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**Blockade Problem** 

**Causes Concern In** 

War Circles Today

**Tension At Breaking Point in** 

Balkans: Greece Looking

**To Turkey** 

England's blockade of Continent

al Europe is causing grave concern

war circles over a wide front to

day, and some are predicting that

French warships will fight the Brit-

ish in an effort to get supplies

through to France. It is also possi

ble that an attempt to run the block

ade will cause France to act against

her former ally. British officials hav ng stated that the blockade will not

While the intentions of the French

by the French at Vichy, British offi-

its pointed out that the proposed tion is being prompted by German

essure. It is just another incident at looks bad for England. Tension in the Balkan situation is w believed at the breaking point.

id some sort of action is expected tere momentarily. Greece contin

to look longingly to Turkey who

in turn, is looking longingly to Rus-sia to check Europe's Mad Man No

1. Little is known about the situa-tion there. Germany is flooding the

world with propaganda through So-fia in Bulgaria, and that is keeping

the Greeks busy making determined denials. Jugoslavia, while expected

to sign up with Germany, is hesi

tating to act, late reports stating that Hitler's diplomatic blitzkrieg there

is about to bog down. Turkish offi cials, in a secret meeting this morn

ing, outlined Turkey's intentions and

public announcement is expected

A heavy toll of British shipping

was exacted during the week ending March 2 the Germans claiming 148,-

000 tons were sent to the bottom. Germans effected a costly raid on

Portsmouth, England, last night,

causing much damage and killing many persons during the six-hour

scige. The British retaliated with heavy raids on Cologne and inva

In the war to date, 4,200 German ind Italian planes have been shot fown, the British plane loss stand-

ig at 1.800. With the enactment of the lease

nd hill into law tomorrow, Presi-

dent Roosevelt is ready to put the intents of the law into effect. It is

low believed that material re-en

forcements from this country can be

made available to Britain in time for the next invasion battle. Anoth-

er bright spot was seen in a report released today stating that Britain

as better prepared than she was

few months ago to withstand an vasion attempt, that armaments

and plane numbers had been great-

lected now to fly over bombers England in big numbers.

increased. Crews are being se

Following the passage of the lease-nd bill last Saturday evening. Con-

gress solidified itself in support of

is more apparent now that this na-

tion is settling down to handle the

Negro Is Murdered -

Near Robersonville

and it

the aid program to Britain,

huge task hefore it

oun the blockade wer

relaxed.

later today.

on ports.

### **ESTABLISHED 1899**

# Farmers Rank First in Move Three Are Injured Few Civil Cases On **Calendar for Trial** In Superior Court

# **Depression of Serious Conse** quences Apparently Facing Local Bar Members

Martin County lawyers have good cause to be disheartened, for it is fairly apparent they are heading in-to a depression of possible serious consequences. They have not been complaining openly, but when a two weeks' term of Martin County Superior Court is called and there aren't but two dozen civil cases on the docket it is getting about time for them to complain.

Not in years have there been so few cases calendared for trial during a regular term of court. And the cases are of such little significance, that a justice of the peace could well afford to turn up his nose at them. To aggravate the situation, they are of no general interest to the public Looking over the calendar today, the clerk pointed out that the bar members had to go back and dig up cases four and five years old to make up even a short list. It is true that there are several hundred cases pending in the courts, but for some reason or other they just hold their places in the files, the litigants being hopeful that time will heal all differ-

Started about three years ago, the Haislip versus Critcher case involving a boundary dispute is on the docket for trial Monday, March 24th, the lawyers having prepared no cal endar for the first week of the term possibly because Attorney Horton may be detained in Raleigh by the Legislature or possibly because there weren't enough cases for both weeks. The Town of Williamston suit

against Cunningham is back on the calendar after repeated continuances. The Town is trying to open an al-ley leading off Smithwick Street. With six attorneys working in the case, it will be possible to call for a survey of the property.

