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# **Plaintiff Receives** \$541 Judgment In

Special Term For Trial of Civil Cases Comes To A Close Today

The Martin County Superior Court, called into session on Monday of last week for a two-weeks' session is nearing a close today after re-moving a goodly number of cases from the docket by compromise or

via the jury route.

After deliberating the issues for more than three hours, the jury fi-nally reached a verdict last Friday afternoon in the \$10,000 damage suit brought by Jimmy Mitchell through his next friend, Joe Mitch-ell, against G. P. Hall, Williamston's fire chief. The first issue "Was fire chief. The first issue, "Was plaintiff, Jimmy Mitchell, injured by the negligence of the defendant?" the jury answered "yes". A negative answer was given to the second issue, "Did the plaintiff by his own negligence contribute to his own in sue, "Did the plaintiff by his own negligence contribute to his own injury?" The third issue was answered by the jury giving the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$541. The cost of the case was \$209.80, boosting the total to \$750.80, and the judgment carries a provision for the revocation of the defendant's driving license. Aside from the court action, the guestion now is will the town the question now is will the town assume the responsibility as the fire chief was answering a fire call when the boy's bicycle crashed into the side of his car, injuring the boy crit-

The \$10,000 damage suit had been hard fought in the courts for more than a year, a mistrial resulting in the case when the jury failed to reach a verdict after deadlocking 10 to 2 in favor of the defendant.

Other proceedings in the court: The plaintiff was declared the

ond judgment was also awarded the plaintiff in the sum of \$200 with inerest from October, 1939.

Based on two years' separation, a divorce was granted Curtis Rhodes in his case against Roberta Rhodes. In the case of N. P. Williams, Jr.,

against the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, a judg-ment in the sum of \$610.35 with in-terest from April, 1935, was awarded the plaintiff. Injured in an auto-mobile accident near Scotland Neck about seven years ago, the plaintiff was awarded damages and a guardian was appointed. Bond was sold to the guardian by the defendant company. Several years ago the guardian was killed in an accident with-out accounting to his charge, the court ruling that the bonding com-pany was liable to the plaintiff.

Crop Now

Interrupted by rains week before last, peanut movements are again approaching a peak at this point this week. Approximately 12,000 bags are being handled daily at this point by the combined buying forces, in cluding the cleaners, independents and the government cooperative.

Up until last evening, the two co-operative warehouses had stored approximately 20,000 bags, an increase of almost 9,000 bags over the re-ceipts reported the latter part of last week. An unofficial report released by the government graders states that at least 85 per cent of the deliveries at this point are grading 65 per cent meat and are commanding the top market price of three and

one-quarter cents.
With urgent orders on their hands, the operators of the Williamston Peanut Company will maintain a regular operating schedule Thursday. The holiday comes at a busy season for the peanut industry and indepen-dents and government warehouses will not observe the day, it was stated this morning. Other basic industries, including the railroads and manufac-turers will continue operations, but other types of business will suspend activities for the day.

As the peanut marketing season nears its peak, Martin County farmers are now offering their sweet po-tatoes for sale. Producing a comparatively short crop, the farmers are not rushing to sell tubers at prevail-ing prices, but several loads have already moved out and fair-sized deliveries were reported today at the market in the Union Storage build-ing just back of the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse. Truckers are said to be paying 70 cents a bushel for the crop at the barn door. The local market is offering 90 cents delivered. Farmers apparently are anticipating a price increase, and many are not planning to sell before next Febru-ary or March ,according to reports received here.

# Farm Bureau Reports Thirty-Nine Years More Men Classified Liquor Traffic In \$10,000 Case Here Big Membership Gain In The Enterprise For Military Service

WIPED OUT

A flock of 45 frying-size bid-A flock of 45 frying-size bid-dies belonging to Mr. and Mrs. W. Amos Perry in Bear Grass Township, was almost wiped out by a small by daring mink early Sunday morning. Cutting a hole through the chicken coop floor the raider killed 41 of the chick-ens by cutting their necks with his sharp teeth, leaving little sign of attack.

