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## **ESTABLISHED 1899**

## **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 cit-izenship training and after referring briefly to the turmoil in Europe de clared the grand jury system was the basic foundation to peace. A sizable courtroom crowd listened attentatively as the young jurist in a 60minute charge attached great im-portance to the grand jury system and concisely outlined the duties of the jurymen.

the grand jury system in our coun-try today especially when there is so much trouble and upheaval in for-eign 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 im-portant for the grand jury to handle its ish well. For the jurist is each definition of the said state is the basic 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 upperhand in this nation, but Federal government spent vast sums of money and the gangster is now on the wane. It is lamentable that se much money should be spent, but in tracking down crime the govern-ment 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 citi zenship 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 be cause the value of citizenship train ing has been stressed in the schools there. "Proper training in the home and school will eliminate much of the expense incurred in the prosecu-tion of crime," the jurist declared

Outlining the duties of the grand jury under three heads—indictments, presentments and inspections porary 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 com-plaints about the flagrant violation of any law, it is your duty to investi-gate any such violations where they are allowed to go unnoticed and un-punished," Judge Carr instructed the jurymen. In this connection he cited (Continued on page six)

Crop Reported in the County Contrary to preliminary reports. With the tobacco markets closed Opened On Monday Holding Tobacco Vote Contrary to preliminary reports With the tobacco markets closed ecceived direct from farmers hard- in their faces, farmers are possibly ly more than two weeks ago, the digging their peanuts a bit early, a outlook for the current peanut crop reliable peanut grower points out. is far brighter than any expected, la- "It is advisable to make an extenter surveys made by the farmers sive survey and make sure that the hemselves show, Production is al-nost certain to fall below normal, them," the farmer pointed out. themselves show, Production is albut the quality of the crop is far bet-The market outlook for the crop ter than many predicted as late as while a bit uncertain in the face of n days ago.

world conditions, is considered fair-Pulling fifty or more bunches at ly bright. It is reasonable to believe random from his fields this week, that the North Carolina Stabilization Farmer Henry Green states that he found the quality possibly above an average and added that he was cer-the market is now above those figtain the production would be fair. ures It is estimated that between 21,-000 and 22,000 acres have been plant-The upper end of the county is re-

review.

porting a far better crop than it pro-duced last season with better quality ed to the crop in the county this seaaccompanying a slightly increased production. In other sections the proson, or an increase of about seven per cent over the 1938 plantings. "It is important that we continue of a normal crop, the general opin-ting underway, reports stating that

ion being that the slightly increased the harvesting operations will reach a climax next week with favorable decrease in production, as a whole. I weather conditions prevailing

SIXTEEN

Accepting an oath administer ed by Judge Leo Carr in the Mar-tin County Superior court here yesterday morning. Charles Hedges 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 in

to the association brings the number of lawyers in this counup to sixteen. The roster: J. Smith and Paul D. Roberson. Robersonville; J. Walter Bailey, of Everetts; H. D. Hardison, E. S. Peel, R. L. and W. H. Coburn, B. A. Critcher, D. E. John-son, 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**

1.00 in Washington. In an address lasting one and one half hours. Adolf Hitler, the world's active this week, but late trading was No. 1 mad man, today challenged the not as brisk as early trading some made it hard to help keep the family democratic world to interfere with dealers report. Prices, however, when together," the mother explained af 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 tembe spilled to advance and hold his claims. He taiked at length about German minorities, but rever men-tioned the minorities that have been reduced to slavery in Czechoslavia Northern wholesale live poultry markets ruled firm early in the per-iod. However, after Tuesday, the Jewish holiday demand was satisand 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. fied and the market ruled weak on most classes

While Hitler was blowing off his heat in Danzig, troop movements were reported along the neutral boundaries of Belgium and the Neth-erlands. To some it looked as if Ger-

On the Western Front plans go for-

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 to-bacco holiday, Julge J. Calvin

Smith, Robersonville attorney, rode to new heights in the super-

ior court this week when one of

his clients was subjected to a

Lawyer Smith told Judge Carr

all about the markets closing, re

the roads for three months

fine.

