

## Start Daring Trip To Florida, Youths Are Detained Here

Boys Well Prepared for Wild Escapade with Stolen Articles

Four boys, their ages ranging from 11 to 14 years, exemplified the daring youth of today after a moving-picture fashion this week when they sneaked out of Norfolk and immediately struck a crime trail with Florida as their destination. Riding on two of their own bicycles, the four lads gathered up a stolen pistol in a news carrier's sack and started out last Monday afternoon, the trip having been carefully planned a short time before.

The four boys, Lee Rogers, 14, William Paul Rule, 14, Ralph Rule, 11, and Marvin Burum, 12, soon picked up an extra wheel and made it to Edenton for the night. With the big pistol by their sides, the four youngsters spent the night in the body of a junked truck. Starting early next morning, the boys were not heard from until they reached George Leggett's filling station between here and Windsor. No one was at the station and the boys after forcing an entrance started out to tear down the nation's rationing system. A big army pistol was tucked into the bag first. A carton of Camel cigarettes, canned food and ever so many packages of chewing gum were dumped into the bag. Each one fitted out a flashlight and took up the southward trail.

It was hard to associate the little tots with the bold day-light robbery at first but time and other factors fitted so well that the boys were hailed by Patrolman Whit Saunders and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck just south of here that afternoon for questioning. A glance into the bag convinced the officers they were on the right trail. The boys were returned here and placed in jail. They were stubborn at first, defying the fatherly questioning of Sheriff Roebuck and playing havoc with the jail water works and other items. They had the way of seasoned criminals, but in their eyes could be seen the innocence of tender youth possibly temporarily warped by too many gun-toting characters in the frequently seen movies.

Rogers, self-appointed leader of the group, finally caved in and told the story, describing most of the highspots on the trip, and maintaining all the while they were not afraid. Asked why they ran away from home, none of the boys could give any good reason for the daring dash. Rogers has a stepfather, but it seems that the lad had broken a garden implement and he and his mother had some trouble, not serious.

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## Judge Robt. Coburn Calls Four Cases In The County's Court

Much Time Spent in Trying Case Growing Out of Automobile Accident

The Martin County Recorder's Court had very little business on its calendar last Monday, but it was a long time handling that business. Judge J. C. Smith, representing the defense, and Prosecuting Attorney Paul D. Roberson battled the greater part of two hours trying one case, the court finally adjudging the defendant guilty. Four cases were called during the longer-than-usual session. The number of spectators was hardly up to its usual size, and there was very little interest shown in the proceedings by those who were present.

Proceedings: The several-weeks-old case charging Arthur Morgan with violating the liquor laws was finally cleared from the docket. Judge Robt. L. Coburn sentenced Morgan to the roads for a term of three months, but suspended the road term on condition that defendant pay a fine of \$50 and the case costs. The case had been continued previously under prayer for judgment.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with reckless driving, Marvin Smith was adjudged guilty. He was directed to pay the case costs and \$50 to M. K. Whitehurst for damage done to the prosecuting witness' car. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$100. The trial of the case was in progress for nearly two hours.

Entering no plea in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly and attempted assault, Roy Andrews was adjudged guilty of a simple assault. He was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending the sentence upon payment of the case costs and pledging good behavior for two years.

Ben Biggs, adjudged guilty in the case charging him with carrying a concealed weapon, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the case costs. The defendant, still maintaining his innocence, appealed to the higher courts and bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

## First Quarter Postal Receipts Set Record

FLYING HIGH



Assigned to a special mission, Raleigh Harrington, young son of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Harrington, of this county, has been flying high with high-ranking officials and associating with celebrities to the south.

## Raleigh Harrington Enjoys Big Company On Special Mission

Young County Flier Invited To Dine with Duke and Duchess of Windsor

It is all in a day's schedule and the lads think little or nothing about it, but when a Martin County boy starts keeping company with the big-wigs and is even invited to dine with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor the folks back home kinder sit up and take notice and rate the happening as news—real news.

Graduated in an Army Air Corps school at Albany, Ga., a short time before Christmas, Raleigh Harrington, young son of Parson and Mrs. W. B. Harrington, of Farm Life, went to Manchester, New Hampshire, for advanced training. It was while he was there that he received a call to report to Washington. A few days later he was flying south. His assignment was held secret, but he passed over international boundaries. A few days later he was handling the mission in company with high-ranking officials, one report stating they were from the diplomatic field and another stating that the big boys were from among the Army staff.

