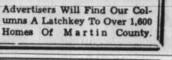
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#### **ESTABLISHED 1899**

### Terrific Fighting Is Board Of Commissioners In Reported Along the Dull Session Here Yesterday **Russo-German Front**

Russia Given Priority in the **Delivery of Strategic** 

War Materials Believed by some to be approach-

ing a turning point one way or the other, the war in Russia is being marked by fierce fighting on the routes to Moscow and Kiev, with the bloody struggle in full progress around Smolensk, some over 200 miles from Moscow. Conflicting claims are heard in the reports from Russian and German sources, but the fact that Germany is now starting its seventh week in Russia would indicate that the invasion has not ad-vanced "according to plan."

A Berlin report reads: German's slashing encirclement offensive has "destroyed" the bulk of Soviet defenders at the Smolensk gateway to Moscow and penetrated deep into the Ukraine, severing stra-tegic Russian railroads, the high command claimed today. The remainder of the Red forces

struggling to free themselves from Nazi traps along the traditional Smolensk-to-Moscow invasion route are "nearing dissolution" under constant pounding by land and air, the com munique said.

German and Hungarian troops on the Ukrainian front have battered their way far into the rich grain land in an encircling operation, it was reported, and disrupted operations of the Red army by cutting its railroad lines. No specific locations were mentioned, but German troops have been reported officially 125 miles south of Kiev.

And a report from Moscow reads: The Red Army reported today that gigantic battles are continuing along a ragged front from Porkhov, guard-ing the southern approach to Leningrad, far southward to a point 45 miles from Kiev on the Ukranian front, where earlier reports told of shattering blows against two Nazi regiments

For more than 600 miles along this front, the Russians and Germans were reported hurling great forces at each other, the Germans in at-tempts to break through stubborn Red resistance and the Soviets in a series of slashing counter-attacks.

Marshal Semyon Budenny's Uk rainian army, striking at the apex of a German encirclement attack on Kiev, was said to have driven the remnants of two German regiments into "panicky retreat" near the highway center of Zhitomir after killing and wounding 1,500 Nazi soldiers.

Possibly even more startling than the news coming from the war front, are the reports heard in the conquered countries and even in Germany

ried a barrel to the Leggett farm in Bear Grass Township, and the faritself. Revolts are growing in the conquered countries, and in Ger-many, the people, assured of a quick and successful war, are said to be going around with heads drooped and expressions of doubt and disap-

pointment on their faces. Reports, leaking out of Germany, state that as many as 3,000 wounded German Sunday morning, fire destroyed a ago, with the lower grades showing barn in Poplar Point belonging to a slight advantage this year and a Zeno Beddard. soldiers are being moved into Ber-lin daily, and that movements of

To date, and as far as it could be ter qualities learned, at least eight curing barns comparative size are being made to (Continued on page six)

**Quantity Of Tobacco** 

that of a routine nature on their calendar, the Martin County commis-

sioners held a dull and uneventful session here yesterday. The board formally adopted the \$1.35 tax rate A jury for the September S A jury for the September Superfor the current year and received a jor Court was drawn, and from the road delegation from Bear Grass in addition to handling the routine du-will be drawn when the court opens ties in the all-day sessior its two weeks' term the third Mon-

In addition to the \$1.35 rate, four day in next month. townships face a road levy, ranging from 15 to 65 cents. The addition to the rate in Williamston is 15 cents; in Cross Roads, 65 cents; in Hamil-pointed out that he was taxed with pointed out that he was taxed with 15,000 acres while the maps show ton, 35 cents plus a \$1.05 poll tax, and in Goose Nest, 25 cents plus a only around eight or nine thousand acres. It is reported that the owner

75-cent poll levy. Appearing before the board with a petition carrying 13 signatures, Noah Rogerson asked that the road from Bear Grass to the Beaufort he plans to place a large number of County line, known as the Green-ville Road, be widened and improv-acreage.

