

## County Authorities In Regular Meeting Yesterday Morning

County T. B. Sanatorium Now Open After Being Closed for a Month

With little official business scheduled for consideration, the county commissioners in their regular session here yesterday morning talked about the weather, the crops, the labor situation and other current topics and handled their duties in time to adjourn for lunch. The session was one of the shortest held by the authorities in some months, but despite its brevity, county affairs were reviewed, including the health department.

The county sanatorium, closed last month when it was impossible to find a care-taker and sufficient help to maintain the institution, has been reopened. Four or five of the patients who were forced to go to their homes during the period have returned to the institution. The commissioners are convinced that it is much cheaper to maintain the patients in State-operated sanatoriums. Conditions have been so crowded in the State institutions, however, that there wasn't sufficient room for all the county victims and it was decided that in the long run it would be cheaper to maintain a unit in this county than it would be to throw the victims with other people.

Tax relief orders were issued in the following cases:

Coy J. Roberson, poll tax listed in two townships and paid in Williamston.

J. H. Cooper, poll tax listed to service man.

Sanford Cordon, poll tax listed in error.

Hubert C. Roberson, poll tax, exempt.

James Keys, poll tax listed to service man.

Luther Cordon, poll tax listed in error.

Reviewing the tax records, Collector Luther Peel reported the following collections:

Of the 1941 levy, \$192,538.29 has been collected, leaving a balance due and unpaid in the amount of \$13,695.75. Delinquent accounts are being advertised this week.

Going back to the 1940 tax year, Mr. Peel stated that \$3,864.15 had been collected on land tax sales, leaving a balance of \$3,286.31 due and unpaid. The 1940 insolvent tax list has been whittled down to \$2,528.04, Mr. Peel explaining that \$3,395.76 had been collected.

The welfare department filed its September report, showing total expenditures in the sum of \$5,239.64. The expenditures were listed, as follows:

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## Slight Decrease In October Tire Quota

Irrespective of promises and any relief the synthetic rubber program might offer, the October tire and tube quotas for Martin County are slightly smaller than they were in September when a marked decrease in the allotments was effected.

While motor travel is holding up fairly well, the rubber shortage is being felt in many businesses. Salvage dealers and fuel and coal yard operators, unable to get sufficient allotments, are said to have been forced to curtail their operations on account of the tire shortage.

The allotments for September and October are compared, as follows:

Automobile Tires - Tubes		
	New	Recaps
Sept.	5	25
Oct.	5	24
Truck Tires - Tubes		
Sept.	34	38
Oct.	33	40

Receiving the October quotas too late for their meeting last Thursday the members of the rationing board have allotted no tires or tubes from the current stock pile. Applications will be considered at the meeting on Thursday of this week.

## Oak City Man Hurt In Auto Accident

M. M. Mills, of Oak City, was badly cut about the head and bruised on other parts of his body about 2 o'clock Sunday morning when his car, a 1939 Chevrolet, went out of control on Highway No. 125 near the J. R. Everett farm in Poplar Point Township, and plowed through a ditch for some distance. Mills was rounding a curve just this side of the Everett home when his car, going out of control, ran off one side of the road, darted back across the highway and plowed down the ditch. He was thrown out of the car and was removed to the local hospital by J. B. Herring, of Palmyra, who was driving a short distance behind Mills. Damage to the Mills car was roughly estimated at \$200 by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident.

## Iron Caskets to Scrap the Axis



Anxious to do his part for the national scrap drive, the owner of a funeral parlor in Alexandria, Va., contributed these iron coffins for delivery to Tojo, Hitler and Il Duce in the form of bombs and shells. Betty Anne Huffington and Mrs. Genevieve McCune, whose husband is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va., are shown placing wreaths of scallions and spoiled socks on the coffins. This is a photograph. (Central Press)

## Plans Go Forward For Home Guard in County

### GAS RATION CARDS

Holders of supplemental "B" and "C" gas rationing cards are being warned that the little booklets must be surrendered before new ones are issued. Those supplemental cards, issued as of July 22nd, this year, expire on the 22nd of this month and applications for renewals will be considered by the rationing board on or about that date. Applications will be received at the rationing board.

