New Ruling Changes

#### Large Truck Crashes Through Railing on River Bridge Here

Two Men Not Badly Hurt As Truck Rips Away Sixteen Posts

Crashing into the eastern end of the Roanoke River bridge near here late Wednesday night, a big motor express truck with a 30-foot trailer attached, rioned away sixteen reinforced concrete posts and plunged fourteen feet into the swamp below. Richard Davis, driver of the truck, and his assistant, Den Biggerstaff, both of Charlotte, went through the accident without suffering serious injury. Davis was badly bruised and shocked and one of his legs was hurt, but slightly. Diggerstaff, sleeping in the cab of the time, had one of his fingers bodly mashed.

The truck and trailer were wreck

ed completely and the large load of machine parts and diesel engines were broken and scattered on the bridge and in the swamp. Ripped from their moorings the wheels on the truck landed ten or fifteen feet from the truck. When the truck, after ripping off the concrete railing posts, went off the bridge it swerved to the right, the big trailer plowing straight ahead and burying its nose in the mud and water. It is certain that both men would have been mashed to death if the trailer had landed on the cab. Biggerstaff climbed out of the mass of wreckage, but Davis was pinned tight within the twisted cab. Led by Patrolmen Whit Saunders and W. S. Hunt, rescuers, using prize poles and hack saws, were almost thirty minutes freeing the man. Much difficulty was experienced in clearing the bridge, and Patrolman Saunders expressed doubt if the wreckage could be removed from the swamp without special equipment. No estimate on the dar age could be had, but it will possibly approximate ten thousand dol-

Removed to the local hospital in a Biggs ambulance, Davis was released today.

Driving west on U. S. 17, Davis apparently did not see the signs warning that a narrow bridge was just ahead. He struck the wooden barricade some fifteen feet from the bridge, crashed into and tore down the marker stone, swerved to the left, missing two or three posts, and then turned back to the right to mow down fifteen steel reinforced concrete posts in a row before making the final plunge. Hearing the crash, residents of the town more than a mile from the accident scene, thought a thunder storm was rising.

Wrecking equipment was brought here this morning from Rocky

#### Wickard Appeals To Public-To Conserve Gas And Fuel Oils

For Essential Needs

recently issued the following statement on the gasoline situation:

The recent and continuing critical shortage of gasoline in East Coast States calls for the utmost cooperation by farmers and all other citizens throughout the critical area. The source of the shortage is the increased requirements of our armed State institution for care and treatforces, both military and naval, in ment. He appealed and offered a addition to the winter demand for fuel oils and the essential demands for gasoline and liquid fuels for agriculture and other civilian uses.

Summed up, this means that a new appraisal must be made of what is essential and what is not essential, and the elimination of all non-essential, and the elimination of all non-essential like as a well as excessive use in tial uses as well as excessive use in essential classifications.

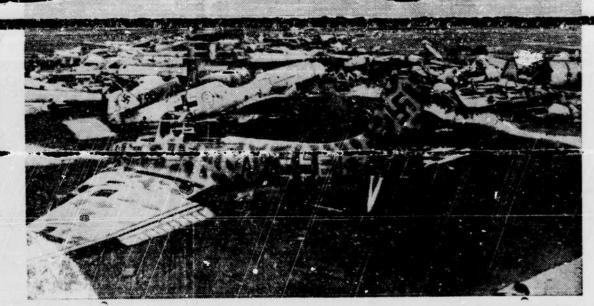
gasoline and fuel oil. Farmers must necessarily travel to town to market their products and secure their supplies. They must have gasoline and fuel oil to run their tractors, brooders and other equipment if adequate production is to continue. These are essential uses and their curtailment is not contemplated, but there are many things farmers can do to see that not an ounce of gasoline or fuel oil is used unnecessarily.

In reducing essential uses of these fuels to the bare minimum, farmers and their families should join up with their neighbors when they have to go to town or market their products. They should do the same thing when they go to church and Sunday school, for example. I know farmers can and will find many other ways to conserve gasoline and fuel oil.

Farmers should avoid buying gasoline or fuel oils in excess of their current needs. This point is especially important because every bit of tank car space is vitally needed now, during the winter months, to meet both the military and naval demands and the essential fuel oil needs of the critical area. I am told by those who are dealing with the problem that gasoline and fuel oil deliveries for essential purposes will be maintained and that there is no need for

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### Axis Planes Left Behind by Fleeing Nazis



I Montgomery's Eighth Army marched into Derna, in Libya, they found that the Axis forces had fied. At the air field, just outside the town, the British found these wrecked Nazi planes, ombers and fighters had been damaged by R.A.F. bombings and strafings. Those that had escaped were hastily demolished by the retreating Germans.

