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## Here Late Saturday

Mack Peterson, Colored, Ar rested Soon After Attack, To Get Hearing Tonight

George Purrington, 33-year-old colored man, was fatally stabbed by Mack Peterson, notorious colored bootlegger, on Washington Street in front of Buck's Place late last Saturday night, the attack climaxing a quarrel of short duration. Purrington, his heart partly cut out and with a wound almost large enough for one to push a hand through, died about the time he reached the hospital, a few minutes after the at-

Contradictory evidence has feature ed the early reports describing the attack, and no coherent account of the trouble leading up to the fight and to the attack itself could be had. Justice J. L. Hassell is scheduled to unravel some of the conflicting evidence at a preliminary hearing to be held in his office this evening at 7

Peterson was run down and arrested at Mildred Rascoe's beer garden just this side of Windsor by Patrolman Saunders accompanied by Officer John Roebuck and Chas. Moore at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning af-ter William Owens, Peterson's col-

ored neighbor, had carried him there. Unofficial reports coming from some of those witnessing the attack stated that Peterson was picking on Purrington, that after being struck by Peterson asked him to go away and leave him alone. Purrington wa said to have gone into Buck's beer garden, and borrowed Sterling Wil liams' knife through an intermed iary. He returned to the porch of the beer garden, and according to one report drove the knife into Purrington. It was stated that Purring-ton grabbed Peterson around the neck and the two fell off the porch to the street, that Purrington after delivering a few blows got up and staggered about fifteen feet before falling to the cement. Other reports state that Peterson came out of the beer garden, struck Purrington with his fist and that Purrington pulled him down and started beating him that the fatal attack took place on the ground.

The cause of the trouble could not be learned, but one report declares that a woman figured in the case and that both Peterson and Purring ton had been drinking

Purrington, widely traveled and a willing worker, was well known here. Peterson, about 36 years old, has a colorful reputation as a boot-legger. He is the man who drew ar open knife on Patrolman H. W. Rothrock a few years ago. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stated some time ago that he thought he would have to shoot the man on one occasion, and the courts have had him several times for alleged violation of the li-

Following the attack last Saturday about midnight, Peterson ran Washington Street and north on Sycamore Street to his home before calling Owens from his bed and for the program. While the mee Officers picked up his trail in a hur-ry, but Peterson would possibly have eluded them at the Rascoe beer gar-led there been no one to block cern. The leaders considered the in-his huav accidents and fa-

#### **Library Directors** In Meeting Friday

The board of directors of the Wil-liamston Public Library held its Oc tober meeting in the office of the Mayor, with the chairman, Rev. John

L. Goff, presiding.

Mrs. James C. Cook, librarian, made a brief statement as to the annual report sent the North Carolina Library Commission. The report was very favorable in view of the limited number of new books that were add-ed to the collection during the year. Mrs Cook, who attended the annual convention of North Carolina Librarians and Library Workers, brought several suggestions to the board that will be considered and used in the very near future. Among them was one considering the financing of a public library. It was commented on at the convention that our local library is the only one in the State so

regulated and financed.

The week of Nov. 2-8 is National Book Week and will be observed by the local library. Posters will be displayed and an open house will be held with a sizable collection of new books to be examined by those at tending. In addition to the observ ance of Book Week, it was felt by the board that suitable recognition should be paid the city and its offi cers who have made the new library home possible. A dedicatory program is shaping up under the leadership of the following committee: Mrs. J. C.
Cook, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, Mrs. F. M.
Manning, Mr. D. N. Hix, and Rev. J.
L. Goff. This committee will announce their program the latter part
of this week and at the same time urge the citizens of the community to contribute liberally toward the support of this splendid community asset, since no solicitation of funds has been made in over two years.