Details of the trip cannot be revealed, but in Nassau, the young man met the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and was invited to dinner. The schedule called for his departure before mealtime, and he was forced to graciously decline the invitation. In South America, the young man associated and dined with the ambassadors in several capitals, each day bringing forth its measure of surprises and treats. There were those exciting moments, but the details cannot be told now.

The young man's mail address is Washington City, but he is thousands of miles away. It is understood his special mission is over, and that he is now stationed some where to the south.

Young Harrington, having just completed his courses, was home when the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor. He was instructed to report immediately. Since that time he has visited in the county once, but for only a few days.

## Local Firm Aids In Collection of Scrap

The Nation's war production is largely dependent on the materials which are available for use in plants and factories. The United States had more than enough metal for ordinary production, but with the step-up in industry more metal and rubber became a necessity.

Appeals have been made throughout the nation for every American to collect scrap materials. Your scrap metal is needed for Victory. There is a critical shortage of scrap metal needed for the war effort, and it is of the utmost importance that every pound of scrap material, metals and rubber start moving toward American foundries and steel mills.

This message is directed to everyone, especially the farmers. You are asked to search your farm and collect any and all scrap materials and get them to a reliable dealer. To help you get your scrap moving, Charles H. Jenkins and Company, through an advertisement in this issue of The Enterprise, has consented to assist you in every way possible. When you have gathered the scrap together, drop this firm a card and they will see that a truck is routed by your farm to pick up the scrap you have collected.

## Gain Of More Than A Thousand Dollars Reported In Period

Stamp Sales Almost Equal Those for Last Three Months of 1941

After checking and rechecking the figures, Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden announced this week that postal receipts at the local office reached a new high figure for the first quarter this year and fell short of the 1941 fourth quarter sales by only a few hundred dollars. Receipts for January, February and March this year were \$6,030.73 as compared with \$4,939.58 reported for the corresponding months in 1941. Postmaster Fowden is somewhat at a loss to explain the supporting reasons for the increase of \$1,091.15 in the first quarter receipts this year over those of a year ago. "Business in this section is not as bad as some of us would picture it," the postmaster declared.

"It takes a lot of one-, two- and three-cent stamps to add up to more than \$6,000, and when a small force in a postoffice sells that many stamps and handles all the other duties, you can be assured that a great deal of work has been done," Mr. Fowden commented.

While stamp sales reflect a sizable increase, money order business handled by the local office is not quite as large as it was a year ago. After falling off nearly \$3,000 in January, the money order business started gaining in February and established a new high record for the month of March with sales for that period totaling \$9,942.27. While the money order business for March was higher than usual for that particular month it was considerably below the \$33,298.34 reported for the month of September, 1941. During the first three months of this year, money order business amounted to \$23,383.01 as compared with \$23,706.95 in the first three months of last year.

While postal receipts were reaching a new high figure and the money order business was holding its own for the first quarter of this year, the sale of war savings stamps and bonds was just barely dragging along. It is true the figures below do not include sales handled by banking institutions and other agencies, but it is fairly apparent that most

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## Librarian Talks To Local Kiwanis Club

Miss Elizabeth House, librarian for the regional library, embracing Martin, Beaufort and Hyde counties, made an interesting and informative talk before the local Kiwanis Club last night.

"The library service is county-wide in each of the three counties and most every remote section is served by the Bookmobile," Miss House said. Martin County will own by June 1st, 1000 books and with funds coming from the state an additional 300 or 400 volumes will soon be added to this collection.

"We make 176 stops in the three counties and since the Bookmobile began operating October 15, 1941, eight trips have been made throughout the region," the librarian stated.



**UNCLE SAM**  
BATTLING TO UPHOLD  
*America's Freedom*

**THE 23RD WEEK OF THE WAR**  
The White House reported the Nation's vast cargo ship construction program is on schedule and "the American people can be assured that the shipyards will do the job assigned to them." The statement said shipyards delivered 120 new vessels in the first 130 days of this year, 20 per cent more than were built in all of 1941, and the production peak has not yet been reached.

