County Continuing Its Drive Against Tax Law Violators

Judge W. H. Coburn Calls 15 Cases in the Recorder's Court Monday

Calling fifteen cases, Judge W. H. Coburn held the county recorder's court in session until almost one o'clock applying the rules of justice and meting out punishment at the request of Acting Prosecutor Clarence W. Griffin who was carrying on in the repeated absence of Solicitor Don E. Johnson. The lengthy docket attracted an unusually large crowd, but the proceedings were not so very important, after all. While slowed down to a dragging

pace, the drive against alleged violators of the tax laws is still being continued by the county tax authorities. More prosecutions are to be expected just as soon as evidence is un-covered. Two defendants, D. R. Slaughter and James Finch, plead-ed guilty when they were charged with failing to list their earthly belongings for taxation. Judgment was suspended upon the condition that each defendant list his property, pay his taxes up to date and pay the court costs.

Charged with carrying a conceal-

ed weapon, Ben Little pleaded guil-ty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of four months. The sentence was suspended upon payment of a \$75 fine and the court costs

Brownie Whitehurst, charged with an attempted assault, pleaded guilty of simple assault. The plea was accepted and the case was continued under prayer for judgment.

Pleading not guilty, Alexander "Trick" Jones was adjudged guilty in the case charging him with as-saulting another. He was fined \$15 and taxed with the court costs.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Grover Dixon pleaded guilty of simple assault. The plea was accepted by Prosecutor Griffin, and the defendant was fined \$10 with the costs attached.

Adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence, Condelay Dolberry was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with an as-

sault with a deadly weapon.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Tommie Sills was fined \$50, taxed with the court cost and had his operator's

license revoked for one year.

Lawrence Knight, charged with allowing his stock to run at large, was

adjudged not guilty.

Elmer Rodgers, pleading guilty in the case charging drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license to operate a mo-tor vehicle revoked for one year.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault, L. L. Davenport was fined \$20 and taxed with the court cost.

Charged in four different case with violating the public health laws, D. M. Roberson, through his counsel had the charge combined, and pleaded guilty, the court continuing the case under prayer for judgment until next Monday.

The case charging Goldie Hyman with seizing a tenant's crop was continued one week.

Charged with drunken driving, T. R. O'Neal pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost.

The case charging James Johnson with trespassing was continued one

Corn Harvesting Is Started In County for more than half a century.

While sweet potato digging is the order of the day in this county, a few Martin farmers have started harvesting what is believed by many to be a record corn crop.

Harvesting by mechanical means was introduced in the county a few days ago by Farmers C. W. and J. E. Copeland, Jr., and by Julian Mizelle. Taking the corn from the stalk on two rows at the time ,the machine shucks and bags it in a single operation. The two machines are the only da Perkins, Miss Eleanor Pippen and ones known to be in operation in this county. The three farmers are and Don Matthews, Jr., a Wake For-Mr. Weathersbee were married, and harvesting several hundred acres of est College student.

the grain this season.

Earlier in the season, County Agent Tom Brandon "allowed" that the 1941 crop would overrun the cribs and barns. Preliminary reports indicate that the agent was about right.

The harvesting is expected to get underway on a large scale the latter part of next week or just as soon as the sweet potato crop is placed in the curing houses

Two Cited To Court For Speeding On Main Street

Charged with speeding on the town's main street, Lester Sylvester White and R. B. Spruill appeared be-

Sweet Potato Digging Is Now Underway In Martin County

scattered reports from the diggers themselves offering little prospect lengths and in all sizes and shapes.

The crop is "spotted." the reports declaring that production is varying from a mere 50 bushels in some fields to as high as a little over 200 in fields in other sections of the county. Farmer Linwood Knowles down a recursion of the county are recorded to the county of the county this year will approximate 120,000 bushels. Tom Brandon estimates. down around Dardens gathered Strange as it may seem, the crop hardly 70 bushels per acre. James has grown a great deal during the Harrington says they are gathering past two weeks, some farmers dehardly 100 bushels to the acre in the clare Farm Life community of Griffins A hardly 100 bushels to the acre in the Farm Life community of Griffins
Township. Mrs. Johnny-Gurkin, reporting for her husband, states they are digging a little over 200 bushels there is a short crop are available. Navy reported as an example of its subcontracting policy that 75 small between 90 cents and \$1.00 a bushel shops in New York State are working on parts for naval gun mounts. are digging a little over 200 bushels there is a shor to the acre on their farm near Wil-higher market.