Early Sales Average

With little business other than ed to permit passing. A contract was let to J. C. Norris for the installation of a new boiler in the county commis-the county home. The contract price was \$66.42, the bids ranging from the unward swing of the whole price an upward swing of the whole price structure," and asked authority to set ceilings for prices and rents, to purchase commodities when necesary to assure price stability, and to deal more extensively with excesses n installment credit.

Defense

He said the "facts today are frighteningly similar" to the situation in the last war when the wholesale price index increased nearly 140 per cent between October, 1915, and sure start, according to a report com-June, 1920. In the past 60 days wholesale prices have risen more than five times as fast as during the preceding period since the outbreak of the war in Europe, he said. "The whole production machinery

falters under inflation," he said, and "the unskilled worker, the white-col-lar worker,' the farmer, the small business man and the small investor all find that their dollar buys even ss and less." The Bureau of Labor Statistics an

nounced its index of prices, as of July 26, stood at 88.8 per cent of the 1926 average, 15 per cent above a vear ago Price. Administration of the vear apswered the cell of About 23c In Georgia year ago. Price Administrator Hen-derson said the crisis in the Far East

necessitates a price ceiling on raw silk and may make necessary a ceiling on tin prices. He asked dealer Many Teachers Are

ing of all Japanese credits in the United States and extended the order to Chinese assets to protect Chi na against Japanese use of assets

**Five Resignations Are Report**controlled from occupied China. The President also placed the Army and Navy of the Philippine Commonwealth within the command of the armed forces of the United States,

and named Gen. Douglas A. Mac Arthur, former Chief of Staff, com manding general.

the State and nation for service in The State Department protested the dropping of bombs by Japanese the armed forces is having a telling effect in educational circles in this planes near the U. S. Gunboat "Tur tuila," and announced the incident ounty, the office of the superintendent stating this week that five res closed after the Japanese Govern-ment promised full investigation and ignations were received over the week-end and that possibly others Fire struck heavily on the farms of Mr. George Taylor, of Everetts, last week-end when three of his cur-ing barns went up in smoke. One of the barns burned last Thursday pounds for an estimated average of the barns during and the other two, joined 20 cents. of reprisal.

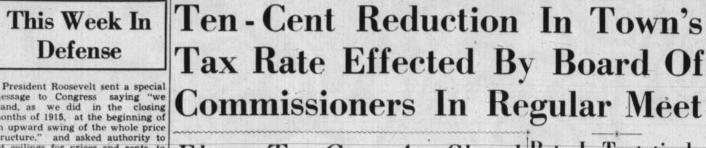
#### Aid To Russia

waycross reported price ranging kins arrived in Moscow to discuss Waycross reported price ranging from three to thirty-four cents. As a whole, the quality of the crop is far inferior to that reported military Mission conferred with President Roosevelt and the State mer had planned to put water in it the next morning. A report stated that had a bucket of water been handy, the barns could have been saved. Surved. S ment can purchase needed materials

**Tax Anticipation Notes** The Treasury placed on sale at Federal Reserve Banks tax anticipation notes intended to help taxpay ers set aside sufficient money to meet increased tax bills of the coming year. The notes are redeemable in cash or as payment for income taxes and bear interest up to 1.92 per cent. (cash or as payment for income taxes) (cash or as payment for as payment for as payment for income taxes) (cash o

Secretary Morgenthau, in a letter to Mattie Lyons, after two years in the The crop in Georgia this year is considerably smaller than a year ago, important that the taxpayers of the H. J. McCracken, science teacher in

men



Eleven Tax Cases Are Slated Rate Is Tentatively For Trial In County's Court

The round-up of alleged tax dodg-1 county since the first of the year. ers in this county is off to a slow but Nine others have been called into army service. In four cases, the defendants had listed their property. ing out of the sheriff's office today. the confusion resulted when they It was learned that eleven cases have already been booked for trial in the their names on the tax books did not recorder's court next Monday, barring postponements or oth-er possible delays. Two of the de-fendants. Phillip Thompson and James Walston, were unable to post

vere jailed. Bond was later arranged, and they did not have to remain

One non-taxlister has since the first of the year answered the call of his Master, and will not have to answer the court call. Twenty-two others couldn't be found immediately. Thirty-four have moved out of the idly as possible

