Defense

Both the Army and Navy announce

ed volunteer enlistments at a record

evel. The War Department asked

Congress for legislation to register all men 18 to 64 years old and to

permit use of men 18 to 45 for mili-tary service. Selective Service Di-

rector Hershey said it may be possi-ble to raise the number of selectees

in service from the present 800,000 to about 3,000,000 without using oth-

er than the 21-28 age groups. If Con-

gress approves the induction of those from 28 to 35, now registered

tional headquarters directed all lo-

of prior service.

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### Judge R. L. Coburn **Clears Sixty Cases** From Court Docket

Fourteen Defendants Failed To Answer When Called In Open Court

Appointed to fill the position of judge of the county court made vac-ant by the death of his brother, W. H. Coburn, the latter part of November, Robert L. Coburn accepted the oath of office and immediately faced a long docket in the court Monday morning. A number of the cases had accumulated while the court was in its longest period of idleness, but most of them were placed on the docket by Special Tax Collector S. H. Grimes who charged forty-one dog owners with failing to pay their dog taxes. Fourteen other defendants facing similar charges brought by the special tax collector failed to answer when called in open court and papers were issued calling for bonds or their arrests.

The new judge held the court in session for about five hours, work-ing fight on through the lunch hour. He continued nine cases and was long on suspended judgments. Wheeler Martin, acting solicitor, prosecuted the docket in the absence of Solicitor D. E. Johnson who is completing a special defense study course at State College, Raleigh, and who plans to move within a few days to Alabama where he will be connected with defense work.

The court will hold another reg-

ular session next Monday in an ef-fort to clear the docket before Christ-

Proceedings in the court:

The case charging Harmon Dan-iels with drunken and reckless driving was continued for the State, the court issuing a subpoena for W. B

Wynne, the prosecuting witness.

The cases charging Charlie Williams with larceny and receiving and Herbert Davis with an assault were

Charged with drunken driving.
Charlie Clark was sentenced to the roads for three months.

The case charging Tilghman Hodges, "Butch" Rogers and George Corey, Jr., with cruelty to animals, was continued. was continued.

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Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with violating the motor vehicle laws, Ivory Clark was adjudged guilty of operating a car with improper brakes. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the court costs.

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The case charging Roy D. Harrell, of Bertie County, with drunken driving, was continued.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Her-man Clarence Taylor was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his op-

erator's license revoked for one year. Charged with drunken driving. Early Goodman pleaded not guilty.
The court adjudged him guilty and
the case was continued under prayer for judgment.

The case charging Ernest Godard with drunken driving was continued until next Monday.

Charged with drunken driving and carrying a concealed weapon, Raymond Vinters pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. The plea was accepted and the defendant was fined \$50 and two driving the content of the co

fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case g Floyd Wilson with being drunk and disorderly and carrying a concealed weapon. The defendant pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly.

James H. Ward, of Pitt County, pleaded guilty in the case charging him with speeding, and the court suspended judgment upon payment of the costs.

Charged with drunken driving, Katherine Theresa Halpin was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had her operator's license revoked for one

Pleading guilty of violating the li-quor laws, Wheeler Smith was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty in the case charg-ing him with reckless driving and operating a car without a driver's license, Walter Wallace Bailey was sentenced to the roads for sixty days,

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### Collect Two-Thirds Of Taxes In County

Martin County property owners are among other things recognizing their tax obligations this year. A report coming from the office of the tax collector yesterday stated that \$120,404.41 of the 1941 levy had already been collected, and that payments were holding up unusually well. Approximately \$85,557.43 remains to be collected, but with the unusually good start, Mr. M. L. Peel the collector, believed that a great-er portion of that amount will have been paid before selling time next fall.

The value of the lowly copper pen ny was well demonstrated yester-day when Dairyman Frank Weaver submitted 4,650 of the coppers to the collector as part payment of his taxes. There were about 32 pounds of the coppers and their delivery to the bank brought a frown to the banker's face.

#### MAKES SUPREME SACRIFICE



Portraying his youthfulness in an appealing and even touching fashion, the picture above is a likeness of Austin Randolph Jackson, 19-year-old son of Mrs. Ora Jackson Burnett, of Jamesville, who gave his life, presumably at Pearl Harbor on December 7th, for his country. The tragic news, announcing the young man's death, was received by his mother last Tuesday afternoon.

