

# Closing Of City Schools Tentatively Set May 19

To Be Day Earlier Than County Schools; Colored Schools Due To End Term May 15; Three Holidays for Whites.

Closing dates for city and county schools, white and colored, have been tentatively set, and Henderson high school bells are listed for Tuesday, May 19, it was said today at the office of Superintendent E. M. Rollins.

White schools in the county are to end their terms a day later, on Wednesday, May 20. Colored schools in the county and the county are due to end their terms on Friday, May 15.

Sixty-three variations may be made in some of the closing dates, depending on holidays to be taken between May 19 and the final.

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Colored schools are expected to start their closing Saturday, April 11,

the May 15 closing is calculated as three weeks.

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## FINAL RITES HELD FOR A. C. PRIDGEN

Washington, March 11.—Alvy C. Pridgen, 72, died in the Veterans Hospital on H Street, Va., Monday after a long illness. He was the only brother of Wm. H. Pridgen, who was born in Washington.

He was the son of the late Rev. H. and Simeon Williams Pridgen of Nash and Warren counties, and a member of the Fishing Creek Baptist church of the Tar River Association.

Also surviving are two daughters, Miss Gladys Pridgen of Nichols, Va., and Mrs. C. D. West of Fort Valley, Ga.; several half brothers and a number of nieces and nephews in the same and surrounding states.

Pridgen left New York field Tuesday afternoon and came from the Davis Sports store here. Interment will be Saturday with the Rev. F. R. Riddle pastor of the Northern Baptist church, concluding last rites.

## Rotary Candidate



Hal S. Orr, 39, a citizen of the town of Rocky Mount, will be placed in nomination by the class of guests of the 109th district of Rotary International. The sunshining group expects that the new white schools will close before those dates, but they will take either the excess or the holidays.

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## Fellowship Topic For Rotary Talk

B. G. Kittrell had charge of the program at the weekly meeting of the Rotary club Tuesday evening, and presented the Rev. W. D. McInnis, who spoke on "Fellowship."

The Rev. Mr. McInnis told of the different kinds of fellowship, and gave several instances. The speaker declared that fellowship can be born in a person, that it has the power to burn, and that fellowship should be among all kinds.

He conducted stunts to illustrate his talk.

Next Tuesday's meeting will be in the Henderson high school auditorium, and a defense picture, showing the actual bombing of London, will be shown in the school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock, and the public is invited to see the picture.

## VIRGINIAN GUILTY DRUNKEN DRIVING

James T. Farlow, of Arlington, Va., was convicted in court today before Mayor Henry T. Powell on a charge of driving intoxicated, and was given 60 days, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court, and his right to drive in the city could be Rocky Mount, Va., if he violated it.

Thurston T. Brown, Negro, faced the court charged with selling wine, operating a grocery, meat market and service station without a license. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost, and obtaining the necessary licenses.

## March Term Of Court Is Closed Here

Signaling an interval of judgment in the various causes before the court, the March term of Vance Superior Court Judge Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, concluded over the criminal session of 1941, which ran three days, and the civil term this week, in which the docket was entered in two weeks, each to have run a full week.

Holding that the action was and would be closed, the court dismissed the indictment in the case of the State of North Carolina and others against M. H. Dickey and others, in which was involved the return of some thousands of dollars of bonds issued by Kinston. Calloway claimed, and denied, 10 to 12 years ago, that he, B. N. Jones, manager of one kind or another has centered around this institution in local courts for several years.

A judgment in Case 342-50 was signed in the suit of W. L. Haskins and others against Lee S. Tucker for possession, possession and return of the amount sought. The action grew out of a possible sale.

A unanimous jury rendered the verdict of a judgment for \$247 in the plaintiff in the suit of G. N. Hodges against E. T. Wilkerson, Benjamin Correll Hodges, et al., in the plaintiff, and rendered when signed by Wilkerson, but some months ago.

While the civil session of court lasted only two days, a number of judgments were entered. Only one case went to a jury, except divorce actions. Eighty cases were granted Mooted and settled on Tuesday, the one notable in the case of Fredie C. Shuler against H. H. Sharp. Not one of the eight cases submitted to the jury was submitted when signed by Wilkerson, but some months ago.

A good many criminal cases were disposed of in the three days of court last week, most of them being continued for the term, however.

Judge Stevens is due to hold the June session of superior court, the first week being for criminal cases and the second for civil cases.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

## CARLOAD OF LIME IS RECEIVED HERE

A carload of agricultural lime was received in Henderson today for distribution among Vance county farmers under the AAA grant-in-aid program, it was announced at the office of County Agent J. W. Sanders. The arrival brings to ten carloads the amount of the soil-building material received so far this year and the program.

A total of 14 carloads of limestone have been ordered for this year, one of the total now being in transit. The shipments include approximately 900 tons of the material.

## Stocks Again Drop Lower

New York, March 11—(AP)—Prices continued on a wide list of industries in today's stock market and in some cases prices were forced down to the lowest levels for two or three years.

The retreat persisted in the fact of fairly steady action in the steel, aircraft and rail divisions. Certain of the blue chips gave up to around two points, and fractional declines were well distributed through the list near the fourth hour.

## Cotton Prices Are Mixed

New York, March 11—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 to 30 cents a bale higher.

At noon values were 10 cents a bale higher to 10 cents lower; March 24, July 18-38 and October 18-75.

Jap Armand Draws Near South Coast

(Continued from Page One) occupied former military capital, and that other notables were putting in eastern Java.

In London, authoritative quarters acknowledged that the strength of the main Japanese battle fleet had "not been impaired" by Japan's far-flung sweeps of conquest and declared that Japan could now be expected to lash out in three directions—against Ceylon, off the southern tip of India against Australia, or later east toward the Fiji islands.

3. Japanese bombers attacked Port Moresby, on the Gulf of Papua in southeastern New Guinea, for the third day in succession. Port Moresby is only about 40 minutes flight from the Australian mainland.

4. In Washington, the War department reported the situation in Bataan, where General Douglas MacArthur faces numerically superior Japanese forces, apparently has been stabilized temporarily, with neither air nor ground activity in the last 24 hours.

Lions to Meet

The weekly meeting of the Lions club will be held this evening at 7 o'clock at the Vance hotel.

**DETROIT POLICEMAN IS NOW U. S. MARINE**

Detroit, Mich.—Sergeant Mark W. Billing of the Detroit police department, holder of more than a hundred rifle and pistol marksmanship medals and honors, has joined an outfit famous for its marksmen. He has enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps.

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