**Resigning Places** 

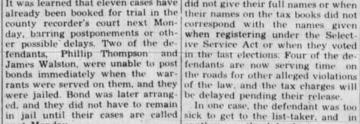
ed in Four Schools Over

The Past Week-end

The withdrawal of young men

rom the school systems throughout

county



another case the defendant was cripple and is a charge of the county Several hundred warrants have seen drawn, and the defendants will be brought into court to explain why they did not list for taxation as rap-

# **OPPOSITION** While agreeing to the propos ed construction of a new high-way bridge across the Roanoke

In County Schools River here, boatmen and ship-ping interests are expected to voice opposition to certain of the to reliable reports heard here yesterday. At a public hearing to be held in the courthouse here next Friday morning at 11:30 o'clock, the boatmen are expected to ask that the horizontal clearance in the stream be maintained at about 90 feet. The specifications call for a clear ance of only 60 feet. No opposition is expected to the tempor-ary bridge which will afford a



While there are quite a few appli cations on file for the positious made vacant by the large-scale resigna tions, education authorities declar Three local young men, O. S. Aned that it is certain to be quite difficult to find young men available in the U. S. Army Air Corps at Norfor those places vacated by male teachers. It is reasonable to believe folk yesterday morning. They are listers, are being consider, and a list that in most cases members of the fairer sex will succeed the young

The resignations coming just about terday. When the young men reach, month before the schools are scheduled to open, education authorities, recruits in the service at that point. are not expected to delay the scheduled to open, education authorities At Oak City, Miss Marjorie Dew, Each of them signed for three years of service.

A successor has not yet been nam-ed for T. F. Davenport who clerked

Fixed At \$2.50 For **Current Fiscal Year Board Discusses Number of** 

Matters in Regular Monthly Meeting

Williamston's current fiscal year ax rate was tentatively fixed at \$2.50 the \$100 assessed property valuation by the board of commission-ers in regular session last evening The proposed rate is ten cents be-low the old figure, Treasurer N. C. Green explaining that the reduction was limited by a \$3,000 increase in debt service obligations for the new tax period. Possibly a 20-cent reduc tion could have been effected had it not been for the added increase in debt service requirements. Mr. Green explained.

Based on a property valuation of \$2,049,671, the proposed \$2.50 rate will raise, it is estimated, about \$51,-241.77. The tax income will be sup plemented by approximately \$13,400 inticipated revenue from the water department. The new levy is based on a gain of \$315,000 in property values this year over those of a year ago. The tentative budget calls for the following expenditures gener al administration, \$7,675; fire depart nent, \$1,275, police department, \$7 147.50; street department, \$6,650.00; water department, \$7,299; swimming pool, \$1,335, and debt service, \$35, 560. A detailed report on the budget figures will be released to the pub-lic just as soon as the estimate is submitted to the Local Government Commission in Raleigh, the treasurr explained.

Completing their study of the ew budget figures, the commissioners handled a number of mat-ters, touching on varied subjects. A further study of the Negro recreational project is expected, latest reports from the NYA indicating that the building near the cemetery car be completed for around \$1,450. committee is to consider plans for completing the project. Tom Rivers, NYA engineer, appeared before the board in the interest of the project.

At the direction of the board, May or J. L. Hassell and the treasurer's office are to take action against those erson, Jr., S. W. Manning, Jr., and persons who failed to list their prop-T. F. Davenport, reported for service erties or polls for taxation. Proceed ings, similar to those taken by the county in rounding up its delinquent leaving Norfolk shortly for Miss- of the group is expected by the next

ouri where they will enter training, relatives were advised here late vas relatives were advised here late yes. Mrs. L. U. suffices we meeting last tax collector at the meeting last terday. When the young men reach night, the action releving Chief W. Missouri, Williamston will have five B Daniel of that duty. The chief will center his duties in the police de partment in the future, but will be subject to call by the tax office. The board ordered the alley way

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**Marked Reduction** 

first sales of the season at prices above those of a year ago. The first direct report, coming from J. E. Griffin, local man who is on the Valdosta market, stated, "prices ranging from eight to thirty-three cents. Average, 23 cents a pound

noon, said: "Market averaging 20 to 22 cents a pound. Medium to better

20 cents At Baxley the first few rows that

sold averaged 21 cents.

corresponding reduction in the bet-The early price averages report-

average of \$18.04 reported for the first two days on the combined markets in Georgia last year.