Judge Carr Sentences Two Youths to the Jackson Date For Holding **Training School** 

The Martin County Superior court pened a two weeks mixed term here resterday 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

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

"It is the first time I have encounered 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 Wal-lace and Arthur Edmondson, with robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. It is quite apparent that the

Feed Markets Settle jurist was concerned over the ser-iousness of the charge, and sentence was delayed while he studied the After Sharp Advance case. Sentence was delayed in an-other case charging a young boy Caused By The War with drunken driving

The two daring youths, neaf of oppearance and unusually alert as Feed markets became more settled they faced the court, reviewed their toward the close of the period under course that was well advanced tow ard a life of crime. They had no defas offerings became more plentiful and demand less urgent, the U. S. and North Carolina Deinite answer as to why they broke into the Western Union Telegraph partments of Agriculture stated in office and stole \$22.50 or why they attempted to hold up the Martin the weekly market news service rethe weekly market news service re-view. The sharp advance following the beginning of European hostillize carried feed prices to the highest level since 1937 with gains of 10.00 or more per ton reported in some mother of the other youngster was commodities. The demand slackened 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 nomes, the boys advanced a fancy plan for breaking out of the county jail, it was disclosed in the court on

Compared with last week's close there was a better feeling prevail-ing for sweet potatoes, following light shipments, but prices were slightly lower. This week's close saw bushel baskets of North Carolina sweat of 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 assault him with the improvised blackjacks and escape

sweet potatoes of the ungraded Jer-sey type quoted at 25 to 50 cents in Baltimore; the U. S. No. 1 Jersey type Their terms of sentence not yet an nounced, the two boys will be placed at 85 to 90 cents in Pittsburgh; and the U.S. No. 1 Nancy Hall and Porto in the Jackson Training School at Concord. A touching scene was rec Rican varieties quoted at 75 cents to orded this morning as the mother 00 in Washington. The egg demand continued fairly tive this week but lets trading use

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 At Chicago, following the sharply higher markets enforced last week, account of unsettled conditions throughout the world. Readjustments have been effected. Supplies in all insettled descent Williamston street dashed into and wrecked the porch to the John A. Ward home in the early summer, many is making ready for another devastating raid through Belgium, but observers in Europe were at a loss to predict what might happen

Leaf Referendum Has Not Been Set Registration of Voters Near-

ing Completion in County While no date has been determined for holding a referendum on tobac-co control for 1940, the county agent's office is busy completing a roster of eligible votors, the authori ties stating that plans could be com pleted in a very short time for plac ing the issue before Martin farm ers. The tobacco problem, while dis ussed at length around conference tables, remains unchanged as the econd week of the market holiday gets underway. Various plans have been advanced for relieving the ser ions situation surrounding the mar keting of the crop, but so far no def

inite solution or one that carries any great assurance to the growers has een 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 man

Just now farm leaders are study-ing 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 corpora-tion 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 al so borrow from \$35,000,000 to \$40,-000,000 from the Commodity Credit tion and the Imperial Tobacco Company which would allow its buyers to follow sales and make purchases at prices that have prevailed this se on, but the title of the weed would main in the new corporation.

In the second proposal, it was explained that it would probably be the tobacco was sold.

usual on all grades. The growers would reject bids for those grades which they did not consider equal Joe Stalls' henhouse in Cross Roads to the graded or loan price. The re-jected tobacco would be graded and armed to the teeth for a strong dea loan would be made on it for it would be purchased by some Feder-During recent months, this al agency at the graded price. Presumably the grades rejected would be those normally taken by the Brit-ish trade. be those normally taken by the British trade

Under the third proposal the government would grade the entire crop of topacco and either purchase



in the county this week, Judge Carr of Burlington, gained friends readily by his friendli-Alleged Chicken

