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### Short Term Of The Superior Court Is Completed at Noon

Cattle Theft Ring Apparently Broken Up with Trial of G. N. Cowan Case

Clearing its docket at noon today, the Martin County Superior Court dismissed its jurymen and ordered an adjournment, leaving only a few motions before the tribunal for con-

The term was not opened until several exchanges had been effected by the judges. Scheduled to preside over the term, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle exchanged with Judge J. Burney who later exchanged with Judge Bibbard. Judge Richard D. Dixon.

Comparatively small crowds have been in attendance upon the court sessions, and the proceedings have not attracted very much attention.

What some described as the mak-ing of an extensive cattle theft ring was unexpectedly disclosed in the trial of the case charging G. N. Cow-en with the theft of three oxen from R. S. Critcher on April 29th. The case was called Monday and the State built up a strong case with evidence offered by Herman Whitey and Josh Pritchard. The defense without counsel, came back strong with a forceful alibi, and the prose cution asked for a continuance of a few hours. Deputy J. H. Roebuck was dispatched to Virginia to get witnesses and their testimony literally clamped the lid down on the defendant. It was also brought out by the two witnesses from Virginia that Cowan not only sold three steers to a man by the name of W. L. Banks near Suffolk the latter part of April but that he had also carried cattle there a week or two previous to that time. It was also claimed by one of the Virginia witnesses that Cowan discussed the possibility of making deliveries of cattle more or less regularly. In his defense, Cowan maintained he was sick on the day the steers were stolen and he offered evidence to support his claim. Apparently there was some loose handling of the truth in the case, as the evidence was contra-

Adjudged guilty by the jury after fifteen minutes of deliberation, Cowan was sentenced to State's prison for not less than three and not more

Other proceedings in the court: Three divorces, each based on two years or more separation, were granted as follows: Jasper Williams against Ella Williams; Lee King Wil-liams against Naomi Williams; Walter Rogers against Odessa Norfleet

Rogers.
The case charging Harry Davis with aiding and abetting in forgery and with false pretense, and How-ard Griffin with forgery were con-

tinued until the September term.
Charged with bigamy, Wesley
James was sentenced to the roads for two years, the court suspending sentence upon payment of the cost and guaranteed good behavior

The court confirmed the sale of certain lands in the case of Ella Williams (now Mrs. T. A. Bland), guardian for Lee Edward Williams, against Raymond and John Staton Williams. The sale was made for \$4,025.00, Commissioners Smith and Roberson being allowed five per cent of the sum for their legal services.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving, Boatman Bland was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. The sen-tence was suspended upon payment of the cost and guaranteed good be-

havior for two years.

Marvin Smith, charged with reckless driving, failed to answer when called and papers were issued call-ing for his arrest. In the case charging Ben Biggs

with carrying a concealed weapon, a motion for judgment of non-suit

offered at the conclusion of the State's evidence was granted. Henry Ellison, charged with drunken driving, failed to appear for trial and a motion was made for judgment absolute on bond and the case was continued. Charged with an assault with a

deadly weapon with intent to kill, Romas Little pleaded guilty of as-saulting another with a deadly

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# Dr. John D. Biggs Heads Legion Post

Dr. John D. Biggs was elected commander of the John Walton Hassell American Legion Post in a recent meeting of the membership. The new commander succeeds Mr. J. R. Winslow who is completing two successful terms as head of the Post. Other officers elected were: W. C. Wallace, Joe Ayers, and W. H. Gray, vice commanders; W. E. Dunn, adjutant and finance officer; Hugh G. Horton, service officer; W. B. Wynne, guardianship officer; Arthur Roberson, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. W. R. Burrell, chaplain; P. M. Holliday, hisotrian; Bill Gray, athletic officer; Bob Taylor, child welfare officer; Hugh G. Horton, national defense officer; Sam Getsinger, graves registration officer; J. A. Ward, membership officer.

