

## Stresses Value Of Training Youth In His Charge To Jury

### Grand Jury System Is Basic Foundation To Peace, Judge Carr Says

Presiding over a term of Martin County Superior Court for the first time, Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, in his address to the grand jury here yesterday stressed the value of citizenship training and after referring briefly to the turmoil in Europe declared the grand jury system was the basic foundation to peace. A sizable courtroom crowd listened attentively as the young jurist in a 60-minute charge attached great importance to the grand jury system and concisely outlined the duties of the jurymen.

"It is important that we continue the grand jury system in our country today especially when there is so much trouble and upheaval in foreign lands," Judge Carr said after explaining the selection of grand jurymen. "The grand jury system is the basic foundation for democracy and we need democracy today to steer us away from war," the jurist added. Continuing, he said, "It is important for the grand jury to handle its job well. Even though it costs the county money to keep the body in session, it is the duty of the jurymen to do a thorough job, to see that officers are properly handling their jobs, and to have them do what they must see that the grand jury is diligent in its work.

"Some progress has been made in the enforcement of criminal law. Just a few years ago crime was getting an upsurge in this nation, but the Federal government spent vast sums of money and the gangster is now on the wane. It is lamentable that so much money should be spent, but in tracking down crime the government has received no complaint from the taxpayers."

The jurist made a pointed charge when he said that we have fallen down in the training of youth in the home. "That is the reason we have to continue to spend so much money in running down the common criminal. There is a great need for citizenship training in the home and school," Judge Carr declared, pointing out that the city of Birmingham has a lower rate of juvenile delinquency than other cities possibly because the value of citizenship training has been stressed in the schools there. "Proper training in the home and school will eliminate much of the expense incurred in the prosecution of crime," the jurist declared.

Outlining the duties of the grand jury under three heads—indictments, presentments and inspections—the judge explained to the jurymen that they could render a valuable service if they considered those duties seriously. The advantages of a temporary grand jury were cited, the jurist explaining that the jurymen because their identity is not determined until court is convened are in a better position to observe conditions in their respective communities.

"If there are any general complaints about the flagrant violation of any law, it is your duty to investigate any such violations where they are allowed to go unnoticed and unpunished," Judge Carr instructed the jurymen. In this connection he cited

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## Four Distilleries Wrecked In County

Possibly feeling the pinch of the tobacco depression, illicit liquor manufacturers are renewing their activities in certain sections of the county, according to a report coming from Officer J. H. Roebuck, head of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board enforcement activities.

Working with special A. B. C. officers from the counties of Beaufort and Pitt, the officers wrecked four plants along the Martin and Beaufort boundary yesterday. Two of the plants had just been set up, and were hardly ready for operation when the officers interrupted the manufacturing schedule.

At the first plant, a fifty-gallon copper kettle was confiscated, the officers pouring out 200 gallons of beer. At the second plant, the owner had just completed the erection of a furnace and had 400 gallons of beer almost ready for the kettle. Approximately 1,000 gallons of beer was poured out at the third plant which was described as a complete steam outfit. Before completing their work for the day, the officers wrecked a second steam plant and poured out 200 gallons of beer.

## County Boys Assigned To Highway Patrol Stations

Just recently added to the State Highway Patrol, two Martin County young men have been assigned their stations. Dick Mallory is located in Rocky Mount and Earl P. Downs is stationed in Gatesville.

Corporal L. L. Jackson, a member of the patrol for some time, will be transferred from Greenville to this county the first of next month and will be located in Robersonville.

## Improved Outlook for Peanut Crop Reported in the County

Contrary to preliminary reports received direct from farmers hardly more than two weeks ago, the outlook for the current peanut crop is far brighter than any expected, later surveys made by the farmers themselves show. Production is almost certain to fall below normal, but the quality of the crop is far better than many predicted as late as ten days ago.