#### George Purrington Little Crime Wave Is Traced Murdered On Street To Two Jamesville Children

er Jamesville during the past few admitted that he failed in two atweeks was traced last week-end to two small boys, one a colored youth of hardly more than 13 years of age and the other a white lad of about 15 who was deserted by an evangelist mother at the close of a tent meeting in Jamesville eight or ten to the color of t

several days near the Coast Line staheadquarters there night and day, some time. foraging here and there until hunger forced them out. Teel, arrested Saturday and jailed by Sheriff Roebuck admitted breaking into Clyde wrist watch which, according to the buck admitted breaking into Clyde wrist watch which, according to the latest information reaching here had breaking into Clyde wrist watch which, according to the latest information reaching here had breaking into Clyde wrist watch which, according to the latest information reaching here had breaking into Clyde wrist watch which, according to the latest information reaching here and investigation and investigati

LAY DAYS

hunt or take quail in Martin

County except on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each

week during the period from November 20th to January 31st for the season of 1941-42," the

Action to limit quail hunting

ated out that lay days were

in this county was taken at the suggestion of sportsmen who

in effect in several adjoining

counties, that hunters in other

sections would be attracted to this county if no restrictions were effected.

Insurance Men In

Regional Meeting

Counties Hear Promi-

nent Leaders

counties in the region, were present

While the meeting promoted an educational program for the repre-

the formation of local committees or

groups to work with the public au-thorities in curbing the accident toll.

These committees or groups, it was said, can work for a more effective

enforcement of the traffic laws and

pointing out death traps on the high-ways and streets and by making sug-

gestions in a spirit of helpfulness ra

ther than from a critical standpoint.

The meeting was one of several being held in the State, the leaders

going from here to Kinston where a

session is underway today Among the leaders attending the meeting

here yesterday were, R. L. Price, president of the State organization of

Charlotte; Frank S. Williams, vice president of Rocky Mount; S. G. Ot-

stot, executive secretary, and William P. Hodges, North Carolina Deputy Insurance Commissioner, both

of Raleigh, and H. Pierce North, of

the business development office of

the United States Association of New

**CURED IN GROUND** 

Besides drying the wells and

cooperate with the authorities

official announcement read.

A little crime wave sweeping ov-|stealing a \$45 wrist watch. He also ton and Long. Teel first associated

Deserted by his mother who has years ago.

not been heard from since she left
this section to continue her preach-Formal charges are being brought against the boys and their cases are scheduled for consideration by the grand jury in December.

Caught by T. B. Blount, Jr., last week trying to break into the store of Sexton and Long "Frosty" Teel forcer, father, could do nothing with the store of Sexton and Long "Frosty" Teel forcer, father, could do nothing with the store of Sexton and Long "Frosty" Teel forcer, father, could do nothing with of Sexton and Long, "Frosty" Teel, foster-father could do nothing with him. The Teel boy is the offspring named Respass, were not turned ovafter Blount had remonstrated with them the boys went off and hid for reports state that she had been untion in Jamesville. They maintained able to do anything with him for

Glass' home, Modlin's Barber shop, and Garland Anderson's home and not been recovered early today.

### Forest Fires Burn Large Areas During Lay days for taking quail in this county have been fixed by the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development, it was officially announced here today. "It will be unlawful to

Fires Were About Under Control When Heavy Rains Fell Last Night

Past Several Weeks

Sweeping over large areas and in several sections of the county during the past several weeks, forest fires have caused a damage possibly run-ning into the thousands of dollars. No estimate on the fire losses could be had immediately, but the damage is believed to be the greatest in many

Flaring up during the past two weeks, nearly all of the fires had been brought under control before for training purposes. the heavy rain fell last night, the forest warden stated yesterday that only a heavy rain would lessen the menace to forests to any great

During recent weeks, eighteen for-est fires have been started in the Monday Morning est lives have been started in the county, burning approximately 1. 000 acres of timberlands. The extreme dry season has made it diffi-Fifty Agents from Sixteen cult for the forest fire system and cooperators to do an effective work. Several of the fires were checked, but caught up again from sparks from smouldering An educational program, dealing burning underground. County Comwith various types of coverages missioner Abram Roberson spent \$75 such as fire, public liability and and worked himself in cooperation property damage, was outlined by prominent insurance men at a meeting of District One of the North Car- only after two weeks of stubborn reolina Association of Insurance sistance. Seven of the fires are believed to have been started by care Agents held in the agricultural buildless smokers. Six were thought to ing here yesterday morning. Fifty or more agents, coming from the 16 have been started by sparks from a

railroad engine. One fire, spreading from a house yard wash pot, was reported in Williams Township. Another fire was started by a saw mill, and three others were of incendiary origin.