# Grand Jury In Superior Court Supplementary Gas

the Martin County Superior Court recognized as an institution within or for the first time in recent years, itself, and while it is not required no charge or address was made to the spectators were a bit disappoint-

Only one member failed to answer the roll, and he, Mr. Dave Griffin, had answered another roll call. The petit jury was sworn in and within had about spent its usefulness, and ten minutes after the session was opened, the body had been empanel-

the regular grand jury here yester-ed when Judge Dixon made no charge to the jurymen. The ad-Opening the regular one-week dresses in the past, while making term of the court promptly at 10:00 news at times, often were forgotten o'clock Special Judge Richard Dillard Dixon, of Edenton, had the roll but on the other hand when a judge called and instructed the jury to re-port to its room for immediate work. and ordered grand jury action the and ordered grand jury action the talks carried a mighty wallop.

A superior court judge recently declared that the grand jury system possibly the jurists are getting away from the age-old practice of deliver ed and two divorces granted. ing long charges to the juri-The quarterly address to the basic opening of each court term. ing long charges to the juries at the

#### SUGAR

The county rationing board is The county rationing board is again pointing out that applicants for surplus sugar or sugar used in canning do not have to appear in person, but may apply by letter. The office is open each week day from 8:30 to 5:00 and applications will be received on any of those days except Monday.

When applying by mail, the applicant is directed to state the number of quarts of food canned last season, how many he plans to can this season and how many quarts of food are now on hand from last season. Appli-cants are also directed to keep an accurate record of their can-ning activities with rationed sugar as the record is subject to inspection at any time.

# Owners Warned To Pen Dogs and Cats **During Rat Drive**

To Encouraging Start Here Yesterday

with the Williamston populace pitted against mosquitoes and rats. It is readily admitted that the humans the county, but few committees have completed their elections so far. lost the first round to the mosquitoes, but lost ground was regained with the aid of a favorable wind. The mosquito battle is not over by any means, reliable reports stating that the pests are now to reform their lines for another attack. Health authorities are busy however, and are trying to break up the breeding places and eliminate the main

Using modern war tactics, namely oison gas guns, gas and tricky bait highly seasoned with poison, Mr. Carson, playing the role of an experienced pied-piper, started a concerted drive on the vast army of rats here yesterday morning. That he was making progress in his first attacks was evidenced by the large number of casualties. Aided by two men, Mr. Carson pumped poison gas into runways yesterday and today with favorable results. The varmints would rush out and die within a very Hickory, has been elected to the world rush out and die within a very few seconds. Late this evening or on bait and owners are urged to pen their dogs and cats. The first battle will last for about two weeks, according to present plans. Taking leave for about ten days or two weeks, Mr. Carson will renew his drive against the rats during another two weeks.

The rats during recent weeks have about taken over storage ware-houses and were finding their way into many homes. Thousands of dollars damage has been done, and the extermination program now underway is quite timely.

Householders, wishing to partici-

pate in the program, may contact the town officials or employees and the drive will be extended to private property.

Local Young Doctor Gets Commission In The Army

Dr. James S. Rhodes, Jr., local young man, has been ordered to report for duty with the armed forces on July 1st. Commissioned as a first lieutenant, the doctor is to report to Camp Lee. He is finishing his in-terneship in a Charleston hospital on June 30th, leaving him hardly time to report for duty. It is likely he will leave the hospital a few days ahead of schedule, and spend a brief period here with his par-

### THE KING'S ENGLISH

After hearing King George, of Greece, in his appealing and reassuring address over the radio at noon yesterday, a customer dropped into Gus Rigas' eafe. "Gus, the King speaks English better than you do," the customer declared.

The cafe proprietor smiled, and said to his good American friend, "And he speaker de English better than you do, too."

# **Numerous Changes** Are Made In The School Faculties

Professor Bob Collard Resigns Manual Arts Post in Williamston School

Aggravated by war, both direct-ly and indirectly, the shortage of eachers is likely to leave some faculty positions vacant in this county next term, according to a report coming from the office of the counsuperintendent of schools this week. Professor Robert E. Collard, of Illinois, this week tendered his resignation as a member of the Wil-liamston faculty, the office of superintendent frankly admitting that it was quite likely the manual arts post vacated by Mr. Collard could not be filled. The professor is now engaged in a war industry in Aurora,

The return of most of the young men in the county system is still quite doubtful. Some of the young men will likely be called before the term begins, while others believe it will be six months before they are Extermination Campaign Off ordered to report for military service. It is possible that in those cases where calls will be delayed as much as six months, re-elections will be in order. Several young men have Aside from the real shooting war, already resigned and entered the there is a determined battle raging armed forces, and all of those positions have not yet been filled.