Pulling fifty or more bunches at random from his fields this week, Farmer Henry Green states that he found the quality possibly above an average and added that he was certain the production would be fair. The upper end of the county is reporting a far better crop than it produced last season with better quality accompanying a slightly increased production. In other sections the production will fall under two-thirds of a normal crop, the general opinion being that the slightly increased acreage will not offset the per acre decrease in production, as a whole.

With the tobacco markets closed in their faces, farmers are possibly digging their peanuts a bit early, a reliable peanut grower points out. "It is advisable to make an extensive survey and make sure that the goobers are ripe before digging them," the farmer pointed out.

The market outlook for the crop, while a bit uncertain in the face of world conditions, is considered fairly bright. It is reasonable to believe that the North Carolina Stabilization Cooperative will operate again assuring a "floor" for prices. However, the market is now above those figures.

It is estimated that between 21,000 and 22,000 acres have been planted to the crop in the county this season, or an increase of about seven per cent over the 1938 plantings.

Digging operations are fast getting underway, reports stating that the harvesting operations will reach a climax next week with favorable weather conditions prevailing.

## SIXTEEN

Accepting an oath administered by Judge Leo Carr in the Martin County Superior court here yesterday morning, Charles Hodges Manning is now a full-fledged member of the Martin County Bar. A bit shaky, the young attorney took oath before a large audience.

The young man's entrance into the association brings the number of lawyers in this county up to sixteen. The roster: J. C. Smith and Paul D. Roberson, of Robersonville; J. Walter Bailey, of Everetts; H. D. Hardison, E. S. Peel, R. L. and W. H. Coburn, B. A. Critcher, D. E. Johnson, Wheeler Martin, Clarence Griffin, H. L. Swain, H. O. Peel, H. G. Horton, Julius S. Peel and Charles Manning.

## Hitler Challenges Democracies In An Address At Danzig

### Strange Movement of Troops By Russia and Germany Causing Concern

In an address lasting one and one-half hours, Adolf Hitler, the world's No. 1 mad man, today challenged the democratic world to interfere with his subject policy in Europe. In a pre-arranged setting, Hitler spoke in the city of Danzig, declaring that the last drop of blood in Germany would be spilled to advance and hold his claims. He talked at length about German minorities, but never mentioned the minorities that have been reduced to slavery in Czechoslovakia and Poland. The mad man never mentioned the burden that a Germany of a quarter of a century ago placed on the shoulders of people in every nook and corner of the world.

While Hitler was blowing off his heat in Danzig, troop movements were reported along the neutral boundaries of Belgium and the Netherlands. To some it looked as if Germany is making ready for another devastating raid through Belgium, but observers in Europe were at a loss to predict what might happen amidst the unrest and turmoil that now holds the greater part of Europe in its deathly grip.

Russia, with more than four million men under arms, is yet an unknown quantity, and its actions are causing much concern. The Russian forces have advanced seventy miles into conquered Poland, but reports at noon today stated that Warsaw had not fallen into the hands of the German savages. The situation in Poland is beyond description, meagre reports telling about untold suffering and economic losses that centuries cannot repair or restore to their former state.

On the Western Front plans go forward for what some say will be the greatest slaughter of all times. Some fierce fighting has followed there, but the activities are minor to what many expect when Germany throws her combined forces against France.

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## HARD TIMES

It's an ill wind that blows no good, so they say. While no one has considered there was even one favorable aspect to the tobacco holiday, Judge J. Calvin Smith, Robersonville attorney, rode to new heights in the superior court this week when one of his clients was subjected to a fine.

Lawyer Smith told Judge Carr all about the markets closing, reviewed Hitler's march through Poland and pointed out the far-reaching economic effects. "And, Judge, how in the world can anyone expect my client to pay a fine now?" he asked.

The client was sentenced to the roads for three months.

