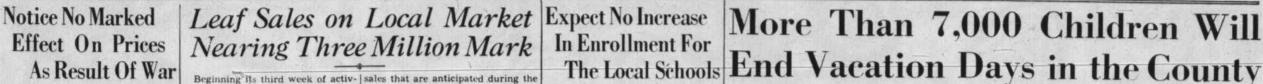
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Imperial and Export Companies Buying About As Freely As Ever

Following declarations of war in Europe Sunday, farmers throughout Bright Tobacco Belt eagerly awaited the opening of the markets the following morning, reliable reports stating that despite the uncertainties, tobacco prices held up fairly well with the exporting companies buying about as freely as they had

outbreak of war, and that was the of the European war crisis, reason no noticeable price reduction followed yesterday.

As sales got underway yesterday morning, the markets were a bit jittery, but within a short time the selling activities were progressing on an even keel. Prices even stiffened as the sales progressed, and before the day was spent some farmers offered day was spent some farmers offered the opinion that the trend was up-ward. "Splitting several grades, I Henrope Settles Down the remainder today. The average today was two cents higher than it was last week." a farmer on the lo-cal market said yesterday. While the cell that to

While it is admitted by all that to bacco prices are low, some have pointed out that unusually large quantities of tips and inferior quality tobaccos are being offered, and that under normal conditions prices would appear low. Possibly no good tobacco was offered yesterday when prices reached only as high as 27 cents for one or two piles

Just what effect the European situation will have on the tobacco markets and other farm activities in this country remains to be seen. Some say the prices will advance; others say prices will not advance, but will possibly drop. One fellow's guess is just about as good as another's. When war broke out in 1914, tobacco prices averaged around eight cents, accord-ing to unofficial records. No notice able rise in the leaf prices as the war entered the second year, but in 1916 prices started climbing and reached a peak in 1919

If history repeats itself, and apparently it is as far as actual war fare itself is concerned, then tobac co farmers are apparently holding a big bag filled with a lot of tobacco which they will sell at a low price On the other hand, prices may ad-

Reports from the belt, as a whole, stated that while tobacco prices are holding up fairly well, the markets were still in a bad slump started last

Note Claims Local **Boy Was Kidnaped**

"I am being kidnaped. Notify my fathér in Williamston," read a strange note picked up in Carthage's main street last Saturday evening washington. "I o maintain to that statement, the president is invoking the much-dis-cussed neutrality act this afternoon, according to late dispatches from Washington. "In support of that statement, the cussed neutrality act this afternoon, according to late dispatches from washington. "In force." "In support of that statement, the st

Said to have been thrown from a speeding car, the note was picked up by a Carthage resident and plac-terials to countries at war. in the hands of a patrolman im-

ties today, the Williamston Tobac-ordination Tobac-Market is well on its way to estable Odd as it may seem, farmers are co Market is well on its way to estabh a new poundage record, Supervisor K, B. Crawford stating that 379,292 pounds were sold yesterday and that the sales today would push the total for the season to date to approxymately 2,800,000 pounds.

approximately 2,800,000 pounds. Prices continue low, to be sure, but strange as it may seem, the average yesterday was higher than it was they had been. last Friday, the supervisor announc-Unusually large offerings of tips ing that the price figure stood just under fourteen cents for the day. Op-on the markets these days, and it is

f the European war crisis. Yesterday the market blocked for high as it once did.

handled this morning and this after-noon the selling forces will clear more satisfaction out of selling here the floors and make ready for heavy than on any of the larger marts.

not registering any great opposition to the low prices. Occasionally one ing Term Thursday

buying about as freely as they had at any time this season Market observers throughout the belt are of the opinion that the slump came last week ahead of the outbreak of war, and that was declared in Europe, the market maintain that the slump came ahead outbreak of war, and that was declared in Europe, the market was declared in Europe, the market morning. Reports from over the belt maintain that the slump came ahead outbreak of war, and that was declared in Europe, the market slump came last week ahead of the outbreak of war, and that was declared in Europe, the market maintain that the slump came ahead outbreak of war, and that was declared in Europe, the market slump came last week ahead of the outbreak of war, and that was declared in Europe, the market maintain that the Slump came ahead outbreak of war, and that was the lot the European war origin

the first time since the first week of the season. The left-over sales were today from a number of counties, the