### Jamesville Boy First To Lose Life In War

**SCHEDULE** 

Making ready for a shop-wide holiday next week, The Enterprice will slightly after its pub-lication schedule for the period. The Tuesday edition will go to press a few hours ahead of the regular schedule, and there'll be no second edition. Ministers and others with notices or other material for publication next week are earnestly urged to have their copy in at their earliest possible convenience and not later than Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

### Kiwanians In Their Regular Meet Here

The Kiwanis Club Thursday night oted to eliminate one of their meetings in January and give the pro-ceeds to the Red Cross. The club also donated \$25.00 to the Christmas Cheer fund, contributed \$50.00 to the cular seal bond, and gave the grammar and high school \$12.00 to help defray the expense of the vestments used in the pageant last Sunday eve-

The club also expressed its appre-ciation to the officers for the splendid service rendered the club during the past year. Paul Simpson, president; Sam Woolford, vice president, and Lawrence Lindsley, Jr., secre-tary and treasurer, retiring offices, were commended by Hugh Horton for the fine work accomplished by them and the club unanimously approved his remarks.

The following newly elected officers will be installed at the next meeting in January: David Hix, president; John Goff, vice president; Reginald Simpson, secretary-treasurer.

Uninjured In Auto Wreck Near Here Last Tuesday

No one was burt but considerable property damage resulted when the cars of A. Corey and John Manning of Williams Township ,crashed near Holly Springs on U. S. No. 64 early last Tuesday evening

SAFE AND WELL

It was brief and without any details, but a letter from Seaman Eli Gurganus from some-where in the Pacific was wel-comed as much as if it had been novel length by his mother, Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurganus, here

this week.

Keeping secret the name of his ship and exact whereabouts, the letter was written on December 9th, two days after the tragic attack on Pearl Harbor, and stated that he was safe and well.

Thoughtful of others, the young man extended sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas back home. this week.

### Austin R. Jackson Dies In Hawaii In Defense of Country

Number Other Martin County Youths in War Zone

Austin Randolph Jackson, the first ure by Federal agencies. The Feder-Martin County youth to lose his life al Communications Commission proin the war with Japan, was "lost in hibited operation of amateur radio action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country,"
The Army and Navy announced the youth's mother, Mrs. Ora Allen Jackson Burnett, was notified at her publication in order to avoid giving home in Jamesville last Tuesday af- aid to the enemy in determining

ington, D. C. dateline of December 16, as follows:

"The Navy Department regrets to inform you that your son, Austin Randolph Jackson seaman first class, U. S. Navy, was lost in action Crime Front In The in the performance of duty and in the service of his country.

"The Department extends to its sincere regrets in your great loss. Please do not give the name of the ship or station. If remains are re-covered they will be interred tem-

While the message offered no de tails of the supreme sacrifice the youth made, it is well established that he was killed on the fateful morning of December 7th when the sneaking yellow men from Japan made their cowardly attack on Pearl

Harbor, Hawaii. Some over a year ago or about September, 1940, the young man who would have been only 19 years old last Monday, volunteered for service

in the Navy. Bright-eyed, the patriotic promis-ing lad of 17 years sacrificed his schooling and answered the call of the Navy in the defense of his country. He asked little of life, but willingly offered all he had that life for his fellow Americans might be lived

Car Crashes Into Wagon Near Here

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Driving west on Highway 64 about dusk yesterday, Walter Williamson, traveling salesman, crashed his car into a two-horse wagon driven by Farmer J. N. Hopkins. No one was injured, but one of the mules was cut and bruised, not seriously, how-ever, according to Patrolman Saunders who investigated the accident The wagon was damaged but not beyond repair, the patrolman report-

Williamson said he was blinded by another "thoughtful" motorist who would not or did not dim his lights,

and that he did not see the wagon until too late to avoid striking it.

chant vessels in any waters.

The President authorized the Defense Communications Board to designate radio facilities of the nation for use, control, inspection or clos-

llian requirements.