## Feed Markets Settle After Sharp Advance Caused By The War

Feed markets became more settled toward the close of the period under review as offerings became more plentiful and demand less urgent, the U. S. and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture stated in the weekly market news service review. The sharp advance following the beginning of European hostilities carried feed prices to the highest level since 1937 with gains of 10.00 or more per ton reported in some commodities. The demand slackened after urgent trade needs had been filled and prices receded from the peak as much as 2.50 a ton on some feeds. At the close of the period, the index number of wholesale feedstuff prices was 126.4 compared with 96.6 just prior to the advance.

Compared with last week's close there was a better feeling prevailing for sweet potatoes, following light shipments, but prices were slightly lower. This week's close saw bushel baskets of North Carolina sweet potatoes of the ungraded Jersey type quoted at 25 to 50 cents in Baltimore; the U. S. No. 1 Jersey type at 85 to 90 cents in Pittsburgh; and the U. S. No. 1 Nancy Hall and Porto Rican varieties quoted at 75 cents to 1.00 in Washington.

The egg demand continued fairly active this week, but late trading was not as brisk as early trading some dealers report. Prices, however, when compared with last week were up a little. In Baltimore ungraded large size whites at wholesale were up 2 to 3 cents per dozen at 30 to 31 cents and in Washington candled and graded U. S. Extra large whites were up 2 cents at 35. The Richmond and Philadelphia markets were also up a little.

Northern wholesale live poultry markets ruled firm early in the period. However, after Tuesday, the Jewish holiday demand was satisfied and the market ruled weak on most classes.

At Chicago, following the sharply higher markets enforced last week, account of unsettled conditions throughout the world. Readjustments have been effected. Supplies in all livestock departments were more nearly normal. Shipments of western grass cattle were largest of the season and confined chiefly to replacement stock. Seasonal reductions in packing sows, increasing numbers of lighter weights of swine, quality of western lambs depreciated due to lack of sufficient moisture on drying western ranges, especially in northern west. Good to choice medium weight and heavy steers declined most, showing losses of 25-50 cents. Numerous loads steers having eight months to one year feeding period. Light steers around 25 cents down. Little noticeable price change of yearlings. Common to medium grades of grassy and short fed steers generally steady. Good to choice fed heifers steady to 25 cents higher, common to medium grass heifers fully 25 cents lower. Hog losses ranged from 10 to 50 cents while lambs sold 1.00 lower.

## Face Court For Allegedly Hunting Out Of Season

Willie Ray Bullock and Irving Wynne, charged with hunting out of season, were sentenced to the roads for thirty days by Justice J. L. Hassell at a hearing here last evening. The judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Willie Burroughs was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the costs.

## Revival Is Being Held At Vernon Church This Week

The revival, slated to begin next Monday at Vernon Church, was opened this week with Rev. Daniel Boone, of Robersonville and Rocky Mount, conducting the services. Services are being held each night at 7:30 and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## Two Weeks Term Of Superior Tribunal Is Opened On Monday

### Judge Carr Sentences Two Youths to the Jackson Training School

The Martin County Superior court opened a two-weeks mixed term here yesterday with Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, on the bench. During the first-day session, the court cleared thirteen cases from the docket, the proceedings attracting possible about as little attention as any in recent sessions.

Expressing its daring acts through the violation of various laws, youth proved to be the one baffling problem facing Judge Carr and his court.

"It is the first time I have encountered such a case in this section of the State, but up in my section they are quite numerous," Judge Carr said in commenting on the case charging two minors, Arnold Wallace and Arthur Edmondson, with robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. It is quite apparent that the jurist was concerned over the seriousness of the charge, and sentence was delayed while he studied the case. Sentence was delayed in another case charging a young boy with drunken driving.

