ESTABLISHED 1899

General Public Is Called On To Help the Country's Defense Program

The United States Defense Savings Bonds and Postal Savings Stamps ness on Thursday, May 1, as part of the national effort to make Ameri-According to numerous and au

Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden announced today that plans are near-ly completed for this community, along with thousands of others from coast to coast, to do its full part at the opening of the savings program. It is expected that the Mayor and other civic leaders will be among the first purchasers of savings bonds and stamps here.

Postmaster General Frank C. Wal-ker, in a letter to Postmasters throughout the country, said that the help of local postmasters would be "a real service to the country." He transmitted the thanks of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau for the held that local postmasters had al-ready given in the sale of United States securities, and also Mr. Mor-genthau's thanks in advance "for the cooperation which he knows you will give to this new effort."

The new defense savings bond similar to the familiar "Baby Bond," of which more than five billion dollars worth have been bought by more than two and a half million Americans since 1935

A Defense Bond may be purchased May 1, or thereafter, for \$18.75. In ten years, this bond will be worth \$25.00. This is an increase of 33 1-3 per cent, equal to an annual interest return of 2.9 per cent, compounded semi-annually. Any time after sixty days from the date of purchase, the bond may be redeemed for cash, in accordance with a table of redemption values printed on the face of the

To spread investments widely among all the people in America, a limit of \$5,000 has been set on the amount of these bonds to be bought by any one person in one year. The bonds are in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000, all of which are sold for 75 per cent their maturity value and all of which mature in ten years.

For larger investors who can afford to purchase up to \$50,000 worth of bonds a year, the Treasury De-partment has issued two additional kinds of Defense Savings Bonds, but these will be sold only through banks and by direct mail from Washington, D. C. They are intended for associations, trustees and corporations as well as individual purchasers.

For the smaller investor wants to buy a Government Bond on an easy payment plan, the post of-fice will have a new series of Post-al Savings Stamps, at 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1 and \$5. Each purchaser of any Billy Mercer, historian; Warren Savings Stamp higher than 10c will Pope, testator; Ruth Ward, prophet; be given, free of charge, an attractive pocket album in which to paste his stamps until he has enough to buy a \$25 bond or one of higher deomination. Thirty million of these

albums are now being prepared.
The cover design of the albums is from American history: Daniel Chester French, which symbolizes the American citizen ever alert in defense of his country. The inscription is "America on Guard."

Secretary Morgenthau said that even a boy or girl who saved 10 cents Bailey. to buy a savings stamp would help the country. He added that "you can safeguard your own money and your own future, while helping the na-tional defense, by buying United States Savings Bonds now."

Man Placed Under **Bond For Stabbing**

Walter Freeman, young local colored man, was bound over to the county court by Justice J. L. Hassell here last night for allegedly assaulting Elnora Freeman, his sweet-heart, with a deadly weapon. Unable to raise the \$200 bond, Freeman was

returned to the county jail. Said to have attacked the girl or previous occasions, Freeman last Sunday night stabbed her in the shoulder with a pocket knife. The victim was able to be out last night for the hearing, and contrary to past action no effort was made to with draw the warrant.

Going into a fit of rage when officers were called to the scene of a disturbance on East Main Street Freeman ran into the house and stab bed the woman just as officers drove to the front of the house. Telling the officers that he would attack ever a white person who made him mad would not submit to arres at first, but after some persuasion and the introduction of a blackjack

he went to jail. Charged with an affray on Wash ington Street last Saturday night, Robert Winbush and Roy Boston were tried before Justice Hassell last night. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost which amounted to \$7.50 for each defend-ant.

bacco was opened in this county last nearly every section of the county Friday when Farmer Lester Griffin but the reports state that the damtransferred plants to a small acreage has been slight so far and unless age on his farm in Griffins Township. Several other farmers in various parts of the county are said to lay is anticipated now. have started transplanting the same day, but their names could not be derway on a fairly large scale in the will be placed on sale in the main learned immediately, and according post office at the opening of busi- to a rumor one county farmer trans-

According to numerous and authentic reports, the outlook for starting the crop is not as dark in this unty as it was just a few days ago. However, farmers questioned here from several sections of the county yesterday, stated that blue mold may strike with deadly precision at any time and delay a climax in trans-plantings two weeks or more.

