did add that he found prices here slight-ly stronger than he had found else. Honor had taken the wrong slant where that he was returning with on the action, but Judge Burney rewhere, that he was returning with more tobacco just as soon as he could prepare it for market. Few tickets are being turned here, and for the action, but Judge Burney re-plate that he was like the tree plant-ed by the side of the river, "I can't be moved." The judge added. "I will



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**Delivers Stirring** 

Addressing his opening remarks to the jurymen, Judge Burney point-

ed out that it is indeed an honor to serve as a member of a court jury.

"Some day you may be wrongfully attacked, and then you will better

appreciate good men as members of the jury to protect you and your rights," the judge said. It was his hope that the commissioners had

and would continue to select men of good character and sufficient intel-

ligence to handle the all-important

"It is important now that we are

of free speech, of free press, home protection and the right to bear arms

**Edgar Harrell Pleads Guilty** In Case Charging Assault With Deadly Weapon

The case charging Edgar Harrell Oak City man, with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was brought to an hurried close in the superior court at 10:15 this morn ing after the defendant through his attorneys, Peel and Manning, and tendered a plea of guilty to the charge of an assault with a deadly veapon.

Judge Burney, presiding, hurried he case to a close when he ruled that it was not necessary to examinhe other witnesses, that he was not inclined to punish the defendant who had a good reputation, that he was well convinced that a man who looks for trouble will, sooner or la-ter, find it. "Judgment of the court, Mr. Clerk, is prayer for judgment be continued for twelve months and defendant pay the cost.

At least eighteen witnesses, sum moned by the defense, would not file for fees, saving Harrell well over \$60 in court costs

The case got underway Monday afternoon after 15 minutes were spent in the selection of a jury. The prosecuting witness, G. H. Manning, who was critically shot by Harrell, took the stand and made the follow-

"This boy Hyman had a truck he wanted greased. He drived for me and he asked me about taking the truck over there to get it greased went to the service station and ask ed Charlie Smith if he would have time to grease the truck. He said he thought we would, and he went in the back, and I thought he greased the back, and I thought he greased the truck, and I went back there to pay him. When I went back in the back, this boy, Mr. Harrell, said I wouldn't get no dam truck greased. I asked why, and he called me a dir-ty name and said I didn't pay no-

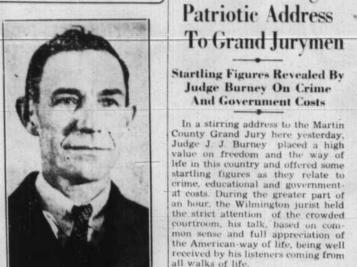
body. I told him I didn't owe him anything. I said "I don't owe you anything." He called me another dirty name. I said, "Edgar, I stopped fighting five or six years ago and I am not looking for any trou ble." I walked back to the front room and was leaning across the

stove. Mr. Harrell walked back here and walked on past me and opened the cash register and shot me in the back standing behind me behind the counter. He walked across the floor, and when the bullet struck me tuberculosis.

I stiffened and then I didn't have any strength at all. I crumbled down The Courts Again any strength at all. I crumbled down to the floor on my elbow. He walked over to me and told me not to try get up. He cussed me and said he had shot my dam heart out and last year the cough approached the would shoot my brains out. He shot me one time. I walked out the door and didn't see him any more until he

The court recessed until this morn-ing when Dave Savage was placed on the stand. Savage stated that he was in the station, that Manning wanted a truck greased, that Man-ning started cursing and threatened more than 1.500 "barked" their way to beat Harrell's brains out. Manning to immunity during the past three turned for a chair and then Harrell years. The county schools opened yes

nen nom Fannie Perkins in Ham-ilton Township, pleaded guilty of receiving stolen goods. He was sen-tenced to the roads for a term of 12 months. He was placed on proba-tion for three was ender the market. In e air, were heartened today as receiving stolen goods. He was sen-tenced to the roads for a term of 12 months. He was placed on proba-



H. Flake Shaw, progressive farmer and member of the Guil-ford County Board of Commissioners, made a stirring appeal to Martin farmers in an address here last week. He urges a large attendance upon the meeting here tomorrow night.