The two daring youths, neat of appearance and unusually alert as they faced the court, reviewed their course that was well advanced toward a life of crime. They had no definite answer as to why they broke into the Western Union Telegraph office and stole \$22.50 or why they attempted to hold up the Martin County sheriff at the end of a gun. It was brought out before the court that the parents of one of the wayward youths had separated, that the mother of the other youngster was away from home long hours trying to earn a living. Returned to this county a few weeks ago from Wilmington where they were arrested and charged with the robbery of several homes, the boys advanced a fancy plan for breaking out of the county jail, it was disclosed in the court on Monday afternoon. The boys are said to have accumulated a quantity of black pepper and sawed off two broom sticks. Their plans were to throw the pepper in the jailer's eyes, assault him with the improvised blackjacks and escape.

Their terms of sentence not yet announced, the two boys will be placed in the Jackson Training School at Concord. A touching scene was recorded this morning as the mother of one of the youths tearfully pleaded for him. "Long hours of work kept me from home and poor pay made it hard to help keep the family together," the mother explained after Attorney Hallett Ward had directed a plea to the court in behalf of the Edmondson boy. The attorney got his clients mixed up and referred to the "little fellow" who was Wallace. When he asked the judge's permission for the boy to see his broken-hearted mother in an ante-room, Lawyer Ward was surprised to see the larger of the two youths get from his seat. Both of the boys are small, and it is not believed that Judge Carr noticed the lawyer's error of identity.

William Ward, another county youth who during a wild ride on a Williamston street dashed into and wrecked the porch to the John A. Ward home in the early summer, pleaded guilty of drunken driving. Sentence was delayed in the case.

The case charging Homer Glosson with an assault with a deadly weapon and with hit-and-run driving, was continued pending the trial of a civil action against the Glosson and others.

No action was taken in the case charging J. H. Godfrey with peddling without license, reports stating that the State Supreme Court has a similar case before it and that a ruling

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## Attendance Upon Church Decreases

Attendance upon local churches has reached a low point, reports stating that the doors of a local church were closed last Sunday evening when only two persons showed up for the hour of worship. It was also stated that a local minister, although disheartened and discouraged, went ahead and preached his sermon to two faithful members a Sunday or two ago. In still a third church, the pastor postponed his announced sermon because the congregation was considered too small.

"All the trouble is not on the European front," a minister observed after hearing the attendance reports from the combined church front. "Out of a population of possibly 4,000 people, less than four dozen darkened the doors in four white churches here Sunday evening according to unofficial reports," one minister said.

It was pointed out that the decrease was not confined to a seasonal slump, but that it was characteristic of the attendance during nearly every season of the year.

Local ministers have expressed serious concern over the church attendance figures, but to date no concerted plan has been advanced in an effort to remedy what has been described as a grave problem.

## Plans Go Forward For Holding Tobacco Vote

### Date For Holding Leaf Referendum Has Not Been Set

### Registration of Voters Near Completion in County

While no date has been determined for holding a referendum on tobacco control for 1940, the county agent's office is busy completing a roster of eligible voters, the authorities stating that plans could be completed in a very short time for placing the issue before Martin farmers. The tobacco problem, while discussed at length around conference tables, remains unchanged as the second week of the market holiday gets underway. Various plans have been advanced for relieving the serious situation surrounding the marketing of the crop, but so far no definite solution or one that carries any great assurance to the growers has been offered.

There is still much doubt if the Imperial company will return this season, and there is some talk that the other foreign company representatives will be drawn from the markets.

Just now farm leaders are studying every possible plan for saving what appears to be a bad situation. The Farm Bureau is advancing a 4-point program that is a bit complicated, but one that might possibly prevent a complete breakdown of the markets when they reopen possibly some time during the early part of next month.

Under the first proposal, a corporation would be organized with a capital stock of approximately \$1,000,000, which would allot to markets in proportion to the amount of tobacco remaining to be sold from the 1939 crop. Stock would also be sold to others who desired to purchase it with in-limits. The corporation would also borrow from the Commodity Credit Corporation. An arrangement would be worked out between the corporation and the Imperial Tobacco Company which would allow its buyers to follow sales and make purchases at prices that have prevailed this season, but the title of the weed would remain in the new corporation.