Elections are going forward over

Oak City recently named three new teachers. Miss Alice Blanchard, of Gates County, has accepted an appointment and she will teach the sixth grade. A graduate of WCUNC, Greensboro, Miss Blanchard taught at Aurora last term. Miss Mildred Manning, of Bethel, will teach the seventh grade. A graduate of ECTC, Greenville, Miss Manning has had several years of experience, having taught last term at Aurora. Miss Hattie B. Evans, of Fremont, and a grad-uate of A. C. College, Wilson, has been elected to the fifth grade position. She taught at Pantego last

term.
Mrs. Oscar Davenport, of James ville, and Mrs. W. B. Gaylord, Jr., of Windsor, have been named to the Farm Life faculty to fill positions

Bear Grass faculty, but her acceptnot vet been announced

Mr. Gaylord, Bertie County sanitarian, and Mr. Froneberger, State Petition To Move deputy revenue collector, are entering the armed services shortly.

# Drive For Rubber Off To Slow Start

Incomplete reports coming from various parts of the county indicate that the drive to reclaim old rubber is making little progress. It is estimated that less than a ton of old time. tires, tubes and other rubber arti-cles such as heels, overshoes and boots, had been delivered up until about noon on the second day of the campaign. When the rubber is separated from the fabrics and othe foreign materials are removed, there will be comparatively little rubber left for use in keeping the wheels of motor vehicles turning. Reporting for Slade-Rhodes Com-

pany, Hamilton, Mr. LeRoy Ever-ett stated that they bought 742 pounds the first day, the purchases there running considerably ahead of any others reported so far. In Williamston between 200 and 300 pounds have been delivered, several station operators explaining, however, that they had not received instructions from their companies and that they were not buying as yet. Approxi-mately 600 pounds have been delivered to filling stations in Roberson-ville so far, it was learned at noon today. Other parts of the county have not reported, but it is fairly evident that the reclamation program will hardly measure up to expectations.

### County Youth Promoted In The Army Air Corps

Keesler Field, Miss.— Albert E. Roberson, son of Noah Roberson, R. F. D. 1, Williamston, recently was promoted to the grade of sergeant at the expanding Air Corps Technical School here.

Five Applications Rejected by **Board During the Past** Several Days

The Martin County Rationing Board rounded out a busy week on Monday after issuing a record number of supplementary gas cards and rejecting five applications. It was pointed out that the five applica-tions were rejected when the applicants apparently held sufficient cards to meet the new claims.

Applications were either rejected or delayed in the following five eases: C. J. Kincaid, Oak City, Walter Williams, RFD 3, Williamston W. B. Cannin, RFD 1, Hobgood, J Rodgers, Jamesville, and W. B. Mizelle, Williamston.

Young men engaged in measuring land for the AAA prompted a number of car owners to apply for supplementary cards to enable them to get to and from the farms over the county. But after meeting those requests, the board had an unusually large number of applications. Supplementary cards were issued to the following: Walter Ellis Everett, Roberson

ille, one B-1 minus two units.
Willis Ward, RFD 3, Williamston,

C. M. Edmondson, RFD 3, William otn, one A minus four units. Romie Holton Alexander, RFD 1, Robersonville, one B-1 minus two

B. W. Nash, Williamston, two B-1 ninus two units. George W. Whitehurst, Williams-on, one B-3 and an A minus five

Paul Daniel, RFD 3, Williamston,

Asa H. Crawford, Williamston. one B-3, one B-2 and an A minus five units.
C. D. Taylor, Robersonville,

A card. Joe C. Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville, one B-3 and an A minus four units. Mrs. Cylabet Rogers, RFD 2, Williamston, an A card minus three un-

James Outterbridge, RFD 3, Wil-liamston, an A minus three units. H. L. Roberson, Robersonville, one

Dennis Holliday, Oak City, one B-2. W. W. Walters, Jamesville, one

B-2 minus one unit. T. F. Respass, Oak City, one B-1 ninus one unit. Vernon Davis, RFD 1, Jamesville,

H. R. Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, one B-1 minus one unit. V. G. Taylor, Everetts, one B-3

George S. Haislip, Hassell, one Charlie Rhodes, Robersonville, an

minus two units John William Harrelson, Williamton, one B-2.