# **Thieves Narrowly Escape Officers**

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

Two men said to have been lead-'s of a meat and chicken stealing ring in this and other northeastern North Carolina counties narrowly over in Bertie County last Friday Corporation An arrangement would night, ending temporarily, at least, be worked out between the corpora- a series of raids that have cost Martin County farmers and others in adjoining counties hundreds of dol- ter is the decision as to the size of

Spotting the chicken as it passed through the town of on this question in a referendum. At Hertford last Friday night officers the same time, plans are being made mmediately gave chase, but the alleged thieves, running their Plymnecessary in securing a loan to pro-outh sedam as fast as 90 miles an wide for the sale of tobacco and if hour ran through Edenton and abannd when prices advanced as much doned their car only after a tire blew as \$1.00 a hundred pounds or more above the total amount invested in the tobacco by the corporation, in-cluding carrying charges, the govrnment loan would be repaid when The car, the interior of which had that even with regulated marketings been altered, carried seven empty Terms of the second proposal also chucken crates and it is believed that set forth that the buyers would re-turn to the market and make bids as hen house in this county when the

> During recent months, thieves have made at least nine raids in this

Thompson, 53 years old and a for mer resident of this county, h

# Improved Outlook for Peanut Two Weeks Term Of Plans Go Foward For Wallace Releases Letter To Tobacco **Farmers This Week**

Action Depends Upon Passage Of Control Program For 1940 Crop

In an open letter addressed to Ine-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 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

As a result of the large tobacco top of this year and the recent withtrawal from the market of the buy-its for the British trade, growers of tiue-cured tobacco are confronted what is considered by many to be the most serious crisis they have ever experienced in marketing their

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

Thus to the difficulty already caus ed 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 helow those paid through September 8. Therefore, they losed the warehouses, as soon as th floors could be cleared, until plans could be developed to meet the emergency.

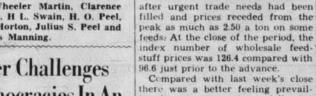
Everything possible is being done North Carolina counties, narrowly to get the buyers for the British scaped the strong arm of the law trade to go back on the market and to take their normal purchases. Th result of these efforts probably will not be known for some time. In the meantime, the most important matthe 1940 crop of tobacco. Growers will be given an opportunity to vote as to the action to be taken in case toreign buyers do not return to the market and take their usual purchases. It is ne lized that it would not be bound to undertake to sustain

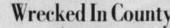
it is not certain that prices can be maintained at levels prevailing be fore the markets were closed. out regulated marketings I do not know how low prices would go for the remainder of this crop or for the 1940 crop

It was intended before the present mergency to issue farm acreage af lotments before holding a referen dum for 1940. However, about two months would be required to deter-mine allotments equitably and issue them to farmers. It is apparent that holding of the referendum, opening

**First Fall Meeting** 

Woman's Club In





Four Distilleries

Possibly feeling the pinch of the tobacco depression, illicit liquoi manufacturers are renewing their activities in certain sections of the county, according to a report com-ing from Officer J. H. Roebuck, head ing from Officer J. H. Roebuck, head of the Martin County Alcoholic Bev-erages Control Board enforcement activities.

Working with special A. B. C. ofgre reports telling about untold suflicers from the counties of Beaufort fering and economic losses that cenand Pitt, the officers wrecked four turies cannot repair or restore to plants along the Martin and Beautheir former state. fort boundary yesterday. Two of the plants had just been set up, and were ward for what some say will be the greatest slaughter of all times. Some hardly ready for operation when the officers interrupted the manufacfierce fighting has followed there turing schedule but the activities are minor to what

At the first plant, a fifty-gallon copper kettle was confiscated, the fficers pouring out 200 gallons of peer. At the second plant, the own er had just completed the erection of a furnace and had 400 gallons of heer almost ready for the kettle. Approximately 1,000 gallons of beer was poured out at the third plant which vias 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 Boyl 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.