In the second proposal, it was explained that it would probably be necessary in securing a loan to provide for the sale of tobacco and if and when prices advanced as much as \$1.00 a hundred pounds or more above the total amount invested in the tobacco by the corporation, including carrying charges, the government loan would be repaid when the tobacco was sold.

Terms of the second proposal also set forth that the buyers would return to the market and make bids as usual on all grades. The growers would reject bids for those grades which they did not consider equal to the graded or loan price. The rejected tobacco would be graded and a loan would be made on it for it would be purchased by some Federal agency at the graded price. Presumably the grades rejected would be those normally taken by the British trade.

Under the third proposal the government would grade the entire crop of tobacco and either purchase or make a loan at the graded prices for that portion of the crop not taken by the trade above the graded prices. The graded prices would approximate the prices that have prevailed for the different grades until now.

The fourth proposal calls for a loan schedule which would be fixed on the tobacco that would be approximately 10 per cent above the prices that have prevailed on the markets during the abbreviated 1939 season. Growers would be advanced approximately 80 per cent of these graded prices and the title of the tobacco would remain in the hands of the growers. When the grower sold his tobacco he would receive 80 per cent advance and the remainder would be received when the tobacco was disposed of.

It was pointed out that the fourth proposal could be worked out by using either the British grades or government grades. If the tobacco was sold for more than the advance, which would be 10 per cent less than the market price, it would be necessary to make settlement with each grower.

J. E. Winslow, head of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, declares that the great amount of tobacco planted this year was the failure of farmers to vote for control of acreage in the last referendum, which, with the outbreak of war in Europe, and the withdrawal of Imperial buyers, led to the unexpected closing of the markets.

## Parents-Teachers Meeting Postponed One Week Here

The regular meeting of the P. T. A. has been postponed from Wednesday, Sept. 20, to Wednesday, Sept. 27. All members are urged to note this change and attend the meeting next week.

## Wallace Releases Letter To Tobacco Farmers This Week

### Action Depends Upon Passage Of Control Program For 1940 Crop

In an open letter addressed to flue-cured tobacco growers, Henry A. Wallace, United States Secretary of Agriculture, reviews the tobacco situation, and offers tentative plans for relieving the conditions as much as possible. It is apparent that any governmental action depends upon the outcome of a control referendum, a date for which will be set by a Washington conference today. Wallace writes:

As a result of the large tobacco crop of this year and the recent withdrawal from the market of the buyers for the British trade, growers of flue-cured tobacco are confronted with what is considered by many to be the most serious crisis they have ever experienced in marketing their crop.

At the close of business on September 8, the Imperial Tobacco Company withdrew its buyers from the market. The European war, which caused the Imperial buyers to be withdrawn, also caused other British companies to withdraw orders for further purchases of flue-cured tobacco at this time. In recent years about one-third of all flue-cured tobacco produced in this country has been exported to Great Britain.

Thus to the difficulty already caused by the 200 million pound surplus from the billion pound 1939 crop was added withdrawal from the market of buyers who had been counted on to purchase a large part of the crop. With nearly 600 million pounds of tobacco still to be sold by farmers, warehousemen and buyers knew that if the markets were kept open prices would drop far below those paid through September 8. Therefore, they closed the warehouses, as soon as the floors could be cleared, until plans could be developed to meet the emergency.

Everything possible is being done to get the buyers for the British trade to go back on the market and to take their normal purchases. The result of these efforts probably will not be known for some time. In the meantime, the most important matter is the decision as to the size of the 1940 crop of tobacco. Growers will be given an opportunity to vote on this question in a referendum. At the same time, plans are being made as to the action to be taken in case foreign buyers do not return to the market and take their usual purchases. It is realized that it would not be sound to undertake to sustain prices unless farmers decided to support the program by regulating marketings in 1940.