Sweet 'tater diggin' time is rolling liamston. Tom Lawrence Roberson around again in Martin County, is digging around 200 bushels out in Bear Grass. Agriculturist Hal Ev-erett will hardly get 100 bushels per themselves offering little prospect acre from his large field up in Pop-for hardly half of a normal crop. The lar Point. Reports from other secdry weather nipped the crop during tions are not very encouraging, and its maturity, and the dry-hard land on an average the county will haris turning out tubers of rather long vest hardly half of a normal crop or not more than 100 bushels per acre

Williamston Peanut

Plant On Wednesday

Added Machinery To Increase

Production Over That

Of Past Season

Idle hardly long enough for work

crop is beginning to move in increas-

ing volume, and that it is very like-

ly the mill will maintain a regular

were cleaned last month.

The management explained yes-

and intricate, had been installed and that production could be materially

It is possible that the new machine

will reduce extra work periods, but

same number of workers as it did

With prices to growers ranging

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TOBACCO MARKET

While the number of custom ers could almost be counted on one's fingers and toes on the loheavy sales are anticipated for next Monday. Light sales are quite likely next Tuesday when the market closes for the sea-

The approximately 20,000 pounds offered for sale today sold about as usual with the top grades commanding as much as 43 cents a pound.

Warehousemen firmly believe that the closing of the market next Tuesday will not inconvenience any of their patrons, that what little tobacco yet unsold can be marketed by that time.

Prominent Citizen Of County Dies At Home In Hamilton

Funeral Service Held Wednesday Afternoon at 3:30 For Thurston Pippen

Funeral services were held Wedesday afternoon at 3:30 in the Hamilton Baptist Church for Thurson F. Pippen, prominent county citizen, who died at the home of his daughter there early Tuesday afternoon. Rev. J. P. Gulley, of Alexandria, Va., a former pastor, and Rev. terday that a new machine, costly W. O. Andrews, pastor of the church, conducted the last rites. Interment interpretation could be materially increased. Last season, the mill was in the family plot in the Ham-shelled and packed No. 1 pearuts on

ilton Cemetery.

Mr. Pippen, 79 years old the 30th

No. 2's back through the machines of last March, had been in declining and packed them for shipment. The health for several years, but was able new machines make it possible to to be up until last Saturday when sell, clean and pack the No. 1's and he had a chill. His condition grew No. 2's at the same time. worse rapidly and the end was not

inexpected. A son of the late J. J. and Mary E. the plant will employ about Pippen, he was born in Edgecombe County where he spent his early boy- last season. There are fourteen men hood. When a young man he moved and about 35 women on the payroll to Hamilton to accept employment at the present time. in the store of the late R. H. Sals-His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

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This license to operate a motor vehicle business for himself, retiring moving into the plant almost steadsome few years ago on account of ily. The first shipments of shelled his advanced years and declining peanuts are scheduled to start mov-

> Mr. Pippen, a highly respected citizen and a leader in his community for many years, was a faithful mem-ber of the Hamilton Baptist Church

On January 3, 1893, he was mar-ried to Miss Mary Virginia Glad-stone, of Hamilton, who died about twelve years ago. Nine children were born to the union, six of whom preceded him to the grave. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. D. G. Matthews and Mrs. C. Perkins, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. W. Haislip, of Williamston. He also leaves seven grandchildren, Miss Jr., both of Portsmouth; Miss Virginia Perkins, of Raleigh; Miss Hil-

Out All Its Debts

tion of the county fair this year, the John Walton Hassell Post of the Ama supper meeting of the member-spattered with rivermud to his chin ing me with one of the few 25-cent to his courting, and they were mar ship in the Legion Hut Wednesday —Dye his sandy hair and beard "ship-plasters" ever to be mine. evening that all of the Post's debts black as a crow's back, and drive a had been wiped out. It was also in- high-stepper to a top-buggy tomorpany with "Nannie," when so young took up housekeeping in Mr. Weath high-stepper to a top-buggy tomorpany with "Nannie," when so young took up housekeeping in Mr. Weath well- in the complete took up housekeeping in Mr. Weath took up house

This Week In Defense

Subcontracting

The War Department reported a water coming from the new well is capacity.

105 mm. howitzer was successfully better than that pumped from the built from parts made by a refriger-old wells. The State Laboratory old station is kept full in case of an ator firm, an oil-well supplies man Strange as it may seem, the crop ufacturer and a railroad car builder none of whose employees had prior annon producing experience.

