

Urging Substitute Method for Control Of Mosquito Here

Individuals Can Do Much To Control Pest, Health Officer Says

By DR. JOHN WILLIAMS
Martin County Health Officer
Since the town of Williamston is not financially able to inaugurate an adequate mosquito control program, by proper drainage, oiling and an ordinance for premise inspections, the next best thing for us is to handle the all-important task ourselves. A control program can be effected by each man taking care of his own premises. Despite our malaria rate, the great majority of mosquitoes which pester us are premise breeders and do not fly hardly more than fifty yards from their breeding places. This means that in most cases when we are troubled by mosquitoes it is our own fault, because they are breeding in tin cans, old auto tires, troughs, pools, rain gutters, flower vases, or anything in which water stands for 5 or 6 days on our premises.

Beginning this week, the police department is making a house to house canvass to solicit the aid of all the citizens in making it more comfortable. The city trucks are going to make a special effort to remove the rubbish piled or boxed in front of every home that will clean up. Of course, trash on any property is unsightly and should be removed, but what they are especially interested in is those potential breeding places mentioned. As to weeds on vacant lots, they only harbor the mosquito from sunshine, but it is the bottles and cans they hide which cause trouble, therefore, if the weeds cannot be kept cleared the thing to do is find and remove cans, etc., before weeds grow.

Our health department is a county organization just as that of sheriff's department. We cannot police all incorporated communities or answer every complaint about nuisances, but we do wish to be of all the assistance we can in helping the authorities clean up all nuisances, especially those likely to become health menaces. Each town has its own ordinances pertaining to this and police to enforce them with our assistance when state statute or local ordinances are violated.

War Continues To Dominate Business

War and defense continue to dominate all the business and industrial news, with crystallization of plans for changing over many segments of our heavy industries, such as auto and steel, to production of munitions, holding the spotlight. It is not only in these heavy industries that modern techniques are to be applied in defense measures, either; for rayon and other synthetic yarns are being tested for various military uses such as powder bags, parachutes, uniform linings, etc.

Fire Destroys Plant Of Saunders and Cox

Several Homes And Gas Station Burn In Noon-Day Fire

Unofficial Estimate Places Loss At Approximately \$40,000.00

Fire, causing a damage unofficially estimated at \$40,000, swept the lower end of the town's east main street at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, completely wrecking the main plant of the Saunders and Cox Lumber Company and destroying several homes and a filling station. No details of the fire relative to its origin and the extent of the damage were immediately available.

The mill was not in operation at the time, and it is believed that the fire started in a dust pile a short distance from the main body of the plant. Reports state that when it was first discovered, the fire was burning rapidly in the western end of the mill. When the alarm was sounded, the lower end of the street as seen from the fire station, was blocked with smoke. Swept by a strong westerly wind, the fire and smoke made it impossible to place the fire-fighting equipment into operation, but connections were effected direct to the fire hydrants on two sides of the mill.

The heat pushed firemen back from their stand several times, and it was impossible to effectively fight the fire. Turning their attention to surrounding buildings and to the large piles of lumber on the lot and the large dry kiln, firemen finally brought the fire under control an hour after the alarm was sounded.

Increased Red Cross Donations in County

WELL RECEIVED

President Roosevelt's address in Charlottesville last evening was well received in this section where the people have already expressed themselves as favoring an extensive and direct program of aid for the Allies. If there was any disappointment, it was because the President was not strong enough in condemning Mussolini and the other powers of force and making a more liberal offer in behalf of the Allies.

"The President hit the bull's eye," was the general comment one man adding that every congressman or senator opposed to an effective aid to the Allies should quit Washington immediately.

Propose Purchase Of Tobacco Again By Federal Agency

Bill Is Offered in Congress To Make Funds Available For Purchases

While there is no assurance about the future under present chaotic conditions, an encouraging note was sounded in the Congress this week when initial steps were taken to have a government agency return to the tobacco markets next fall to purchase the leaf ordinarily used by Great Britain.

Speeding efforts to "cushion" the effect of the European war upon flue-cured tobacco growers and other farmers, Representative Harold D. Cooley introduced in the House the bill to increase the borrowing power of the Commodity Credit Corporation by \$500,000,000.

Meanwhile, the Senate banking and currency committee gave the proposal, as sponsored by Senator James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina, its unanimous approval and reported it to the Senate for early disposition.

Joint action by Byrnes and Cooley is aimed at avoiding any possibility that the bill would be denied passage in any final adjournment rush.

Pointing to the aid given flue-cured tobacco growers by the Commodity Credit Corporation when the market last year and stressing the likelihood of a repetition of this situation, Cooley declared that the increase was "absolutely essential."

Cooley's bill, like Byrnes' proposal, increases the borrowing power of the Commodity Credit Corporation from \$900,000,000 to \$1,400,000,000.