It is my duty to point out further that even with regulated marketings it is not certain that prices can be maintained at levels prevailing before the markets were closed. Without regulated marketings I do not know how low prices would go for the remainder of this crop or for the 1940 crop.

It was intended before the present emergency to issue farm acreage allotments before holding a referendum for 1940. However, about two months would be required to determine allotments equitably and issue them to farmers. It is apparent that holding of the referendum, opening

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## Woman's Club In First Fall Meeting

The Williamston Woman's Club resumed its activities last Wednesday at the September meeting after a vacation of two months. With a large number of members showing their loyal support to Mrs. Wheeler Martin, the new president, prospects for a successful year of service were in evidence. Among important business before the session was the acceptance of ten new members, the revision of the constitution and by-laws and the discussion of the year's principal project which is the improvement and beautification of the local cemetery.

The club kitchen was improved considerably by many gifts brought by members attending the meeting.

Following the business session members of the local school faculty were entertained by club members. Mrs. J. D. Woolard greeted the guests at the door and presented them to the executive committee and the members. While delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were being served, Miss Lora E. Sleeper gave a most interesting talk on her trip to Europe in which she revealed the attitude of the German people toward their own government and to the outside world.

## Openings Announced In CCC Ranks For County Boys

Openings for fifteen Martin County youths, 12 white and three colored, were announced this week by the welfare office. Applications for the positions are being received by the office at the present time. The enrollees are scheduled to enter camp during the first week in October.

## JUDGE LEO CARR



Holding his first term of court in the county this week, Judge Carr of Burlington, gained friends readily by his friendliness.

## Alleged Chicken Thieves Narrowly Escape Officers

### Two Men Abandon Car and Make Their Escape in Bertie Woods

Two men, said to have been leaders of a meat and chicken stealing ring in this and other northeastern North Carolina counties, narrowly escaped the strong arm of the law over in Bertie County last Friday night, ending temporarily, at least, a series of raids that have cost Martin County farmers and others in adjoining counties hundreds of dollars.

Spotting the chicken automobile as it passed through the town of Hertford last Friday night, officers immediately gave chase, but the alleged thieves, running their Plymouth sedan as fast as 90 miles an hour ran through Edenton and abandoned their car only after a tire blow out near the Midway Service Station in Bertie County. The two men, one of whom was thought to have been Ed Thompson, escaped in the woods. The car, the interior of which had been altered, carried seven empty chicken crates and it is believed that the two men were on their way to a hen house in this county when the Perquimans officers flushed them. A warm reception awaited them at Joe Stalls' henhouse in Cross Roads Township where he and others were armed to the teeth for a strong defense of the barnyard battle line.

During recent months, thieves have made at least nine raids in this county, taking away several hundred pounds of meat and several hundred chickens.

Thompson, 53 years old and a former resident of this county, has been under suspicion since the first robbery was reported in this county, but officers were unable to run him down, and it is not yet known where he maintained an operating base. At the present time his family is living in Tarboro.

In February of this year, Thompson broke out of the Virginia penitentiary where he was serving a term of from three to five years for the theft of meat. His son, serving a sentence for a similar offense, was said to have broken out of the penitentiary on Mother's Day. It is believed that the two are responsible for the costly raids in this county. Two raids have been reported in Perquimans County, and over in Gates and Northampton reports state that the thieves have about cleaned out the smokehouses and hen coops.

The car of Dean Speight was stolen here last Saturday night, and according to reports it is believed by officers that Thompson is the man who got it.

## CONFERENCE

The tobacco situation will be discussed at a conference of farmers, farm leaders and representatives of the North Carolina Extension Service at a meeting to be held in the Martin County Agricultural Building on Friday morning of this week at ten o'clock.

No detailed program for the conference was announced, but it is understood that in addition to a discussion of the tobacco situation, plans will possibly be advanced for a campaign in behalf of the tobacco referendum to be held throughout the tobacco areas within the near future. The meeting is open to interested farmers.