DIVIDED

Leaving for service in the

Jackson week before last, two

of the four young men, Leamon

Fouch Keel and Charlie Vernon

Whitehurst, were rejected. They

are, left to right: Whitehurst, Keel, William Edward Ross and

Seniors Will Hold

Mary Charles Godwin, Liberty;

The following seniors will repre-

Scene 2. The Pilgrims at Plymouth

Scene 5. George Washington

win, Edith Andrews, Virginia Corey,

Daisy Peaks, Josephine Andrews.
Scene 8. Abraham Lincoln—Mel-

World War soldier-Anne Fowden,

on the class gift. Seniors will receive passes for their families.

GAIN IN VALUES

Real and personal property values in Williamston Township

made a record gain last year

when the total assessed worth was increased by well over a quarter million dollars. Prelim-inary figures place the 1941 list-ings at \$2,998,085 as compared with \$2,402,255 in 1940, a result-

ing gain of \$295,830. Personal

property values jumped from \$619,725 to \$698,591, a gain of \$78,616. Real property values jumped from \$1,782,480 in 1940 to \$1,999,494 this year, a result-

ing increase of \$217,014.

Several other townships have just completed their books, but most of the list-takers are still working on their books.

Roosevelt Coltrain.

Haywood Rogers.

James Hilery Daniels

pageant.

county yesterday, one report stat-ing that a few farmers has sufficient pected to reach a climax in this county about the middle or latter part of

The rapid growth of the plants has caught quite a few farmers with their lands unprepared, but that task is being handled with dispatch now.

Herring Fishing In Roanoke Scheduled

Some Over a Million Fish Are Taken At the Jamseville Fishery To Date

To Close Next Week

Point stating this morning that the long seines would be taken from the muddy waters and placed on the muddy waters and placed on the long seines would be taken from the muddy waters and placed on the long seines would be taken from the long sein to continue operations here until Saturday of next week," Mr. C. C. Fleming, owner-operator of the fish-ery at Jamesville stated this morn-

operations this year were not as successful as were those of last season. The fisherman roughly estimated that some over a million herrings had been taken from the river at Jamesville. Shad catches will hardly exceed 100, and to date no large numbers of rock have been caught. Irregularity in the herring run has

proved costly this season, Mr. Fleming stating that the plants were op-erated at a loss during the first two Class-Day Program weeks, that the fish came in untold numbers almost over night and that The Senior class will present its Mr. Stuart Ange, an old hand at the class day exercises in the high school fishing game, estimated that the auditorium tonight at eight o'clock, catches reached a peak of about 40,with the program in the form of a 000 at one time, but the average for combination playlet and patriotic the season will run considerably under the 1940 figure. During many The students taking leading parts in the playlet, entitled, "Onward, America!" will be Susie Griffin, class when the climax was reached, the president; Elizabeth Parker, valedic-torian; S. C. Griffin, salutatorian; number of fish was so great that the plant could not handle them and millions of herrings continued their annual pilgrimage up the Roanok

unmolested. so many fish. From Chesapeake Bay sent important personages and scenes to the rivers and small creeks in this

The extensive catches have weak —John Peele, Carrie Jones, Patty ened the market, and the season has Etheridge, Leona Davenport, Wil-not been a very profitable one.

liam Earle Stinnette, Dorothy Jones. Scene 3. Patrick Henry - Jack Child Slightly Hurt No official report was released by the board, but it is understood that Scene 4. Betsy Ross and her neigh-When Struck By Car pors-Faye Gurganus, Bina Jackson, Mary Kate Swain, Sarah Taylor, Pennie Rose Waters.

Elbert Lee Biggs, four-year-old colored child, was painfully but not badly hurt when struck by an auto-mobile in front of his parents' home John Miller. Scene 6. Daniel Boone and his family—Carlton Phelps, Bennie Godnear Jamesville on the Plymouth Highway last Saturday afternoon. Bruised and slightly cut on the face, Leroy Perry.
Scene 7. The Forty-Niners—Chas.
Coltrain, Oniley Cowan, Ellis White, the child was given first-aid treat-ment here and carried to a Washington hospital for examination. He was ourn Hardison.
Scene 9. Robert E. Lees-Billy Peel. discharged immediately after the

Johnnie Bone, colored man of oosevelt Coltrain.

Scene 11. Red Cross Nurse and on the highway when the child darted into the highway. Bone, driving about 50 miles an hour, said he say A ten cent admission charge will the child and immediately applied be made, in order to finish payment his brakes, the car swerving to the left and coming to a stop just about the time it struck the child off the highway on the driver's left side One of the headlights on the car was broken, Patrolman Whit Saunders, investigating the accident, stating there was no other damage.