The forestry department crease in highway accidents and fa- \$238.15 in fighting the fires while talities as alarming, and considered farmers and others cooperating in ued at more than \$140.

Starting in Beaufort County last Thursday, fire burned its way across the county line and was still burning

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#### This Week In Defense

Aid To Britain, Russia

Lend-Lease Expediter Harriman, returned from Moscow conferences on aid to Russia, reported to the President that the Russian govern-President that the Russian government and people are determined to fight on at all costs but the Soviet back to last August, had already entain of any size to fall here since armies "need substantial quantities armies the harvest of most recorded at the river. About one Treasury Secretary Morgenthau ad vanced the Soviet Union another \$30,000,000 against gold Russia is sending to this country. The Defense Corporation authorized payment of \$36,889,000 to the Russian imports of manganese and other ma-terials necessary to U. S. defense in-

The Federal Loan Agency an-nounced disbursement to Great Britain of another \$100,000,000 on the \$425,000,000 loan to that country for which Britain put up as collateral British-owned American factories

Both Houses of Congress passed the \$5,985,000,000 new lend-lease ap-

Production Progress
OPM Production Director Harrison issued the following summary o production progress: Ships—All Na vy and Maritime Commission con-tracts are ahead of schedule and by the end of November one 10,000-ton cargo ship will be turned out every day. Bombers—designs ready for mass production and four gigantic new plants will be in operation by next summer, Tanks-production be-ing doubled by farming out to make 2,000 a month; Powder and Small Arms—abreast of schedule with 30 of 70 planned plants now in production, 61 by spring.

The President announced that by

January 1 he will place before Con gress a program to step up tank output to double the present contemplated production. He said the program is being developed primarily for this country's own needs. Maj. Gen. Devers, armored force com-

for training purposes.

Subcontracting The OPM Defense Contract Distribution Division issued an Army com-pilation of existing contracts offer ing the best subcontracting oppor-tunities and announced a plan for prime contractors to "adopt" whole small industries for the duration. Di-Director Odlum said the Curtiss Wright Airplane Company, for example, has adopted the aluminum industry and will farm out parts of industry and will farm out parts of its orders to those aluminum plants week when the Farm Bureau is slathard hit by curtailment of civilian mold production.

Living Costs and Prices The Labor Department reported iving costs for moderate income families in large cities are now 9.6

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#### PEANUT MARKET

Heavy rains falling in the ection last night interrupted a full schedule of activity on the local peanut market today, but with clearing weather harvest-ing operations will likely be reand a renewal of marketing ac tivities can be expected.

Little or no change has been reported in the market prices which continue to range from 4 1-2 to 5 cents a pound. Most of the sales were made at 4 3-4

Chas. Smallwood Recalls Boyhood Days In

#### Backbone of Dry Weather Is United States Been Bent By Two-Inch Rain Here

The backbone of one of this sec-|encouraging. crops in this section, farmers declar- quarter of an inch of rain fell of ing that had it struck last June and September 26th and there was a July it would have spelled ruin for trace on October 2nd, but the dry this section

The rainfall last night while bad- ry.

