

Judge Coburn Bears Down On Shoplifter In Recorder's Court

Colored Boy Sentenced to the Roads for 3 Months for **Interfering with Officer**

Presiding over the regular session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, Judge W. H. Co-burn took a definite stand against shoplifting even in its simplest form and against those who would interfere with an officer while in the performance of his duty. Charged with pocketing a ten-cent bottle of finger nail polish in a Williamston dime store last Saturday evening, S L. Woolard, colored boy, was sen-tenced to the roads for three months. Woolard pleaded not guilty, but the store manager saw the law violation. and the defendant got a bit tangled up with his defense. Russell Moore Woolard's friend, told the arresting officer that if Woolard was jailed, he would have to lock him (Moore) up too. Warned to stay away, Moore followed the officer to the police station, and after making a threat or two against the officer, he was jail-

The court was not in session very long and no large crowd was pres-ent to hear the proceedings.

The case against Linwood Wil-liams was nol prossed when the prosecuting witness told the court that he could not say definitely who white man, was charged with as-saulting Will Knox with a pocket knife in Williamston several weeks

ago. The case charging W. K. Parker with not listing property for taxa-tion was nol prossed. Charged with larceny and receiv-ing and assaulting a female, Orlan-the Parkins pleaded guilty and was

der Perkins pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of four months.

Willie J. Roberson was sentenced

willie J. Roberson was sentenced to the roads for a period of sixty days in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. In the case charging Hallis Peel with non-support, the court allow-ed the big sun of \$1.50 per week for the support of the defendant's wife and child Beel is to response at the and child. Peel is to reappear at the end of six months for further judgment. Bond was required in the sun of \$75 to guarantee that the \$1.50 is paid each week. Peel was found guil-

ty over his own plea of innocence. Ed Williams was found not guilty in the case charging him with as

saulting a female. Charged with drunken driving and operating a car with improper li-cense, Jesse Whitley, colored, was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months on the drunken driving charge. The road sentence was suspended upon payment of a \$50 fine and the court costs. His license to operate a car was revoked for one year. A nol pros was taken as to the alleged operation of a car with improper licenses.

In the absence of Solicitor Don E. Johnson, Attorney W. Clarence Grif-fin prosecuted the docket. Solicitor Johnson is studying at State College for several months, and it could not be learned immediately whether he plans to resign, or return occasionally to handle the job or look to the members of the county bar to carry on the work. As far as it could be



LATEST ARMY ADDITIONS

Receiving fifteen Martin County men last week, the Army accept Receiving fifteen Martin County men last week, the Army accept-ed an even dozen and in the number are listed some of the county's most promising youths. They are, first row, left to right, Archie Ben-jamin Griffin, William Nathan Cherry, Robert Thomas Pritchett, Robert Asa Edmondson, Jr., and Craven Baker Roebuek; second row, Dave Dickerson, James McKimmon Saunders, Jr., with head bowed, George Wiley Keel, Irving Clifford Griffin, Kelly B. Cowey; third row, Jesse David Heath, Jesse Dennis Wynne, Cyril Harrison Respass, Woodrow Bullock Sugg and Earl Woodley Griffin. Edmond-son, Respass and Pritchett, the latter a volunteer, were rejected.

Registration Revealed Cold Facts First Year 3,228 Men In This

NO SHORTAGE

There may be a shortage along the Eastern Seaboard, but this section is virtually assured an ample supply of gasoline for the next few weeks. It is fairly ap-parent however, that the bulk distribution of the fuel has undergone changes and that the business is not being handled on a leisurely schedule.

A big oil barge is unloading at A big oil barge is unloading at a local dock approximately 130,-000 gallons of gasoline today. The shipment is one of the larg-est ever handled here at one time, it is believed. The barge tanker was brought in by an old sea trawler, one report stating that the boat was used as a submarine chaser or tender in the last war. Grounded for two days in Albemarie Sound this week, the boats docked here last night.