According to the statement of Carl (Continued on page six)

Rural Groups Make Cash Donations To Suffering Humanity

Martin County Is Far Behind In Meeting Its Original Quota of \$400.00

About the only bright spot in the world of events today is centered around the response of the American people to the call of suffering humanity across the sea. That the spot is not as bright as it should be is to be admitted but in the response is found about the only hope for suffering millions in Europe and for the birth of a new and better peace here in America and in the world. "It is too late to send material aid to tottering armies under allied banners, but it is indeed timely to forward an extensive aid to suffering humanity," a leader in national affairs was quoted as saying over the week-end.

The drive for funds with which to support the humane activities of the Red Cross is meeting with marked success over the entire country. Donations are being made in a thousand different ways. The little corner drug store, the rural filling station and other business establishments, large and small, are receiving donations in jars and cans that the hungry might be fed and the naked clothed after the ruthless invaders have passed on to subdue added millions.

Just at this time when the Germans are pounding through France, hundreds of thousands of old men, women and children are fleeing for their lives, their frail bodies and their souls virtually devoid of hope failing to give them sufficient strength to gain places of refuge in the open roads and fields. Multiply the siege of Atlanta as seen in "Gone with the Wind" a thousand times and you will just begin to gain some of the hunger and suffering experienced by millions of innocent victims in the subdued countries.

Martin County, first asked to raise \$400, has been urged to double its pledge and to act without delay. Up until yesterday noon a total of \$109.28 had been contributed. Figured on a per capita basis, the donation represents less than one-half of one cent each.

Dragging along for four weeks, the drive for funds is gaining momentum, and there is a renewed hope for greater contributions within the next few days. Rural religious groups are showing much concern over the plight the millions find themselves in, and they are taking action in a definite way. The small but substantial congregation at Macedonia has contributed \$16.33 to the cause. A Jamesville Sunday School sends in \$2. The Williamston Woman's Club has donated \$10 from its small treasury. The WPA office personnel has added \$20.50 to the fund. It is apparent now that the seriousness of the light facing millions in Europe is beginning to dawn upon our people and that our people will not fail them in their time of distress.

No general solicitation in the form of a canvass is scheduled, but every individual is urged in the name of humanity to make a liberal contribution to the Red Cross now. Chairman Harry Biggs will receive the donations or the contributions may be left at The Enterprise office. The money will be forwarded to the National Red Cross immediately.

Donations not previously acknowledged and the previous collections are listed as follows:

Macedonia Church	\$ 16.33
Christian Sunday School	
Jamesville	2.00
Woman's Club	10.00
William Andrews	1.00
Elva Grace Barnhill	1.00
Annie M. Cullipher	1.00

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Negro Man Faces Serious Charge

Charged with incest, Rex Whitehead, 40-year-old colored man, was placed under a \$1,000 bond at a preliminary hearing held here last Saturday for his appearance in superior court next week. The hearing was held by Justice J. L. Hassell.

Criminal proceedings were instituted against the man when the health department through a midwife demanded the name of the father of the baby. The seventeen-year-old mother was reported to have refused to divulge any name until pressure was brought and she finally charged her father with the act.

The father is said to have admitted his relations with his daughter. Unable to raise the bond, he was returned to jail Saturday, the day he was arrested.

Teach 4-H Club Boys To Make Useful Articles

Four-H club boys of Sampson County are being taught to make such useful articles as anvils, tarring drags, tables, filing boxes, book cases, book ends, workshop benches and tool cabinets.

Downward Trend In Church Attendance Figures Seen Sunday

Records Show Young People Are Taking Interest In Religious Activities

By REV. J. W. HARDY, Rector Church of the Advent
The attendance for the past few Sundays shows that the young people are much more interested in religious activity than the older people. There have been almost twice as many at Sunday School as there were at either the morning or evening services. We are glad to see this interest shown by the young people, yet we hope that the adults will realize that they set the example for their children. If they do not attend the church services, then the children will soon get careless or will not attend the services of the church regularly when they have grown up.

Remember, your example has much more effect than any teaching that the child can get. With conditions as they are today, we desperately need to maintain Christian ideals and hope. That cannot be without an active attempt to know the teachings of Christianity. We usually do not make an attempt to know them unless we take part in some activity of the church.

	S.S.	Y.P.	A.M.	P.M.
Baptist	75	15	69	24
Methodist	75	18	56	37
Christian	129	7	65	25
Presbyterian	22		25	
Holiness	103			65
Episcopal	10		32	18
Totals	414	40	247	169
Last Sunday	359	40	297	264

Mrs. Chas. Jackson Died Early Sunday

Mrs. Charles Jackson, 79 years old, died at her home on the Whitley farm, near here, at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning following an illness of more than twelve months' duration. Death was traceable to the infirmities of age.