ion's most severe and prolonged dry Following a sprinkle at noon yes speks was badly bent last night when approximately two inches of rain down last night about 11 o'clock fell, preliminary reports stating that the fall was general over a large area. While the dry spell, dating cloudburst at times. It was the first

sayment of \$36,889,000 to the Russian ly bending the backbone of the dry while the rain last night greatly spell did not break the drought that relieved the seriousness of the dry more of manganese and other management of manganese and other management of manganese and other management of \$36,889,000 to the Russian ly bending the backbone of the dry while the rain last night greatly relieved the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that relieved the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that relieved the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that relieved the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that relieved the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that relieved the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that relieved the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that relieved the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the drought that the seriousness of the dry spell did not break the dry spell did not break the dry spell did not br While the rain last night greatly clean out their wells and to haul operations as they centered around water from springs and even from the town's water system. Cover crops are few and far between as a result the crops other than the delay in

earth ate the offerings up in a hur-

## Strong Farm Bureau Perfected In County

# **National President**

Campaign Workers Pushing For 1,000-Member Goal By Friday Night

Nearing a membership goal of 1, in North Carolina, it was stated at committee in the legion hut last Fri-day evening. Reporting 913 members agreed to extend the canvass until Friday evening of this week in an effort to round out the number to 1,000 or more. Reports are encouraging, and when the 1,000 or more are signed plans will be made to invite Ed O'Neal, president of the Am erican Farm Bureau Federation, to becue to be held for the entire mem bership possibly during the early part of 1942. A final report on the membership drive will be submited to hold the first of its bi-weekly has been announced, but some im-portant and timely farm topics will with the defense movement.

sided over the meeting and he introduced Mr. B. B. Sugg, one of the founders of the organization in this

State, who declared that the State, who declared that the organization was deserving of a strong who died a few years ago, lived

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### of the dry season, and while late plantings are now expected, the outlook for the winter crops is not very the rain last night

## Will Be Invited To **Attend Big Meeting**

000, the Martin County Farm Bureau a supper meeting of the campaign signed up, the campaign committe address the annual meeting at a barted at a meeting in the agricultural forums. No program for the meeting discussed, possibly in connection

Divided into three teams, membership committee ran a close ran for the free supper served by the Macedonia Church circle. The teams of Bill Beach, D. V. Clayton and Mayo Hardison signed up 423 mem-bers, and the teams of Joe Winslow, Heman Peel and Frank Bailey signed 490 members, the latter group en-joying turkey at the expense of the osing team members.

#### CLOSES

Williamston's tobacco market closed one of its most successful seasons this morning. Around 20,000 pounds were sold with prices holding fairly stable right up to the last.

Selling approximately six and one-half million pounds, the market this season increased its volume nearly one and three quarter million pounds over the sales a year ago. The market is one of few, if not the only one, in the belt to show such a large percentage gain. Farmers who had not sold here in many years

returned this season and sold their entire crop, and they were well pleased. The official price average could not be had immediately, but it ranges around 30 cents.

## Respected Williams Township Citizen

Funeral Services Tomorrow Afternoon at the Home For Golden Godard

Golden Godard, well-known counin a Washington hospital this morning at 7.00 o'clock following a long period of declining health Suffer-ing with diabetes and a complication

of ailments. Mr. Godard was taker quite ill two weeks ago. On Monday of last week he was removed to the hospital where his condition became gradually worse.

and his bachelor brother, Goethe support from all farmers, business and professional men in this section of North Carolina. Paying a flattering tribute to Martin County for its rapidly, and while he continued ac tive in various phases of life, he re tired from farming and took little interest in the events of the day. His business dealings were beyond

reproach, and he was highly regarded by those who knew him. He was possessed of a quiet and unassuming character, and had a large circle of friends. He never affiliated with any religious denomination, but often at tended the little country church at Holly Springs.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs Roy Hudson, of Harnett County, and a brother, Grover Godard, of Williams Township.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Definite arrangements had not been completed early this afternoon other than the hour. In-terment will follow in the family cemetery near the home.

#### INCREASE

Judging from current reports, the Martin County cotton crop this year will show a gain over the 1940 production. A ginners report, released today by the Department of Commerce through Special Agent Vernon W. Griffin, shows that 3,492 bales of the lint had been gin-October 18 as compared with 2,-161 bales ginned from the 1940 crop up to the corresponding date.