Farmer Perry heard no disturbance during the early morning, but he discovered the raid at feeding time. He called his dogs and the mink, darting out of the coop, was caught and killed by them.

# Local Red Cross **Chapter Pushing**

Nearly \$250 Has Been Reported Since Drive Started Two Weeks Ago

After getting off to a slow start, the Martin County Chapter of the Red Cross is now believed nearing its goal of \$400, according to an incomplete report filed by Mrs. J. A.

Bill Harrison also participated in the program. Farmer Frank Bailey, team member led the field with more than 50 members to his credit.

Bureau President Charles L. Dan-Eason, local chairman, yesterday af-ternoon. A week-end drive, including collections handled by Mrs. E T. Walker and Mrs. Eason at a main street booth Saturday, boosted the total Red Cross fund for Williams-Strawbridge.

In its case against the North Carolina Fair Operating Company, Geo.

A. Hamid and N. Y. Chambliss, partners, the Roanoke Fair, Incorporated J. G. State. A. Hamid and N. Y. Chambliss, partners, the Roanoke Fair, Incorporated, J. G. Staton, owner, was given a judgment in the sum of \$850 with interest from October, 1938. A second judgment was also awarded the plaintiff is all states of the sum o that the \$400 quota will be raised be fore the drive is completed the lat-ter part of this week.

The Martin County Building and Loan Association contributed \$5.00 towards the Red Cross drive and new members are

Guaranty Bank, Clyde Griffin, Pat Mizelle, Christine Jenkins, Annie Mae Bailey, Mrs. W. H. Williams, Jr., Mrs. Robert Harrell, Mrs. J W. Watts, Mrs. Fannie Biggs, Harry Biggs, Mrs. Carrie Morrison, Mrs. Marshall Wilson, Frank Weaver, C. A. James, Western Auto Store, Barn-hill Bros. Woolard Hardware, Clark's Drug Store, Economy Auto, Central Drug Store, Economy Auto, Central Cafe, O. F. Gilbert, Charles Bowers, Irene Hester, Ella Mae Gaylord, Ruby Barnhill, Mrs. Eva Avant, James T. Lindsley, Elizabeth Pate, H. G. Hargett, Francis Sessoms, Al-Peanuts Moving To

Market In Larger

Volume This Week

Martin Farmers Are Marketing Short Sweet Potato

Crop Now

H. G. Hargett, Francis Sessoms, Albert Perry, Gertrude Rogers, Mrs. Charlie James, Mrs. I. P. Hodges, Grace Manning, Eloise Manning, Mrs. Ruth DeCamp McMillan, E. C. Watson, Blanche Parrott, Sophie Little, Health Department, Mary S. Capeheart, Dr. John W. Williams, Roy Gurganus, Mrs. Thessie Barnhill, Mrs. Dean Speight, Dean Speight, Mrs. Iverson Skinner, Dr. V. E. Brown, Mrs. Victor Champion, Mrs. Travis Kitchen, J. D. Ray, Simon Lil-Travis Kitchen, J. D. Ray, Simon Lilley, Lora E. Sleeper, B. R. Manning, L. T. Fowden, Charles Gurkin, J. R. Roebuck, Mrs. A. T. Gurkin, Henry D Peel, J. Paul Simpson, R. T. Grif-fin, Annie Mae Davis, Hugh Horton, S. R. Edwards, Mrs. S. R. Edwards, Mrs. Mary Godwin, Wigg Watts.