Start Drive Monday In Martin District one especially calling for young men becoming 21 years of age between October 16 of last year and July 1, For Scout Movement Five Towns Asked To Raise Total of \$687.34 For Section's Youths

Beginning next Monday, pecial committee composed of R. H. Goodmon, chairman, Wheeler Mar-tin, Hal Dickens, D. V. Clayton and Garland Woolard, will start a drive for the Boy Scout movement in this district. Five towns, Robersonville, Everetts, Jamesville, Windsor and Williamston, are asked to raise a total of \$687.34 or more as its share of the cost of financing the East Caro-lina Council. While they are to make

cember. **County Registered** Year Ago Thursday More Than 600 Rejected Ac count of Illiteracy or

Physical Defects A year ago yesterday, 3,228 young lartin County men along with mil-along with those of any other candi-Martin County men along with mil-lions of others "throughout the nation registered for possible military

service in accordance with the terms of the Selective Service Act. The an niversary, while possibly well remembered by the registrants themselves, is attracting unusual atten-tion because of the startling facts revealed during the first year of the draft.

Starting out with 3,228 men at the close of the registration day, October 16, 1940, the draft board in this county now has 3,493 registrants on its list, 1,832 white and 1,661 color-

ed. The original number was boost-ed by late registrations including the this year.

such reasons as missing limbs, eyes and so on. Seventy-two men, 29 29 white and 43 colored, were rejected by the local examining board on account of other physical defects. These men, in most cases, are sub-ject to limited military training, and

ice in the Army later on. Doctors at afternoon.

Place On Board of **Town Commission** Mrs. Fannie C. Staton Seek

ing Place On Local Town **Governing Board**

M. Luther Peel stated yesterday he would tender his resignation as a member of the local town board of commissioners to avoid a conflict with his recent appointment as fulltime tax collector for Martin County Under the State Constitution, Attorney General Harry McMullan ruled that one could not hold an elective

office and fill a second public position by appointment. There have been times when a public official held both an appointive and an elective office, but according to a ruling coming from the office of the attor-ney general this week, the practice was and is contrary to the spirit of the constitution.

Empowered by law to name a suc-essor, the four remaining town commissioners are not expected to take any action before the next regular meeting of the board on November

3rd. It is expected that Mr. Peel will tender his resignation at that meeting, and it is possible that the nam-ing of his successor will be delayed until the regular meeting in De

Mr. Peel was elected last May for a two-year term, and his successor will be named to serve until the first Monday in July, 1943. Not certain that Mr. Peel would be

required to resign following his ac-ceptance of the full-time tax col-lecotr's place, very few names have been mentioned in connection with the position on the board. Mrs. Fan-nie C. Staton announced publicly that she would be a candidate for the

dates, a member of the board was quoted as saying yesterday. One or two other names have been mentioned in connection with the position

the board, working to maintain a fair geographical location of its membership, will first consider candi-dacies filed by citizens in Mr. Peel's ction of the town.

for each regular meeting, the positions of clerk and treasurer provid-ing a slightly larger remuneration. crops have been virtually wiped out

Army Isn't So Bad,

this year. To date 2,427 of the registrants have been classified, and in those classifications and in the physical examination records are found the startling facts. The Army issue are all having a good time so far, are all ha the armed forces, said in a letter re-ceived here yesterday.

While there is a bit of homesickness noticed between the lines of the letter, the selectee offered no complaint and declared that the food is much better than he expected and that they get plenty to eat. Meals are it may be that they will be called in served, the private said, at 6:30 in for free treatment and regular serv- the morning, 11:30 a.m. and 5 in the

the induction centers rejected 49 Leaving here Wednesday of last men, 19 white and 30 colored on ac- week, the young men were given total in this classification of 172 morning. Griffin stating that two or learned, the county commissioners the drive personally in Williamston who fill the position by appointment the canvassers are asking others in have not been advised of the solici- the four remaining towns to head the the four remaining towns to head the the four remaining towns to head the position in this classification of 172 morning. Griffin stating that two or men. Only 410 men have been given the group were a bit disap-

Peel Is Resigning First Peanuts From The New Crop Are Sold Here Tuesday

Even before the open market an-nounced its price schedules and with to indicate that a majority of the part of the crop still in the ground, growers are going to withhold their new peanuts started moving to lo- price reaches 5 cents or a point cal warehouses and cleaners here higher than that. All peanut market

this week, marking the opening of ing cards have not been prepared, this county's second biggest market-but the office of the county agent