Agriculture The Agriculture Department re-ported the farm labor supply at 64 per cent of normal and 25 per cent below last year, and said farmers have been able to keep their hired Company Starts Its men from taking industrial jobs only by sharply increasing wage rates. The Agriculture Department an-nounced national prospects for all crops improved about two per cent during September, indicating one of the largest total farm yields on rec the largest total farm yields on rec-ord. The Department said farmers do not need priority orders to purchase not need priority orders to purchase farm machinery except special classes, because ratings are assigned to manufacturers and warehouseme nen to overhaul the machinery and who supply farmers.

nake improvements during the past The Bureau of Labor Statistics in dex of 900 wholesale prices remain few weeks, the large plant of the Williamston Peanut Company resumed operations here yesterday afed unchanged during the week end ternoon, the management explain-ing that the mill may be closed down year average wholesale prices have a few days to make adjustments to risen 17.3 per cent and are the high new machinery installed just retrator Henderson notified tire man The call of the whistle Wednes- ufacturers he "would not object" to day afternoon brought old hands on advances in consumer list prices on the run to the plant. Purchases of tire and tubes to not more than nine farmers' stock were rapidly filling per cent above June 16 levels. He the receiving room, and workmen also announced an investigation of found it necessary to climb over crude oil prices because of suggestmany bags of peanuts to get to their stations. It is quite evident that the

Priorities

Priorities Director Neison extend d priority assistance to virtually all schedule for months to come with night shifts in operation a part of night shifts in operation a part of all industrial machines in good run-All told, the plant was in operation ning order. Mr. Nelson suspended about sixteen months last season, the until March 31, 1941, the aluminum August, and a few foreign peanuts were cleaned last month.

defense uses such as the manufacture of slot machines. Mr. Nelson also imposed rigid controls on certain

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EXTENSION

Recognizin gthe delay caused by dry weather, the Department of Agriculture has extended the time for seeding Austrian winter peas and vetch, County Agent T. B. Brandon announced today, However, for a farmer to earn his soil building payments, he must purchase the seed and have them on his farm on or before October 31st. An extension of time for seeding small grain announcing that the winter peas or vetch must be seeded by November 30th and that small grains must be sown on or before December 15th.

Change to New Water Supply This Week Is Little Noticed

Subcontracting half gallons of water from the new foot well, places it in a 4,500-gallor. The OPM Contract Distribution deep well into the mains from the capacity reservoir and then puts it Division announced large defense station near the county courthouse into the mains when needed, keeping orders will be withheld from firms this week, Superintendent Bob Mantel the water level in the standpipe a refusing to farm out a sizable part ning stated that the change from the of the work. The announcement said old wells to the new one had hardly small business must be mobilized been detected. A few persons were to demand, but under normal condiquickly because more than 60 per quoted as saying they detected a tions the new station this week furn cent of all industrial workers are slight brackish taste, and others designed an ample supply of water to employed by firms having less than clared that the taste was entirely dif-500 workers each. clared that the taste was entirely dif-ferent. The real facts are that the mand periods builded the reserve to

Entirely automatic, the pumping sta- duction this week

Pumping more than a million and tion takes the water from the 500

where repeated tests have been made during the past ten days reports that ed from the old wells into the mains the analysis of the water from the his week. Many towns and thousnew well is actually better than the ands of farmers are reporting water properties of the water taken from shortages, but the town now has the largest supply in its history In use While the new \$15,000 well has not almost a quarter of a century, the been formally accepted by the town authorities, it is operating perfectly. when the new one was placed in pro-

Farmers Given Part In Defense Program

Large Increase In Peanut-Bean Acres

Plans Will Be Announced in County at Community Meet Next Month

Plans for an all-out defense by agriculture will be laid before Martin County farmers in a series of community meetings to be held some time during next month, according to reports coming direct from the United States Department of Agri-culture Secretary Claude Wickard through the office of the county agent this week.

