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### **ESTABLISHED 1899**

# Large Number Civil Library Dedication Attended REMEMBRANCES Cases On Calendar BySmallCrowdFridayNight For Trial In Court

**Confusion Surrounds a Num**ber of Boundary Lines In This County

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Scheduled to preside over his first term of Martin County Superior Court beginning next Monday, Judge Richard D. Dixon will find a fairly long calendar but one that car-ries no sensational cases. Created by Hassell and Rev. Z. T. Piephoff was a special act of the legislature some years ago, the court will try only civil cases, a few of which while not of a sensational nature are almost certain to attract much attention.

It would appear that the boundary lines between tracts of timber are getting all tangled up in this county. There are eight such cases, the plain-tiffs in some instances asking dam-ages alleged to have resulted when the woodsmen "overcut" the lines. The following cases involve boun-dary line disputes: Charlie Killebrew against E. C. House, W. W. Griffin against N. B. Marriner, D. G. Matthews against D. W. Downs, W. W. Griffin against D. W. F. Barber, Hai-slip against Etheridge, E. F. Glover against J. B. Whifield, D. L. Howell against E. P. Leathers, Jas. H. Everett against D. W. Downs. Surveys are understood to have been made in some of the cases and are ready for friendly settlement. Started back in 1937 the old case

of Goldie Hyman against Dora Wil-liams is back on the calendar. The plaintiff is suing for possession of certain land and alleged damages in

the sum of \$225. The case of N. C. Green against J. F. Daniel is up for a motion. Harrison Brothers and Company are suing W. H. Hopkins for an ac-

count

Alleging that a mule he bought was not sound, W. A. Vanderford is suing L. A. Hodges for \$300.

The Northside Lumber Company is suing H. H. Cowen for a disputed account

Shapleigh Hardware Company is suing C. C. Rawls, Sr., for an alleged account

The unusual case in which R. W McCullock, administrator, is suing Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne for \$1,-600 is back on the docket. Back in 1925, D. W. Downs gave a certain deed to the late A. J. McCullock, of Albion, Mich. Another litigation arose during the meantime, and the present clerk and two clerks before him have waited for instructions from the court as to whom to pay the

money. Susie A. Bunting is suing P. L. Salsbury for approximately \$700 allegedly due her after certain claims against insurance policies are met. The defendant's claim is denied in part, the plaintiff claiming that she is entitled to the remainder after premiums paid by the defendant are deducted from the insurance carried on her husband, Mark La Bunting. who died in March, 1941.

Joe A. Hardison is suing Nathan-iel Coltrain and J. E. King for \$1,000 damaged alleged to have resulted when a fire started by the defendants spread to his land and burned several hundred acres of timber

S. R. Biggs is suing C. H. Briley for \$250 damages alleged to have re-sulted when the defendant's car crashed into his ambulance at a Beth-el street intersection in June of this

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**Fire Of Incendiary** 

Williamston's public library was dedicated last Friday evening to the common cause of public educa-tion in this section. A busy people in a fast moving world with the ex-ception of a very few did not find a fairly large number. Supported almost entirely outside

time to attend the program and the informal reception, public officials, educators and community leaders beeducators and community leaders be-ing marked by their absence.

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ing marked by their absence. The program, handled by Chair-man John L. Goff, Mayor John L. The book collection has been ex-ted vanidly considering the fipanded rapidly considering the fi-nancial obstacles, and today the library officials, including Miss Elizabeth House of the Beaufort-Martinbrary is in a position to render Hyde Regional Library Association, valuable service and Miss Ella Mae Gaylord, of the WPA Library Service, were present The library committee is starting

The sickness I had was Peritonitis grew worse and worse till I could take no nourishment but an occasion al tablespoonful of a 50-50 mixture of lime-water and milk. At my worst, which lasted how many days I know made a splendid record in serving not. I would lie half conscious and

dream of being back in the fields and woods around Washington, tramping the old haunts with other boys, and drinking gallons, and gallons of cool sparkling water from the wells and springs of my knowledge. Had I "gone" then, I am sure the trans-formation would have taken place

WPA Library Service, were present along with several representatives from the Junior Woman's Club, the Parent-Teacher Association and a owed to have.

