

## Russia Calling Upon More Manpower To Stem Nazi Attacks

### Aid for Hard-pressed Russians Declared Urgent If Disaster Is to Be Averted

Using up its fighting equipment faster than her factories can turn it out, Russia was said yesterday to be in desperate need of supplies, one report stating that the hard-pressed Soviets face disaster unless aid is made available to them immediately. While its war material is rapidly diminishing, Russian manpower is answering the call of its country, one estimate placing the country's fighting force at 25,000,000 soldiers and soldier-civilians.

Germany is meeting reverses in Russia as fog and rain make the going difficult for her barbarian hordes but reports declare that Leningrad is taking terrible punishment, and that important industrial centers are being threatened. Despite German gains in Russia, it is now apparent that a long and severe war is certain, and in further preparation for it, Russian leaders are calling to colors the almost unlimited manpower.

An ominous warning that Russia must have a swift flood-tide of war supplies or face military disaster and perhaps capitulation, came yesterday from a London source in a position to speak with authority.

With the Crimea apparently cut off by Germany's Ukrainian advance and the Red Army's losses in men and tanks described as astronomical, this informant said a Niagara of British and American material is essential to continuation of Russian resistance.

He went so far as to predict that Adolf Hitler would offer the Russians a separate peace and that the Russians—failing to get equipment—might be forced to lay down their arms.

"The whole history of the world turns on the outcome of this battle," said this source. "We will fight on even if Russia is beaten, but our task will then become much harder."

Now, he asserted, the battle is "swaying either way"—toward Russian disaster or success.

He cited figures to the end of August as showing the Russians had lost 3,000,000 men and the Germans 2,000. Moreover, he hinted that Red Army losses in tanks constituted one of Russia's most serious blows, and he disclosed that the Germans were repairing captured tanks and using them in their offensive.

The British, the informant continued, have opened an effective railway and highway route to Russia through Iran, and this can be turned.

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## Parents-Teachers To Meet Next Week

Reorganization of the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association is planned at a meeting to be held in the Williamston High School auditorium next Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 24th, beginning at 3:30 in the afternoon. Considerable interest in the future of the parent-teacher organization has been evidenced recently and many parents have already pledged cooperation during the coming year. Without an active association last year, the school community seriously missed the fine support and cooperation rendered by parent-teacher groups since the local association was reorganized in the fall of 1933.

Mrs. Garland Woolard has agreed to serve as president of the association this year, subject to the wishes of the membership and a complete slate of officers will be submitted at Wednesday's session.

Notices of the meeting will be carried to all parents by students the early part of next week, and it is hoped that a large number will be present at the first meeting. The entire session, including the brief social period to be held in the home economics rooms, will be confined to an hour.

## Colored Boys Leave For Army Thursday

Uncle Sam continues to draw on his potential army reserve in this county. Sending ten colored boys to Fort Bragg yesterday afternoon, the county is making ready to send 17 white youths away on October 8th and eleven more colored boys—are to leave the latter part of October.

Richard Haywood Reed was the first youthful draftee to get a call to service, but there were five others in the group, two of them volunteers. Nearly 1100 numbers have been exhausted in filling the quotas for colored draftees.

The names of the boys leaving the county yesterday are, William Jones, Richard Haywood Reed, Marvin Lloyd, William Henry Black, Willie Roy Brooks, Sylvester Godard, Elwood Bellamy, Gabriel Williams, Jr., William Paul Albritton, and Hezekiah Spruill, Jr.

The names of the white draftees leaving October 8th will be released the latter part of next week.

## First Cotton Ginnings From The New Crop Are Reported

Although overshadowed by high tobacco prices and the rapid marketing of the leaf crop, ex-King Cotton broke into the farm picture a few days ago when the first of the staple was ginned and made ready for market. The first of the crop was handled by gins at Robersonville, later reports stating that several gins are now operating over the county, including that of Lilley Brothers' in Griffiths Township. Several hundred bales of the staple have already been turned out, and some of the gins are running at full capacity.

While King Cotton is not the powerful monarch he once was in this county, he continues to cut a fairly sizable figure in the county's agricultural system. It isn't likely that production this year will measure up

to that of last year when more than 5,000 bales were ginned, but the crop is much better than the early forecasts indicated it would be. Numbers of farmers are picking a bale to the acre, and the quality is equally as good as it was last year, if not better.

A shortage of pickers has been a problem for most farmers, and where there wasn't an actual shortage of pickers, the hot summer sun has kept many from the fields. In some sections, however, cotton picking interrupted education, the superintendent stating that several schools were forced to close while the children invaded the fields.