Contributions were received from teh following: teh following:
Will Taylor, Clyde Manning, Irene
Tetterton, Wheeler Manning, Jesse
Manning, Mrs. Johnny Gurkin, S. B.
Lilley, Mrs. Daisy Pope, Beulah Roberson, W. C. Lyons, Mrs. Ella Moore,
Mrs. Jim Coltrain, Bill Howell, John Tulloss, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Miss Daniels, Mrs. Dudley, Ruby Harrison, Julia Everett, Kathleen Price, Anne

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### Blount Speaks To There is a great demand for her- Number In Group I Membership Teams Mr. A. H. Smith is having his of-Here Friday Night

Approximately 600 Members Added by C. L. Daniel and His Co-Workers

Firmly convinced that concerted action is as necessary as hard work for the advancement of agriculture's cause, 600 Martin County farmers and business men recently pledged their support to the Farm Bureau with the assurance that their voices will be heard along with those of la-bor and industry in the legislative halls and around the conference ta-bles in the nation and in the sever-

A report on the recent member-ship drive in this county was re-leased last Friday evening when On Toward Quota the canvassing teams met in the woman's Club, enjoyed a turkey dinner at their own expense, and heard timely talks by Farm Bureau Pres-ident Charles L. Daniel and Marvin K. Blount, Greenville attorney. Membership Team Captains Bill Beach, Robert Everett, J. R. Winslow and Bill Harrison also participated in the program. Farmer Frank Bailey,

> Bureau President Charles L. Daniel, who deserves much credit in building up a record membership for the organization, stated that Martin County farmers along with others in the South started organizing several years ago out of sheer necessity. eral years ago out of sheer necessity:
> "We started to work in a cooperative way to save our hides," Mr. Daniel said. He continued, "We went to Washington pleading for help. We were told to organize, and we chose the Farm Bureau. Up until that time we had been riding on the strength of the western power of the Farm Bureau Federation. Recognizing our cause as a righteous and just one, there has been a faithful few who glad to see him looking so well. cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night. We are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night. We are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night. We are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night. We are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night. We are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night. We are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night. We are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night. We are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night we are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night we are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night we are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night we are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night we are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night we are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night we are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night we are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night we are not cause as a righteous and just one, home Monday night we are not cause as a righteous and place as a righteous and righteous and righteous and righteous and righteous and righteous are righteous and righteous and righteous and newing their memberships without From what we can learn, Mr. Bowsolicitation. We are agreed that the en will make a good superintendent. Or Justice, who has recently lost needed and that we must go forcated in Hamilton, was in town on ward," Mr. Daniel concluded.

Showing a keen interest in the organization movement. Attorney Blount made a strong talk to the group of 30 or more who had pleaded for support of the organization. "Facing the greatest crisis in history, we must have unity," Mr. Blount said. "We must lend more aid to Destroy We supply the property of Britain. We must be prepared, for we know not what to expect. We must stand behind our government, and we must stand behind our pro-

Continuing, Mr. Blount said, "In-(Continued on page four)

# Robbery Attempt

ed by Night Officer John Roebuck who detected the fancy work of a robber or robbers plastered on the glass of a back-door transom.

According to officers' opinion, it was no amateur thief who attempted to enter the store. Using black molasses freely, the criminal stuck newspaper over the glass to keep the glass from falling when crashed it with a stick or brick.

Making a round of the back lots at an early hour, the officer saw a trash barrel standing at the back door. A closer investigation revealed a partly filled tray of molasses and the crude papering on the win-

### Proclamation

The custom of Thanksgiving Day was handed down to us by our Pilgrim Fathers who started its observance by rendering thanks to the Almighty for finding a haven in this New World where they could worship Him according to the dictates of their own conscience and free from the oppression and tyranny of the Old World.

They planted the seed truths of civil and religious lib-erty and brought forth a nation unsurpassed in the history

In this period of world carnage how thankful we should be that we still enjoy these privileges and that the Creator has again blessed us this year with a bountiful harvest.

I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the 28th day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and call upon all business activities to cease on that day in order that every one in our town can repair to their various places of worship and render thank's to the Creator for all these wonderful blessings and pray that our spiritual natures may be rekindled and that liberty shall not perish from the earth.

J. L. HASSELL, Mayor.

# Ago As Recorded

MAY 17, 1901.

Williamston is a good place for ne one to invest money.