Only preliminary plans have been discussed, but marked changes are being talked and it is likely that some crops will be greatly increased. It is fairly certain that allotments for some of the basic crops, such as tobacco, will remain unchanged and extra time being provided through night shifts. The last of the old Foundry Co., Chicago, because it allianced agriculture will be last discovered aluminum to non-around the peanut and soy bean around the peanut and soy bean balanced agriculture will be main- General Public Is Invited To crops, reports stating that marked shortages in oils are expected and that thousands of additional acres will have to be planted to peanuts and soy beans if the defense program make its second run in this county next week in accordance with a next week in accordance with a plement the live-at-home program and the growing of feed and food to borrow books from the book truck for local consumption. It has been when the second tour of the county proposed to increase the peanut acreage in this county by 11,000 acres

The bookmobile complet

tional acres in peanuts would great- its, and schools. upset the farm balance. They are of the opinion that the surplus pea-

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PEANUTS

With the price still ranging between four and one-half to five cents a pound, peanuts are moving to the market here in fairly large numbers, the deliveries, now estimated at 7,000 bags daily, having doubled since the first of the week. Even though the deliveries are increasing in volume, a majority of the farmers are holding their crops off the market in the hope that the price will be stabilized at five cents or more a pound.

As the tobacco marketing sea-son draws to a close, the peanut is moving in to claim attention here.

Bookmobile Makes Second Run in This County Next Week

Use Services of Library Association

slightly changed schedule. All the people of Martin County are invited

age in this county by 11,000 acres and to plant 700 additional acres in soy beans. A four per cent increase in milk production in this county is wanted, and 11 per cent more eggs wanted.

The distribution of stops is as follows: Beaufort, 57, Hyde, 31; Martin 28; making a total of 116 stops for the region. During the first month the hookmobile registered 329 borness in leaders, representatives of the farm rowers and circulated 1299 books in agents' office in this county are said to have suggested that 11,000 addi-clude public stops, public library un-

The greatest need at present of the opinion that the surplus pea-nut acreage should not be increased liamston, Swan Quarter, and Lake by more than 7,000 acres, that it Landing Public Libraries have been most liberal with their loans for bookmobile use Many books have been borrowed from the N. C. Library Commission, These, however, must be returned soon. The region is eager to make sufficient purcha of new books to supply the demand of the bookmobile patronage.

Orders have been placed at inter-vals since August 15. At present some of the orders of that date have not been filled completely. Not quite three-fourths of the books ordered have been received to date. The nev books are processed and made ready (Continued on page six)

Plan Observance Of **Navy Day In Nation**

While extensive plans are being made for the observance of Navy Day trhoughout the Nation next Monday, no program has been plan ned in this immediate section, but the day perhaps carries a greater meaning than at any time in years past. It is generally believed that this section has a greater representa-tion in the United States Navy at the present time han ever before and that fact centers attention o local people on Navy Day.

Enlisment ceremonies will be held in Raleigh where Governor Broughton and Ambassador Joseph-us Daniels will deliver special ad-

Nazis Repulsed At Moscow But Gain In Industrial Area

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Homes Of Martin County.

onfusion Marks Feeble Defense Activities on Home Front Now

fairly successful but frightful tugwar at the gates of their capital, the Germans are reporting gradual gains in the rich Donets basin to the south. The Germans have been re-oulsed in certain areas on the Moscow front, but fresh German, Runanian and Italian troops have been thrown into the drive against the rich industrial area and are making some progress against the far-out-numbered Russians there. No new have been reported, but it is begin ing to appear that the Germans are discounting the importance of the Moscow drive and playing up the Donets basin campaign as the one with a meaning It has been pointed out, however, that Hitler will have a hard time explaining to his people why his forces, including two miltion men, thousands of tanks and about three-fourths of the German

or force, have not taken Moscow.

The Germans admit that the go ing toward Moscow is hard, and while Moscow has a 50-50 chance of holdingout against the invaders, ome observers are betting 20 to 1 that the Germans will not take the Soviet capital this winter. There is in apparent shift to the south, meaning that it is likely British forces will see action along side the Red Army to stem the attack toward the Caucasus in the southeast.

Late reports on Friday's activities in the war areas are possibly more encouraging than earlier Smashing German attacks all along the front, the Russians in the late report state that the outlook is far orighter than it was a few days ago Even the Germans are admitting re verses, but they explain that rain and sleet are causing the delayed progress. Russian generals, removed from active command at the front, are training new armies and mak ing ready for more Germans

An unconfirmed report today stat ed that the Free French had attacked French Somaliland with success, meaning that action on other fronts nas not bogged down.

Fifty more innocent French hos-tgaes have been put to death in an inhuman and savage move to re-venge the death of a German offi-After appealing to the French and urging them not to treat the Germans with contempt and without saying anything about the savage action by the Germans, old Marshal Petain today asked the German au thorities to stay the death of 100 ad ditional hostages while the search

of the killers is continued Secretary Knox of the U.S. Navy tated today that if Japan continu to follow its present course a colisson with the Japanese could be xpected within 24 hours.