The briefly worded but tense message, similar to those received by mothers, fathers and relatives of 2,-728 other men who made the supreme sacrifice, read under a Washington, D. C. dateline of December

ing only 22 persons had been arrested and detained in the county jail \$1; Mrs. J. T. Edmondson, \$1, and since the first of December. During Mrs. Jack Edmondson, \$1. the first eighteen days of December a year ago, 35 persons were arrested and placed in the county jail.

While it is quite possible that the drunks and minor law violators are more numerous this year than they were a year ago they are not finding themselves in jail the following morning: As a whole, the crime bloter for December of this year doe not carry any serious cases.

#### CHEER FUND

With a number of donations the local Kiwanis Club's Christ mas Cheer fund is now in a fair way to meet to some extent the appealing calls of a less fortunate people in our community next week. Additional contributions week. Additional contributions are expected and it is fairly cerlain now that a bit of Christmas cheer will be carried into a number of homes where without the movement only gloom and despair were to be expected. The fund amount was boosted to \$77.75 yesterday afternoon by the following contributions: N. K. Harrison, \$2; Christian En-N. K. Harrison, \$2; Christian Endeavor, \$1; David R. Davis, \$5; Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Oxteen, \$5; Mrs. Sam Getsinger, \$1; Junior Philathea Class of the Christian Church, \$3; W. J. Hodges, \$1 and pecans; Nat Israel, \$1; Mrs. Sadie Peel, \$1; welfare department employees, \$5.

### This Week In UnitedPeople Support World Marks Time Emergency Relief Call Front Is Anticipated

Approximately \$400 Contributed To Red Cross Special Fund

Chairman Spivey Optimistic But Warns Task Is Not Yet Completed

but deferred, another 1,000,000 might be raised, Gen. Hershey said. SS na-The power of a united people on the home front was well displayed in this section Wednesday and yestercal boards to reclassify ex-Service men who have been deferred because day when the first challenge of a war-stricken world was carried to every home and business house by a Congress passed legislation removing the ban on U. S. Army men from serving outside the hemisphere. thoughtful group who, well aware from serving outside the hemisphere.
Congress also granted the Army and Navy permission to hold enlisted in defending our way of life and in defending our way of life and design aid and comfort to those rendering aid and comfort to those in need. After faltering in their first Following air raid alarms in San Francisco and New York, the Office Red Cross assignment, local people of Civilian Defense ordered all Passwung into action to make a splencific and East coast and District of did start in handling their second as-Columbia air raid volunteers on the signment—the collection of \$2,000 for alert, OCD Director LaGuardia anthe Red Cross Emergency War Renounced enrollment of 950,000 air lief Fund.

raid wardens and other volunteers Early reports from the canvass are and called for three times the ex-isting permanent fire personnel, plus one air raid warden for every 500 contribution. Saunders and Cox, a recognized and willing supporter of every good cause, led the list with a The War Department asked all \$100 donation. Preliminary reports from Griffins Township state that the Governors to be "on the alert" with home guards and State troopers quota there is certain to be over-subscribed. Reports from Jamesville. available to meet any situation; instructed special plant protection services to protect all arsenals, fac-Williams, Bear Grass are equally as encouraging. In Williamston yes-terday, the canvassers found willing tories and storage depots against Director McNutt of Defense Health and Welfare Service asked Governors to complete mobilization of vidual after individual. And then the widow's mite stands out in the list A donation from a bed-ridden also issued a call for young women to enroll in schools of nursing to meet critical shortages of profession-al nurses for the Army, Navy and civictim is included in the list.

To date, a total of \$387.50 has been reported and turned in to Treasurer H. A. Bowen, Chairman V. J. Spiv-ey, heading the drive, announced last night. Other sums have been col-The Navy initiated censorship on all outgoing communications and forbid publication of any naval information that might be of value to the lected but are not included in this report. For instance, the courthouse enemy. The Army restricted information of troop movements except when announced by the War Department. The Maritime Commission restricts the commission of t gang raised right at \$100. The agri-cultural building force has more than \$30 ready for the treasurer.

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Chairman Spivey stated that he was greatly pleased with the work of the canvassers and the support accorded the drive, but he warns the Richard McClenney, James O. Danston and James O. Dans on requested the press, radio and other news channels to refrain from publishing information about mer-

losses the U. S. had sustained. Families of casualties, however, will be notified immediately whenever possible.