Dr. Hassell came and went, times and times a day, and nights and nights as well. He would doctor me Reported On Streets and cheer, and thoughts of leaving him and the others and the dear old drug store never crossed my mind, but I afterwards learned it did theirs. Here Last Saturday

One day at my worst, my grand-mother (Nannie) as all "her children" called her, walked in at the door, and the sight of her caused me to feel that the old world had open-No One Badly Hurt in Four ed up once more.

She did not come unmediately to No one was badly hurt but proper-ty losses continued their upward climb in a series of automobile acci-dents on local streets here last Satur-No one was badly hurt but properdents on local streets here last Satur- her to wear. But her eyes were on me day afternoon and night. As far as it day afternoon and night. As far as it could be learned, the accidents were talked. She said—Well, I heard this centered in or near Williamston, boy was a little sick, and I wanted three taking place on local streets to make a visit anyway, so I flagged and a fourth one taking place on U. S. Highway 64 just west of the fair that old wood-burner early this morning where it crosses the road near the house, and it finally got

A fender was ripped open and the me to Jamesville, after running off body damaged on Dick Wynne's car as Mrs. Courtney Hollis backed her ed the mail man, as he waited for as Mrs. Courtney Hollis backed lier ed the malt-man, as he warted to car from a parking space on West Main Street Saturday afternoon about one o'clock. Damage to the Wynne car was estimated at \$40, but in getting here by the shank of the in getting here by the shank of the ed the mail-man, as he waited for

evening. Then she crossed over, lean-ed and placed a hand on my head, brow and neck, looking me in the eyes meanwhile, finally say ing-Sho, somebody said he was sick and here I find him almost well, but am going to stay a few days any way, and enjoy myself with a visit. There has never been a momen of my life since, but that I have known I was better the moment Nan nie put herself in that door-way. There.was an individual of Wil-liamston I have not previously men-

to Skewarkey Church, with his mo-

ther and sisters. Buck's folks gener on his arm. A day or two after Nan-nie arrived, Buck came to the door ness. In virtual retirement for some months on account of failing health, Mr. Gilbert apparently was much improved during the greater part of last week, and had planned a short trip Friday with his family. He was taken ill after breakfast Friday morning and returned to his bed, his condition growing worse rapidly. The son of the late Oliver F, and



Facing the greatest task in all its history, the American Red Cross throughout the length and breadth of the land is appealing to a gen-erous people to help finance that task. The Martin County Chapter is starting its annual roll call today. Be sure that your name is on the list before November 30th.

The President, speaking by radio

said "The choice we have to make is

fices now, produce to the limit, and

deliver our products today and ev-

ery day to the battlefronts of the er

isfied with our present rate of arma

until it is too late? "The first," the President said, "is

the choice of realism-realism in terms of three shifts a day; the full-

est use of every vital machine every

minute of every day and every night . . . staying on the job and getting

things made, and entrusting indus-trial grievances to the established

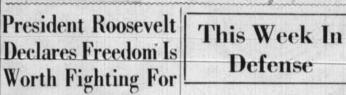
machinery of collective bargaining

tombstones would bear the legend,

The second choice is the approach of the blind . . . for them there is still 'plenty of time' . . . . And their

And their

this: Shall we make our full sacri



#### Makes Armistice Day Address At Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Today

In an Armistice Day address at he tomb of the Unknown Soldier | tire world? Or shall we remain satin the Arlington National Cemetery, President Roosevelt this morning at ment output, postponing the day of real sacrifice—as did the French — 11 o'clock declared liberty is for those who fight for it and for those

who fight eternally to hold it. Making no direct reference to the titanic world struggle now in progess as it relates to any battlefield, the President said that if the first World War had been lost we would know as France now knows why it was fought. "The Poles, the Danes, the Dutch, the Serbs, the Norwegians, the Greeks and others know today why the last war was fought," the President said. "We see danger of tyranny and slavery and realize that freedom and liberty are worth

that fighting for. "Those who sacrificed their lives In a statement issued regarding "Those who sacrificed their lives twenty-three years ago died to make Civilian Defense Week November 11-16, the President said "Each and