# Lone Reportable Disease Case In County In August Long Siege Of Whooping Finally Broken in

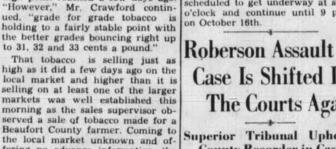
The County

to protect those rights. Health conditions approaching the "Trial by jury is one of those rights. Prior to 820, an accused man erfect state as far as the number of ommunicable disease cases is conwas tried by the hot iron or water method. The accused was required erned were reported in this county ast month, according to records filed to pick up an hot iron. If it burned him, he was adjudged guilty; if he was not burned, he was not guilty. in the office of the county health department during the period. A lone. ommunicable disease case was re-orted to Poplar Point Township The jury system was established and where a white person fell victim of uberculosis is very similar to the one of that old-For the first time since the allen period."

time health department was estab-lished almost three years ago no The speaker explained how the rights of the weak and the strong are protected in the courts. "No one case sof whooping cough were re-ported in the county. At one time are protected in the courts. No one is guilty of a crime until he is tried and adjudged guilty. If acquitted, the accused is free. If he is found guilty, he has the right of appeal, the on, health department head at that time, quarantined certain areas came about 20 steps from my house when I got in the car to go to the hospital." ounty accepting the cost of the poor man's defense in capital crimes. "Law is man's best friend. It protects one before he is born. It guards him through life, and in death it stands a last watch.

Touching on one of the greatest problems facing this nation today, Judge Burney appealed to the jury-men to help solve the problem presented by crime. "The situation is appaling," the jurist said, and went on to offer some startling compara-tive figures.

"There were 32 million children in chool last year. It cost \$2,978,000,000



**Inferior Grades Being** 

**Offered for Sale** 

fering no advance information, the

months. He was placed on proba-tion for three years and is to pay the However, Prime Minister Churchill one here stronger than ever. court costs

Charged with breaking into the home of Ike Mizelle and stealing a existed. He also warned his people \$45 shot gun, Grover and Octavius to expect heavier bombardment. Taylor were sentenced to prison for a term of from three to four years. The youths were placed on proba-tion for five years. After stealing the gun the boys went to Norfolk and traded it for a motorcycle. Judge Burney ordered the boys to return and Belgium coasts. Hundreds of the motorcycle, get the gun and re-turn it to the owner and pay the to guarantee the performance of the duty imposed by the court. Harvey Short, the young Parmele

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**To Offer Vetch** Seed In County airmen, after bringing down an all-time high of 185 Nazi planes Sun-

According to information coming from the office of the county agent, plans are being made for the dis-tribution of two carloads of vetch seed to farmers in this and surround-ing counties within the see formation ing counties within the near future. Orders have been placed for the seed, but it was not certain today that the seed could be had under the gov-

ernment grant of aid. Agent T. B. Brandon is asking for 125 bags of the seed for farmers in this county. If they can be procured the seed will be offered at nine and one-half cents a pound. If the order is accepted, the two

If the order is accepted, the two carloads of seed will be shipped to Williamston and distributed to varous points in the surrounding coun-

ties. While it is not certain that the seed can be made available, Martin far-mers might find it worth while to apply for their needs now. Pay-ments are made through the soil conservation program, the cost to be deducted from the payments.

warned his people in an address to-day to continue on the alert, that It was reliably reported here today that a trucker, employed by danger of an atempted invasion still one of the larger markets, had surrendered his contract and is advising farmers to haul their own to-Incomplete reports from the horbacco to the nearest market. He exnets' nest are a bit confusing, leav-ing doubt as to whether the invaplained that it was not worth the hauling fee and side commission to carry another fellow's tobacco a long sion attempt was delayed by wea-ther conditions over the Channel or distance and listen to the complaints. by British raiders along the French Quite a few farmers from the upper end of the county are on the market here today, and it was apparboats brought into use by Germany ent that some strong ties were be-ing made, not through seconds but along the coast have been sunk or damaged, and destruction has been widespread in a number of ports

through the advantageous market-ing of tobacco. And it's the sale the along the coast, making it appear that farmer gets that counts and not the coaxing and promises of an agent. Heavy bombing continues on both sides. London has had four raids so

The sales on the Williamston mar-ket are well voer one and one-half million pounds, Sales Supervisor Crawford stating that 192,452 pounds far today, and other sections have been attacked. Damage was report-ed in all parts of London. British were sold yesterday for an average of about \$15.40.

Pete will continue to retain his

nterest in the Soda Shop with John

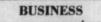
Hatton Gurganus. His vacancy will

be filled in the shop by Reginald Simpson until the first of the year,

at which time he will renew his as-sociation with the Virginia-Caro-

day, are continuing costly riads in German occupied territory and al-Young Men Report so in Germany. Italy is meeting with trouble in

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Hitler was balked in his plans.