Clyde Brown, Jamesville, one B-3 ind an A Oliver Andrews, RFD, Roberson-

ville, an A minus six units.

Noah Brown, RFD 1, Roberson-

ville, an A minus six units.
George Mobley, Oak City, two Madge E. Glazener, Chillicothe,

Mrs. Zeno Beddard, RFD 3, Wil-(Continued on page six)

# Case Is Rejected

The old civil case surrounding the Smithwicks Creek Primitive Bap-tist Church flared up indirectly in the superior court of the county this week when a motion was made to remove the alienation of affections case brought by James R. Griffin against Elder J. L. Ross to Pitt County for trial ty for trial.

After explaining that the trial could be held more conveniently in Pitt County, the petition pointed out that the defendant appeared as a witness for the minority group in the church trial and claimed that for this reason there was prejudice against him and that he could not get a fair trial. The claim was dismissed and the motion was denied. Griffin is suing for \$10,000 actual and \$5,000 punitive damages. The case has not yet been set for trial.

### **BOLL WEEVIL**

The boll weevil is making his appearance in the county in fairly large numbers according to reports from the upper part of the county where cotton ranks as one of the main crops.

Checking up on the pests, Far-mer W. E. Smith offered a youngster 25 cents apiece for every weevil he could find. Absent for less than an hour, the youth showed up with \$4 worth of weevils. The offer was with-drawn immediately and mop-ping operations were substitut-ed.

Farmers have already started mopping their cotton, and it would appear that the precau-tion measure should be adopt-ed throughout the section.

# Judge Makes No Charge to the More Appeals For County Youth Missing American Forces In Cards Are Received After Coral Sea Battle Attack On The Japs

# Wilmer T. Glover Was On Ill-Fated Aircraft Carrier

Anxious Mother and Father Eagerly Await Later Word from Son

Wilmer Thomas Glover, 22 years old, was reported missing in an ofmiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Nav al Personnel, to the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Glover, ar Oak City, last Saturday. Offering no details, the terse message read, "The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son, Wilmer Thomas Glover, aviation ordnanceman, is missing follow ing action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. Will furnish you further in-formation promptly when received.

Grief-stricken and sorely troubled by the saddening message, the moth-er and father and other members of the family still cling to the hope that the young man was saved, that he was possibly picked up by another ship and yet unreported.

The brief message, coming as members of the family anxiously vaited by the mail box in front of their rural home for a long over-due letter, offered little information. It is fairly certain that he was on the ill-fated aircraft carrier "Lexingon" when the largest of the ships of the Coral Sea battle on May 8.

According to unofficial but relicers and men aboard the carrier zie P. Harrell, a worker in the office emy surface craft and a new car was issued to Mrs. Blonzier when she was attacked by two enbomber and torpedo planes. The rebomber and torpedo planes. The report further stated that 92 per cent of the officers and men were saved. Lindsley Ice Company, Williams battle and that not a man was lost in abandoning the ill-fated ship.