The bewhiskered case of Watts against Boston is on the docket once more. Started five or six years age the suit involves a few acres of land down in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township. The defendant declares a few acres of land were not included in a certain deed of trust, and the plaintiff maintains they were and that's the way it

R. T. Chance is suing Clarence Britton for \$250 damages as a re sult of an automobile accident in Robersonville last November 20. R J. Hardison was driving the car a the time

The church folks are in court again. Last April, Judge A. Hall Johnson effected a division of time for the peaceful worship by two fac-tions at the Church of God in Christ, colored holiness church in Rober-sonville. Apparently the division did "lawing" again. Led by "Brother" Henry Brown, the plaintiffs main-tain they are the sole owners of the property, and that the defendants, headed by Jasper Andrews had join-ed the Jesus Only Holiness Church in Greenville and have no right to worship in the Church of God in Christ

complete civil calendar fol-The lows:

(Continued on page six) Wives Ferociously

To Support National Defense Called upon to stand by for any and at times impressive. Disabled for national emergency, Martin County veterans of World War No. 1 turned out nearly 100 strong yesterday

afternoon and last night to register mit. Registrations were started at at the Legion Hut for any voluntary 2 o'clock in the afternoon and by service they may be able to perform 9:30 last night 92 men had register-at the direction of the government. ed. It is estimated that there are ap-

**BIG MONEY** 

Soil conservation payments to

Soil conservation payments to Martin County farmers are rap-idly running into big money. Last week-end, the office of the county agent received \$17,209.36 for distribution to those farmers participating in the soil pro-

gram. To date, a total of \$67,-613.41 representing \$33 applica-tions has been received for dis-tribution to 1,366 Martin farm-

Approximately 700 applica-

Approximately 700 applica-tions are pending, the office stat-ing this week that five farmers have not yet applied for their payments. It's estimated that 100 farmers will not participate in the distribution because they overplanted their peanut acre-

Wrecks In County

Signing at least 75 per cent of the proximately 300 white former serv-questionnaires, farmers signified ice men in the county. But many of their willingness to volunteer their the skilled and professional men services in handling any home de-found it inconvenient to visit the The first of the three wrecks was fense emergency. A few merchants, hut and register. No former colored a lawyer or two, mechanics and oth-service men registered.

mers have so effectively handled this county in many months. He-their job that there is a troublesome man U. Peel and John A. Ward servsurplus of food and feed rather than a shortage to face the population. ed the group an appetizing chicken supper, and quite a few of the men

# **Occupants Escape Uninjured** In Two Accidents During Past Week-end

In Series Of Auto

town last week-end. A property dam-age, approximating \$500, was enter-

reported on the Jamesville Road, just the other side of Sweet Water ers registered, but the rank and file came from the farms where the far-ings of former service men held in bert Lee Hardison was driving a load of wood into town on a wagon. W. Clarence Wallace came up behind him and slowed down to make sure shortage to face the population. The registration work was orderly took membership in the legion. took membership in the legion. took deter before passing him. Paul Edward Norman, of Con-cord, was driving behind Wallace

and when he started to apply the brakes and slow down his car skid-ded, striking the Wallace car which in turn struck the wagon. When the cars were brought to a stop one was **Farms Will Cooperate** In Defense of Nation in a ditch on one side of the road and the other was in the ditch on the other side. The tongue was torn from the wagon, but damage to all Farmers Hear Plan three vehicles was estimated at only \$15. No one was hurt.

Sunday evening about 8 o'clock two cars were in a head-on colli-sion just this side of Welch's Creek Discussed At Meet Here Last Saturday Will Pay \$25 For Each Acre Takan Out of Cotton

Plymouth when the cars jammed. Mrs. Morrow was badly cut on the forchead and bruised on her knees. Apparently realizing that agricul- Mr. Morrow was cut by flying glass. but both of them were dismissed from a Plymouth doctor's office afture must have equal recognition along with other industry and ' that along with other industry and that defense has its foundation on the American farm, agricultural leaders were here during several hours last far as it could be learned here he is getting along all right Damage to be an an arrow of the several hours are arrow of the seve defense has its foundation on the American farm, agricultural leaders getting along all right. Damage to the two cars was estimated by Pa-Bureau forum here last evening

pass, tax driver, escaped injury when their cars crashed at the in-tersection of Main and Schuler in the second shift from those practices, and went on to explain that in more The plan is very simple in many cases, but farmers will possibly find it advisable to visit the office of the county agent for a detailed study of their individual cases. The followdriving down the thoroughfare when the cars crashed, the tires of both cars skidding when the brakes were the agent warned. applied. One report stated that Res-pass was driving too fast. The Wal-ker car was traveling about 15 miles an hour when it reached the middle of the street, one report stated. Garage estimates placed the

ton belt, and (3) to help improve living standards through increased production and storage of food for home consumption.