It is understood that renewals will be withheld in many cases, State Rationing Board authorities pointing out that with some few exceptions most of the crops will have been harvested and marketed by that time and that liberal supplemental rations will not be necessary.

## Market Reports Its Best Sale Of Year

Handling more than 200,000 pounds the Williamston Tobacco Market had one of its best and most successful sales of the season yesterday. The general floor average for the entire sale was right at \$43 per hundred pounds. Sales were continued almost to the selling limit for the day, and heartening reports came from warehousemen and farmers alike.

The price trend still points upward for the common and medium quality grades, while the top continues at 48 and 49 cents a pound.

So far the market has sold right at six million pounds, and it is now estimated that the total sales for the season will reach and possibly pass seven million pounds before closing time the latter part of this month or early in November.

## Labor And Food Shortage Forces Cafe To Close

Experiencing a shortage in help and finding it difficult to make liberal purchases of food, the management of the Welcome Inn last Saturday night suspended business operations, possibly for the duration. The large patronage enjoyed by the cafe almost overran other cafes, boarding houses and lunch counters when the business closed its doors.

### ROUND-UP

Local and county officers barely held their own last week when it came to rounding up the drunks and alleged violators of other laws. A count of thirteen was recorded in the jail records for the period, the number equalling the record for the previous week-end and falling four behind the peak reached several weeks ago.

Twelve of the thirteen were drunk—some of them just plain and the others dead drunk. Five of the number were white. A thirteenth man arrested and jailed is charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

## Not Certain A Unit Will Be Located In Immediate Section

Call for Volunteers Expected Throughout County During Next Few Days

Plans were advanced at a meeting of local representative citizens and North Carolina Home Guard officers here last Saturday morning for the establishment of a Home Guard unit for Martin County. Meeting with the representative group, General J. W. Jenkins explained that several other applications for the unit had been received, and since only two new Home Guard companies could be established all the applications would have to be considered before definite assignments could be made.

Final plans for creating a Home Guard unit will be delayed pending the receipt of a decision from the general, but preliminary plans are being advanced looking toward the creation of such a unit or one that will guarantee the internal security of the people and property.

The committee, composed of Dr. W. R. Burrell, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, and Messrs. G. H. Harrison, R. L. Perry, C. B. Roebuck, John L. Hassell, H. G. Horton and W. E. Dunn, is expected to issue a call for volunteers within a short time. General Jenkins, accompanied by Colonel Sharpe, Greensboro, and Major Dorch, of Goldsboro, advised the committee the test the potential man strength for the proposed unit and consider other plans for creating the guard.

General Jenkins explained in detail the requirements for establishing a Home Guard company, and it was his opinion that this county was an ideal place for a unit. To get the

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## Schools To Reopen In County Monday

All those colored schools closing during the peak of the harvesting season in this county very likely will reopen next Monday, according to information coming from the office of the county superintendent today. Regular schedules will be resumed in most of the other schools where operations have been limited during the harvest season, and it is also likely that the hours for opening and closing the schools will be altered beginning next Monday.

Making a survey of the harvest work yesterday and this morning, school authorities stated that they believed the crops will have been harvested for the most part by the latter part of this week. It was explained that much had been gained by closing some of the schools and altering the schedules in others. School authorities were surprised to learn yesterday that farm trucks were transporting more children to and from the fields than were ordinarily carried on the regular school busses.

## War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

We Must Do More and Do It in a Hurry If We Are To Win This War

A captured Nazi document tells how Hitler plans to run his blood-stained "Greater German Empire"—by means of an army of secret police, always on the job. Japanese ambition to share a conquered world with Germany isn't any secret, it's even symbolized on new Jap postage stamps. To be sure, these aspirations have had some rude shocks lately—the splendid stand of the Russians once more threatens Nazi aggressors with stalemate and approaching winter. Nazi General Rommel still is stalled in the African desert, the far-extended Jap flanks have been dealt blows by U. S. forces in the Solomons, Australians in New Guinea, Americans and Canadians at Kiska in the Aleutians.