Bone brought the child to the doc tor's office and carried him to the ospital for an examination. Bone was exonerated of any blame for the accident at a formal hearing

held here last evening. Few Register For Local Election Next Tuesday

A quiet and uneventful time is being predicted for the town munici-pal election here next Tuesday. Reg-istrar John E. Pope states that only five new names have been placed on the registration books, and that little interest in the election had been expressed at registration headquar-

British Face Grim Threat In Nearly All States Home in England

His Greek campaign completed, Adolf Hitler proclaimed late yesterday that his barbarian hordes were ready for action on a "larger sphere plants to transplant their entire causing a war-torn world to start crops. Plants are growing rapidly guessing where and how he would now and with favorable weather and strike next. Added to the confusion no blue mold, transplanting is exinvasion of fourteen countries, is the serious threat facing the British in the Mediterranean area and back home in England. There are so many ways the barbarians can now turn, that the world is confused as to what to expect, how, when and where referendum held last Saturday. No Hitler may continue his march to the Dardanelles, subdue Turkey or collaborate with her for passage to the strategic point. He may force his work. French to the Scient. way through Egypt to the Suez. He ed an adverse vote, but three states, may attempt the invasion of Eng-texas. Oklahoma and Mississippi land. He may work through Spain failed to give the program a required to Gibraltar or he may turn to the two-thirds vote. Atlantic, not to mention possible deelopments in the Pacific.

The Nazi game may well develop as a kind of hitch-hike into the vulnerable and vital Middle East. From occupied Greece, German air pow-Herring fishing in the Roanoke is fast grinding to a close, a report from the fisheries at Jamesville and Camp Point stating this morning that the British failure to oust the Italians

The use of these troublesome spots racks the latter part of next week as an advance air base may make Activities at Camp Point, several possible a Nazi leap over Cyprus so that the Luftwaffe can gain lodgment in French-mandated Syria. Once the air grip has been tightened, the steady infiltration of Nazi ground forces can go on screened by the air control of these Aegean island stepping stones to world power. The Brit-ish in the Levant then will be con-Reviewing the fishing activities to ish in the Levant then will be condate, Mr. Fleming stated that he had fronted by the same preponderance of mechanized power that has regained most of Libya for the Axis.

From Turkey or Syria a two-forked attack would attempt to repeat the German strategy of the World War. This would mean a grip on the Mesopotamian Valley route to the Persian Gulf and a coastal thrust at the Suez Canal itself. Without air power and mechanization, both objectives could be dismissed; these two newer weapons of con-Beauto quest, both are conceivable.

Should the Nazis decide to liquid ate the whole Near Eastern situation before the final squeeze on the British Isles, it means a campaign or a grand scale through Turkey

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County Draft Board Reclassifies Twenty Registrants Friday

Four of Group Are Continued In Class 1-A; Grants Three Deferments

The Martin County Draft Board in color, featuring a United States battleship and an eagle bearing the American flag. On the back cover is a painting of the Minute Man statue by Daniel Chester French which ing from young men who had entered the state of matrimony. Three de ferments were granted, but the days of grace are limited and at least one will be subject to call after May 16.

thirteen questionnaires were inspect-ed, and that possibly some of the claims of dependency were slightly exaggerated. Dependency can be claimed by only one son in a fam-ily, one report stating that at least two sons were claiming their moth er was entirely dependent on each

Four young men were continued in Class 1-A, three were placed in Class 2-A, twelve were grouped in Tennessee lass 3-A, and one in Class 4-F

The classifications: Class 2-A William Ernest Davis, Williams

Willard Wray Vaughn Carson, Par-Herbert Elvernon Rogerson, Rob

Class 3-A Fred Rogerson, Williamston, Route

James Dixon, Williamston. William Henry Jones, Parmele Robert Darrell Grimes, William on Route two. Philip Thompson, Williamston.

Robert Taylor, Williamston, Route Navin Howard, Jr., Williamston. John Ivey Eagles, Williamston. Ben Cross, Oak City, Route one. George Washington Wynne, James

Walter Andrews, Oak City, Route

Joe Roberson, Williamston, Route Continued in 1-A

Lorenzo Council, Jr., Bethel. William Atwood Gurganus, Wilamston, Route one. Marvin Oscar Hyman, Palmyra.

Seth Needham Boston, Jamesville.