Advent, Mr. Schenck is a native of work and investment." son. This huge supply has accumu-lated in spite of the fact that cotton last spring from the Diocese of Mis-futility in piling up huge surpluses farmers have given full support to the AAA farm program. dissippi. Although he has been in this Diocese only a short time he is fast crops, the agent, a former livestock state, and one for the museum and art gallery. A commission will like-ly be named to investigate and see if there is another available foot of land in Raleigh. The town limits there are to be extended in a bit if there are to be extended in a bit if there are to be extended in a bit if there is another available foot of land in Raleigh. The town limits

vantage of poultry raising."

small grains raised on his farm.

The small farmer should have one

our problem, and they will offer

a greater return than either cattle

or hogs. A lamb of good breeding will

sell for \$10 when it is 100 days old.

They can be raised around the house

and three to five sheep can be kept

as easily as one cow.

In Property Values for 1941 small increase in real property val-

No Great Increase Is Likely

Three persons were injured, none seriously, in a series of automobile accidents reported in the county and town last week-end. A property damreal property values. Personal prop-erty figures are not available for all of the eight townships reporting

any of the townships at this time. preliminary reports stating that from fair to good gains are to be expect-liamston Township. Gains are listed

Incomplete reports released this erties in this county were valued a week by Tax Supervisor S. H. about forty per cent of their sale Grimes point to a comparatively value with some ranging as low as 30 per cent and possibly lower while small increase in real property val-ues for 1941. Reporting completed the sale price under normal condi-

assessors at sixty per cent of the es-timated sale price. Tax authorities gain of \$353.484, not including James estimated some time ago that prop- ville and Cross Roads Township

**Shift in Farm Methods Offers No Bright** NO BUNDLES Despite the urgent call for bundles for Britain, little prog-

ress has been made in this com-munity to answer the call, it was pointed out today. Asked to attend a meeting in the Woman's Club last week, all but four local people either forgot it or were too busy to hear C. Leo Wilhelm, field representative of the Red Cross. Pointing out the urgent need for aid, Red Cross officials stated today that another meeting will be held in the County Agricultural build-

ing on March 25 at 7:30 o'clock. An urgent invitation to attend is being extended all Red Cross members and the public. Seventeen Marriage

Licenses Issued In **County Last Month Issuance For February Is the** 

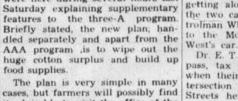
Largest Recorded Since The Year 1938 Seventeen marriage licenses wers issued by the register of deeds in this county last month, the issuance

peanut program. He appealed to Martin County to get behind the program, for it will be sorely needbeing the largest for any February since 1938. It compares with an issuance of five licenses in February ed. Tobacco and cotton, according to the agent, are in a bad way with 1933, and is about normal for the eign buyers for its markets. War abroad has sharply curtailed our exports of American cotton. As a re-sult, the large carry-over of 10 1-2 million bales of cotton in this coun-try last August will be substantial y increased by the end of this sea. almost doubling the white issuance. on an average

After reaching an abnormally low point apparently as a result of the health law passed two years ago in connection with the issuance of mar-

riage licenses, the issuance of the (Continued on page six)

Coming as a climax to a "little" crime wave that swept the commun ity last week-end, George Andrews, Robersonville Township Negro, was shot and killed by Noah Stancill in the Stancill home Sunday night about 10:30 o'clock. Stancill was re-Mrs. Eugenia Neal, one of Martin County's oldest natives, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Everett in Robersonville yesterday Brown, near Oak City last Saturday morning Bryant Moore, charged morning at 5 o'clock following a with aiding and abetting the mur-



ing release from the Department of Agriculture will be of help:

**Taken Out of Cotton** 

Production

The Department of Agriculture is offering cotton farmers in 1941 a Supplementary Cotton Program designed: (1) to reduce the acreage planted to cotton this year, (2) to increase the consumption of cotton goods among farm people in the cot-

Cotton, more than any other American crop, is dependent upon for eign buyers for its markets.

try last August will be substantial-ly increased by the end of this sea-

crops it is more necessary than ever

and feed for home consumption. These have been, and continue to

be objectives of the AAA Farm Program. The new supplementary

cotton program puts added emphasis

# Local Bills Passed

per. The number of bills introduced in the House passed the 900 count this morning, and more than 100