Increased activities on its Plymouth branch line has made necessary a seven-day operat-ing schedule over the route by the Atlantic Coast Line Rail-road Company. The new sched-ule, seldom maintained on the line heretofore, was placed into effect Sunday when two trains operated through here. The Sunday holiday left the trains with more work than they could handle on Monday and schedules were delayed. By operating on Sunday a better service is offered, Station Agent V. D. Godwin said here yester-day.

tear down attendance records. Extra precautionary measures superior court, it can be placed on half. He said that he and Manning the docket for the December term." had had an argument over an ac Attacked by Ellis on the evening count. "I told him that we could not of September 6, Mr. Roberson swore grease the truck because Mf. Faith-out a warrant charging him with an ful (the station owner) was not assault with a deadly weapon. The there. Manning cursed me and when warrant was served later that night he reached for a chair, I shot him." and the case was docketed for trial the following Monday in Judge Peel's get out of the station without pass-county court. The recorder ruled that it was customary to continue during the meantime the prosecu-W. E. Early, Oak City officer, and during the meantime the prosecu-tion had asked to amend the war-rant and charged the defendant with

a deadly weapon with intent to kill, The plea for a continuance was granted even though the witnesses was read in open court After a plea During the trial Manning's record was read in open court. After a plead of guilty to the charge of an assault had been summoned.

resterday, the case was placed be-fore the grandjury and a true bill charging the defendant with an as-sault with a deadly weapon was accepted by the court, the defense started to offer the testimony of eighteen or more character witnesses, but Indon

tent to kill was returned This morning, Judge Burney up-held the lower court and the case goes back to the county tribunal for trial on September 30.

For Military Duty Pete Fowden, Jr., left yesterday for Washington, N. C., where he en-listed with the National Guard for a year's training with the artillery

a year's training with the artillery unit from that town.

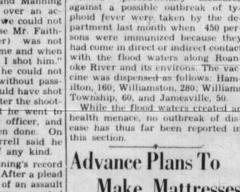
### **Fire Damages Filling**

Station Cafe Saturday

party will stop at or near the post-office. Fire starting from an over-heated

at which time he will renew his as-sociation with the Virginia-Caro-lina Chemical Corporation. Billie Clark, accompanying young Fowden to camp, has been given a

year's leave of absence from his duties as secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce. Members of the organization will attempt to carry on the work on a voluntary basis. The fire company was called out, the work of the army today. This the army also is offering to the young men who enlist an excellent chance to attend the various schools and learn a trade.



And a decay we sharted to offer the testimony of eighteen or more character witnesses, but Judge Burney ruled that additional evi-dence was not necessary, and the case was brought to a close at 10:15. Recruiting Party Wiss Endyne tration, for making several hun-ty. A training school will be held in ty. A training school will be held in the beginning of the term. The enrollment by grades is as follows: First 113, second 08, third sta

have been placed on location for the manufacture of the mattresses



An important meeting of the An important meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau membership will be held in the agricultural building here to-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urgently re-quested to be present and every farmer is invited. Several well-known speakers are to address the meeting and

are to address the meeting and several important topics will be discussed, C. Abram Roberson, president of the county organization, said today.



An examination of the records of the local schools reveals that a total of 813 students have been enrolled While the flood waters created an in elementary and high school de Advance Plans To Make Mattresses as last yaer, an enrollment of 98

48; eleventh, 43; post graduate and commercial, 11.

An interesting comparison of the exes enrolled reveals that there sexes are 314 boys enrolled in the first sev-en grades as compared to 280 girls, a difference of 34. In the high school and post graduate departments this difference is reduced slightly by an enrollment of 114 girls to 105 boys, but a final comparison of the combined enrollments shows that the Williamston schools have in attendance 25 more boys than girls.

tendance 25 more boys than girls. It is rather interesting to note that 435 students, approximately 52 per cent of the total number enrolled, are transported to school by bus. Six busses serve the local schools by daily trips, one bus making two trips and bringing to school a total of 90 students.

**Recruiting Party** 

A special army recruiting party will visit this county next Friday morning to accept volunteers into the service, it was announced by Staff Sergeant John McMillan of the U. S. Army Recruiting Station, in Greenville. The party will stop at Robersonville at 9 o'clock and at Williamston two hours later. The