American shipyards are building merchant vessels faster than ever before in the history of the world, the White House said. Cargo ships are being built in less than one-half the time originally allotted. "The progress made thus far is easing our shipping problem, but there will be a shortage of ships until sinkings throughout the world are brought under better control and the shipbuilding program gets into full production," the statement said.

**Army-Navy War Review**  
A joint Army-Navy communique reviewed the progress of the war to date. The communique said that during a period of preparation for offensive action, a "number of successful thrusts" at the Japanese had worked a "lasting effect upon the strategic situation." Among such strokes it listed the naval raids on the Gilbert and Marshall Islands, Wake Island, Marcus Island and the bombing of Japan itself. It included also the destruction of Japanese ships in the battles of the Coral Sea and Macassar Straits, the accomplishments of American submarines in the far Pacific and the numerous raids by American planes based on Australia.

The joint communique also reported that during the first three weeks of the war, about 600,000 American troops moved to battle stations, many of them overseas. Unified command is now in effect in every theater of war. The defense of the Philippines, the communique said, "demonstrated the comparative weakness of the Japanese as an individual fighter," a factor which "alone forbodes disaster for the enemy Japanese in the future when the battle is met on terms approaching equality."

**Cost of Living**  
The Office of Price Administration said the general ceiling on retail prices, now in effect, is expected to cut the cost of living by 1 1/2 per cent. The Labor Department reported that by mid-April families of wage earners and low-salaried workers had to spend \$1.17 to buy the same things for which they spent \$1 before August, 1939.

Price Administrator Henderson

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## UP, UP AND UP

Daily war expenditures are rising in a big way day by day. In January, 1940, this country was spending between three and four million dollars a day. Two years later or on last January 1, about \$5 million dollars a month were being spent for the war effort. The expenditures, spurred by Pearl Harbor, have jumped since the first of this year to about 140 million dollars a day.

The boys who said a budget unbalanced in the name of suffering humanity would wreck the country apparently have lost count.

## More County Men Are To Answer Army Call

Draft Board Giving Induction Notice To Fairly Large Group

Two Volunteers Block Draft Call in the Third Registration

More Martin County young men are being called into the armed service, the draft board announcing today that a fairly large group of white men are now in line for immediate induction, that is within the next week or two. During the meantime induction orders have already been delivered to a goodly number of colored registrants directing them to report on a designated day between now and the last of this month.

Following instructions coming from the Selective Service a short time ago, the draft board in this county was all ready to reach into the third registration for men, but two youngsters, Jesse Vernon Edmondson and Charlie Lee Stanley volunteered their services and made a call from the third registration group unnecessary.

While subject to change at the last minute, the following list of young men are in line for the call to military duty with the armed forces:

Jesse Vernon Edmondson, RFD 2, Robersonville.  
Charlie Lee Stanley, Dardens and Dobson, N. C.  
Ellie Hugh B. Moore, Williamston.  
George Washington Taylor, Everetts.

George Hyman Harrison, Jr., Williamston.  
Lonnie Edmondson, Oak City and Las Vegas, Nevada. Young Edmondson has traveled quite a bit since he registered, the draft board recording thirteen changes of address. He has traveled quite a bit as a railroad man out west.

Henry Luther Harris, RFD 2, Williamston.  
Mayo Wymc, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Woodrow Wilson Beard, Williamston.  
Benjamin Barber, Williamston.  
George Washington Farmer, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Joe Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston.  
Johnnie Scott, RFD 1, Oak City.  
James Albert Roebuck, Robersonville.

Gray Elmer Harden, Dardens.  
William Howard Cherry, RFD 1, Williamston.  
Richard Hannibal Godwin, Williamston.

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## First Aid Classes Get Underway in County

Two new Red Cross first aid classes were opened in the county recently, unofficial reports stating that fairly large numbers reported for the special instruction in Hassell a few evenings ago and in Hamilton last night.

Professor Sam Edwards is conducting the class in Hassell and John Eagles opened the class in Hamilton last night.

Two classes were recently completed in the Martin County Chapter of the Red Cross a few nights ago.

Any community interested in arranging a first aid class is directed to contact Dr. E. T. Walker, Williamston, or County Superintendent of Schools and Red Cross Chapter Chairman J. C. Manning.