and fuel deliveries Roberson Slaugh

It was an early spring day try's call to service. A likeable lad, pany, Wil with clean habits and numbering two tubes. his friends among old and young, the youth, his boyish features so plainly portrayed in a pleasing face, yearned for adventure and coaxed permission from his parents to en-list in the Navy. Mr. Glover, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, loved and still loves his country and so does Mrs. Glover, so they consented to the boy's wishes. Signing up in Raleigh for four years, the lad was stationed in the Norfolk area where he received his basic training Three years ago he was assigned to the Lexington, one of the world's following biggest carriers. His job was to load H. L. shells and ammunition on the planes, and he earned a rating there. A short time later he was given shore leave and visited home. A short time be fore Pearl Harbor, he had advised his parents that he planned to marry in March of this year and bring his bride home for a visit. The tide of events swept his plans aside and following Pearl Harbor he signed tires and two tubes for law enforceup for four more years. The picture ment work.
of his fiance, Miss Jeanne Butler, of Mrs. Martha M. Rawls, Hassell, Los Angeles, holds a favorite place two tires for farm use in the home of his parents. She is being forwarded a copy of the message reporting him missing. On May 2nd he jotted down a message to his parents, advising them that he was "O. Keh" and urging them not The following

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# Oak City Club Is Aiding Lunch Unit

The Ruritan Club of Oak City has ne special work in connection with the Parent-Teacher Association in raising funds for the Oak City school lunch room. The Ruritan Club gave \$25.00 and the P.T.A. with the aid of the Ruritan Club raised \$43.96 and 300 quarts in jars. An additional amount was contributed by individuals which was \$8.00 making a to-tal of \$76.96 in hands of local committee for the promotion of school garden and any extra jars which may be needed to take care of the canning project. Officers of the Ruritan Club are: N. L. Hyman, presi-dent; John L. Hassell, secretary, and Mrs. Julian Mizelle, president of the local P.T.A. This is a fine spirit of cooperation of the people of our comnunity and we wish you to make the above announcement in order that all may see and understand just what has been done.-Reported.

### Flag Day Observed By Church In Oak City

The Oak City Christian Church acknowledged Flag Day at the morn-ing service last Sunday. The pulpit and stand were flag-bedecked, and the members of the congregation pledged allegiance to these symbols of liberty. Also the hymns used in the service were patriotic ones. Rev. Mr. Topping, the pastor, led the con-gregation in the Flag Day celebra-

### DRAFT CALL

The United States Army is going all out for numbers, ac-cording to a call just received in this county for manpower. No official figures could be released, but the better part of 100 men are scheduled to report to the induction center during next month. A few less than half hundred white men are scheduled to leave the latter part of the month, and nearly two score colored men are on the list for induction about the middle of the month. Both calls are the largest received in this

county so far.
It is quite likely that four and possibly more men will be call-ed from the third registration

### No New Car Tires Allotted By Board In County Monday

Few Classifications Are Given Comparatively Few Tires For Trucks

For the first time since the rubber rationing program was launched some months ago, the Martin County Rationing Board this week allotted no new car tires, and limof its type was sunk in the last hours ited assignments to a few applicants calling for new truck tires.

A certificate for the purchase of when she was attacked by two en- of the county agent. Mrs. Harrell emy surface craft and a number of lives in Oak City.

that all the casualties were in actual ton, two tires and two tubes, for ice

Roberson Slaughter House, Wiliamston, two tires and three tubes March, 1938, that young Glover, then a lad of only 17, heeded his counpany, Williamston ,two tires and

W. C. Fussell, Williamston, two tires and two tubes, for mail delivy on star route.

Certificates for recapped truck res were issued to the following. Roberson Slaughter House, Willamston, five tires and one tube for

J. B. Whitfield, RFD 1, Hobgood, Harrison Oil Company, William-

on, one tire. Certificates for the purchase of bsolete car tires were granted the

H. L. Keel, Robersonville, two es and tubes for farm use. Jas. R. Leggett, Williamston, two ires and two tubes for rural mail

deliveries Recapped auto tires were allotted to the following: S. E. Parker, Robersonville, two

tires for farm use. C. B. Roebuck, Williamston, two

W. B. Rogers, RFD 2, Williamston, three tires for farm use.

Oliver Allen Westbrook, William-ston one tire for use as assistant su-

The following applications, filed since the meeting last week, were carried over: I. F. Keel, Robersonville, one recapped tire and a tube for a car. Charlie Fowler, Parmele, three

car recapped tires.
T. J. Roberson, Robersonville, one new car tire and tube.