Cotton is selling on the local markets for around 17 1-2 cents, or several cents higher than the quotations a year ago.

## Work Of Farm Bureau Reviewed In County

### RED CROSS

Activities in the local production center of the Martin County chapter of the Red Cross have been temporarily interrupted, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, the chairman stating that the center would be reopened each Tuesday and Friday just as soon as repairs to the club rooms are completed.

During the meantime, volunteer workers are carrying on their sewing and knitting projects at home, the chairman explaining that the unit is rapidly moving toward maximum production of garments and other materials for countless victims in the troubled and war-stricken areas of the world.

## Drive Underway To Change '17' Routing

Said to have been filled in by idle motorists at the urgent request of cafe operators in two neighboring towns, several hundred cards have been received by the State Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh urging or demanding a change in U. S. Highway 17 routings.

Martin County, with well over a quarter of a million dollars tied up in U. S. 17, is of the opinion that other claims and demands should be made secondary, especially since the sound bridge route is several miles longer than the one through Eden, Windsor and Williamston.

Commissioner Carroll Wilson advised by telephone this afternoon that the petition to designate the bridge route "alternate 17" had been rejected.

Meeting in Raleigh today, the commission members are expected to let a contract for the resurfacing of Highway 17 from here to the Beaufort County line. F. D. Cline, of Raleigh, submitted a low bid of \$65,205. WPA forces are already at work widening the road.

## Big Truck Turns Over Near Here

A big tractor-truck, operating out of Salisbury, turned over on Highway No. 64 near the county home about 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, the driver, Clarence Elster Athey, escaping uninjured. Athey told Patrolman Whit Saunders who investigated the wreck that he was forced off the road by another motorist.

Loaded with plywood, the truck and its cargo were said not to have been damaged greatly, one estimate placing the figure at \$250. Several workmen were busy for more than two hours unloading and reloading the truck before it could be moved. Athey left Salisbury the afternoon before and was traveling to a factory in Plymouth.

## Quarry Breakdown Delays Paving

Paving work on the Roanoke River fill after progressing rapidly during most of the week was interrupted this morning by a material shortage. Superintendent Poole stated that shipments were delayed by a breakdown at the quarry, but that twelve carloads of rock were expected late today and that operations would be resumed immediately.

Despite the delay, the contractor representative stated that the paver would very likely reach Conine Creek bridge tomorrow on its return trip, making it possible to open up the eastern end of the route to double traffic on or about October 5th. There is some hope of opening the entire fill to double traffic about the 15th of next month.

## Membership Drive To Get Underway In Next Few Days

### Chas. L. Daniel Re-elected To Head Organization During Coming Year

Reviewing the work of the Martin County Farm Bureau during the year now drawing to a close, officers, directors and members of the organization in a meeting held in the agricultural building Wednesday evening elected its officers, formulated tentative plans for the new year and mapped a campaign drive which is already in its preliminary stage.

Addressing the meeting, President Daniel, after talking with prominent farm leaders in the State, declared that the need for a strong farm organization is greater today than ever before, that the combined forces of agriculture should work together now and plan for the future. Everything is sailing along very well at the present time, and a strong organization will be of untold aid in helping to stabilize agriculture in the future. He appealed to Martin County farmers to join the organization and take a greater interest in its activities.

"The rest of North Carolina has its eyes on Martin County because our farmers and business men are leading the way in the drive for a strong and forceful organization," Mr. Daniel said.

Through its leadership and active participation in the Farm Bureau, Martin County has gained much attention throughout North Carolina and even in other states during the past year. Its diversification program, comparing favorably with others anywhere, has been a much-discussed subject among farm leaders during the period. Reviewing the work of the organization, Agent Brandon pointed out that much of the farm progress in Martin County could be traced directly and indirectly to the Farm Bureau. Specialists in the several fields had appeared before Farm Bureau forums and as a result there had been an increased interest in cattle raising, swine, grain combines and soil conservation. Martin County was one of the few counties in the State to gain recognition for meeting 90 per cent of its soil-building requirements for 1941. It is estimated that there are 30 or more grain combines in the county, and

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## Short Grape Crop In Section Seen

While early deliveries to the receiving station at the Linsley Ice Company here are ahead of those for the corresponding period, a year ago, it is certain that the grape crop in this section will be considerably less than it was last fall. Up until yesterday, the station had received 25 tons of grapes, and fairly heavy deliveries are expected this week-end.