URGENT MISSION

morning, and the other two, joined together in construction, burned late Friday night. No estimate on the losses could be had immediately, but reports state that no insurance

arried on the property. Mr. Taylor was said to have car-

have been destroyed by fire in the ed today compared with an official

being accompanied by Harry L. Hopkins, lease-lend administra-

**Farmer Loses Third** Quality fair.' Curing Barn By Fire E. P. Cunningham, reporting from the Vidalia market early this after-

# Roosevelt. He may have already reached here, the report added. The flight and all details were held secret, the report adding that the mission must be urgent as Churchill withdrew from important debates underway back home to make the trip. It is pos-sible that the Prime Minister is



#### **Most Farmers in County Are Reporting Crops of Only** Fair Quality

Martin County farmers chalked up an expensive loss in their tobacco up an expensive loss in their tobacco fields last week when it was esti-mated that approximately one mil-lion pounds of the golden weed burned before the harvester's hand could touch it. Some estimates would indicate that they been else at \$200 indicate that the loss, placed at \$200,-000 in monetary terms, will even exceed that figure; others stating that the loss will hardly be that great.

It is agreed that there has been considerable loss despite earnest ef-forts to handle the tobacco as rapidly as it ripened or before it burned. Farmers have almost exhausted themselves trying to save the crop before it burned in the fields. Property and equipment for handling the crop have been taxed to capacity and over-taxed in many instances. Crowded conditions are believed to have caused a few of the several fires that destroyed curing barns in the county the latter part of last week. The farmers are now beginning to see some signs of relief, Henry Johnson, supervisor of the Williamston market, stating yesterday following a general survey of crop conditions in the county, that quite a few of the growers will complete the harvesting of their crops before the week is spent. A few have already

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PATRIOTISM Genuine patriotism was un-covered in the Martin County Draft Board office here yester-day when a 54-year-old colored man appeared before Board Clerk Marion Cobb and offered to volunteer his services in the

nation's armed forces. "I was in the other war, and since they are apparently need-ing more men, I am willing and ready to go," the man whose name was not given, said. His application was rejected.

Youth Mysteriously Hurt On Highway

boy, was mysteriously hurt while think we have the right man, but we walking Highway 125 between here aren't sure," Officer Allsbrooks said. and Hamilton early last Sunday morning. Officers, investigating the case, have made public no report of person or persons, have not yet con-their findings, leaving the nature of nected the two cases, it is underthe accident unexplained stood

Daniel, walking with a friend from Williamston toward Hamilton, apparently became sleepy and stopped on the highway. A motorist came along and saw the boy on the high

way and reported to local police. It New Bus Route Through was learned then that the boy had been badly bruised on the hip. Whe-

As usual, nearly all of the markets stated the farmers were pleased with their sales.

**Report Arrest In** Jewelry Robbery

According to unofficial but reliable information received here to-day an arrest was made in Norfolk day an arrest was made in connection with early this morning in connection with the robbery of the Peele Jewelry store here recently. The arrest was made after local and FBI officers Respected Citizen

went to Norfolk yesterday and re ported the recovery of two of the vatches stolen in the robbery weel before last

A warrant was issued in the case this morning, and local officers are returning to Virginia to press the investigation. Few details could be learned about the case, officers ex-David Daniel, young county white may a Negro, was being withheld until finger prints could be checked. "We Officers, while believing both rob-beries were handled by the same

> R. Edwin Peele, proprietor of the store, was fired upon twice by the robber last Wednesday night when he caught him in the store. Hamilton; Leon Edmondson, of Portsmouth, and R. Herbert Ed-mondson, of Gold Point, and two daughters, Mrs. Julius Martin, of

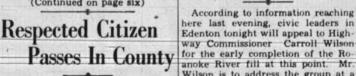
was learned then that the boy had been badly bruised on the hip. Whe-ther he was struck by an automobile or whether he injured himself in a fall, officers would not say. He was removed from the road, and last re-ports stated that he was confined to his bed at the Daniel home in Ham-ilton Township.