Sales have been so light that a definite price figure can hardly be announced. The first three crops to move sold for \$4.75 to \$4.90. No. 1 bunch sold for four and three-quarters, and jumbos sold for 4,90 cents. Very few buyers have gone on the market so far, and the sales reported so far were handled, more or less, to determine the quality of the new

crop. Reports from the fields state that pickers are now being operated in large numbers, and that the crop

Dry Season

and preliminary reports state that the sweet potato crop has been great-

ly curtailed by the extended dry

weather. As harvesting progresses reports state that the peanut crop

was not damaged as much as man;

Fall Crops In County

Most Small Streams In County Dried Up; **Farmers Haul Water**

Few Cover Crops Are Seeded In County As Result of

Without rain since August 20th, but not publicly. It is understood that this section is now in the throes of its most serious drought on record While the damage is possibly great er than it appears to be, the section is fortunate in that the dry spell did

Members on the board receive \$10 not come during the main crop sea Fall gardens and winter cover

Selectee Declares

expected a few weeks ago. Farmer Will Taylor said this week that he could gather hardly enough food from his garden for a single meal. Few farmers attempted to sow win-

ter cover crops, and fields and gar dens in this section will have a bar ren appearance this winter, no doubt The dry weather has aggravated the forest fire program, and losses are

believed to have reached a new high for the season of the year. Withholding complaint following one of the most bountiful harvests in recent years, farmers are acting to meet the situation the best way they can. Those farmers having only

shallow wells are hauling water from springs and their neighbors' deep wells to water their stock and

crops from the market until the

The quality of the crop is said to be about normal, and while the quantity will not measure up to the scribed as being about on an average with the yields over a period of marine attack several weeks ago and bestroyer "Greer" dodged a sub-marine attack several weeks ago and bestroyer States ships are well this year. First sales reported on the local

market last season carried a price of 3 1-4 cents, and were made on Oc tober 17th.

will likely start moving in volume within the next two or three weeks if price schedules are acceptable to five cents.

INCREASE

Following the opening of the river fill to two-way traffic early last Wednesday, travel over the route is steadily increasing, one report stating that twice as many vehicles are using the route now than did a short time ago.

Twenty-two feet wide and having graded curves, the new 4 1-3 mile stretch of concrete invites speed, and observers de-clare that travelers are losing little time in crossing the bridges and swamps.

Washed away on August 20 of last year, the road with the exception of a few weeks, has been open to limited traffic all the time. Work on the shoulders is progressing rapidly and guard rails will be installed shortly, but this will not interrupt traffic, engineers state.

Kiwanians Observe Ladies Night Here **Thursday Evening**

Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City, In Interesting Address To Large Group

Speaking to the Kiwanis Club here last night, Wade Marr, prominent after-dinner speaker of Elizabeth after-dinner City, said, "I had rather live 'it' than attempt to define that indefinable something 'Kiwanis'.' "Kiwanis creates genuine fellow-

American Warship Attacked Today in The North Atlantic

Russians Make Ready For a Last-Ditch Stand at Moscow Against Invaders

The United States warship, "Kearthis week, marking the openated but the office of the county agent ney, was torpedoed in the Atlantic ing season. Early diggings and har-vesting are advancing the market-ing season a few days ahead of a normal schedule, but the movements have been comparatively light to date. not announced immediately, but it was generally believed that the at tacker was a roving German submarwhere United States ships are well within the neutrality zone. Accord-ing to unofficial but reliable reports, other American ships were ordered to the scene of the attack with di-

ections to run down and destroy the attacker. No lives were lost and according to preliminary reports no ne was injured.