Defense Bonds Will Transplanting of Tobacco Is War-Torn World Is County Gives Peanut Funeral Services Be Placed On Sale Here Next Thursday Now Underway in the County Hitler's Next Move Program A Big Vote

Give Control Plan Necessary Majority

Comparatively Light Vote Is Recorded in All North Carolina Counties

A three-year program for the con trol of peanut production was overwhelmingly approved by growers in most of the producing states in a referendum held last Saturday. No

Martin County, while not voting hardly two-thirds of its strength, polled the second largest vote in this State, and supported the program to the tune of 99 per cent. Only one in the 39 counties in the North Caro lina belt voted against the program Two other counties. Duplin and Sampson, did not give the plan the necessary two-third majority. Less than half the eligible votes were cast Several Teachers in this county, but despite the apparent indifference in this State, the program carried with more than 13, 250 votes to spare.

The vote in this county by dis-

tricts:	1000	-60	
	For		V
Bear Grass	182		
Cross Roads	190		
Goose Nest	232		
Griffins	168	4	
Hamilton	74	1	
Hassell	124		
Jamesville	186		1
Robersonville	312		
Gold Point	86		
Williams	98		
Wmston-Popular Point	314		
Totals	1066		-

The vote by North Carolina Coun-

ч	pertie-	1,780
	Bladen	436
	Brunswick	24
i	Camden	26
H	Chowan	625
	Columbus	146
	Craven	9
	Cumberland	40
	Currituck	14
1	Duplin	2
U	Edgecombe	1,008
	Gates	787
e	Greene	110
	Halifax	1.355
	Harnett	5
ï	Hertford	1,094
	Hoke -	4
ı	Johnston	51
ı	Jones	1
H	Martin	1,966
H	Nash	420
i	New Hanover	25
H	Northampton	2.268
i	Onslow	9
H	Pamlico	9
	Pasquotank	48
d	Pender	128
ij	Perquimans	750
ď	Pitt	681
ij	Robeson	40
	Sampson	46
d	Scotland	2
	Tyrrell	52
	Wake	5
ŧ,	Warren	68
4	Washington	- 575
	Wayne	89
ń	Wilson	132
4	W 112011	14,901
	The vote by state	
t	State	Yes
i	Alabama	13,314
b	Georgia	15,124
	Florida	1,084
1	S. Carolina	804
ì.	N. Carolina	14,495
31	The Control of the Co	17,700

Virginia 7,134 Louisiana 3,660 Oklahoma Arkansas Mississippi California

Totals 57.811 Mexico (no report).

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Leon Brown, Williamston, Route Finals At Local School Tomorrow

The local schools will close what as been described as a very successful term tomorrow evening when Dr. Herbert Herring, Duke University dean, delivers the commencement address and certificates and diplomas are distributed to about 50 seventh graders and 41 graduates. Special awards will be announced as a part of the closing program. Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne will

introduce the principal speaker.

The first in the current series of mmencement events was held on Sunday morning when Rev. John L. Goff, local Christian minister, preached the annual sermon to the graduating class and several hun-dred patrons of the school. PASSES



Mr. Simon Daniel Griffin, one the county's oldest citizens, died at his home in Griffins Township last Saturday morning. Throngs attended the fun-eral services at Smithwicks Creek Sunday afternoon.

Resign In County

The last of the committee meetings for the election of teachers are being held in the county this week, gained by patient and laborious ex-an official report coming from the perimentation Mr. Griffin pioneered an official report coming from the office of the superintendent this office of the superintendent this in agriculture and was among the morning stating that only three districts had announced their elections Oak City re-elected all of its in early life he turned to the com-eachers, the board accepting one munity church, the faithful and reg

dered her resignation.
All of the Farm Life faculty memfiled with the board by Miss Bettie Haywood, teacher of the first and

receiving no resignations, the Bear Grass school is all set for the 1941 secondary to his religious worship.

No definite word has been receiv according to unofficial reports. On of the new appointees, has lot accepted the post tendered him According to the 1941 laws, a teacher for those assembling there for the regular worship services. the continuing contract follows
Teachers must notify the proper au
his fellowman Even in his declining thorities of their acceptance within ten days after the close of school, or activities, he was an invited and welthe positions held by them automati-

Unfounded Rumors couraged others to pick up the tasks where he had left off and to carry Heard At Everetts

0 of the Everetts School had been at-6 tacked by a committeenian or any carly manhood he was married to 0 other school official were declared Miss Margaret Stallings who died a 3 unfounded following an investiga-15 tion yesterday. Few details leading 18 up to the reported disturbance could 0 be had, but it was definitely learn 1480 ed that no one had been attacked Unofficial reports state that the No Everetts School committee had planned a change in the teaching personnel, that at least two members of committee left a meeting sever 171 al days ago rather hurriedly and that 1,479 one of the committeemen possibly fell in a ditch

As far as it could be learned today, the Everetts committee has not 2,110 taken final action in connection with 401 its teacher elections. It was learned 153 today that much of the commence ment program would be climinated. The school is to close the term Fri day of this week.