British And French



Preparations are nearly complete or the opening of the Williamston schools on Thursday, September Enrollment in the elementary and high schools is not excepted to vary

school students was held last week with approximately eighty per cent of the anticipated enrollment reporting to arrange class schedules. No in creased enrollment is expected in the high school but the large group of children entering school for the

ment. The attendance at the pre-school clinic last spring indicates that approximately seventy begin

a continuous schedule again this year with the school day running from 8:30 until 3:00. The continuous from 8.30 unit 3.00 the children were session during which children were not allowed to leave school, while not satisfactory to all last year, prov-ed its usefulness to the greater number of children and parents patron-izing the school. The fact that the new schedule was a means of keep-ing children from the city streets Land Sales For Taxes

mentary and high school for the con-venience of the students, but no effort is being made or has been made Heavy Loss of Life and Great Property Damage Report- to urge students to purchase lunches. It is hoped that this year a larger number of students will bring their lunches to school. In spite of the fact that nearly \$500 was spent for im provements last year, the association is making further improvements which will make possible more ade-quate service during the coming year. The lunch rooms will begin op eration next .Monday and continue

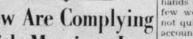
> Bus drivers have been selected and igned to busses which have been completely reconditioned during the summer. Parents living on bus routes are asked to facilitate bus service by having their children ready when the bus comes by and to report any vertise the delinquent tax list the failures in bus service directly and promptly to the principal. first of next month for sale at auc tion on the first Monday in Novem

ulate plans for the year's work. Four nearly 7,000 property owners advis-teachers will assume new work here, ing them to make settlement on or pedoed by a German submarine teachers will assume new work here, without warning, the ship went down in the North Sea about 200 miles off the coast of Scotland. Headed for Montreal, the ship sailed before war begun her work in the High Point City Schools and M. B. Dunn, of recent report coming from the office was declared, reports stating that more than 100 lives were lost. A Ger-man merchant ship was sunk by a British cruiser off the coast of South America, and several neutral ships were blown up to Cerean plasting the the high the work in the High Point City Schools and M. B. Dunn, of Boone, is taking over the position Lewis Enloe, who is in private em-ployment in Birmingham. Ala.

ly, who has transferred to the Clinton schools ,and Betty Mayo Ever-ett, of Palmyra, succeeds Foster Fergerson, resigned

According to unofficial reports

the State are complying with the



The Local Schools End Vacation Days in the County When Schools Open on Thursday

First Cotton Price Adjustment Thirty-Four Schools Payments Received in County Have A Total Of 200

The first of the 1939 cotton price ditional checks should be made avail. Teachers This Year adjustment payments were received able within a short time. It is esti-mated that Martin County last Saturday, the of-fice of the county agent announcing cess of \$30,000 in special price ad-

the 997 cotton farmers in the county cotton allotments vere eligible for the payments

More than 400 other applications learned.

today that a number of the checks representing a total of \$2,080.96 had already been placed in the hands of cotton or not are entitled to the paycotton farmers. The 225 checks re-ceived represent 81 applications, the a cotton acreage base last spring. agent's office explaining that 990 of and did not plant in excess of their

Based on 1.6 cents per pound for base allotments, the payments will payments have filed their applicaaverage around \$4.75 an acre in the tions with the office of the county

are awaiting approval in the Wash-ington offices of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and ad

Same Day Vacation days for approximately 000 Martin County youths will end Thursday of this week when the thir V-four schools 14 Hardly more than two-thirds of ty-four colored-start the 1939-40 term. Plans for opening the new

White and Colored Schools to Start New Term on

cear have been virtually completed, the school authorities today predicting one of the most successful terms in the history of the schools. Memers of the various faculties are al eady reporting for duty, and teach its' meetings are slated in nearly all he schools tomorrow. The teaching onnel was regarded by some as eing the strongest to assemble in county in recent years.

Early reports from most of the hool principals indicate there will no increase in the opening-day nrollment figures. The downward trend reported in elementary enrollnent figures last term is almost cer tain to maintain its course, and it is likely that tobacco grading work will hold fairly large numbers out of the high schools.