**Germans Are Still** Struggling To Get Into Russian City

### Japan Is Warned by America 🔒 And Britain That Appease ment Days Are Over

Failing repeatedly in his effort to apture Leningrad and Moscow, the fermans today are throwing fresh troops into the fray in a renewed drive to accomplish his bloody plans. The Red Army, battered and outnumbered, continued to hold firm against the fresh troops which some pelieve were shifted from the Westorn Front in a desperat save Hitler's dreams in Russia. Acrenewed attack on Leningrad came reports describing counterattacks by the Russians in the rich Donets Basin and around Moscow, and a bitter dog fight continued at Sevastopol, important Soviet naval base on the Black Sea.

Thousands of Germans were reorted attacking Leningrad from Finnish-held territory north of the nty. Russian quarters interpreted the new drive as both a race against winter and an attempt to make huge strides before Finland replies to a United States suggestion that she make peace with the Soviet Union.

In contrast to Adolf Hitler's dec-aration Saturday that his troops were content to starve Leningrad in-to submission, the Russian newspaper Red Star reported last Friday that the Germans had thrown four or five fresh divisions against the ong-besieged city.

Red Star said the Germans had lost 350,000 men on that front alone in an unsuccessful attempt to sur-

ound Russia's second largest city. This delayed dispatch also said the Russians were counter-attacking on the entire Moscow front, inflicting heavy losses on the invaders and forcing them to slow their assaults on Tula, munitions city 100 miles south of the capital. Available information indicated that these more compared to the statement of the same second statement of the same second statement of the statement of t

that there was no German intention to dig in on the Moscow front for the winter, that the Nazis were still moving up reinforcements, and the Russtans still were throwing up more defense lines between the Germans and the capital.

Possessing what appears to be an inexhaustible supply of power, Hitler this morning was reported to be starting a new drive toward the Caucasus, but the report declared that the new onslaught was being held in check by the hard-pressed Russians. Russia was heartened by the stand announced\_ by Britain's Winston Churchill yesterday, making it possible for Russian troops and forces to withdraw in part from Siberla and take part in the active war at hand

A high spot in the late reports was one telling of the killing of three German generals on the Leningrad front, including the chief of staff. Releasing more details on the suc-

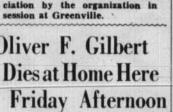
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James C. Manning, superin-tendent of the Martin County schools, was highly honored last Friday evening when he was elected president of the North-eastern District Teachers Association by the organization in session at Greenville.

Oliver Fearing Gilbert, member of prominent eastern North Carolina family and a highly respected citi-zen, died at his Main Street apartment here last Friday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock following a lingering ill-ness. In virtual retirement for some months on account of failing health,

condition growing worse rapidly. The son of the late Oliver F, and Elizabeth Simpson Gilbert, he was born in Edenton 65 years ago. When a mere youth he located in Elizabeth City and entered business with his brother-in-law, R. F. Mitchell, the firm handling a business valued at more than a quarter million dollars annually for nearly a quarter of a annually for nearly a quarter of a more than a quarter million donard annually for nearly a quarter of a century. He later entered business for the part of a sasta to be cars will run as high as \$350, it was estimated. Before the North Haughton Street Color Der Hassell did not grumble, and Sister



### **Funeral Service for Respect**ed Citizen Held Saturday

# In Elizabeth City

no damage was done to the Hollis Friday afternoon about five o'clock Miss Helen Jackson started to make a left-hand turn into Exum Ward's sandwich shop, near the fair grounds,

and her car was struck by another driven by Mrs. Ben A. Thaxton, of Roxboro. Mrs. Thaxton was accom-panied by her daughter, Miss Esther Thaxton, and Miss Johnson was ac-companied by her section. companied by her mother, Mrs. W. J. Jackson, of Plymouth. No one was J. Jackson, of Plymouth. No one was hurt and damage to each car was es-timated at about \$50 by Patrolman Whit Saunders who investigated the accident. No reckless driving charges were brought, the patrolman stating that each party agreed to fix her to Skewarkey Church, with his mo-