Last year, the station here handled 160 tons of grapes, but according to a report coming from Bill Forrest, representing Garrett and Company, present indications are that the deliveries will hardly exceed half that tonnage. Unusually dry weather during the past several weeks has not only curtailed the crop but it has also lowered the quality. Despite the inferior quality, the company is paying \$2.25 per hundred for scuppernongs and \$2.00 per hundred for black grapes.

Mr. J. C. Moore, vice president of the Garrett Company, was here from Brooklyn this week surveying crop conditions. While he recognized a shortage in the production figures this year, it is understood that more farmers are turning to grape culture for an added source of revenue.

## Criminal Docket Is Cleared and Court Quits until Monday

### Little Attention Given Court During Marketing and Rush On Farms

Clearing the criminal docket and handling its other duties, the Martin County Superior Court late Tuesday afternoon folded its tent and quit until next Monday when it will hear a few civil cases. Showing every willingness to cooperate with the farmers in an effort not to interfere with the busy marketing and harvesting season on county farms, Judge Henry Stevens, of Warsaw, hurried things along.

The September grand jury, meeting for the first time as a permanent body, was instructed to pass on bills of indictment and delay until December its inspection of public offices, property and school buses. Only four bills of indictment were placed before the jury, and under the direction of Foreman D. D. Coburn, the work was completed and the report filed by early afternoon. The report, one of the shortest on record, told that all bills of indictment had been considered, and that the seven justices of the peace in the county had submitted reviews of their activities since the last term of superior court held in June.

After completing the trial of the criminal docket, the court studied the civil calendar and arranged for the first trials next Monday morning.

Proceedings of the court: Ausbon Rogers, charged with trespassing on the property of J. E. King and larceny and receiving, was found not guilty. At the conclusion of the state's evidence, counsel for the defendant made a motion for a directed verdict of not guilty. The court allowed the motion as to the charge of larceny and receiving and trespass, but the solicitor asked for a verdict as to attempted larceny. The defense accepted, and the case went to the trial jury.

Booker Brooks, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months.

The court will reconvene next Monday morning at 10 o'clock when work will be started on the civil calendar. Quite a few cases have already been continued, and it is possible the session will be terminated fairly early in the week.

## Petitions Court To Drop Alimony Rate

Appearing in the superior court here Tuesday afternoon, W. R. Copeland through his attorney, Claude Gray, pleaded for a reduction in the monthly alimony granted his first wife by Judge Bone of the superior court bench. Pleading hard times, Copeland's attorney declared that his client was now making only \$140 a month as compared with the \$225 salary and a liberal traveling allowance received as a WPA supervisor. Now employed by a contracting firm in Norfolk, the lawyer stated that his client was paying \$95 a month rent, that he was operating a "trial" boarding house, and could not tell definitely until the end of the first month how much he was making. It was claimed that Copeland was spending this month \$35 over and above his salary, that the amount was borrowed and that \$25 was given to his mother and \$10 was used to finance his trip here.

During the course of the hearing before Judge Henry Stevens, Attorney Gray suggested that his client had lost his position with the WPA on account of "undue" publicity released several months ago when the twice-married client was called to answer for not complying with the orders of the court. An observer at the hearing suggested that instead of "undue" the lawyer should have termed it "past due" publicity.

It was clearly pointed out at the hearing this week that Copeland was behind in his alimony payments before he lost his WPA position, and that he was \$220 behind as of last July 28th.

While expressing sympathy for the young man, Judge Stevens emphatically pointed out that the alimony was a first obligation, and that for the present \$35 should be paid in semi-monthly installments. Gray's client is to inform the court of any change in his salary, and it was pointed out that the amount due and unpaid is to continue as an obligation for future consideration.

### AGRICULTURIST

Possibly more meaningful than the title of Kentucky Colonel is the handle placed before Farmer Harrell Everett's name by Judge Stevens in superior court here this week. Asking to be excused, Little Harrell, the lawyer explained, was a farmer who had 75 hands to look after.

"He's no farmer; he's an agriculturist," Judge Stevens explained. The excuse was considered and Mr. Everett was released from jury duty.

## Prices Continue At Peak Level On Local Tobacco Market Today; Nearly Five Million Pounds Sold

### Urge Farmers to Comply with Soil - Building Requirements

A last appeal is being directed to a number of Martin County farmers, urging them to meet soil building practices required under the 1941 program that they may participate 100 per cent in the soil conservation payments under the current farm program. It was estimated today by the office of the county agent that 50 per cent of the farmers in the county had met all their soil building requirements, that most of the others had met a certain percentage of the practices upon which soil conservation payments are dependent.