It is possible that late comparisons will show a decrease in 1941 ginnings The planted acreage this year is hardly as large in the county as it was last sea-

## Attacked, President Roosevelt Declares

Germans Admit Their Russian Campaign Is Stalled By General Mud

"The shooting has already started and America has been attacked by Nazi rattlesnakes," President Roosevelt said last night to highlight a Navy Day address to the nation is which he declared that the United States is now ready to face Hitler's challenge. Asking that the Neutrality Act be amended to permit the arming of merchant ships and free range for all American ships, the President added that the ships must be protected by the Navy. "We had shed to avoid shooting. hooting has started, and history has ecorded who fired the first shot," the President said. The chief executive continued: "The U.S. S. Kearny is not just a navy ship. She belongs to every man, woman and child in this nation ... I have in my posses

sion a secret map made in Germany by Hitler's government—by the plan ners of the new world order. It is map of South America and a part of Central America as Hitler pro-poses to reorganize it."

Your government has in its posssion another document made in Germany by Hitler's government . It is a plan to abolish all existing re

Very simply and very bluntly we are pledged to pull our own oar in the destruction of Hitlerism. And when we have helped to end

he curse of Hitlerism, we shall help establish a new peace which will give to decent people everywhere a better chance to live and prosper in

ecurity and in freedom and in faith, It is the nation's will that America shall deliver the goods. In open defiance of that will, our ships have been sunk and our sailors have been killed. I say that we do not propose to take this lying down.

Our output must be multiplied. It annot be hampered by the selfish obstruction of a small, but dangerous minority of industrial managers who hold out for extra profits, or for "business as usual". It cannot be hampered by the selfish obstruction of a small but dangerous minority of labor leaders who are a menace to the true cause of labor itself, as well as to the nation as a whole.

We Americans have cleared our decks and taken our battle stations. We stand ready in the defense of our nation and the faith of our fathers to Died This Morning attended the faith of our fathers to do what God has given us the power to see as our full duty.

Eight out of nine of the tens of

thousands of telegrams sent to the White House early today were favorable, but in Germany the press broke into an unprecedented rage and called President Roosevelt cra-Golden Godard, well-known coun-ty citizen and a prominent retired Rome demonstrations broke out farmer of Williams Township, died against this country. Tokyo regarded the address as a virtual declaration of war Senator Nye said the speech reached a new low in execuleadership.

Passed by the House last week, he Neutrality Act is now before the Senate where Senator Conally predicts a quick victory for the proposed amendments. As a result of John Lewis' stubborn stand, action against strikes is now expected in Congress. On the war front, German admits her Russian blitzkrieg is bogged down, but maintains that Russia is

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#### Guaranty Bank's Formal Opening

Attracting prominent figures in this section's banking field, the formal opening of the Guaranty Banking anking room was spotted with fall ver the section for the informal

possibly the bank's most successful day since opening here in 1935. Even though sales were light on the local tobacco market during the day and general business maintained a slackened pace, the institution re-ported record deposits and extensive activities in the general banking

streams and causing a lot of weather talk, the record dry spell gripping this section during spell gripping this section during the past two months is having an unusual effect on some crops. Reliable reports state that most of the sweep potato crop actual-ly was cured in the dry warm sands, and that peanuts were al-most dry enough for the thresh-ing machines when removed most dry enough for the thresh-ing machines when removed from the ground. Peanuts would actually rattle in their shells, the farmers stating that the goobers were stacked more or less out of custom and to cure the vines Many sweet potatoes were as sweet when removed from the ground as they were af-ter a stay of a few weeks in the curing houses last staton. Williamston More Than Half Century Ago

School and its benefits being the prime reason for my advent as an rod" theory, no doubt she would have obscure addition to Williamston's abandoned the profession of transthen 500 population, the remember- ferring knowledge, and taken to ed outstanding spirits of the Academy make-up, might as well be of early mention. That "Miss Sue" Williams reign- en to "shadding" the Pamlico.

clustered the girls and the tots.