Reverberations were instantaneous n the Nation's capital. Senator Claud Pepper, of Florida, asked for swift revenge, and called for two sinkings Damaged By Dry Spell German ships for every one of ours that was attacked or sunk. "A few more of these attacks, and we will be forced to clean out the At-lantic," Secretary of the Navy Knox

was quoted as saying The isolationists, headed by Sen-ator Gerald P. Nye, blurted out that the attack was to be expected. The formation of a new Japanese

abinet is in the making with the blessings of the army already upon it. The old army general is seeking the navy's support, and if that i granted, a middle-of-the-road group will take over Japan's destiny. The old general, reports state, will have no dictation from Germany, but it is possible that the shake-up is noth-ing more than a frame-up to hold the United States at bay until the opportune time to strike comes. member of our house of representa-tives said today that it was time to quit soft-pedaling with Japan and

take action On the Russian front, terrific fighting continues with the German invaders gradually closing in on Moscow, late reports stating that the Nazis are now within forty miles of the Soviet capital. While the Russians are experiencing a terrible bounding with the number of kill d, wounded and captured running into the millions, all is not going well with the Germans. Vast numpers of the invading hordes are be ng killed and wounded and the ad vance is being made at vast cost in

quipment and supplies. Moscow, the reports continue, is being evacuated preparatory to a last-ditch stand against the barbarian invaders. The capital is being transferred to Kazan, 450 miles east of Moscow, where Russian leaders will continue to direct the fight. American representatives in Russia were said to have moved yesterday and a few Russian leaders are said to have already gone ahead to make ready for setting up the government in its new location.

Reports from the front tell of mass slaughter unequalled in all military in some cases for home consumption. More wells have been cleaned out this year than in any other period.