The daughter of the late Daniel and Millie Cherry Leggett, Mrs. Jackson was born in Beaufort County, near Washington, in 1861. Miss Hettie Leggett before her marriage, she lived in the neighboring county until about thirty years ago when the family moved to Martin County and located near Williamston. Her husband was a recognized tobacco man at that time, and the family figured prominently in the early culture of tobacco in this immediate section.

She was a member of the Christian Church for more than half a century, remaining faithful in its service and humble in the sight of the Almighty. Besides her husband she leaves three children, Mrs. Raymond Cherry, of Williamston; Armstead Jackson, of Jersey City, and P. A. Jackson, of Hartsville, S. C.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, and a former pastor of the local church. Interment was in the Oakdale Cemetery, Washington.

Messrs. C. D. Anderson, Nat Israel and Mayor John L. Hassell visited at Virginia Beach Sunday. "A mid-summer crowd was there, and the visitors were from as far away as Massachusetts and other New England states," the mayor said.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

In an unexpected place and at an unexpected time, the Grim Reaper went into action on the highways of this county last week to boost the count in the highway death column to two, the accident bringing sorrow to a whole community. Surely such a tragedy cannot strike without warning every motorist to be more careful, to guard against danger that surrounds the lives of thousands of other little children.

The first half of the new year is fast drawing to a close. A year ago six persons had gone to a premature grave as a result of accidents on county highways and streets. The county for 1940 to date stands at two. It is a moral obligation on the part of every one to hold the figure down.

It is saddening to chalk up another figure in the death column, but the record shows the facts as they are; it is up to the motorists, and pedestrians, too, to determine what the facts shall be.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

23rd Week Comparison

Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge	
1940	3 0 1 \$ 40
1939	1 0 0 250
Comparison To Date	
1940	44 29 2 \$5880
1939	19 14 6 4150

Major Fires Rage in Paris As Tottering Frenchmen Continue Gallant Fight Against Germany

Crop Conditions Are Fair in This County at Present Time

Crop conditions, as a whole in this county, are only fair at this time, according to reports coming from numbers of farmers questioned during the past two days.

After getting off to a slow start, crops improved rapidly following a rain week before last. However, dry weather is now threatening again, and while field crops have not been materially affected, gardens are not doing so well, as a rule, the reports declared.

Efforts to boost cotton production in the county have not met with much success, many farmers explaining that the stands were so disappointing in some cases that the fields were plowed and planted to other crops. In those cases where normal stands were reported, the farmers are starting to mop in an effort to control boll weevil infestation. Numerous types of moppers have been introduced in the county, but the hard mop is proving the most popular of the several types.

Tobacco, figured on a basis of 85-90 per cent of a stand, is growing fairly rapidly. Corn and cotton are doing exceptionally well.

Reports from the fields indicate that the Irish potato crop is better than was expected with the exception of a few sections where dry weather prevailed during the crucial growing period. In this immediate community the potatoes are small. Prices are generally sagging to the low levels they reached last year, the market ranging from around 75 cents to \$1.25 per 100 pounds.

Indications point to a decrease in the sweet potato acreage, farmers stating that they do not have and cannot get plants.

Marriage Licenses In May Dropped To Old Low Record

Only Eight Licenses Issued in This County During The Period

Marriages in the county were few and far between last month when the issuance was no larger than it was in the depression year of 1932, making it appear that war has pushed aside Dan Cupid in the field of events. Six licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger, three to white and three to colored couples. The issuance is six below the average for May over a ten year period, a high having been reached for the month in 1937 when 19 licenses were issued in this county.

No apparent reason for the big slump is offered, but some believe that uncertain conditions aggravated by war are responsible for the decrease. The issuance is the smallest for any month since April of last year when the new health laws covering the sale of marriage licenses went into effect. Several Martin County couples were married outside the county during the month but had their purchases licenses within the county the issuance would have been below the average for the period.

A fairly large issuance for the current month is expected in the county, the register of deeds stating that two or three licenses had already been issued since last Friday.

Licenses were issued last month to the following couples:

White
Walter Brown, of Robersonville, and Celia Wynne, of Windsor.
Jesse May Matthews, of Robersonville, and Susie Pearl Hardison, of Oak City.

Colored
William Henry Johnson, of Oak City, and Williamston, and Dorothy Mae Ward, of Williamston.

Colored
John Abner Stokes, of Robersonville, and Susie Andrews, of R.F.D. 1, Robersonville.

William B. Powell, of Oak City, and Bessie Godard, of R.F.D. 1, Robersonville.

Longer Loan Terms For Martin Farmers

The opportunity to reduce the annual principal payments on Land Bank Commissioner loans by reamortizing them over a longer period of years has been opened to many of the 194 Martin County farmers who have commissioner loans, according to a statement received today from the Farm Credit Administration, of Columbia.