Wrecked In County amidst the unrest and turnoil that season and confined chiefly to re-now holds the greater part of Eu-rope in its deathly grip. in packing sows, increasing numbers Russia, with more than four mil-

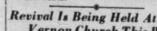
of lighter weights of swine. Quality of western lambs depreciated due to lack of sufficient moisture on drying ion men under arms, is yet an unknown quantity, and its actions are western ranges, especially in north causing much concern. The Russian west. Good to choice medium weight forces have advanced seventy miles and heavy steers declined most, showing losses of 25-50 cents. Num-erous loads steers having eight months to one year feeding period. German savages. The situation in Light steers around 25 cents down. Poland is beyond description, mea-

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 grassy heifers fully 25 cents lower. Hog losses rang-ed 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 eve-

ning. 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



viewed Hitler's march throug Poland and pointed out the far-reaching economic effects. "And, Judge, how in the world can any-one expect my client to pay a fine now?" he asked. The client was sentenced to the rough for these months. Monday at Vernon Church, was ly every season of the year, opened this week with Rev. Daniel Local ministers have e , ed to attend.

pon 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 as 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 ser-sary to make settlement with each mon because the congregation was considered too small. "All the trouble is not on the Eu-ropean front," a minister observed

after hearing the attendance reports bacco planted this year was the fail from the combined church front "Out of a population of possibly 4,-000 people, less than four dozen dark ened the doors in four white churches here Sunday evening according to unofficial reports," one minister said. It was pointed out that the de

crease was not confined to a season al slump, but that it was character

The revival, slated to Begin next istic of the attendance during near

Local ministers have expressed Boone, of Robersonville and Rocky serious concern over the church at-Mount, conducting the services. Ser-vices are being held each night at 7:30 and the public is cordially invitscribed as a grave problem.

or make Ploan 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

under suspicion since the first rol bery was reported in this county. but officers were unable to run him down, and it is not yet known when he maintained an operating base. At the present time his family is living

the tobacco that would be approximately 10 per cent above the prices mately 10 per cent above the prices that have prevailed on the markets during the abbreviated 1939 season. It have broken out of the peniten-Growers would be advanced approxtiary on Mother's Day. It is believed imately 80 per cent of these graded that the two are responsible for the prices and the title of the tobacco costly raids in this county. Two raids yould remain in the hands of the have been reported in Perquimans growers. When the grower sold his County, and over in Gates and tobacco he would receive 80 per cent Northampton reports state that the advance and the remainder would be thieves have about cleaned out the smokehouses and hen coops The car of Dean Speight was stolreceived when the tobacco was disposed of.

It was pointed out that the fourth proposal could be worked out by us ing either the British grades or gov ernment grades. If the tobacco was sold for more than the advance, which would be 10 per cent less than

J. E. Winslow, head of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, ure of farmers to vote for control of acreage in the last referendum, Extension Service at a meeting to be held in the Martin County Agricultural Building on Friday morning of this week at ten which, with the outbreak of war in Europe, and the withdrawal of Im perial buyers, led to the unexpected o'clock. closing of the markets. No detailed program for the

### **Parents-Teachers Meeting Postponed One Week Here**

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

in Tarboro. In February of this year, Thomp The fourth proposal calls for a loan som broke out of the Virginia peni-schedule which would be fixed on tentiary where he was serving a term of from three to five years for the

The Williamston Woman's Club re-umed 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 idence. Among important business before the session was the acceptance of ten new members, the revision of

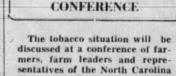
the constitution and by-laws and the discussion of the year's principal project which is the improvement and beautification of the local cemetery

The club kitchen was improved considerably by masy 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 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 Couny youths, 12 white and three color ed, 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 en-ter camp during the first week in October.



conference was announced, but it is understood that in addition

te a discussion of the tobacco sit-uation, plans will possibly be ad-

vanced 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 inter-

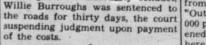
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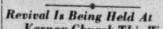
n here last Saturday night, and ac-

ording to reports it is believed by

officers that Thompson is the man

who got it.





Vernon Church This Week