Series Of Accidents

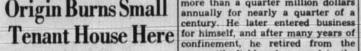
Auto Accidents Over The Week-end

grounds.

wn car. church, was slightly cut on the nose, and B. Staton Leggett was bruised in his chest when their car was side-

that each party agreed to fix her Rev. James Epps, Holiness minis-ter who is conducting a series of services in the local Pentecostal

and returned to his bed, his man. Mr. Leggett, accompanied by the minister, was driving south on Haughton Street near the Holiness



No Arrests Reported in Case By Local Police Early This Morning

Alleged to have been of incendiary Anleged to have been of international origin, fire destroyed the five-room tenant house belonging to Mrs. E. P. Cunningham and occupied by Kanzetta Anderson and her daugh-ter, Beatrice Jackson, on North Sycamore Street just off Main at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. When the alarm ly associated with the civic betterwas turned in the fire had gained much headway and by the time the fire apparatus was carried there the some of the house was falling in. chamber of commerce as president, some of the frame work was left and was instrumental in the materstanding, and the front porch was not ial development of that section. damaged. Valued at about \$1,200, the house

has insured, but as far as it could be learned no insurance was carried on the contents which were valued at about \$200. Very few activity about \$200. Very few articles were saved from the burning home, the occupants barely escaping them-selves. The tenant, Kanzetta Anderson, is a victim of paralysis and one report stated that she had to be car-

ried from the building. Police, a bit baffled, had no offi-cial statement to make this morning in connection with the origin of the fire, but it is fairly certain the home was fired. A can with a kerosene scent was found in the backyard, and rumors have it that there was some trouble between the daughter and her estranged husband earlier in the night, causing some to believe that the home was fired.

Firemen, pouring approximately 12,000 gallons of water on the fire, were almost 45 minutes bringing it under control.

ministration effect its new office set-up he continued his work as head of his insurance agency here. Pos-sessing the qualities of a Christian

entleman, Mr. Gilbert readily made friends in Williamston and was held in high respect. As a young busines man in Elizabeth City, he was closement of his community. He was a charter member of one of the town's oldest civic organizations, headed the

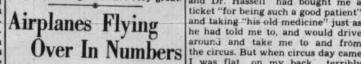
His work in the insurance field

POSTPONED

The dedication of the Amer-ican Legion hut and the presen-tation of John Walton Hassell's pertrait to the post bearing his name scheduled for tonight have been postponed indefinitely, it was announced following a meeting of the committee last evening.

The delay was ordered when it was learned that light fix-tures could not be had and a conflict in the main speaker's schedule presented itself. Plans for the dedication will be an-nounced later.

10:30 o'clock. Modlin was said to have been making a turn into the filling station when Perry crashed into him, smashing the radiator grill on the car and damaging a fender on the car and damaging a fender on



Not all of the airplanes manufac tured in this country are being shipped across the seas. Approximately forty of the "birds" traveled over here yesterday, some going south and some going north. With the mercury dropping to the freezing point, those flying south are to be grouped in the wise old bird class, So far no instructions have been received by the air raid warning posts in this county to report the flights of ships, but it is understood

that the maneuvers will continue in this area for several more days. They are expected to reach a climax the latter part of this week. Yesterday morning eighteen planes flying in formation, traveled south. A mile away and flying in V forma-tion about forty-five geese were traveling south. The second largest formation was seven planes flying

north later in the day and last eve ning four planes flew by. They were traveling so rapidly that one ob-server "allowed" the pilot was rid-ing a bolt of lightning with spurs on his feet.

for himself, and after many years of confinement, he retired from the insurance business About four years ago, Mr. Gilbert moved to Williamston and after moved to Williamston and after

into him, smashing the radiator grill on the car and damaging a fender on the truck. No one was hurt and the property damage was not very great.

ticket "for being such a good patient" and taking "his old medicine" just as he had told me to, and would drive

I was flat on my back, terribly

wrong. As the parade passed through Main Street Sister Sallie held me the parade passed through up so I could see through the win-