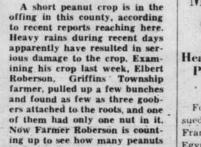
School	Ele.	High	Total
Jamesville	318	110	428
Farm Life	137	59	196
Bear Grass	245	69	314
Williamston	546	209	755
Everetts	253		253
Robersonville	322	275	597
Gold Point	69		69
Hassell	47		47
Oak City	247	145	392
Hamilton	200		200

Total: 2384 867 3251 Approximately 3,750 children were nrolled in the colored schools. While there have been quite a

few changes in the faculty person-nel, the number of teachers in the county school system remain about the same. The personnel turnover in ome schools was almost complete. Several new departments have been added in the county, the school at Robersonville offering courses in vocational agriculture for the first time. At Oak City, commercial subjects will be offered for the first time, reports stating that quite a few post graduates will return to the school there for the special work.

Teacher assignments were nounced complete last week-end

With Marriage Law accountant's office is busily engaged in their preparation. A condition permit for holding the A condition permit for holding the Williamston fair the week of September 27-30 was issued by the com-missioners who offered their coop-eration in advancing the event pro-vided the management pays all premiums due 1938 exhibitors. Ac-cording to an unofficial report, the to attend. Very little advanced information have been filled with three excep-tions. The driving personnel will be has been generally released in con-nection with the proposed soil con-servation program and Mr Floyd's



SHORT CROP

he isn't going to get. Farmer Harvey Gardner, who lives near Williamston, states that he is expecting a fair crop. Farmer E. W. Jones, also of near Williamston, states that he is expecting a small crop.

President Invoking Neutrality Act For The Nation Today ing of the British merchant ship, Athenia, with 1,350 passengers, in-cluding more than 300 Americans, aboard. Alleged to have been tor-

Will Make Every Effort To **Keep Country Out** Of Conflict

President Roosevelt in an address to the world last Sunday night stat-ed that every effort would be made

will prohibit the shipment of air-

ed in the hands of a patrolman im-mediately. The local radio station well received as far as keeping the in anticipation of damaging raids. of the North Carolina State High- United States out of war, but that The little country of Poland, fightway patrol picked up the message and immediately got in touch with mbargo on shipments of war ma-Mr. Woolard at his main street store. Mr. Woolard was greatly concerned Mr. Woolard was greatly concerned when the contents of the message were revealed to him, for he had not the Allies. the Allies. It is possible, according to some ob-servers, that the State Department is taking care of the situation and at taking care of the situation and at their main defense as the fighting department. Quite a few couples have been unable to be in trouble. Of-

Maneuvers Center **On Western Front** Property Damage Report-

ed in Poland Following declarations of war is ued Sunday by Great Britain and France and later by Australia and Egypt, Europe, scene of that horrible conflict of a quarter of a century ago, is settling down for Part II of the

struggle Conflicting reports have been numerous from the battle fronts, and propaganda has flowed freely from

every country, reflecting a muddled situation in the war territory. Major events in the first two days of the war centered around the sink-

pedoed by a German submarine

reports stating that five airplane bombers were lost. No serious air

every precaution is being exercised w/.

greatly from that of the 1938-39 term. Advance registration for high

first time may bring about some slight increase in elementary enroll-

ners will be present on opening day. The local schools will operate on **Commissioners** Order

during the busy noon hour justified the program from the standpoint of safety alone. The parent-teacher association will continue the opera-tion of the lunch rooms at the ele

Issue Conditional

throughout the school year.

promptly to the principal. The twenty-five teachers who com-prise the faculty of the Williamston schools will assemble at the high school Wednesday afternoon to form-the time of the order from the board, the collector started sending out direct notices to approximately 3,500 of the

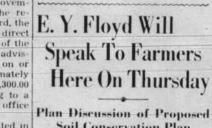
In the high school, J. R. Barrett, of Elizabeth City, succeeds Frank Nee-



Months Plans for forcing tax payments in

accordance with state law were advanced by the Martin County com intely. missioners in regular session here vesterday. The tax collector, Sheriff tion on the first Monday in Novem

books cannot be turned over to the sheriff until he has settled for the



Soil Conservation Plan For Next Year

sheriff until he has settled for the 1938 accounts. It is possible an assist-ant in the sheriff's office will be appointed to handle the remainder tax books will be placed in the hands of the sheriff within the next bombers were lost. No serious air raids have been made on London and Paris, as far as it is known here, but every precaution is being exercised

Permission for opening the new office was receive here this morning from government inspectors, but the doors must be properly hung first, it was stat-

The opening of the new post office here was today condition ally scheduled for Thursday of this week. Months over due, the

POSTOFFICE

front doors finally arrived, but the hardware for hanging the doors is not complete. Its arrivrow, and if the doors can be properly hung by Thursday, Postmaster L. T. Fowden and his

force will start moving immed

seen his son in almost three hours. The whereabouts of the youth were quickly determined, and while it was

ficers here have been unable throw any light on the case.