Miss Sue had huddled under her glory in her task, though usually wearing a worried look" that all hoodlums must be handled by expressive authority of the "big-

stick," and that but few, it any, or in the terrible gang to the seem to me to be so terrible, and went, pinned under the pressure of goodness.

Went, pinned under the pressure of Miss Sue's 160 pounds and a good-

among us.

harvest the toughened sprouts from the previous year's stumpage, charged, and gathered, and realized that they themselves might be the objects upon which the surrendered batteries might be turned.

If Miss Sue's reign had been delegated to the present-day "spare-these and been delegated to the present that he talked back at the pressure from above, and came up "wusted," and Miss Sue apparently not eager for another strength to the extent that he talked back at the pressure from above, and came up "wusted," and Miss Sue apparently not eager for another strength to the extent that he talked back at the previous year's stumpage, charged to the extent that he talked back at the previous year's stumpage to the extent that he talked back at the previous year's stumpage, charged the previous year's stumpage, charged to the extent that he talked back at the previous year's stumpage, charged the previous year's year's

Dinah's Hill, and said to Asa-Tom -Stand out. Asa-Tom said-No. Miss Sue said

back-Stand out, Sir. Asa-Tom said "herrening" the Roanoke, as my back -No. Sir. "herrening" the Roanoke, as my And that was the end of orders, al-previous Washington tutor had tak-so the end of wordy rebellion, ac-

tion then took the place of words. ed supreme, was not to be doubted by observation or experience. As of her army to be tamed and taught her aide, handling the smaller chilwas Charlie Carstarphen, with whose lar of Asa-Tom, yanked him out, and lar of Asa-Tom, yanked him out, and with him came all his dander and her aide, handling the smaller children, and supervising the conduct of the girls, was Miss Lizzie Slade; meek, good-hearted, and lenient to a fault; and who occasionally, "heard me a lesson" in "her room" where the supervision of the superv maybe nights, in her endeavor to conflict, and it lasted almost as long make him better than she thought as it took Mussolini to realize re-Miss Sue had huddled under her personal and watchful eye all the be. Anyway, Charlie got a full cently, that the Greeks were Greeks "rough-necks" and "rampagers" of the do-or-die class, and seemed to product, and for what causes was enforcements Miss Sue seemed to product, and for me to conjecture, for he callze that she was not to easily was one of the most congenial boys make Asa-Tom bend his knee to Di facing the handicap of realization of the school, and had not an enemy nah's Hill, so she bent her own knee She maneuvered to get Asa-Tom pressive authority of the "bigand that but few, if any, of in the terrible gang that never did
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Therefore, her oft-appointed delegations to charge on Dinah's Hill and included Henry, Asa-Tom, Kader and harvest the toughened sprouts from Ben. en in too much territory, and after

and Trust Company's modernized building was an enjoyable and gala vent here last evening. The main flowers and refreshments including ice cream sandwiches and cool drinks were served in a corner of the lobby. Smokes were conveniently available at several of the tellers' win-dows. D. V. Clayton, cashier of the bank, greeted the several hundred visitors who called by from here and program, and introduced them to high officials in the Guaranty oranization.

The informal program followed

Numbered among the special visi-

tors for the formal opening last eve-ning were Messrs. E. G. Flanagan, president; W. H. Woolard, executive vice president; N. O. Warren; director, of Greenville; J. A. Staton, director, of Bethel; R. M. Riddick, of the Hertford Banking Company, Hertford; H. S. Gurganus, cashier of the Washington branch; A. G. Small, cashier, and Dallas Brickhouse, assistant cashier of the Eliza-beth City branch; J. E. Edwards, cashier of the Belhaven branch, and R. W. Salsbury, member of the board of managers of the Hamilton