tor's plans.	drive in their respective communi-	physical examinations in this coun-	pointed when they measured up to	but even then the efforts to relieve	voted to the best interests and wel-	sinne continue to fight on the
	ties	ty so far, the number of physically	the physical standards. That alter-	the situation have failed in many	fare of all the people," Mr. Marr	stans continue to fight on the ap-
T .* TT TT 11	While Scouting activities have	unfit falling a little under 50 per	noon nine of the fifteen were induct-	ane and anon have laned in many	fare of all the people," Mr. Marr	proaches to Moscow. One report in-
Justice J. L. Hassell	reached a fairly low point in this	cent of the total examined.	ed. Friday morning three of the re-	cases. Quite a rew farmers are naul-	said. "In Kiwanis we discover or feel	timated that the Soviet forces were
JUSTIC J. L. LUSSEL	reached a fairly low point in this	While 172 men were being ruled	maining six were sent home. Two of	ing water from the town water sys-	something in that fellowship and	still "alive and struggling" against
IT 11 C C	county, there is still much interest	out on percurt of physical defects	the last three were inducted that af-	item here, while others are carrying	friendship that is overlasting All	the German assault which is being
Handles Neven Lases	in the movement, and the prospects	illiterney bobbed up to remove 459	ternoon and it was beginning to	water in buckets from the back of	trivial matters, all tension, is rele-	implemented with everything the
Handles Deven Chock	are bright for a strong organization	men out of the 2,427 classified so	ternoon, and it was beginning to	their fields to their homes.	gated to the background as we sit	Nuzi army and arconst are preduced
	of the youth in this district. As chair-	men out of the 2.927 classified so	appear that Griffin would not be	The second		
Polloming a hull in activities due.	man of the fund campaign, R. H.	far. Of the 452 illiterates-men with	accepted and would not be rejected.	Reports state that it is possible to	around the Kiwanis table and enjoy	A communique early today sum-
Following a full in activities dur-	man of the fund campaign, it. It.	four years or less of schooling_372	Monday morning they signed him	walk across Sweet Water Creek in	a freedom and ease few people of	med up the situation in this man-
ing the past lew weeks, business	Goodmon stated that a survey shows	were colored and 80 were white	up, but at that time he had not been	certain places in Williams Town-	other countries know."	
showed a marked gain in Justice J	that nine out of every twelve boys	More than 500 of the 1,661 colored	issued regulation clothing. Griffin	ship on dry land, and according to	The speaker said that our Democ-	(Continued on page four)
L. Hassell's court here this week. The	in this county would like to be a Boy	registrante and more than 100 of the	said "I didn't bring an extra shirt	one claim the Hardison Mill pond	racy is being tested as never before.	
trial justice has handled seven cases	Scout, that with the aid of the citi-	registrants and more than 100 of the	so I had to wear one since last Wed.	is dusty. Most of the small streams	"It is boing tosted bacause we have	7.270 Names On The
since Monday and has one or two	zens of this section, many of the	1,032 white registrants signed their	so I had to wear one since last wear	have dried up longing lange number	It is being tested because we have	
	youngsters may have Scouting. Mr.	registrationc ards with a cross mark.	nesday. It is blacker than the pro-	have dried up, leaving large numbers	never made sacrifices for the things	a .m. n
	Goodmon, declaring that America's	Of the 3,493 men registered, 1,904	verbial pot and smells worse than the	of fish to die. The old Roanoke,	that are ours." He didn't say so, but	County's Tax Books
	future lies in its youth, continued:	lare under zo years of age, leaving	pulp mill does in Williamston when	(Continued on page four)	intimated in so many words, that we	County STAX DOORS
Bryant with manslaughter.		1,589 to escape, temporarily at least,	the east wind is blowing. None of the	(Continued on page four)	might yet be called on to give and	
Jesse Whitley, colored, had a tough	"Scouting trains American youth	possible service in the Army.	other boys had an extra one I could		sacrifice to maintain our Democracy.	As a result of the quadrennial
round with the law recently. Con-	the American way. The story of	possible octrice in the riting.	borrow and I could not buy one on			property revaluation this year, the
	Scout training is being told today by	(Continued on page four)	the post."	Delinquent Tax List	No individual can hold a prejudice	property revaluation this year, the
en driving, he was fined \$50. Justice	11,000,000 Scouts and Scout trained		Caller Deliver Callela and		did from swelling over the second state of the	number of names on the county tax
	citizens dating back to February,	A	Continuing, Private Griffin said,	Larger Than In 1939	if he will come in contact with the	books has been greatly reduced. In
for being drunk on the streets. Ac		Commission Awards	"We are not on the main post yet.	Larger I fian in 1999	object of the prejudice. "Kiwanis,"	years past it was the custom to bring
		Commission in the de				forward the names of everyone, and
companying him here Monday, Whit		DIT' D	probably built by Martin County far-		a civic club but an institution of	as a result the books carried the
ley's father-in-law was quoted as	1.1 DI T 11 1	Pole Line Damages	mers We are almost men without a	That prosperity in eastern Carolina		names of many who were either
saying, "Now you are something	Alonza Rigge lailed	a one mane buinded	country since we can't leave the post	and Martin County is not shared by	(Continued on page four)	dead or who had moved their places
You spend 85 cents for a pint of li-	Alonza Biggs Jailed		until we are transforred to come	all is quite evident in Williamston's		dead of who had moved their places
guor to get into trouble, and then		Appointed by the court to assess				of residence. Last year there were