## Assessed Property Values In Martin County

Marked gains and losses have been recorded in assessed property values in this county during the past years, but the gain in personal property assessments is believed to have approached and possibly set a new high record for 1942, according to preliminary figures recently released by the county tax supervisor. The gain in personal holdings for 1942 almost equals the entire gain reported for both real and personal property values in 1941, a revaluation year. The figures below show a break down of personal property assessments by race and districts. Only one small decrease is to be noted in the county, some of the districts reporting increases well over 100 per cent. The entire gain in personal values is tentatively fixed at \$805,505 or 26 per cent greater than the total personal property assessments a year ago. The values jumped from \$3,089,158 in 1941 to \$3,894,463 this year. A comparison of other values will appear in a subsequent issue. The following figures show the 1941 and 1942 personal property listings, gain or loss and percentage for both races and by districts:

	White				Colored			
	1941	1942	Gain	Pct.	1941	1942	Gain	Pct.
Jamesville	\$ 860,136	\$ 973,450	\$113,314	13.2	\$ 15,532	\$ 15,235	\$ 297*	1.9*
Williams	48,162	50,324	2,162	4.5	1,716	4,019	2,303	134.2
Griffins	142,079	194,133	52,054	36.6	3,095	6,843	3,748	121.1
Bear Grass	126,945	170,826	43,881	34.5	7,312	14,158	6,846	93.6
Williamston	689,611	1,012,517	322,906	46.8	23,630	36,788	13,158	55.7
Cross Roads	91,216	152,187	60,971	66.8	4,232	11,119	6,887	162.7
Robersonville	512,554	576,704	64,150	12.5	41,152	61,175	20,023	48.6
Poplar Point	73,845	83,589	9,744	13.2	2,776	6,242	3,466	125.0
Hamilton	178,323	208,582	30,259	16.8	22,658	32,567	9,909	43.7
Goose Nest	212,896	235,743	22,847	10.7	31,288	48,262	16,974	54.2
	\$2,935,767	\$3,658,055	\$722,288	24.6	\$153,391	\$236,408	\$83,017	54.0

\*—Indicates decrease.

## Over-Optimism Said To Be Dangerous To General War Effort

Russia Driving Hard Against Germans; Japs Drive Hard Against the Chinese

Despite expressed optimism over the war, high-ranking government officials again reiterate their belief that the struggle now underway in a greater part of the world will be a long one and a costly one in human life and property. They warn against wishful thinking, and describe the recent wave of optimism as artificial and for the most part unfounded. "It is dangerous to take one communique or several reports and make a final victory out of them," a trained observer remarked a few days ago.

The Allies are doing a masterly job all right, but the real fighting is centered, more or less, along the Russian front. It will have to be carried to other fronts and on more than one continent before victory can be won, the observers say. They explain that in the last war France, Italy and Japan were included in the Allied group. Russia, while ignored by the historians, engaged more men on the Eastern Front than the Kaiser had on the Western Front. Today, Russia is leading the way in the fight against Hitlerism, but Japan and Italy are active foes, and France is not helping the Allied cause little or any at all.

When the Russians chase the Germans out of Russia, the Allies will be about where they were in the last war minus the help of Italy and France and with Japan to contend with as a serious menace. There is every reason to continue our war effort to the very end of human endurance. If victory comes, during the meantime, well and good, but if the fight continues we'll need every ounce of convertible energy possible.

President Roosevelt today cautioned against artificial optimism and warned that the war could be expected to last a long time, but victory would be ours in the end.

On the fighting front, Moscow reported new and important gains in the Kharkov sector this morning. German losses were described as enormous, the report adding that the Nazis were apparently running short of tanks in their reserves.

Unofficial but reliable reports state that Hitler is planning a purge of many high-ranking German officials.

Little news came out of the Pacific area today other than an announcement telling of the sinking of three Jap merchant ships by Amer-

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## Number of Motorists Ask Supplementary Gas Rationing Cards

Issue First Certificates For Purchase of Sugar For Preserving

Unable to handle all their duties in a full work-day here last Monday, members of the Martin County Rationing Board donated part of another day to catch up with their ever-increasing work last Wednesday afternoon when they approved a number of supplementary gas rationing cards and issued the first certificates for the purchase of sugar for preserving food.