There were about \$148,605 of land bank commissioner loans outstanding in this county at the beginning of 1940 and in addition approximately \$390,100 of Federal land bank loans. Some of these loans have already been reamortized.

Most of the Federal land bank loans are already written for long terms up to 30-odd years, but the "Commissioner's" loans were originally made on a 10-year basis, requiring considerably heavier principal payments.

In a recent statement from Washington, A. G. Black, governor of the Farm Credit Administration, said many of the "Commissioner's" loans were being reamortized over a longer period of years in order to ease the payments of farmers with the heaviest mortgages. Spreading out the payments over a longer period will provide these farmers with the same opportunity of working out of debt as already provided for Federal land bank borrowers through long-term repayment periods.

European Outlook Is Boggling Down Before Invaders

Death and Destruction Follow Helpless Millions As They Seek a Refuge

With major fires raging in their capital to the rear of them, tottering French soldiers, groggy from repeated attacks, continue today to offer a stubborn resistance against the German barbarians as the invaders waged an offensive over a 200-mile front ranging from 20 to 35 miles from Paris. Battling against heavy odds, the weary French army is exacting a heavy toll of life and property for every foot of ground gained by the invaders. How long the defenders can hold out is problematical, some believing that it will be only a matter of hours before the German hordes push their way into Paris proper. Others believe the defense will hold Germany back for several days, but the fall of Paris is expected sooner or later.

The main branches of the government have moved into the southern provinces, possibly Tours, 130 miles from Paris. The last official broadcast came out of Paris last night, but shortwave stations were still open this morning. Newspapers suspended publication at 2 o'clock this morning, and the population, numbering approximately three million souls, speeded up its flight to the south, untold misery and death on a large scale accompanying the dazed and demoralized as they push away from their homes and savings accumulated during a lifetime. Family ranks were reported broken, wandering children being taxed with the troubles and cares that would ordinarily burden those of mature years.

Throwing nearly two million men into the attacks, Germany bolstered by more than 3,000 tanks on land and countless numbers of bombers and planes, continues to strike at the very heart of France today. A few tanks are said to have penetrated the last lines of defense and appeared in the suburbs of Paris late last night. The main army, advancing at a terrific cost to life and property, is barely 25 miles out of Paris.

German bombing planes in great numbers are passing over Paris, dropping incendiary bombs. Parts of the city were said to have been completely darkened by smoke, reminding one of a blackout in anticipation of air raids. Heavy losses in life were reported. Property losses were so great that no one would offer to estimate them. Except for the mili-

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President Wants No "War Millionaires"

The much gibed-at unpopularity of millionaires around this country in the last half dozen years or so will be as nothing compared to the unpopularity of any new "war millionaires". President Roosevelt has lost no time asserting he doesn't want to see a new crop of same created. Government officials are indicating that the anti-trust laws will be dusted off and whirled into action to prevent that sort of thing—if the suppliers of defense needs of the country show any inclination to enter into any sub rosa activities to boost prices.

Italy Joins Barbarian Hitler Against Allies

Robbers Enter Hardware Store In Robersonville

Entering the A. E. Smith Hardware store in Robersonville last Saturday night, robbers failed in their attempt to crack two iron safes, but did succeed in damaging them considerably. Turning their attention from the iron boxes, the robbers took several dollars from the cash register and a number of items from the store stock.

Releases Health Report For May

Seven cases of communicable diseases were reported in this county last month according to the health officer's report for the period. Trachoma, a disease of the eye, was included in the list of seven physical ailments reported during the period, the health officer stating that it was the first case of its kind called to the attention of public health officials since the department was organized more than two years ago. The victim is a white child living near Williamston. While the disease is not considered serious, it can greatly impair if not destroy the sight unless it is checked, reports state.

Dago Mussolini Is Said To Have Hit Neighbors In Back

In War Only Few Hours, Italy Strikes On Land, Sea And In The Air

Benito Mussolini, Italian leader and the world's No. 1 dago traitor, quickly received the condemnation of the civilized world following his declaration of war yesterday noon against France and England. With her soul bleeding freely in defense of civilization and with no arm free to defend herself, France has been stabbed in the back by the common traitor, who has remained idle on the sidelines as a jackal playing the role of a contemptible cur.

"Our conscience is clear, and we must act now," the Italian scoundrel and coward told his people who had been ordered to listen to his brazen claims and war declaration. Mussolini crowded Hitler out of the seat of contempt, and today in the minds of the American people he rates lower than the killer, Hitler.

Commenting on Italy's war declaration, President Roosevelt in a commencement address at Charlottesville early last evening, stated that Mussolini had promised him three months ago that Italy would remain neutral. Even at a later date, the President explained that proposals for peace had been tendered Mussolini but the brazen-faced bull of Italy ignored them. In answer to Mussolini and making clear the stand of the United States, the President pledged all the material resources of this country to the Allies in their fight against force, and at

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