T. B. Slade, of the agent's office, estimated that 12,000 of the 19,000 acres required had been sowed down in winter legumes or grain, leaving about 7,000 to be seeded between now and October 31st. It is also es-

timated that each acre carries a potential cash value to the farmer of about eight or ten dollars. The dry season and a threatening seed shortage are believed to be influencing the soil-building program adversely in the county, but it is possible for the farmers to execute a greater percentage of the soil-building program, farm leaders point out. Last year, this county met more than 90 per cent of its soil-building requirements, and gained State-wide recognition as one of the few counties to do so.

Those farmers who have already met their 1941 requirements, can make ready to qualify for the 1942 payments by seeding both grain and winter cover crops now to be turned under next spring, it was pointed out today by Mr. Slade.

## Grand Jury Files Quarterly Report Tuesday Afternoon

### Passes on Four Bills of Indictment and Reviews Justice Of Peace Reports

Sitting as a permanent body for the first time in the history of the county, the Martin Grand Jury chalked up a new record when it cleared the calendar and submitted its quarterly report within a few hours after Judge Henry Stevens opened the regular two weeks term for the trial of both criminal and civil cases.

The jurymen, many of whom had asked to be excused but who reconsidered after Judge Stevens stressed the importance of jury duty, limited their activities to the bills of indictment and a review of the justice of the peace reports. Four indictments were placed before the jury and true bills were returned in each case. Seven justices of the peace, J. L. Hassell, H. S. Everett, C. L. Nelson, C. B. Riddick, J. H. Hopkins, A. Corey and H. M. Burras filed their reports for the third quarter. It was one of the few times that all the active justices of the peace in the county had offered a review of their activities.

While business for several of the minor courts was on the quiet side since last June, there was right much doing in several of the inferior courts during the period. Handling 37 cases since the June report was filed, Justice J. L. Hassell, of Williamston, reported \$36.50 in fines to the county treasurer. Justice H. S. Everett led in the number of cases with 52 and reported \$12.50 in fines. Justice J. H. Hopkins, of Goose Nest, handled ten cases and reported \$15 in fines. Justice C. B. Riddick, of Everetts, handled two cases and since they were sent on up to the higher courts, no fines were collected. Justice H. M. Burras, of Williamston; A. Corey, of Jacksonville, and C. L. Nelson, of Hamilton Township, reported no activities in their courts during the period.

The report, submitted to the court over the signature of Dennis D. Coburn, foreman, pointed out that at the direction of the court no inspections were made of county offices, jail and other county properties, including the school buses.

## Faculty Elections Are Now Complete

The shortage of teachers in the local schools was finally relieved this week when Miss Virginia Reynolds, of Raleigh, entered upon her new duties as teacher of English and history in the high school department. Miss Reynolds' acceptance leaves only one position vacant in the county school system at present, but another is subject to be made vacant at the direction of the draft board.

Following her graduation from Meredith, Miss Reynolds did special work in the University at Chapel Hill and taught in the schools of Caldwell County for two terms.

Professor T. O. Hickman and his committee are still searching for a teacher for the Bear Grass school. A contract has been closed, but the young lady, a South Carolinian, had not reported for work late yesterday.

Professor Suggs in the Oak City school is subject to call at the direction of the County Draft Board within the near future. The status of his case could not be learned officially, but it was reported that the Oak City committee is asking for his deferment. Strange as it may seem, there has been a rumored opposition to the young man's possible deferment.

## Average Yesterday Was Slightly Above 32 Cents Per Pound

### Selling Organization To Barely Miss Small Block on Floors Today

Reaching a new high level for the season the early part of the week, prices on the local tobacco market this morning were holding to that peak, farmers themselves declaring that the price trend was equally as strong today as it had been at any time this season. The market with a good break of tobacco yesterday averaged slightly above 32 cents. While the price schedule showed no change, the quality of the offerings was better, observers explained. Much inferior quality leaf was on the floors today, and while the good tobaccos are bringing just as much as they have at any time this season, the general average will hardly reach the 32-cent figure established yesterday.

Coming here after visiting some of the larger markets today, a number of farmers reported highly successful sales, and it is now quite apparent that the local market will enjoy an increasing patronage as the season progresses. Farmers continue to express satisfaction with their sales, and a few tags are being turned. Reporting sales well up in the forties, Farmer Major Gardner, of Williams Township, smilingly said this morning, "I ain't turning any tags."