Burns In The Fields Considerably smaller than a year ago, some estimates placing the poundage at between fifty and sixty million pounds, or a decrease of nearly twenty million pounds from the market figures for 1940. the Oak City school for three years,

Army The War Department created five air support commands in order to principal of the Hamilton school, has principal of the Hamilton school, has coordinate the activities of aviation units and ground forces. The department announced the Signal Corps has developed electrical sentries that

meeting there this evening.

will warn of invading aircraft "long before they are actually sighted," but said the Army needs 500 men from the radio engineering field to



Mrs. Harriett Louisa Edmondson, respected county citizen, died at her home near Spring Green, last Satur-day afternoon at 1:35 o'clock follow-ing a long period of declining health. Martin Paving Company, was to She had been confined to her bed have reported here yesterday, but he could not be contacted. The dirt

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Griffin, Mrs. Edmondson was born in this county 75 years ago. in has been seen. Mr. Martin, in a In early womanhood she was mar- special communication, stated that ried to Nathan Edmondson who died work was to have been started on

in 1931. the project last Friday. Other reports She is survived by three sons, state that it will be two weeks or Messrs. Reuben A. Edmondson, of more before the work is started. No Hamilton: Leon Edmondson, of reason for the delay has been offered.

daughters, Mrs. Julius Martin, of Robersonville, and Mrs. T. C. Nor-wood, of Gold Point. Officers Capture Liquor Plant Near County



He came out of the dream in a his hurry and excitedly rushed to the barn to find three sticks Wilson is to address the group at a of tobacco on the flue. No, the barn did not catch on fire, but No official word has been receiv-Farmer Long was not sleepy af-ter that.

> Large Number Of **Planes Seen Here**

The Marines, flying in 51 planes. passed over here last Saturday af-ternoon on their way to New Bern to engage in special maneuvers there during the next few days. The planes, including several

**Plant Near County Line** 

Raiding along the Martin-Edge-Raiding along the Martin-Edge-combe boundary line yesterday af-ternoon, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel found and wrecked a cheap liquor distillery. Three barrels of beer were poured out, and the old gasoline barrel, used for a kettle, was wrecked. And sixteen in the last. One group of the fliers passed al-most directly over the town, another group a little to the south and still another group to the north. The southern group flew close to the ground and it sounded as if a tor-nado was sweeping into the town. (Continued on page six)

## Dates Are Fixed By **Board Of Education** In Meeting Monday

Action On Gymnasium Proj-ects Eor Bear Grass and Farm Life Delayed

The Martin County schools will open the new term on Thursday, September 4th, the Board of Education ruled in a regular meeting of their members here yesterday Plans for opening the schools a day earlier were reconsidered, and the September 4th date was adopted September 4th date was adopted. The session last year opened on the first Thursday in September. Holi-day schedules were fixed for the entire term, the board allowing two days for Thanksgiving, and from December 19 to 31 for Christmas. No

other holidays were considered in the schedule fixed by the board. The gymnasium projects at Farm Life and Bear Grass were discuss-ed, but action was again delayed, pending an official answer from the Works Progress Administration in The planes, including several types, passed over in groups ranging up to 18 in number. A lone flyer led the WPA will cooperate in the proj-ects if men are available. However, up to 18 in number. A tone liver led the way. He was followed by a group of eighteen fighter planes. There were sixteen in the next group and sixteen in the last. ets if men are available. However, the trend in the WPA in recent weeks has been from non-defense to strictly defense projects, meaning that if the projects are advanced to