There is lots of improvements and repairing going on, but no dwellings are being built. The Enterprise is adding to the appearance of its office by putting

a glass door and new steps on the Main Street.
J. R. Short was exhibiting Wednes day an Irish potato, this year's growth, as large as a partridge egg. We can beat that in Martin. One of

our frmers had Irish potatoes as large as walnuts, for dinner last Sunday a week ago. Hon. H. W. Stubbs spent Wednesday in Hamilton. Mr. H. M. Burras spent Sunday

wening at Spring Green.
Mr. J. W. Anderson and family spent last Friday in Robersonville.
Mr. B. F. Godwin spent Monday

Mr. Joseph G. Godard went to Rob-ersonville and Gold Point last Fri-

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Norfolk,

that town.
Mr. W. H. Bennett, who has been

# Hurt In Accident

Four persons were slightly hurt in an automobile accident at a Rob-Four persons were slightly hurt in an automobile' accident at a Robersonville street intersection last Sunday evening at 8:15 o'clock. R. J. Hardison, local young man and driver of one of the cars, was slightly cut on the knee and temporarily knocked unconscious. Juan Crofton, another local young man, was cut another local young man and three was a devoted husband, an understanding and kind father. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Harry C. James, of Fredericks-burg. Va., and William A. James, of Washington City, and a daughter, which is the local young man and driver of one of the cars, was slightly cut on the knee and temporarily knocked unconscious. Juan Crofton, another local young man, was cut another local young man and kind father. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Harry C. James, of Fredericks-burg. Va., and William A. James, of Washington City, and a daughter, which was cut another local young man and kind father. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Harry C. James, of Fredericks-burg. Va., and William Henry Boston, col., another local young man and kind Halted By Police another local young man, was cut on the arm, and Misses Lillian Robbins and Lib Willoughby, both of An apparent attempt to rob the Peele Jewelry store on Main Street here early last night was interrupted by Night Officer John Robbins 1

of a side street when a colored man

wreck near Parmele. Damage to the two machines was estimated at \$100.

### President Signs Bill for Increase In Tobacco Price

A 20 per cent price boost in flue-cured tobacco became law last Saturday when President Roosevelt signed the Flannagan Bill, terminating a long fight by tobacco men for increased par-

ity.

The law now requires that the parity price on flue-cured to-bacco be increased from 18.5 cents to 22.4 cents—that of burley tobacco from 17.2 cents to

Officials expect two specific benefits to result from the sign-ing of the bill, although it comes now at such a date that it prob-ably will have little effect on

However, it is expected that tobacco will share in parity pay-ments terms similar to legislaments terms similar to legisla-tion now in effect. A few parity payments may be made to grow-ers this year, according to offi-cials of the AAA.

Secondly, the Commodity Credit Corporation will be au-thorized to extend more liber-al loans to growers on their crops.

# Boosted To 87 By Board Last Night

Board Fairly Certain the First Quotas Will Be Filled By Volunteers

Fifty-one additional Martin Coun-men were placed in the first ranks service in Uncle Sam's armed forces by the draft board in session here last evening. The action of the board boosted the number of mer in Class I to 87. Final classificatio of the 87 men is subject to physical examinations and appeals. As far as it could be learned today no appeals from the board classifications have been filed, Appeal Officer Wheeler Martin stating that two or three emand Tuesday in Plymouth on business. replacements can be effected.

The board last night handled 136 day.

The Rev. Mr. Tingle will preach in the Christian church Sunday morning and evening.

The Board fast fight flanted 136 classifications, placing 51 men—20 white and 31 colored in Group I, 83 in Group II and two in Group IV. Working until almost Misses Rosamond Pope and Eula midnight, the board virtually caught Street here tomorrow afternoon at Lee Waters returned Sunday after up with its classification work, and 2:30 o'clock for William A James, spending the past week in Hamilino further meetings of the body will prominent county citizen, who died be held until December 9th when who have been visiting at Dr. W. H. first boys off to camp. The distribution of questionnaires has been curtured. Mr. W. J. Hodges and Miss Daisy Whitley drove over to Washington board stating that 450 of the forms last Friday and spent the day in had been placed in the hands of the that town. bution will be advanced in accord a patient at the St. Vincent's hospi-tal in Norfolk, returned Wednesday ment for the county. ment for the county.

The first physical examinations

Miss Belle Carstarphen, who has been visiting her parents here for quite a while, returned to Hamilton Saturday morning.

The first physical examination have been given by Dr. J. S. Rhodes, medical examiner for the board. Nineteen men will have been examined by late afternoon today. Jul-

That the board will not have to conscript men from this county for a better spirit in our cooperative efforts. Quite a few supporters are renewing their memberships without ing that two colored men had volun-teered, and that they would fill the

save him. No date has been fixed for examining additional registrants, but the men will be notified within the next few days when to report. Unpreter Recent classifications follow: James was

CLASS I 141 Weley James, col, Jamesville,

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son's new car, which was wrecked.
Damage to the machine was estimated at \$900.
Last week-end, Rev. L. W. Fields, of Manteo, and W. G. Harper, auto salesman, of Rocky Mount, escaped injury when their cars figured in a wreck near Parmele. Damage to the information. ficers or the hospital immediately, but one report did state that the

conscious and resting well early this afternoon. While his condition was dell and Hillard Knight were chargnot described as critical, one report ed with being drunk and disorder-stated that it could be regarded as ly, and Moses Bunch was jailed on

### HOLIDAY

will enjoy their first holiday of the current term when they complete the day's work tomorrow afternoon and recess until next Monday morning for Thanksgiv-

The next holiday—a long one—will start December 20 and continue until the 2nd day of January. The 1940 Christmas holiday is one of the longest scheduled by county education authorities during recent years.

### Prominent Citizen Dies At His Home Here Last Evening

Funeral Services Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon for William A. James

Funeral services will be conducted at the late home on West Main long period of declining health. While his condition was considered serious, the end came unexpectedly and before all members of the family could reach his bedside. In ly and before all members of the family could reach his bedside. In recent weeks he had suffered with asthma and that with complications caused his death caused his death.

Mary Lou Creecy James, he was born year or more in Everetts 64 years ago last March When a young man he moved to Robersonville ,married Miss Lillian Taylor there and a few years later in 1909 moved to Williamston where Saturday morning.

Mr. S. H. Newberry, who has been in St. Vincent's Hospital, in North the physical tests, passed with a good he had since made his home. He is the physical tests, passed with a good well remembered here as a tobacter of the old Brick. conist. As proprietor of the old Brick Warehouse, he made lasting friendships among a large following of farmers throughout this section. Failing health forced his retirement from that business some years ago. first quota if they pass the physical but he continued his interest in the tests this afternoon. Louis White, the needed and that we must go forard." Mr. Daniel concluded.

Showing a keen interest in the organization movement. Attorney
Blount made a strong talk to the showing are more who had plead
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Brown and sectional politics, never asked taxi driver, volunteered last weekend. There is a sneaking suspicion tions and friendships in the county that "Lightning" signed up with the belief that his big, flat feet would gaged in more than one political battle for them. Even in recent years he was active in the political field War Spotlight Is

Unpretentious in manner, Mr James was thoughtful of others and valued the friendship and fellowship above earthly belongings. In

Washington City, and a daughter,
Mrs. J. D. Hathaway, Jr., of Eliza
beth City. He also leaves a brother,
Mr. Neal James, and three sisters,
Mrs. Samuel Faulkner, Mrs. John
Everett and Mrs. Oscar Daniel, all
Greeks are smashing anew the lines

where other members of the family are buried.

### Five Arrests Reported In County Last Week-end

After a lull in crime activities in but one report did state that the man's stomach was pumped out, indicating that he had consumed something with poison in it.

Received in the hospital early last the county, officers went into action again last week-end when they orunded up and jailed five alleged violators of the law. William Jones Received in the hospital early last the county, officers went into action again last week-end when they successfully by Hitler and his gang is apparently petering out for the present at least Bulgaria has declarating the successful was booked on an assault with a deadly weapon charge. Calvin Co-conscious and resting well early this a false pretense charge

### Local People Will Worship at Union Thanksgiving Service

Halting the wheels of industry with some few special exceptions, the people of this community will on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock come together in the local Christian ley will have for his sermon topic. Church for a common cause—that of rendering thanks to the Almighty for the untold blessings of life and for life itself. Possibly at no Thanks-

giving time in recent years has the meaning of the day advanced itself seems to instill a greater meaning in the minds of men more than at this period, and a large congregation, the people of this community will not let pass by the golden opportunity to acknowledge the untold bless-

# County Dealt Big Blow By Officers

Fifteen Illicit Distilleries Are Wrecked By Officers During the Past Week

The itheit liquor business, taking on added life apparently for the hol-iday trade, was dealt a telling blow in this county during the past week. Alcoholic Beverages Control Board Officer J. H. Roebuck announcing that fifteen illicit liquor plants had been wrecked and that the drive against the business had reached blitzkrieg proportions. Three copper stills, including one of 200-gallon capacity, and a drum kettle, were confiscated, but the kettles had been hidden ahead of the raiders at the eleven other plants wrecked during the period. More than 5,000 gallons of beer were poured out. No arrests vere made

were made

Heading up the enforcement group. Officer J. H. Roebuck led special forces from Pitt County into the Stingy Point section of Robersonville Township last Tuesday where they wrecked a plant and destroyed a gasoline drum still and poured out 150 gallons of mash. The supply was finding an outlet in Pitt County, it was said. That afternoon two copper stills were captured in Bear Grass and 750 gallons of beer Bear Grass and 750 gallons of beer were poured out.

Last Wednesday, the officers were omed by special forces out of Beaufort County and an extensive raid of Jamesville Township. Six plants were wrecked, the officers pouring out 2,350 gallons of beer. Returning to that section of the county followaused his death.

The son of the late William A. and est confiscated in this county in a

> Last Saturday, the enforcement of-ficer and Oak City's chief of police 500 gallons of beer in Goose Nest

> W. I. Beddard, charged with conspiracy, was questioned by the en-forcement officer and placed under bond in the sum of \$500 by federal authorities.

> Asked about future plans of the enforcement bureau, Officer J. H. Roebuck withheld comment. It was learned, however, that a movement is underway to increase the number of enforcement officers in the coun ty during the next few months, in dicating that a concerted drive against the illicit liquor business is

## Focused On Army Of Little Greece

Diplomatic Pressure Slackened; Lull in Air Warfare Is Reported

Reverends John W. Hardy, rec- tional towns, and cutting off import-In Hospital Here tor of the Church of the Advent, and John L. Goff, pastor of the Christ, towns are important Italian bases, ian Church, will conduct the last rites at the home. Interment will fol-low in the Robersonville Cemétery portion of the Italian army. Mussoportion of the Italian army Musso-lini's men are offering a desperate fight, but at the present rate the Greeks are traveling, it will be a blitzkrieg in Albania ere long. In one battle yesterday, 300 Greeks were killed and seven hundred wounded. Italian losses were estimated at double those figures.

action to stop Hitler before he gets to the Dardanelles.

Prime Minister Winston Church-ill said today that there would be no Christmas armistice, his statement discounting rumors that a temporary eace would be recognized for a short time during the holiday sea

Up until noon today, London had alarm, the lull in the air warfare being attributable to weather condia tions. Birmingham and Bristol re-ported devastating raids previously however, and it is quite certain that Britain's war industry has been crip-

England's defense must be maintained by United States plants to a large extent in the future, and Senator George, chairman of the For-eign Relations Committee, is calling a meeting tomorrow of his group to discuss financial aid to England. He

expected to crowd the little church around the corner to humbly bow and offer expressions of thanks and gratitude to Almighty God.

Rev. B. T. Hurley, newly arrived Methodist minister, will deliver the special sermon. Ministers of the several other churches will particition.