have to spend \$85 to get out of trou-	For Assaulting Man	damages, if any, caused by a power	training center. This will be within	town dennquent tax hat which	Governor Addresses	nearly 8,000 names on the book. This
ble."	I UI monauting man	line right-of-way, a special commis-	a very short time. Our neutenant	makes the first of four public ap-	Corcentor matter cooco	year there are only 7,270 names on
J. H. Harrison, out-of-county man		sion composed of Messrs. Woodrow	said it was very doubtful that we	pearances today.	AL I'N D'	the new tax books. A list of the num-
was taxed with \$6.50 costs when he	Charged with assaulting Tom Out.	Tice, Stephen Manning and Garland	would be stationed within a thousand	After dwindling in two successive	Ahoskie Negro Fair	bers of taxpayers follows, by town-
		Coltrain, last Wednesday allowed	miles of home. He said they want to	lyears, the has changed he course up		ships:
appeared before the justice on a		Jim Staton \$70. It is understood that	get us a long way from home to	ward and shows \$4,564.34 in 1940		Township White Col. Tot.
charge of public drunkenness.	Biggs, colored, was arrested here this	Jim Staton \$10. It is understood that	wean us or get us away from our	real estate taxes uncollected as com-	Mr. Charles H. Jenkins, local auto	Jamesville 525 - 334 859
Wheeler Martin, of Jamesville, wa	week and placed under bond in the	the amount allowed by the commis-		pared with \$3,860.07 for the tax year	dealer, entertained Governor and	Williams 221 117 338
fined \$5 and taxed with the cost in	sum of \$500 by Justice J. L. Hassell	sion was less than the private offer	"Drivate Date's" letter sounded a	of 1939 and \$4 312 70 for the tax year	Mrs. Broughton and a number of	
the case charging him with driving	at a hearing last Wednesday morn-	made the defendant in the action by			friends from Williamston and oth-	
a car without an operator's license.	ing. Unable to raise the amount,	the Virginia Electric & Power Com-	sour note when he said, "It is very	OI 1930.	mends from williamston and oth-	
Charged with speeding through	Biggs is resting in jail	nany.	likely that none of us will get home	The names of 46 white and 90 col-	er sections of eastern Carolina, at a	Williamston 1080 620 1700
Function Ned Crimes was fined \$	Waiving examination at the hear-	The State Highway and Public	before Christmas, if we get there		luncheon in Ahoskie Thursday af-	
	Ling Diggs said nothing and the prot.	Works Commission is calling for a	then." ·	list. While the amount of unpaid	ternoon.	Robersonville 833 523 1356
and taxed with the costs.	ing, biggs said nothing and the pros-	Works Commission is caring for a	He continued. We haven't heard	real estate taxes was showing an in-	Governor Broughton spoke at the	Poplar Point 161 61 999
Charged with being drunk and	ecution offered the testimony of only	100-loot right-or-way on the wash-	from home since we left, and we	crease, the number of delinquents	Ahoskie Negro fair, the only Negro	Hamilton 335 319 654
down, Matthew Bond was sentenced	two witnesses. Very little evidence	ington Road, and the power com-		declined slightly.	fair in the South operated exclu-	
to the roads for 30 days, the cour	was brought out, but when it was	pany was ordered to move its pole		A comparison of the number of ac.	sively by members of the colored	Goose Nest 423 376 799
suspending the sentence upon pay	 declared that Biggs attacked the man 	line. Unable to get a right-of-way	placed in a permanent post. Some of	A comparison of the amounts due	race Being a member of the board	
ment of \$7.50 costs.	first with a pistol, then with a shot	through private negotiations, the	us are in financial difficulties, bu	counts unpaid and the amounts due	race being a member of the board	
Charged with disorderly conduct	gun and then threaened to beat him	company turned to the court. As far	there is nothing we can do about it		of Conservation and Development	The 7,270 property owners, includ-
mathematical Debant Las man	a love the head after shooting him	las it could be learned the defendant	Some one also stole a little change	lows, by races:	of North Carolina and a friend of	ing those who owe noll tax only and
Baldy Rogers and Robert Lee wer	down, Justice Hassell decided to	has not annealed from the commis-	from Archie Griffin, I am sleeping	White 47 \$2,753.81	the Governor, Mr. Jenkins accom-	receiving this wook nink aline no
fined and taxed with the cost	down, Justice Hassell decided to	has not appealed from the commis-	with my pocketbook. I have heard of	Colored 101 1,106.26	panied Governor and Mrs. Brough-	tifying them that their taxes in the
amounting to \$10 each.	hold the man for trial in the super-	sion's findings.	have working their way through		ton to this section of the State. Af-	sum of \$205 450 PA are due
Probable cause appearing, th	e ior court.	It is understood that the telephone	boys working their way through	Total for 1939 148 \$3,860.07	ter the luncheon in Ahoskie, Gover-	able for the used are due and pay-
case charging Alonza Biggs with a	The attack took place near Ske-	line on the other side of the Wash-	conege, but I think we have the firs	White 48 82 810 84	nor and Mrs Broughten and Ver-	able for the year 1941. The average
second with a deadly mannen we	a warkow the early nart of last lune	Lington Road is to be moved, but as	one working his way unough the	trinte to to to to	nor and Mrs. Broughton and Mr.	taxpayer in the county will pay
tent to the superior court for this	Biggs evaded arrest until this week	I far as it could be learned here no	Army, Jesse Heath is stimming shoes	Colored	Jenkins left for Edenton where they	\$28.26 as his part in maintaining the
with the defendent under hand in th	e when Officer John Roebuck picked	action has been taken by the com-	He has been all around the pos	The second s	are attending the Peanut Festival	county government, its institutions
with the detendant under bond in th	him up.	pany to move its lines.	drumming business."	Total for 1940 \$4,564.34	today.	and agencies.
sum of \$500.	mun üb.	party to move na mica.				a house of the second se