There are approximately 280,000 pounds of leaf on the market today, but at noon it was fairly evident that all the warehouse floors would be cleared. The selling organizations have been moving at a rapid clip in an effort to clean up and make ready for large sales expected next week. Farmers were on the market today from eleven counties with Bertie well represented next to Martin. Sales on the local market today are rapidly pushing toward the five-million pound mark with the average for the season ranging between 28 and 29 cents, according to figures released by Sales Supervisor Henry Johnson before he was forced to retire temporarily on account of illness yesterday.

The averages below, covering sales on the local market and handled by the federal government graders, shows a comparison of prices as recorded on the market yesterday and on opening day, August 26th. While the price trend has been upward since the opening, much of the increase has taken place in the last few days. In the opinion of observers, prices are expected to hold to present levels without a set-back, and possibly show added strength with

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## Spotted Peanut Crop Reported

While all reports point to decreased peanut production this year, some farmers are anticipating from fair to good yields. It is fairly apparent now that the production on light and medium lands will range around normal, but the prospects are not at all favorable on those lands of a stiff nature.

Peanut digging is well underway in the county at the present time, but it is not expected to reach a climax before some time next week.

Reporting his crop prospects yesterday, Farmer J. F. Wynne, of Cross Roads, stated that he had sampled quite a few bunches of the goobers and that he was well pleased with the prospects. According to the farmer there were as many as 100 nuts on some bunches. They were well formed and solid. Mr. Wynne stated that he believed his production would run possibly as high as 25 bags per acre.

Commenting on the sweet potato outlook, Mr. Wynne explained that indications pointed to less than half a crop on his farm.

## Navy Issuing Call For More Recruits

The United States Navy has been authorized to use newspaper advertising to increase enlistments and a tremendous campaign will be started next week. Approximately 200 publishers were in Raleigh last Saturday where they were given special instructions, relative to the campaign, by Commander Boak, recruiting officer for the Southern states.

A selected list of newspapers published in cities of less than 50,000 population will be used in ten states of the union to begin with. North Carolina is one of the chosen states and the Enterprise will participate in this advertising campaign.

### SPECIAL OFFER

To help relieve the letter-writing task for mothers and fathers back home, the publisher has agreed to forward The Enterprise to the boys and girls in the schools and colleges during the next nine months for \$1.00. The publisher casually points out, however, that the offer carries that cash clause.

Thought it may be in a small way, The Enterprise wishes to show the service volunteers and draftees some consideration and is offering a one year's subscription to them for \$1, an amount insufficient to pay the cost of the plain paper and mailing costs.

## Will Carry Gym Problem To Board

The problem surrounding proposed gymnasiums for the Bear Grass and Farm Life schools will be carried by the county board of education to the Martin County Commissioners for final solution on Monday, October 6th, it was agreed by the education group in a special meeting here last Tuesday.

Planned in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration, the proposed projects were left hanging in thin air when the WPA was directed to shift its forces to defense projects. Loyal patrons of the two schools had contributed lumber and other materials for the buildings, and the county had agreed to finance part of the building costs. It is now understood that the county will be asked to accept that portion of the expense allotted to the WPA by the original plans. Cost figures and other details could not be learned immediately, but they will be made ready for consideration by the commissioners the early part of next month.

The board of education members last Tuesday at the request of patrons from Hassell and Hamilton agreed to help finance lunch rooms in the schools there. There is some doubt about the operation of the lunch rooms because of a shortage of WPA workers.

## Call For CCC Boys In Martin County

A call for an "unlimited" number of Martin County white recruits was received here this week from the Civilian Conservation Corps. Few have applied for places in the special government service, it was learned today from the office of the county welfare department. Applicants are to report to Manteo on Friday of next week.

Unofficial but reliable reports point to a shortage of available youth in the county at the present time, and it isn't likely that many will ask admittance to the conservation camps. It is understood that quite a few Martin County youths who are eligible for CCC service are seriously considering entering the United States Navy for training.

## Horton Reports On District Meeting

In its meeting last evening, the Kiwanis Club heard reports on the district convention held at Myrtle Beach on September 7, 8 and 9th.

Messrs. Garland Woolard, Hugh Horton and J. D. Woolard represented the local club and the general report was made by Kiwanian Hugh Horton.

The report was not exactly complete, but Mr. Horton gave a very good description of just what took place at the convention. He discussed at length the general convention theme of "Vitalize with Youth."