But if we are to defeat the savage purpose of our enemies, if we are to grind them into the dust, we all must do more, and in a hurry. Our war output is huge—in August munitions alone were produced in a volume more than three and one-half times that of November, 1941—but the plain fact is that over-all production in August lagged about 14 per cent behind forecasts.

Must Ration Scarce Goods  
The siphoning of vast stores of materials to war uses, together with loss of our sources of many raw materials, points the fact that we face a return to "depression" living standards—but with the difference that whereas in 1932 millions of us lacked buying power although goods were plentiful, today the situation is reversed. Today excess buying power must be drained off, scarce goods divided up or rationed.

Fuel oil is not scarce but the means of transporting it—thanks to Nazi subs—are at a premium. Petroleum supplies and terminal facilities on the Atlantic Seaboard have been pooled, but still there will be only about two-thirds of the normal supply this winter for the 30 states in which fuel oil has been rationed. This means tightening up heat leaks, saving fuel, changing over to coal wherever possible. The cost of changing from oil to coal may be shared by tenant and landlord, if the tenant agrees.

Must Boost Coal Output  
Unless our coal output is increased we'll be short of this fuel, too, next year—by 42 million tons. Coal production will be speeded through 91 new Labor-Management committees in the soft coal mines, and longer work hours in the mines are likely. Shifting thousands of railway tank cars to fuel oil service slowed movement by tank car of vegetable

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## Local Citizen Dies In Hospital Sunday After Short Illness

Funeral Services Held Here for Miss Penina Roberson Monday Afternoon

Miss Penina Roberson, highly esteemed Williamston citizen, died in a Washington hospital last Sunday afternoon. Suffering a broken hip in a fall on September 19th, she was removed to the hospital for treatment. Two operations were performed in an effort to better her condition, but she gradually grew worse. Pneumonia developed, causing her death.

She was the daughter of Sallie Peel and Harry Roberson, and was born August 28th, 1861, at the family home near Bear Grass, where her father was a large planter before the Civil War dissipated his fortune. When her parents died, she came to Williamston to live with her cousin, Mr. W. H. Roberson, at the age of fourteen. She has lived here ever since with the exception of two years and helped to rear three generations of children born in her home. She was loved and revered as a mother by all of these children and though she never married, she lived a full and abundant life. Never once was she ever heard to mention the sac-

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### WAR PROJECT?

Rumors, without any confirmation whatever, have it that the government is considering some type of project for this section. No details could be learned, but the rumors would indicate that another Army camp is to be established in the State possibly within a few miles of Williamston. No official information could be had here, and little credence is given the rumors heard over the grapevine system last week-end.

## September Bond Sales Not Up To Quota Assigned the County

After exceeding the first few quotas, Martin County citizens have been falling behind with the war bond purchases in recent months. A fairly complete report for September shows that \$30,638.75 was invested in bonds during that period, the total falling about \$26,861.25 below the figure Martin County people had been asked and urged to buy.

These figures, representing the actual value of the bond at the time of purchase and not maturity value, were reported as follows: Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Robersonville, \$5,418.75; Williamston, Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, \$5,137.50; Branch Banking and Trust Company, \$11,743.75; Martin County Building and Loan Association, \$6,300.00, and post office, \$1,968.75. Reports from other institutions or agencies handling war bond sales could not be had immediately, but it is believed that complete figures will change the total very little.

The sales are indeed disappointing since September is rated as one of the best financial months in the year for this immediate section. Complete records are not to be had, but it is reliably understood that the sale of intoxicating beverages in this county last month was more than double the amount invested in war bonds.

Other counties in eastern North Carolina are meeting their quotas, and several have exceeded the expectations by sizable margins. The Town of Plymouth, it was reported, bought more than the quota for all of Washington County last month.