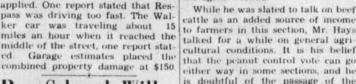
# food supplies Legislature Is In **Rush To Adjourn** Session Saturday

# Mad Scramble Now Underway To Get Big Number of

A mad rush featured the activities today as the 1941 State Legislature went forward with its plans to wind up an uneventful session and quit Raleigh next Saturday. After fretting around and doing little or noth

ing with major legislative proposals the law-makers are dumping bills by the bushel into the legislative hop-

were awaiting a turn in the mill. This morning the Legislature con-sidered an advanced need for more buildings in the Capital, one for the auditor; treasurer and secretary of state, and one for the museum and



**Preach Wednesday** 

The rector of the Church of the surplus foods to the best advantage

**Hays Advises Gradual** 

**Farm Future Under** 

**Present Practices** Washington County Agent Fears There'll Be Short-

age of Farm Labor

Admitting that he did not have all the answers, but that he had trolman Whit Saunders at \$250. \$150 to the Morrow car and \$100 to West's car. Definition of the Morrow car and \$100 to Definition of the Morrow car and \$100 to

Resenting alleged accusations directed against them, two colored wo-men, Roxie Wilder and Emma Tyner ferociously attacked their hus-bands here last Saturday night in their respective homes, the Wilders on Elm Street, and the Tyners on Hyman Street, near the cemetery.

Hearings in the two cases were scheduled before Mayor Hassell last night, but a continuance was granted on account of the illness of the prosecuting witness in the Wilder case, and it was reported that the Tyners had effected a compromise

and virtually blocked court action. After charging him with accusing her unjustly, the Wilder women got a fire stick after her husband and Sunday night at 11:30 o'clock. Details of the accident could not be

learned immediately, but Maryland made considerable progress in an attack on the head. police arrested Joseph Newell, 20,

of Parole, Md., on a charge of man-slaughter and reckless driving. A Angered by a similar accusation, the Tyner woman used a brick to bore a small hole in her husband's head. Night officers, apparently constudent nurse in the Crownsville State Hospital, about seven miles from Annapolis, Miss Harrell had vinced that the men were the vicstarted across the highway with oth er hospital employees for cool drinks when she was struck and fatally items of the attacks recognized them for the hearing on warrants issued by the wives. hurt.

**Rev. John Barclay** Will Speak Tonight

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Harrell, of near Oak City, the young woman was graduated by the Oak City High School last spring. She entered training at the Mary-land hospital last August and had nade many friends there. She was

Coming here at the request of the Junior Woman's Club, Rev. John Barclay, Wilson minister, is expect-ed to deliver an interesting and time-ly address on "International Rela-tions." He will speak in the Wo-man's Club at 8 o'clock this evening and the public is invited to hear him. A student of international relathe Baptist Church. The body is arriving from Maryland this afternoon and services will be conducted by Rev. George Leg-gett at the home Wednesday after-noon about 3 o'clock, according to an unofficial announcement received here at noon today. A student of international rela-

A student of international rela-tions, the minister has toured much of Europe, and his talk will be heard with much interest just now when the attention of the world is center-the attention of the world is center-ed on the Balkans and Russia. Here at hoon today. Besides her parents, she is sur-vived by the following brothers and sisters, B. M., Kenneth, Carl, Earl Eugene, Marguerite, O'Dell, Faye and Mary Harrell,

Attack Husbands now past its second reading, and more building room is expected. The senatorial redistricting and re-

apportionment bill has been passed with minor amendments, leaving this the second district, unchanged.

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on the efforts to reach these goals through special payments. A total of 25 million dollars worth of the **Miss Nina Harrell** cotton stamps will be made available by the Surplus Marketing Adminis-tration for distribution by the AAA **Killed In Accident** to cooperating farmers. In addition, 3 million dollars in cash payments

will be added to encourage addition-al food production and storage for Miss Nina Bell Harrell, popular young county woman, was killed al-most instantly when struck by an automobile near Annapolis, Md., last

The 25-million-dollar order for cotton goods, which will be placed in the normal channels of trade by (Continued on page six)

that time

## PERMANENT?

What appears to be a perma-nent grand jury system for Mar-tin County was created by a special act in the Legislature this week when the Senate pass ed a bill regulating Martin grand jurors. No details of the law could be had immediate-ly, but the system had been favorably discussed in semi-official circles here during the past few weeks. The bill was introduced in the House presumably by Representative Clarence Grif-