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L. Robertson, \$1; H. D. Harrison, Jr., \$2; George Moore, \$2; R. W. Bonton size in the lower part of the county, but as far as it could be learned this morning no extra deputation of Martinique, strateg-Forbes, \$1; W. D. Harrison, Jr., L. Robertson, \$1; H. D. Harrison, Jr., \$2; George Moore, \$2; R. W. Bondurant, \$3; Mrs. Tom Rose, \$1; Mrs. learned this morning no extra deputies have been stationed there. roll Jones, \$1; Mrs. J. L. Robertson, 25 cents; Miss Mary Smith, thirty County Very Quiet

cents; Mrs. Joe Godard, III, 25 cents;
Mrs. Erah Cobb, \$1; Mrs. Simon
Manning, \$1; Mrs. J. D. Thrower,
\$1.50; J. E. Boykin, 50 cents; Mrs. There's no telling when a flare-up Jack Daniel, 10 cents; Mrs. Rush will come, but so far this month the Bondurant, \$1; Rush Bondurant, Jr., will come, but so far this month the crime front in this county has been arrest-unusually quiet. Up until this morning than the county has been arrest-unusually quiet. Up until this morning than the county has been arrest-unusually quiet. Up until this morning than the county has been arrest-unusually quiet. The county has been

> Mrs. Francis Barnes, solicitor: F. U. Barnes, \$25; Mrs. F. U. Barnes, \$5; Mrs. Kim Saunders, \$4; Mrs. Abner Brown, \$1; Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Sr., \$1, and Mrs. Francis Barnes, \$1. Mrs. Frank Weston, solicitor: Mrs. Annie Glenn, 25 cents; Mrs. J. S.

> Jones, 50 cents; Mrs. Bell Manning, 25cents, Miss Reba Taylor, 10 cents Mrs. Charlie Leonard, Jr., \$1; Mrs Jessup Harrison, \$1; Mrs. LeRoy Shone, 25 cents; Mrs. A. P. Purdy, 50 cents; Mrs. J. W. Watts, \$1.50; Mrs. Frank Weston, \$1; Mrs. W. M. Bakcents; Mrs. A. M. Durham, \$1.25; Mrs. Charlie Sessoms, 25 cents; Alberta Knox, 25 cents; Wilton Knox, 25 cents; Saunders and Cox, \$100. Mrs. J. C. Manning, solicitor: W. J.

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### Women Carry On **Weaving Project**

Discontinued a short time ago as ar economy move, the six women work-ers in the former WPA weaving project here are now working in-dependently. Making an array of articles ,the workers as sponsors of the project themselves hope to be able to sell enough of the handiwork to make possible at least a small pe-cuniary return for their labor.

A display of the articles is main-tained in the weaving room over the Williamston Cafe, and orders will be gladly received.

### CHAIRMAN



Drafted by a special commit tee, V. J. Spivey, early reports indicate, is doing an able job as head of the drive to raise \$2,000 for the Red Cross Emergency War Relief fund in the Martin County chapter. Going to much individual expense and traveling here and there over the district, Mr. Spivey hopes to complete the canvass by early Monday.

### Station Guards At Pulp Mill And the River Bridge Here

Action Taken As Precautionary Measure Against Possible Sabotage

Admitting the possible danger of sabotage, the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission this morning stationed special guards on the Roanoke River bridge here, the order coming from Chairman L. B. Prince calling for a 24-hour

task is not complete. He urges a continued support until the entire amount and more is raised. Tragic last evening and the first shift reconditions growing out of starvation, privation, disease and scourges are Eight-hour watches will be maintain threatening millions, and at the same time everything must be done to have relief ready for our own boys when they need it.

Eagnt-nour watches strated. It was definitely pointed out in the order creating the guard that the duties of the deputies will be limited to the The names of contributors and the state property, but just how the in the week poposed a law making amounts donated to the humane watch will be maintained could not all men between 21 and 44 years of the contributors and the state property.

near here already has a special guard and admittance is limited to employ-

Traffic will move over the river bridge here on a normal schedule one report stating that motorists will not be required to stop. However, motorists are urged to drive with care and stop their vehicles if and when they are requested to do so by the guards.