TWO-THIRDS

Work on the Roanoke River fill here was announced two-thirds complete just before the rains started falling the latter part of last week. Arrington Gupton, representative of the Kiker and Yount contracting firm, stated that 120,000 of the approximately 180,000 cubic yards of dirt had been placed on the fill. Dirt is to be piled about one foot higher on the road be tween the river and Conine Creek bridges, the greater part of the remaining 60,000 yards to go on the road between the creek and high land.

No date for completing the project has been mentioned. Work on the four bridges is progressing fairly rapidly now a all but one of them will possibly be completed within the time stipulated in the contract.

Held Sunday For Simon D. Griffin

Well-Known and Highly Respected Citizen Died At His Home Saturday Morning

Simon Daniel Griffin, highly repected citizen and one of the coun-y's oldest citizens, died at his home n the Smithwicks Creek community of Griffins Township last Satur day morning following an illness of compartively short duration. He suf-fered a slight stroke earlier in the week, and while he partially recovered from its effects, the infirmities of age and complications were too much for his weakened body to stand and the end-came peaceably at nine

As a member of a family long prominent in the affairs of the county. Mr. Griffin made a lasting ontribution to the section in its var us fields of endeavor. His home pun philosophy working hand in hand with honesty and righteousness signaled him out as a leader among his followman. His humble walk through life, marked deep by its amplicity, friendliness and sincerity, attracted a lasting friendship among all men in varied walks and stations of life. While his deeds rated no recognition in the pages of recorded history, his life fitted well in-to that universal pattern to make America great and to add a real meaning to life itself.

As a lad he experienced the en-forced hardships of war and reconstruction in the sixties, those trying events instilling in him a strong determination and character which were to make him stand out in later years as a guidepost for others to follow. Upon the common knowledge

resignation Miss Mattie Lyons, ular attendance upon the services teacher of the seventh grade, ten tending to round out and make his a balanced and ideal life. Although he took membership in the church bers were re-elected, but a vacancy only seven or eight years ago, few has been created by the resignation men ever builded a more remarkable record for faithful and regular re ligious' worship. In preparation for each scheduled meeting, he invaria Re-electing all of its teachers and bly packed his tools late Friday eve-During nearly half a century he served the Smithwicks Creek church ed from Hamilton where the old as keeper. And he served it well un-committeemen resigned, and where, til the end. The oldest of the mem-according to unofficial reports, one bers there recall no time when the

comed guest in the home for all special events. Just a little over a year cally become open.

Williamston's committee held its ago he and his brother, Mr. A. Williamston's committee meeting yesterday afternoon, but final action is being delayed pending mg a hog killing at the home of a nephew, Mr. T. C. Griffin, in the whole taking no part in the tasks, he by his presence radiat-

Mr. Griffin, the son of the late Reports stating that the principal Joseph S and Louise Perry Griffin, was born in Griffins Township 88 years ago the 30th of next month. In few years ago. He is survived by six children, Messrs. S. Claude Griffin, Williamston tobacconist; Mrs. Ludie Roberson, of the home; Joseph S., of Bear Grass; Ira F. David T., and George C. Griffin, the latter being member of the Martin County Board of Education. He also leaves ne brother, A. T. Griffin, of Goldsboro, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Corof Farm Life. A sister, Mrs. Bettic Lilley, died last Thursday eve-ning and was buried the day before e died. Thirty-four grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren sur-

Funeral services were conducted unday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the (Continued on page six)

Firemen Called To Peanut Plant Fire

Sparks falling from a smokestack ired a pile of peanut hulls at the plant of the Williamston Peanut Company here early yesterday af-ernoon, the fire threatening the Thompson Lumber Company yard and several small buildings on the seanut company's property. Special fire-fighting equipment was placed n operation by the company, but the town's equipment was called when the fire began to spread. The fire was soon brought under control, and no

soon brought under control, and no damage resulted.

Last Friday afternoon local firemen were called to Brown's Cafe, "The Little Savoy," on Washington Street. A small piece of lamp cord caught fire and smoked the attic of the one-story building. The fuse block was blown and the building did not catch on fire. No damage was done.