Certificate holders state they are taving trouble finding tires of some

#### Grammar School Entered By Thieves Recently

Tearing through a door panel, thieves entered the grammar school building here last Friday night and almost wrecked the lunch room canning equipment. Some sugar was ried away. Some of the canned food was scattered on the floor. A note, declaring "I need the sugar worse than you all," and expressing thanks for a good meal, was found.

Police are working on the case, but no definite progress has been report-

### DEFENSE MEET

A large and interested group is expected to be present for the county-wide civilian defense meeting in the county courthouse tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock, Chairman Hugh G. Horton said this morning.

The program includes several short talks by recognized au-thorities and a picture showing defense operations being carried on under actual war conditions. The public is invited and there s no fee for admis

# A Third Successful

Japs Believed To Have Lost 300 Ships Since the Coral Sea Battle

Lurking in the Aleutian Islands ed bitter defeat for the third time nce and including the Coral Sea pattle at the hands of American orces. Apparently trying to support an invasion attempt and the estab-lishment of air bases in the western nemisphere, the Japs were run down and dealt another blow by American bombers and torpedo planes. One Jap cruiser was sunk, and several other ships including an airplane carrier were damaged. Unofficial es-timates place—the total—Jap ship osses right at 300, the figure includng those sunk, probably sunk or lamaged. These figures do not in clude Jap ships sunk or damaged by the Dutch and British U. S. Navy losses have been officially fixed at 48 ships, sunk, scuttled or damaged including one battleship sunk and ne damaged, one aircraft carrier tender sunk, nine destroyers sunk ne scuttled and four damaged, two submarines sunk and one scuttled, and several minor ships in addition to a few other types of ships such a tankers, rescue boats, tenders and

The Japanese losses, not includng those off the Aleutian Islands and those sunk by other forces, are reflected in the following tabulation:

Warships P'bly Dam Sunk Sunk aged Total Battleships Aircraft Car'rs Cruisers Destroyers Submarines Plane Tenders 0 Gunboats Minesweepers

Noncombatant Ships Transports Cargo-Supply 34

Grand Total 152 On the other far-flung war fronts the news is both encouraging and discouraging. Russia, supported by little tots hardly carry a gun, is making a last-ditch Sea base, at the door of which the many months. Last reports state that the defenders have halted the invaders there, temporarily at least, with the aid of their Black Sea naval forces. The German drive of Kharkov has been halted also, but despite the loss of 180 tanks and tens of thousands of men during the past few days the invaders are moving in

half million more fresh troops for another bloody assault. Over in Libya, the Germans are claiming a complete victory, allegtrapped near Tobruk and that their forces have reached the sea. The claims have been denied by the British, but it is apparent that all is not going well with the British who admit that Tobruk is again under heavy

The Japs are continuing their drive in China, and the situation there is growing more serious day by day.

On the air front over Germany little activity has been reported in recent days. The weather has not been favorable for air visits.

A convoy of 87 allied ships, in

cluding possibly one or more Ameri-can battlewagons, has been attacked in the Mediterranean, the enemy claiming that 15 or 20 of the vessels were sunk. The claim has been exaggerated, according to British re-

Moscow's intelligence service de-clares that the Germans are buildng a submarine base at Dakar and that operations are scheduled to get Food riots are breaking out in

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# **Hugh Z. Hyman Dies** In Oak City Friday

Hugh Zebulon Hyman, 65, died at his home in Oak City Friday at

Funeral services were held Saturday at 4:00 o'clock with his pastor, the Rev. N. E. Gresham, pastor of the Tarboro Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed in the Oak City

Mr. Hyman is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Hyman; four sons, Arthur S. Hyman of Fort Bragg, H. C. Hyman of Kinston, Clifton Hy-man of Whitakers, and L. E. Hyman of Oak City; three daughters, Margaret Hyman, of Portsmouth, Mrs. Arthur Rose of Williamston, and Gladys Hyman of Oak City; two signers, Mrs. Horman Harrell and Mrs. ters, Mrs. Herman Harrell and Mrs. Ida Harrell of Oak City, and 12 grandchildren.