President Roosevelt today declared that immediate steps would be aken to double the output of tanks The President endorsed the candi-LaGuardia, for mayor of New York On the strike front, the executive

order for strikers to either work or fight was about to be invoked this morning in an American Federation

Even as an apparent golden oppor tunity slips by to jolt Hitler on another front or place material aid at the disposal of the embattled Rus sians, greater confusion seems to Airround our defense activities in this country. Fairly reliable reports

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Guaranty Bank To Hold Open House

Moving into their modernized ome over the week-end, officer and employees of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company will keep open house next Monday night beginning it 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is xtended the public to attend the vent which will be informal, Casher D. V. Clayton announced this

Officials of the parent bank and ashiers from the several branches ncluding local employees will be present and they will assist with the entertainment program which will include refreshments.

Purchasing the three-story build-ing on Main Street some months ago, the Guaranty Company has had it renovated and modernized. The bank will be in its new home and ready for business at the usual hour next Monday morning.

Insurance Men To Meet In Greenivlle Thursday

Charged with speeding on town's main street, Lester Sylvester operating with a bank balance.

White and R. B. Spruill appeared before at the case costs amounting to speed from the case costs amounting to speed and the case costs amounting to speed and the speeding of the case costs amounting to speed and speed Tuesday the post directorate served a sumphospital at a rapid speed Tuesday and Spruill drove a log truck on and Spruill are a rapid speed Tuesday the Post directorate served a sumphospital at a rapid speed Tuesday in the doors, and a trunk-shelf behind which lowered or fastened uphadever touched his fingers, his fin-duck of the C. B. Has grave is my only memory of the sell big store which faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Main Street, corner of Smithwick; and the true.

Street, just back of the C. B. Has directors which faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Main Men faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Main Men faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Main Men faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Main Men faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Main Men faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Men faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Men faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Men faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Men faced Men faced Main men from both North and South Carbon and Surface Men faced Men faced M

A district meeting of the State Life

Making a fair profit in the opera-

Chas. Smallwood Recalls Boyhood Days In Williamston More Than Half Century Ago There is no recollection what Mr.

Dorothy Perkins and C. D. Perkins, grown-ups, with our crowd scattered away and back to normal.

Mr. Weathersbee were married, and lived in Williamston. Then there came a day when "Nannie" hurried over there—Aunt Sammie was nigh unto death, or already dead; the reord is not with me. But she and Mr. Weathersbee kept house long enough for right much visiting between the oldest sister, Portia-Bonner, met that never-to-be-forgotten George Llewellyn Whitley.

-Dye his sandy hair and beard black as a crow's back, and drive a

There is no recollection what Mr.

Weathersbee's words were on coming to the door, Mr. Previous inferior grasning it his bubbles were recommendated in the fine carriage; our favor ing to the door. Mr. Previous infer-grasping it. His hobbies were raccoon ites being named "Top" and "Mollie ences were just surmises, but I do hunting, telling humorous tales of and so well did they know the way recall his being in the parlor, and being entertained by some of the grown-ups, with our crowd scatterwatermelons. He welcomed you to his bosom when such was mutually was the marriage—my childish mind was the marriage—my childish mind was my congelial. He never trespassed into your world when to do so was up. your world when to do so was un-congenial. Such was the man my she carried the name "Sallie," and for right much visiting between the the ceremony in the parlor. The blue; had ruddy face, and red beard families; and there it was that my Whitley Place, just north of Wilton-not sandy, like George Llewerican Legion announced through its "Such a man—" "None could paint Mr. Whitley traded with me to cut Whitley, but courted Sister Sallie commander, Joseph R. Winslow, at him—" Drive an ox-cart today, bedown some weeds in the yard, payinstead, and Sister Sallie said amen

'shin-plasters" ever to be mine. row. If he ever went to church, un- that walking down to the cemetery

sister, Portia-Bonner, met at the home of Aunt Sammie, and married was now a young lady making visits at Smallwood Place and which mar- to Sister Portia; as did Sister Portia riage was among my earliest remem- to Aunt Sammie, and with the same berances. It was a then-popular home results, for there she met a William wedding, with all the guests at one ston man named Samuel Romulus long bountifully ladened table, after Biggs His hair was red, his eyes were liamston became their home, and which was my haven-of-delight to visit. During one of these early visits, less it might have been Smithwick's to put flowers on Aunt Sammie's Street, just back of the C. B. Has