## School Children In Successful Canvass For Scrap Material

Little Tots Warned Against Confiscating Valuable and Usable Articles

Martin County's repeat for old iron and scrap metals and materials is gaining momentum, and with the school children solidly behind it the campaign is certain to meet with success. The drive is on in earnest, and it will be interesting to learn who really is behind the war effort when the deliveries are checked later in the month. Prizes, amounting to \$3,300, are being offered by the newspapers of the State to the campaign winners. The county reporting the largest per capita collection will receive a \$1,000 war bond. Schools, clubs and other organizations are in line to win prizes offered in the State-wide contest.

Much of the iron and scrap is being donated to the schools for sale to recognized dealers. Individuals may sell direct to the dealer, but they are asked to keep records and report to their respective school or to County Chairman V. J. Spivey. It is important to keep records on the sale of every pound, and it is far more important that every possible pound of old scrap be collected and turned into trade channels. Every farmer is earnestly urged to join in the movement to get the scrap into battle.

No direct reports on the scrap drive in this county are available at this time, but, boy, the rumors, pointing to a clean sweep, are encouraging. There was the little youngster who eyed a cow's tie chain. No, he didn't take it, but before the last bomb is exploded it might be that the owner will have to watch the chain as well as the cow. Scrap is being retrieved from the trash piles, and a few andirons have been snatched from the fire places. Then there was the accommodating fellow who surrendered his iron dumb-bells, agreeing to turn to honest toil for his bodily exercise. Little tots can be seen struggling along with turns of scrap, and by the end of this week the collections of old metals will have attained some size.

Reports from Robersonville state that more than ten tons of scrap have already been collected in that community by the school children and made available to the hungry blast furnaces.

Martin County has already collected more than 100 tons of scrap metal.

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## Number Of White Draftees Rejected

No official report is yet available, but according to information coming from several sources about sixteen of the more than half hundred Martin County white men reporting to an Army induction center for medical examinations this week were rejected. Several young men were detained for further examinations, and the total number of rejectees is subject to change. One young man returning last night, stated that he heard only 24 out of the group passed the examination, but apparently his information was unfounded. The Army induction center will hardly make an official report before the latter part of next week. No report on the examinations given nearly 100 colored draftees from the county last week has been received.

Two out of the group of more than half hundred white draftees scheduled to leave the county this week failed to report, one was transferred, four joined the Navy at the last minute, and the remainder traveled to the center in two busses.

## Scrap Drive Gaining Momentum In County

Downed 8 Jap Planes



During three weeks of operations in the Solomon Islands, Donald E. Runyon, 29, shot down eight Jap planes. Working with his carrier-based squadron, he downed two Zeros, five dive bombers and a twin-engine torpedo bomber using a minimum of ammunition. Runyon's mates attribute his success to "smooth piloting and accurate marksmanship." (Central Press)

School Tots Collect Quantity Scrap Iron

With their scrap campaign scheduled to begin yesterday, pupils in the local schools "jumped the gun" last Thursday, and began to bring in sizable quantities of scrap metal and rubber. This morning the various room thermometers posted in the grammar school showed that approximately 5,000 pounds had been brought to the grammar school scrap pile.

At the high school approximately 1500 pounds of scrap are on hand with 2000 pounds spotted and collected for pick-up by truck today. It is expected that the scrap piles at the local schools will be increased to sizable proportions before the contest ends on October 17th.

That parents are cooperating with pupils in the search for metal is evidenced by the fact that little "tots" in the first and second grades have brought or had delivered bags packed with scrap. There is no doubt that the students are scrap conscious and contributing wholeheartedly to this phase of the war effort.

Eighth grade boys, led by Richard Levin, spotted and collected 1500 pounds at a local plant, proving that where interested citizens cooperate in the search metal can be found.