Similar precautionary measures are being taken throughout the na-tion, and it is understood that State guards will be placed on between 50 and 100 bridges in this State

#### Captain Godwin Reported Safe With Pacific Fleet

Believed to have been with the Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor, Capain Don Godwin, Williamston na tive, was reported safe and well this week, according to a special com-munication received by relative here from Mrs. Godwin who is recovering from an operation in a Pacific Coast hospital.

Christmas Lights

### SHORT TIME

There's only a short time left There's only a snort time telt before Christmas, but last-min-ute shopping can be handled ef-fectively and advantageously in Williamston stores. It is not too late to find appropriate gifts in Williamston stores whose owners Williamston stores whose owners anticipated better conditions and increased their inventories. Reliable reports make it quite clear that as far as prices are con-cerned, Williamston stores are offering bargains just as attract-ive as can be found anywhere. Don't delay shopping longer. Act today as there are only four more shopping days until Christ-mas.

# As New Move on War

Believe Move Underway To Set Up War Council For Allies

While there is much bloody activty going on in many sections, the world is hardly doing more than narking time in anticipation of the next move. Where that move will be and what it will be like possibly only Hitlerized Germany knows. It is likely that Hitler's hordes will is there that there's house win trample through Turkey in search of oil. It is possible he will move through Spain to attack Gibraltar and block allied travel through the Mediterranean. In the Far East, United States

forces are more than holding their own since the Pearl Harbor attack, out the British are hard-pressed in Malaya and at Hong Kong. The sit-uation in those two sectors is regard-

One of the most extensive mili-tary shake-ups in the nation's history took place this week when high-ranking officers in the Pacific were relieved, temporarily at least, of their commands pending an investi-gation of the Pearl Harbor attack. A board of inquiry has been named, and an immediate investigation is to

The sinking of another Japanese transport, increasing the number to ten, was in the headlines today, but he Russian drive against the Germans still is regarded as holding the ate of the future. A move to create a supreme allied command is now be-lieved in the making and the part Russia will play is to be announced

On the war front, the British have just about wiped out the Germans and Italians in Africa, a five-day ank battle favoring the British

The German retreat in Russia is general, taking a heavy toll of life and equipment among the Nazi ranks. Much equipment has been abandoned by the Germans as the Russians continue a meaningful drive which may turn Hitler into another

Enomy operations in the Philip-pines are virtually at a standstill, and there is talk of the first steps having been taken to tighten the und Japan.

A new situation is developing at the tip of the East Indies where Dutch and Australian troops moved in to take over that part of the island of Timor owned by the Portugal. The Portuguese cabinet is meeting oday to discuss the invasion and ar important announcement from that quarter is expected.

In this country the trend is tow ard increased preparations for prosamonits donated to the land of the land of

> aval accord with the French High ommissioner of Martinique, strateg-French Caribbean naval base, after secret consultations at Fort De France, it was revealed officially to-

> Martinique, under the authority of the Petain government at Vichy, has een an uncertain element in the United States' Atlantic chain of de fenses since the military collapse of France in June: 1940, and American warships have maintained a constant "observation patrol" around it.

> This patrol has been maintained ecause of the presence at Martinque of the French aircraft carrier Bearn ,a cruiser and a training cruisr which, it was feared, might atempt to escape from the island base f the Vichy government capitulated o Nazi pressure for military conces

The State Department, confirming the conversations, said that com-pletely satisfactory naval accords apcared to have been reached at Fort

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## **Burning In Homes**

The Christmas season is being reflected in vari-colored lights burn-ing in numbers of homes here. So far few out-door lights have been installed, but many local people are planning to arrange the out-side decorations over the week-end. With much equipment brought over from last year, local people are inclined to participate in the contest this sea-

However, it is possible the prizes will be withdrawn since plans have apparently fallen down in the muapparently fallen down in the mu-nicipal decoration contest. Chamber of Commerce Secretary R. H. Smith said this morning that a definite announcement could be expected early next week, that if the contest is held, the decorations will be judg-ed Tuesday night.