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### **SLOWING DOWN**

Deliveries to the local peanut market were reported to be slowing down to some extent to-day, principally for two reasons: price and a shortage in the crop itself. Farmers are apparently holding their sceners off the holding their goobers off the market and waiting for a five-cent price. Today's quotations range from four and one-half to five cents with the four and three-quarter cent price pre-

dominating. It is conservatively estimated that more than 50 per cent of the crop has been sold in this im-mediate section and that in some other areas more than 75 per cent of the crop has been marketed.

the world safe. If safety has been every citizen as a civilian must do sued to couples in this county last again threatened it is our duty to see his share for defense. We must month, the license bureau in the reg-that the dead of the last war did not halt the waste and unnecessary use lister of deeds office maintaining a die in vain.' of critical materials required for de

The President quoted World War fense. We must work longer hours ... And each of us must be trained Sergeant York in his address this morning in justifying the action of in some task fighting to preserve liberty and free- total defense some task that is essential to our Lend-Lease Aid

'Too late'

om in the first World War, "and if The President arranged a \$1,000,-000,000 loan to Russia under the those liberties and freedom were worth fighting for then, they are worth fighting for now," he conclud-Lend-Lease Act. The loan carries ne

interest. Repayment-partly in ma Armistice Day had little meaning in the war-torn world today. The fighting continued unabated on long in 10 years from that time. Observ

ing the 24th anniversary of the So-viet revolution, the President tele-(Continued on page six) graphed the Soviet Government "I

am confident that the sacrifices and **Bookmobile Reports** sufferings of those who have the courage to struggle against aggres-Increased Business sion will not have been in vain

The Navy authorized construction of 50 escort vessels for transfer to Making its second run in this Great Britain under the Lend-Lease county week before last, the tri-county bookmobile reported an in-creased volume of business among a

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### NO BIDDERS

Town real estate went begging for bidders at noon yesterday Mrs. L. U. James, town tax collector, offered a comparatively small number of homes and lots at auction for taxes due and unpaid. Not a single bid was made by an individual, the town bidding in the properties sub-ject to foreclosure proceedings which will follow within the

next eighteen months. A few persons, going about their business in and around the courthouse, paid little attention to the tax collector as she read out the names on the delinquent

Fifteen marriage licenses were fairly even and normal trend in its usiness

The November issuance was the largest since last June, and was slightly higher than the average for the past three years, but slightly unfer the average for the three preding years.

Licenses were issued to eight white and seven colored couples by Registerials-will start five years after ter of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger as the war ends and is to be completed follows:

#### White

William Edgar Davis and Dare Stokes, both of Hamilton. Wheeler V. Daniel and Sudie Lu-

ile Mallory, both of Oak City. John Reginald Simpson and Sara Freeman Cone, both of Williamston. Tom Henry Ward and Allie Ever-tt, both of Robersonville.

Charles Brantly Holliday, of Jamesville, and Kathleen Coltrain,

Eddie Price, of Williamston, and Pauline White, of Williamston R.F. D. No. 3.

Richard Earl Lamb and Mary Eliz-

abeth Grivin, both of Jamesville, Noah Rhodes Hardison, of Wil-liamston Route 1, and Velma Idell Perry, of Williamston.

Colored Fernando Newsom and Gladys Perkins, both of Robersonville.

Spencer Cherry and Christine House, both of Robersonville.

Frank Gay, Sr., of Hobgood, R. F. D. 1, and Almeter Williams, of Hob-

good. James Henry Moore and Carrie Mae Spell, both of Robersonville. Joseph Henry Peel and Estelle Moore, both of Williamston, Route 3. George Henry Peel and Mary Mag-dalene Purvis, both of Williamston. Clarence Bowen and Addie Bea-trice Rogers, both of Williamston.

larger patronage. Over 100 more books were circulated on the second trip and 32 new borrowers were added to the list of readers, Miss Elizabeth House, librarian for the Beau-fort-Hyde-Martin Library Association, said last week-end. A circula tion of 514 books was reported in the schools. Many new books have been re ceived and will be ready for distribution when the bookmobile makes its third trip in the county begin-ning Monday, November 24th, Miss House said.

The public is urged to make use of the new library service which is of-fered without cost to individual pa-

Reports from the other two coun ties state that the bookmobile is en joying a large patronage.