Town Authorities

in full force.

Colored Man Arrested For

Alleged Series Of Thefts

Scheduled for the same hour that lerism as it now stands. the second game in the semi-finals while much has been said about fact apparently is still flying its county yesterday and directed to and Public Works Commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was ordered postpon-official Washington has had little to commissioners was orde Very little business was scheduled to believe that more can be done for confirmed, but still later reports

for consideration by the authorities, the cause of the Allies without con-Mayor J. L. Hassell stating that pre-gress that can be done with it in port under perilous conditions. Iminary budget figures had not been prepared in their entirety and that the financial matters would hardly en to maintain neutrality here, other it will last. A review of the guesses

come before the commissioners with-in the next two or three weeks and proclaiming their neutral stands. by "the best posted men" indicates that Europe is in for a long war. possibly not before the regular meeting is held in October, Treasurer N. C. Green is conferring with local government officials in Raleigh this week in an effort to clarify the bud-

opinion that shipments of war ma-terials could be handled through Canada, leaving the neutrality law rounds their movements, but indica-but it does direct those marrying out-side the state to undergo blood tests and report the results to the county The expressed sentiment of the fight along the Western front where Refusing to comply wi

Refusing to comply with the terms

Postpone Meeting country is for repeal of the neutral-ity law if it will aid the cause of Hit-lost. The Bremen, pride of the German colored woman was arrested in the

County Colored Girl Wins Magazine Award

The Farm Life school will start the new term Thursday morning, Aurelia Jones, colored club girl of Williamston Route 1, recently won a \$15 cash prize given by the Country Principal Russell P. Martin annound ing that no formal program will be held, but that Rev. J. H. Smith and Gentleman, a magazine of national circulation, for submitting a winning letter in a contest. She used the mon-ey to attend a state club meeting, the ent for the brief exercises. colored home demonstration agent, Cleo Tyner, pointed out in her monthly report to the county com-Mrs. R. P. Martin in the high school, Mrs. R. P. Martin in the high school school sch

ording to an unofficial report, the North Carolina Fair Operating Company planned to make the payments within the next few days The Art Lewis Shows and grandstand attractions have already been booked by

the health law have not been filed the fair operators, but no official been released as far as it could be will center around the various prob-

tition for an improved road in Wil-liamston Township. Several farmers million dollar fund has been suggest-

county, no do

ed in some quarters as a means of Local Vocational signed a petition urging the commisoners to have the State Highway that this and similar problems will be mentioned at the meeting. How-

program for the meeting and the Principal Martin Announces discussion may be limited to an outline of the 1940 soil conservation **Plans For Farm Life School** plans

Howard Earp Reopens Local Bouling Emporium

whether he will continue open next and Miss Helen Gunter, Miss Mar-guerite Cooke, Miss Bettie Haysummer.

wood and Mrs. B. T. Woolard in the

Tomorrow afternoon, Principal his recreational enterprise are a con-through the division for vocational enterprise are a con-meeting at 2 o'clock. His recreational enterprise are a con-trained pin boys. How a group of well education of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Few of the schools are planning explanation and discussion will Few of the schools are planning prove of interest to farmers in this formal programs for opening day. premium list for 1939 entries has It is possible that the discussions served by all the plants. Oak City will dedicate its new gymnasium learned this week. The commissioners, holding one of their shortest sessions in some time, heard various reports from the de-partmental heads, and received a pe-tition for an improved road in Wilounty to attend the opening in their respective school districts

Head Begins Work

Miss Irene Mizelle, the vocational home economics teacher, has already begun work in the Williamston community. The vocational program consists of teaching home economics in the high school during the time school is in session, supervising and directing home projects of each stu-Friday, August 25, Howard Earp, peppery, ever popular, little short-stop, of the Williamston Martins, re-

Miss Mizelle, the vocational teacher, is under the supervision of Mr. Bowling on the modern, well kept David N. Hix, principal, and Mr. J. elmentary school. A cordial invitation is extended the patrons to atten dthe opening-day tion, affording the maximum of ex-State allotted teachers. Her salary Suit for a divorce was filed in the exercises, the principal announcing that the policies of the school would saturday by Bettie Mae Jolly against be explained at that time. County Superior Court last be explai

Wreck Victim Improving

In Washington Hospital