## County Draft Board To Hold Meeting Monday

The Martin County Draft Board is being called into special session by Chairman R. H. Goodmon next Monday night at 8 o'clock to handle re-classifications and to consider claims for deferments, Board Clerk Marion Cobb announced this morning. It is understood that the board will reclassify I-B registrants.

## NO BUSINESS

The regular session of the local town commissioners last evening was an uneventful one, the official body considering no new business and limiting its conversation to the high spots of the war. The group was in session hardly half an hour.

A complaint about the promiscuous and careless handling of air rifles was heard in unofficial session, but no action to check the practice was taken when the board opened their meeting officially. The extension of Gurganus Street, near the cemetery, was proposed, but action was delayed.

## Germans Are Held At Bay By Soviets Around Stalingrad

U. S. Forces Start Big Drive Against Japs in the Aleutians

Hitler has not yet withdrawn his order calling for the capture of Stalingrad, but late reports from Moscow indicate that the Germans, facing a supreme resistance, have not obeyed the order. Despite furious German attacks, the Russians are holding the invaders at bay, and are actually making some gains in some sections of the great industrial city on the Volga.

Official communiques coming from Moscow do not go into detail, but as the Russians enter their 44th day of the defense of Stalingrad, the tide of battle has a brighter side for the Soviets. Dispatches, covering the activities Sunday and yesterday, indicated that Marshal Timoshenko's troops both within and outside the city were pressing the initiative, driving the invaders from part of an industrial settlement in the northwest metropolitan area, forcing them out of a large section to the southwest and cutting deeper into the Nazi flank across the Don-Volga corridor.

Hitler's troops are trying their utmost to fulfill his promise to take the city. They are losing heavily, but continue to pour in more manpower to replace their losses and maintain incessant pressure on the stubborn Russians.

Red Star, however, notes that German losses are so great that they outnumber the Nazi reinforcements. Raw reserves, poorly conditioned and ill-trained for street fighting, are being poured into the Nazi beaches blasted by concentrated Soviet artillery fire.

Outside the city, Timoshenko's forces battling to cut through the enemy's left flank "continued active operations." Izvestia said Soviet troops advanced 200 yards in one important sector in their drive to join the defenders of the city. A Russian unit, battling for another height, damaged two Nazi tanks, wiped out a large force of enemy troops and captured considerable equipment.

Half a dozen strong enemy attacks in the Mozdok region of the Caucasus cost the Germans seven tanks and two companies of infantry without making any headway in their

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## Wrecked Airplane Moved To Norfolk

Damaged in a forced landing in a soybean patch near Spring Green last Tuesday afternoon, an Army pursuit plane was moved over land back to its base, presumably in Norfolk, early Sunday evening. The pilot, said to have been from Apex, is back in his flying clothes, unofficial reports stated.

Losing his way and running low on gasoline, the pilot, whose name was not revealed, placed the ship down in a perfect belly landing, rooting up a small area in Farmer Guy Furber's soybean patch.

Dispatched from an operating base to guard the plane, two army men are said to have enjoyed their stay in this section. The mechanical crew, moving in Thursday to dismantle the ship, expressed a keen desire to tarry in this section as long as possible.

Some weeks ago a pilot bailed out when his ship went out of control over the lower part of this county. While he suffered a bit from exposure, his injuries were slight. So far no one has been injured in air accidents over this county, the first two pilots to figure in accidents having escaped.

The accident last week will linger in the mind of a small farm boy who was near the spot where the plane landed. "I was too scared to run," he said, adding that the pilot first asked if he was in North Carolina or Virginia.

## Red Cross Room To Reopen Wednesday

Closed a few weeks ago when the supply of material was exhausted, the Red Cross room over the Western Auto store on Main Street here will reopen tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, and as many volunteers as possible are urged to report for duty.

A new supply of material for making surgical dressings was delivered to the Red Cross rooms this morning, and Mrs. Tom Barnhill, supervisor of the project, made arrangements to renew activities at once.

Sufficient material to make 22,000 dressings is now available. The special material was shipped from upper New York State about the middle of last month.

The room will be open each day from 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. and each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening.