Enter Camp At Fort Bragg Next Monday

Draft Board Making Ready For Heavy Calls Early Part of Next Year

The first draftees from Martin County will leave here next Mon-day morning at 11:30 o'clock for Fort Bragg where they will be in-ducted into the army for a year's training under the Selective Service Act. Two men, Leslie Worth Pierce, of Williamston Route 3, and Ellis Clifton Wynne, of Oak City Route 1, are to report to the local draft board at 9:30 that morning for their "shipping" papers, including free transportation, spending money and credentials. Julian Albert Roebuck, Williamston young man, and Paul Cleveland VanLandingham, of Williamston Route 3, are being held in reserve. They will be called into service immediately if Pierce and Wynne are not accepted at the induction station. If Pierce and Wynne pass the final examinations at the Exert me other white men will be Fort, no other white men will be called from this county until after Greek Drive Against the holidays.

Next Friday, Walter Louis White, commonly known as Lightning at the local hotel where he is employed, and James Earl Hyman, local taxi driver, will move into camp at Fort Bragg. White, said to have volunteered on weak feet, still has hopes for a return trip ticket. How-ever, reports state that there are able foot doctors in the army.

Advised some time ago that the call for additional men would be continues a successful march against delayed until after the Christmas holidays, the Martin County draft late reports stating that Porto Edholidays, the Martin County draft board slowed down its work for a while, but increased activities are now underway in anticipation of heavy drafts beginning the latter part of next January. The distribution of questionnaires is being stepped up, a late report from the board stating that 730 of the forms had been mailed and that classification of the stating that 730 of the forms had been mailed and that classification of the stating that 730 of the forms had been mailed and that classification of the stating that Porto Eda, important Italian base, had been wested from Mussolini's men. Following the continued reverses in his Greek campaign. Mussolini to day shook up his army staff and respect to the properties of the prope been mailed, and that classification er with a little-known soldier Mus-work would possibly be resumed solini, reasonably quiet on the hap-within the next ten days or two penings in Greece and Albania dur-

white and three colored are to report to the board's examining physician, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, here next Tuesday. About six men will be examined each week in the future.

The draft registration was in-creased by one this week when a delayed registration form was received from Tom Pitt, colored, out in Pocohontas, West Virginia. He was given order number, 368-A. Not including four volunteers below the age of 21 years, the registration for this county now stands at 3,273.

To date, eighteen men, eleven white and seven colored, have vol-unteered their services. This group will delay the call for those men who hold low order numbers. The names of the late volunteers are Brownie, Whitehurst, Dennis Harding Which-ard and Charles Elbert Bullock, all ard and Charles Elbert Bullock, all white of Williamston Route 3; John Slade, colored, of Robersonville Route 2; James Oliver Andrews, and Daniel Williams, both colored, of Williamston. Boys under 21 years of williamston. Boys under 21 years acceptable but they must be recommended as a merchantman, elliptical some man in the community who is some man in the com

colored, of Oak City. Council is said other English cities in recent weeks, or a total of 15 hours per week. to be delinquent in returning his the Royal Air Force unleashed one questionnaire. Council, improperly filling in his questionnaire, was late war against Dusseldorf, important ters. All young men who are interin returning it. The form was rearmament center in Germany, durested in taking advantage of this turned to him for correction. Receiving all of Wednesday night. Other course are asked to contact the sup-

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Local Police Say Thefts Increasing

Shoplifting and package thefts from parked automobiles and stealing, in general, are on the increase

here according to reports coming from police circles during the past

The first shoplifting case in re cent weeks was reported to the officers last Tuesday afternoon, when Mary Gladys Anthony, young col-ored girl, bagged and started walk-ing out of a local store with a pair of shoes. Her arrest cleared up the misuse of commodities distributed under the supervision of the welfare department. The girl's mother is an inmate in a hospital. The girl was supposed to get commodities and

Company and carried away more taining the pace established a few than 100 gallons of cylinder oil. days ago, but the goobers were said days ago, but the goobers were said the remainder of the crop. to be moving in volume in those. It is generally agreed that

Last Tuesday night, two automobile tires, belonging to Mack Roberson, were stolen here.

First Draftees Will Christmas Cheer Drive Off to Slow Start; Canvass for Toys and Clothes Tomorrow

Early reports from the spon-sors today point to a gloomy Christmas period for quite a few little folks in this community. While a movement, its worth having been fully established in years past, is again being advanced this Christmas season, the movement is receiving a neg-ligible support to date. As we would shop early for Christmas, it is just as important that we assume our community obliga-tions early and since there are quite a few less fortunate little tots facing a forlorn Christmas it is vital that the more fortunate of the community realize early of the community realize early the necessity of meeting as ade-quately as possible the situation as it exists at this time.

After meeting with little suc-cess in their first canvass early this week, the Boy Scouts un-der the direction of Professor D N. Hix, will solicit toys and old clothing tomorrow morning. Bundle up the discarded toys

Italians In Albania

Meets With Success

British Bombers Raid Import-

ant Centers in Germany

And Occupied France

Little Greece, aided by England, continues a successful march against

ing recent weeks, now promises his people that his new commander will

the French forces in Africa. Greek

successes in Albania have renewed British hopes for an ultimate vic-

tory, and Britain is continuing a de-termined stand against a compro-

northern Italy.

One of the chief targets of the Dusseldorf attack was the big Man-

day to provide shells and other equipment for the Nazi war machine,

Tension is said to be growing in

the air ministry said.

ish bombs.

peace negotiations.

and old clothing that can be spared and have them ready for the Scouts. Mothers are asked not to bundle up a single toy that will rob her child of a single pleasure, but she is cordially urged to bundle up the dis-carded toy that will afford some

carded toy that will afford some other little tot a world of joy. The canvass tomorrow is the last one planned. Won't you help make it a successful one?

To date not a single penny has been contributed to the movement to carry a few bites of food, a small portion of candy and fruit into needy homes. The Christmas Cheer idea is not based on an insistent solicitation; it is based on a ready willingness on the part of the good people of this community to meet ple of this community to meet a need that should be and will be met. Don't wait for some one to carry this urgent appeal to you in person; mail or send your cash donation to Rev. John W. Hardy, treasurer, or to The En

TAG SALE SLOW

eau in the Williamston Motor Company building here, said to-

day. Warned that there will be

no time extension for purchas-ing and displaying the tags, au-

tomobile owners are certain to create a big rush during the last few days of this month.

Up until this morning the lo-cal bureau had sold only 200 of

the 1941 tags. The annual sale ordinarily exceeds 5,000.

Plan Program For

The nation's defense program, now underway on a tremendous scale,

Under the new defense porgram

machinist.

occupied territory and at Turin in schools, or any of the vocational

Quays, dockyards and coal gas little activity at this time. A few of

plants also felt the fury of the Brit- the tubers have been delivered here

the Far East again, one report stating that a mobilization of American police is likely in Shanghai. ket before Christmas, leaving the sweet potatoes to be moved next January and February.

Williamston in Spotlight As

Big Peanut Marketing Center

Complete reports are not avail- ing the work as rapidly as they

Sweet Potato Market Is

Overshadowed By Peanuts

Crowded into the background by

record peanut movements, the lo

cal sweet potato market is reporting

but farmers are working night and

day to get their peanuts on the mar-

age facilities are available to handle

It is generally agreed that the peanut territory is producing its great-

National Defense

terprise office where each dona-toin will be acknowledged and placed in the proper hands.

success of the Cheer Move-ment will be measured in ex-act proportion to the response given it by the people of the town. Surely, the good people of Williamston will not stand idly by in a crisis when the happiness of little children is at stake. Lend your support today to a move-ment that has meant so much in the past and can be made to mean so much again at this time to both the less and the more for-

Remember your own childhood. Recall the excited anticipation that keyed you in the days before Christmas and send in your donation to make a bright and cheerful Christmas morning for some unfortunate child. Surely, such an act will

Red Cross Chapter Exceeds Its Quota The sale of automobile license tags for the new year is advanc-ing at a snail's pace, Miss Hul-dah Roberson, clerk at the bur-

Total of \$453.84 Reported To Martin County Chapter Chairman

For The First Time

For the first time, the Martin County Red Cross chapter this year sum of \$453.84 \$53.84 in excess of the quota—had been placed to the account of the National Red Cross.

Hearing the urgent calls from a suffering to the sum of the s

suffering humanity over a world-wide front, members of the Williaming a second call for men.

More physical examinations are being ordered, and six men, three white and three colored are to report to the board's examining physical ported in the history of the local Red Cross chapter. They, along with Representatives of the vocational others, did an able work, and as the organization extends its humane aid Unconfirmed reports now indicate that Great Britain will launch an offensive against the Axis line-up through Greece, and that such accounties here today to work out to the suffering surely the campaigners and the members and contributors will have much satisfaction in knowing that they did their bit in tion will swing into line Free Fernch, plans and methods for advancing a headed by Weygand, commander of training progarm for youths in this as planned by the Federal govern-ment, several millions of dollars have been set aside to train young who still hold an interest in ed for rape their fellowman to know that an able canvass has been made, and to point out that much credit is due the sensational side, is booked for trial Junior Woman's Club, its roll call chairman and the convergence of the converge mised peace. Yesterday, the British men in their own localities in the parliament voted 341 to 4 against trades of metal work, carpentry and early today when a German sea raider, disguised as a merchantman, encountered the British patrol in the manity into the homes and business places and on the streets,

Special credit is also due the col-ored citizenry who advanced a willing and liberal aid. Headed by Nora Cherry Slade, Maude Alexander, Mattie Ormond, Mary D. Smith, Em-ma Harvey, Estelle Rodgers, Beacolored race who were aided dur-ing the August flood here.

According to an unofficial report, four communities contributed \$453.84 as follows: Williamston, \$410.29; Jamesville, \$23.81; Dardens, \$18.49; armament center in Germany, dur-ing all of Wednesday night. Other centers were raided in Germany, in erintendent of schools, a principal of Farm Life, \$1.25. Bear Grass, as far as it could be learned, has filed no complete report, but according to one source of information, 60 cents had been contributed there. Other towns in the county were canvass-ed at the direction of the Robersonville chapter authorities.

Memberships and contributions (Continued on page four)

Cotton Balloting In Belt Tomorrow difficulty

Although a small vote is being predicted over much of the belt, the cotton referendum tomorrow is expected to get the approval of farmers. The greatest danger facing the program just now is the farmers' in-difference. Very few are against the program, but no overwhelming num-

Superior Court To Open Short Term

Fifteen Criminal Cases Are On Docket; Judge Burney To Preside

One of the largest criminal dock ets for December in recent years will be placed before the Martin County Superior Court when it opens a one-week mixed term here next Monday morning. Scheduled to clear the criminal docket and try one or two civil cases, the court or-dinarily nears adjournment at the close of the first and certainly by middle afternoon of the second day. Next week, the tribunal will likely hold its longest December session in

While there is a murder case and one or two other charges on the docket that will likely attract much attention, the calendar carries mostly

Judge John Jay Burney, of Wilmington, is scheduled to return and preside over the session.

The following cases had been placed on the docket early today:

The year-old case charging Gus Forrest with non-support is still on the docket, the defendant having appealed from a judgment in the county court. The case was continued twice in the higher court.

Appealing from a judgment in the

Appealing from a judgment in the county court, Hilliary Ward Spruill is to be tried next week for alleged drunken driving.

Ralph Duggar, appealed from the the county court, and will face a charge of violating the liquor laws

exceeded its membership quota, according to a virtually complete report filed this morning by Mrs. Jos.

A. Eason, chairman of the roll call week the September grand jury The case charging Raymond and in Williamston for the Junior Wo-man's Club. Possibly a few member-having returned a true bill against ships have not yet been turned in, but in an accounting yesterday the

> nature of W. L. Stotesbury to the \$22.04 check after he was questioned by a State Bureau of Investiga tion representative and Sheriff C. B.

N. S. Nichols and Tom Jones are facing the court for alleged highway robbery. They are charged with holding up and robbing Ollie Bland in Williams Township last Sunday

Mizelle Bellamy and Kenneth Moore are charged with carnal making that aid possible. Few, if any, have been thrown off their financial balance by the aid extended the Red Cros, and it is heartening to

chairman, and the canvassers who carried the appeal of suffering hu-Woolard Hardware Company of two rifles, a pistol and ammunition; Dav is Pharmacy of \$32 in cash and the grammar school building of a few cans of fruit. In the last case he is also charged with attempted arson.

A community organization per-

Daniel Williams, both colored, of Williamston. Boys under 2! years of age are acceptable, but they must have their parents' permission thirty days before they enter the army. According to an unconfirmed report, the federal authorities are on the trail of King Lemuel Council, and the trail of King Lemuel Council, and the trail of King Lemuel Council, and the trail of King Lemuel Council, and the trail of the Farmers Robert Everett and Victor Lucille Lynch, both of Hamilton. Champion, Poplar Point Township farmers. The stolen tobacco was both of Hassell.

Linwood Knox and Pauline Dail, tinuing the action for judgment unboth of Hassell.

> is charged with stealing 10,000 Cam-el cigarettes valued at \$62.50 from Lyman Col the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Mount, Company at its station in William-

Few, if any, civil cases will be tried at the term next week

Work On River Fill Is Progressing Steadily Despite recent rains, work is prog

essing steadily on the Roanoke Riv er fill here and traffic is moving ov er the road without much delay or

Newly Elected Judge Here Next Monday Handles First Docket

CASH BASIS

The Martin County Recorder's Court went on a cash basis this week, the authorities express-ing the opinion that leniency while deserved in some cases had been a costly policy. Where a judge tried to accommodate a troubled defendant and maintain hope in his fellowman, it was pointed out that those ac-commodated often boasted how they left the county holding the bag, so to speak.

Costs, amounting to \$118.95,

were collected at the session last Monday. One defendant, taxed with a \$25 cost, explained she had only \$15. At the direction of the court, the defendant was or-dered jailed until the full amount was paid. The entire sum was paid and the defendant never entered the jail.

Increase In Number

In This County During The Past Month

The Martin County marriage liense bureau had its busiest month of the year in November when licenses were issued to twenty-nine ored. While the number of licenses sued during the period was largest for any month so far this normal as compared with the bur-eau activities for November during the past several years.

In November, 1933, after Roose-velt had been in the White House a few months, the number of marriage licenses, unusually small up until that time, bounced to a record high,

Licenses were issued in the office John Robert Lawrence with violating J. Sam Getsinger to the following ing the liquor laws, the court upon couples last month

White

Fred Wallace Andrews, of Tar-

Dallas Guy Cox and Lois Virginia Jackson, both of Plymouth,
Richard Semz Corey, of Williamston Route 1, and Bessie Mabell Hardison, of Williamston.

Coy Alonzo Bullock and Louis Whitehurst, both of Pitt County. Marshall Cherry, Jr., of Williams

on, and Maggie N. Manning, Robersonville

William A. White, of Hassell, and Nealie Rogerson, of Williamston. James Hyman Clark, of Williams-ton Route 3, and Marjorie Terry, of

Willaimston Route 1
Lean Earl Beach, of Williamston

John Wheeler Cooper, Jr., of valued in excess of \$500. John Wheeler Cooper, Jr., of Boston McNeill, alias James Allen, Windsor, and Rachel Rogerson, of

Lyman Collins Johnson, of Rocky Mount, and Ruth Taylor Edwards, of Williamston Route 2 William A. Leggett, of Williams-

ton Route 3, and Virginia Jackson, of Williamston Route 2 John M. Leggett, of Robersonville

of Williamston Route 2.
Ellis E. Chesson, of Williamston, and Marjorie M. Ward, of Rober-

onville. Marion Clyde Ward, of Williams-ton Route 2, and Lennie Cherry

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Cotton and Peanuts Boosting Income in County This Season

modities to him recently.

Early this week, rogues raided the car of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitzgerald and stole clothing and household goods. Mr. Fitzgerald, manager of the new dime store here, and Mrs. Jack Pitzgerald, were moving some of the in woodshold goods, including silverwere, here. Mrs. Fitzgerald storp ped the car on the street only a short time ago, robbers raided to the new fall of the company and carried away more the fall of the company and carried away more taring the pace established a few company and carried away more taring the farmers are assured that and ing from points beyond Wilson. Heavy deliveries boyed willson. Heavy deliveries moved out of Bertagonia from the 1941 crop program. It is now estimated that the cotton third million dollars. Possibly one-heavy deliveries moved out of Bertagonia for the market state that deliveries on the market state that deliveries on the market state that deliveries for more prom the two districts, Williams and the 1941 crop program. It is now estimated that the cotton that the cotton that the cotton crop will exceed 5,000 bales in the county that the income county that the income doubt season, that the income the county water than that the cotton will exceed 5,000 bales in the county that the income county that the income the county in two districts, Williams and a single farmer visited the trop has been only a place and no sessions from the lint will be at least a quarter been moved out of Bertagonia as single farmer visited the meeting places and no sessions from the lint will be at least a quarter been moved by Christman on two districts, Williams and the county that the income county that the income the county that the income the county was the trop was the season, that the income the county was the season that the cotton of the meeting places and no sessions from the lint will be at least a quarter been moved out of Bertagonia and the season was the county was the county will approximate the meeting places and no sessions from the lint will be at least a

That the reduced income resulting Complete reports are not avail-from a curtailed tobacco acreage will able at this time for the peanut crop, an inmate in a hospital. The girl was supposed to get commodities and able just now, but it is fairly certain to her father, a few miles from here. It was pointed out that from here. It was pointed out that the girl was not living with her father, that she had carried no commodities to him recently.

Complete reports are not available just now, but it is fairly certain could, receiving stations here yes lows: first prize, \$3, and fourth prize, third prize, \$3, and fourth prize, attended the series of meetings to incomplete reports coming from the work as rapidly as the proposed to get commodities and be just now, but it is fairly certain be offset by greater accerage win able just now with station to every stations here yes lows: first prize, \$3, and fourth prize, so that will be trade coupons at the work as rapidly as the proposed to get commodities and be just now, but it is fairly certain be offset by greater accerage win but at this time for the last this time for the objection and could, receiving stations here is interested enough to record a put that this time for the last this t

Judge Coburn Holds Tribunal In Session After Dark Monday

Court Costs Must Be Paid Or Else, Judge Rules At His First Session

Presiding over his first term of he Martin County Recorder's Court Monday, Judge W. H. Coburn meted out what was described as a fair and ist brand of justice. Tempering his adgments with mercy, the recently elected judge made it quite clear that the laws of the land will be upheld by his tribunal, and that the institution will be run on a cash basis, or else—the else possibly meaning

The court, delayed by a late appointment of Solicitor D. E. John-son, convened at 10:35 o'clock Monday morning, Judge Coburn having subscribed to the oath of office more than an hour earlier. Calling his Marriage Licenses
Issued In November

The straight of the stra ter dark with the exception of a short time for lunch.

Unable in a single day to clear the docket of 24 cases that had accumulated during a three weeks' idle per iod, the court was very agreeable when it came to granting continu-ances. While continuances will be granted in the future, it is believed that justice will not be dragged down to defeat by uncalled-for delays. Ten of the 14 cases'were continued, some for the State and some for the de fendants

Next Monday the court will give over its quarters to Judge John Jay Burney and his higher court, but it will be back meting out more jus-tice the following Monday.

Proceedings in the court: The case charging Johnnie Peel

with non-support, was continued. In the case charging Ben Biggs and the suggestion of retiring judge, H. O. Peele, found Lawrence not guilty Judgment as to Biggs is not to oro, and Mary Elizabeth Grimes, of be pronounced until Monday, De-williamston.

Dallas Guy Cox and Lois Virginia Will Modica, the Robersonville

colored man who prefers a term of the roads rather than a year's train-ing in the country's armed forces, got thirty days in the camps in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. Modica plead-ed guilty of simple assault, the sol-

ritor accepting his plea.

Bryant Moore, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, plead-ed guilty of simple assault. The plea was accepted and he was fined \$20 and taxed with the cost.

The case charging Elmer Gray with Lean Earl Beach, of Williamston Route 3, and May Bowen, of Wil-liamston Route 1.

and careless driving, the court con-

In the case charging Thurman Hy-man with larceny it appeared to the court that the property involved was worth more than \$20 and it was remanded to the J. P. courts for a rehearing and for probable cause to be bound over to the superior court.

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Route 1, and Sophie Jane Leggett, Offer \$55.00 For Best Decorations

Liberal prizes, valued at \$55.00, will be given for the best holiday decorations here this Christmas sea-son, Billy Clark, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said today. While the contest will include four groups, homes, yards, public buildngs and stores, no prizes will be awarded the winning store decora-tions. They will be judged, however,

Four pirzes will be awarded in each of the first two groups, as fol-

program. It is now estimated that \$250,000. Already several thousand less than 500 votes will be cast in this county tomorrow. Two years ago, more than 1,500 farmers parcotton, and that is certain to result in improved trade conditions, went the exception of the with the exception of the sweet potatoes. The potato erop is sweet potatoes. The potato erop is imately 1,000 vari-colored lights this evening, and the spirit of the swango, more than 1,500 farmers parcotton, and that is certain to result in improved trade conditions, year.

Increasing their forces and rush- est crop.