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First Two Men in This County Are Drafted This Week by Local Board for Army Service

With the lease-lend bill sched-uled to be enacted into law to-morrow, Uncle Sam is making ready for real business in be-half of aid to Britain and in his own behalf. Exhausting the list of white volunteers in this county, the draft officials are calling the first two men from the reg-ular draft list and another call was received today for ten addi-tional men, meaning that other selections will be made from the list of draftees the latter part

hist of draftees the latter part of this week. Lance Dutton Hardy, of Wil-liamston R.F.D. No. 2, is the first man to be drafted for serv-ice, and Joseph Carl Williams, of Dardens, is the second. The two young men will leave Thurs-day morning with three volun-teers to fill the first March quo-

ta assigned this county. On Wednesday of next week, four colored trainees are slated to leave for the Army at Fort Bragg but they will be chosen from a list of more than forty volunteers.

teers. James Claude Ambrose, of Williamston Route I, and Ben Bullock, of Robersopville, vol-unteered this week, but they were too late to be included in the Thursday call. They will leave with eight other young men on March 21 at 6:55 a.m. for Foot Broggy Unless there are Fort Bragg. Unless there are other volunteers between now and next Saturday, the following men will receive instructions to report along with Ambrose and Bullock for service on the 21st: Julius Melvin Warren, Roy

Avant Hinson, Wheeler Martin (Duke) Ward, Woodrow Wilson Ray, Arten Blount Tyson, James Elmer Stalls, Arthur Nicholson Melvin O'Dell Crisp and James Rossell Silverthorne. Tyson is now in Miami, Florida, and he will be instructed to report from there, but his place will have to be filled in the call on the 21st, the county to get credit on its next quota, according to the lo-cal draft board clerk.

cal draft board clerk. A second March quota for col-ored trainees has not been re-ceived. At the present time the Army has in its order for fifteen white men and four colored men, five whites to leave on Thursday of this week, four colored men to leave on the 19th and ten white men to leave on March 21st. 21st.

that farm people produce more food that farm people produce more food Advent will exchange pulpits at on our farms. We are not taking ad that the farm people produce more food the agent said, declaring that a boom is **Passes In County** to be expected in the poultry busi-ness. Continuing he said, "There's money in the pig business if it is handled properly. Every farmer should have at least one sow for ev-ery 150 bushels of corn or its equal

stroke of paralysis suffered the Wed- der .was jailed in default of a \$500 nesday before. She was 86 years bond. beef cattle for every horse or mule on his farm. Sheep offer a solution bld.

daughter in Camden, N. J.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Allsbrooks, Mrs. Neal was born in this county. When a young woman she was married to Albert Neal who died a number of

years ago. Although holding mem-bership in no church, she was active in religious work, attending services regularly and contributing in an humble way her bit to religious ad vancement. Her walk through life despite the adversities experienced

icter. She is survived by four daughters, short talk. Mrs. Annie People and Mrs. Brown, of Oak City; Mrs. Nora Walston, of phia. She also leaves thirty-eight grandchildren, twenty great-grand-children and seven great-great-tendance has been very poor and grandchildren.

Moore and Andrews were said to About five years ago, Mrs. Neal have been fighting following a crap suffered a stroke of paralysis and game argument. Stancill, reaching she had been in declining health since. However, prior to that time in to stop the fight, reports stating that the weapon was accidentally she was unusually active for one of that the weapon was accidentally her age. She visited with her children and spent much time with a in the head and death followed short time later.

A tenant on the Jim Daniel farm, near Robersonville, Stancill is said to have a good reputation.

Local Club Plans **Patriotic Program** 

The March meeting of the Woman's Club promises to be a very in war and reconstruction days was interesting one. The district presi-marked by her Christian-like char-dent, Mrs. J. B. Joyner, of Farmville, will be present and make

The program will be in charge of the citizenship department. Mrs. Washington, and Mrs. Minnie Schug, of Camden, N. J., and two sons, Frank and Clyde Neal, of Philadel-nature which should make if unus-

when invited guests were present it

Funeral services were conducted has been embarrassing. The at her late home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. O. C. Cowan, Holiness minister of Tarboro. Bur-ial was in the Harrell Cemetery, near Oak City.