Receiving original rationing cards, allowing from 21 to 57 gallons of gas for the operation of their motor vehicles up until June 30, a few motorists went before the board for supplementary cards. According to the records, some of the motorists plan to burn 456 gallons of gasoline during the rationing period. Good for an average of about 18 miles per gallon, the gasoline will carry the applicant in the particular case a little over 8,200 miles.

Supplementary cards were issued to the following in the designated amounts:

Joe Everett, Parmele, three B-3 and one B-2.  
Jack Everett, Parmele, two B-3 and one B-1.  
Henry D. Harrison, Williamston, three B-3.

John Deere Plow Company, Williamston, three B-3.  
Mrs. W. K. Parker, Williamston, one B-3.  
J. J. Bennett, Everetts, two B-3.  
B. B. Biggs, Everetts, two B-3 and one B-1.

Williamston Package Manufacturing Co., three B-3 and one B-1.  
R. A. Cletcher, Williamston, one B-3 and one B-1.  
T. F. Chaucey, Washington, N. C., three B-3.

Herbert Taylor, Williamston, five B-3.  
R. B. Nelson, Robersonville, one B-3 and one B-1.  
Francis L. Edens, Washington, N. C., six B-3.

James E. Bullock, Williamston, seven B-3.  
T. B. Slade, Hamilton, one B-1.  
Commercial Credit Corporation, six B-3 and one B-1.

Standard Fertilizer Company, (Continued on page six)

DISQUALIFIED

Jesse Alton Harris, young Bear Grass white man and the first Martin County draft registrant whose case was directed to the district medical advisory board, has been disqualified for military service, the draft board in this county was notified today.

The appeal to the district medical board was recommended by the local medical examining board. It could not be learned definitely but it is possible that Harris while disqualified for military service may be called into some other service in support of the war effort. No provision has been made for such action at this time, however.

## County Represented At Defense Meet In Edenton Wednesday

Institute of Government Head Points Out Potential Dangers

The need for united action in prosecuting the war and building our defenses on the home front was vividly stressed by Albert Coates, Institute of Government director, at a civilian defense meeting in Edenton last Wednesday. The meaning of war and its resulting dangers to this nation although far-removed from the center of the conflict, were impressively stressed, local people said upon their return.

Speaking as one of several stressing a greater activity on the civilian defense front, Coates pointed out the dangers of possible air raids and invasion. He referred to the great invasions effected from the time Alexander the Great moved thousands of miles from his native hearth until the present. There was Napoleon and there were others, the speaker reminded the group. "We talk about bombing and invading Germany and Japan. Well, it can work both ways," Coates said. According to the speaker, it is only reasonable to expect sporadic bombings in the south to attract our protector ships and weaken the home front.

The Institute head declared that Germany's air program is nearer to us than many of us think, and he pointed out how Hitler had lessened the air miles between his bases and his targets. Again and again he stressed the need for a greater and more unselfish defense move on the part of the civilian population. "The Axis powers are making gas in large quantities. If they are not planning to use it, why are they making it?" he asked. In England, the church bells have been silenced and will ring out only to warn of a gas attack.

Continuing he said, "This is total war, and by total war I understand it to mean that the front lines are the back lines and the back lines are the front lines. Civilians are bombed now because they are a part of the war effort. Fourteen men are needed to keep one man at the front, and by eliminating those back home, a blow is directed against the fighting man indirectly."

"Civilian protection, aside whatever aid the interceptor and defending forces can give, is, after all, up to the civilians. Stricken areas will, to a large extent, have to solve their own problems," and when and if air raids come we will all be in the army

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## Mosquito Control Drive In County

By J. W. WILLIAMS Health Officer

An intensive campaign against the lowly mosquito is being carried out here in Martin County by the Health Department. This campaign is doubly important this year because of the shortage of quinine for malaria sufferers.

Swamps, creeks and other breeding places of the mosquito have been oiled and now the department is asking the help of all property owners in the community in ridding the county of this menace.

Every property owner, tenant or householder should make a complete survey of his premises to see that there is no standing water, rubbish or tin cans for these are the breeding places of the mosquito. You owe it to your neighbor as well as to yourself to do everything in your power to control the breeding of these pests.

Check the drains on your house. If drains are clogged up with leaves, your house may become infested with mosquitoes. If there are any places where water stands on your premises and this water cannot be drained, call the Health Department and it will send someone to oil these water holes.