**Made Mainly From** 

**Grade Three Stocks** 

**Before Very Long** 

County Rationing Board, acting on

were allotted to Dr. Edgar M. Long,

Hamilton, and one new car tire and

Second grade tires were allotted

two tires for work in lumber indus-

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Representative Clarence W. Grif-

sum for travel and other expenses

apparently is doomed. However,

Representative Griffin is proposing an enabling act that will affect this

county alone whereby the Martin

commissioners may pay the three

rationing board members nominal

amounts, or at least an amount large

enough to offset travel and actual

The opposition to the bill is based

mainly on the theory that it will es-

tablish a precedent whereby the

counties may be called upon to share

part of the expense in operating and

maintaining federal agencies. Repre-

sentative Griffin recognized the

hardships imposed upon the ration-

ing board members, and proposed to

do something about it. It is believed

that most people in this county

would support a plan that would re-

munerate the board members in

part, at least, for their time and

services devoted to the special and

Aid For Rationing

Highway Commission.

### Over 200 Tires Are Rationed In County

**DEFENSE MEET** 

A county-wide defense meeting, arranged by representatives the First Fighter Command, Norfolk, will be held in the Williamston High School auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clcok, it announced this morning. All ground observers are earnestly urged to attend along with the general public.

Lieutenant R. E. Manchee, accompanied by Lieutenant Pyatt, will speak briefly and an interesting and informative picture will be shown. Every man, woman and child interested in freedom and his own future should attend the meeting. It has been ruled that driving to the meeting will be all right. There's no admission charge and a large crowd is expected.

#### Judge Calvin Smith Calls Ten Cases in The County Court III or were to be recapped. It is believed by some that

Several Are Fined for Alleged Violation of Unemployment Compensation Act

Several alleged violators of the Unemployment Compensation law were fined and a few other cases were handled by Judge J. Calvin Limit Uses To Bare Needs and Make Possible a Supply

Make Possible a Supply

Monday. The tribunal, with Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuting the docket, was in session only a short Secretary of Agriculture Wickard time and a very small crowd was

Proceedings in the court: E. R. Carson, charged with an assault, pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the sentence to be suspended when State authorities assign the defendant to a proper

cash bond in the sum of \$200. Phillip Bond, charged with making false claims and procuring compensation illegally from the Unem-

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# Agriculture is a big user of both Meeting In Raleigh

The North Carolina Farm Bureau will hold its annual State meeting in Raleigh next Tuesday and Wednesday. Prominent national farm leaders and others will take part in Daniel, president of the Martin eigh, and the plan to allow commis- chinery for handling the far more leaving early each morning, some of tually invited the attack. Standing County Farm Bureau, will appear on the program Wednesday morning at 9:10 o'clock when he will review the sum for travel and other expenses national convention held in Chicago

last December. Messrs. T. B. Brandon, Geo. C. Griffin, V. G. Taylor and Mr. Daniel are among those planning to attend the meeting from this county.

#### IMPORTANT MEET

All Martin County retailers and other business operators are again urged to be present for a special meeting in the county courthouse here this evening at 8 o'clock when representatives of the Office of Price Administration review price ceilings and regulations. It will be to the interest of every retailer, including filling station operators, barbers and others to attend the meeting and acquaint themselves with the regulations.

#### War As It Relates To Home Front Is Reviewed for Week

President Outlines Value of Liberal Allotments Lease-Lend Program To The War Effort

The President in his seventh Lend-Lease report to Congress pointed out "Supplies from the United States had an important part in the war ef-With or without classifications, Lease, but we cannot fully appraise able to our allies through Lendhe first motor vehicle owners to the strategic value of the aid we have make their claims were the first given, beyond the fact that our Lendserved this week when the Martin Lease assistance definitely has advanced the allied cause on many batinstructions from the authorities the fronts and brought victory over that be, adopted a liberal policy and the Axis that much nearer. It is rationed tires by the hundreds. It harder still to measure the value of a complete sell out, just as if the from our allies.

stock was to be sacrificed before Under the terms of the Lendclosing up shop. Approximately 212 Lease Act, passed by Congress on Robert Davis. tires were rationed this week, but March 11, 1941, the President was the tire picture is not as bright as authorized to permit the delivery of the number wou<del>ld indicate.</del> Out of a wide range of goods, products, and the 212 there were only two new weapons and the rendering of many Raymond Wynne, Clordy Dempsey, kinds of services by this country for Russell Cotton, Nathaniel Eborn, grad, scene of the greatest fighting Another two tires were Grade II the benefit of "the Government of James Godard, Charlie Smith, Keand the remaining ones were Grade any country whose defense the Prester Man Lock, Marvin "Soup" Teal,

At the time the act was passed, are clearing up the applications and there was the possibility that by put making ready to introduce the idle ting the weight of America's eco- Jr., Theado Staton, William Henry fall. It is understood that the manufacture of even the cheap grades of assure defeat of the Axis without becoming involved in war ourselves. Rodgers, Levi Dixon, Wardell Jones, tires is requiring too many materials needed for the war and divert-The attack on Pearl Harbor destroyed that hope, but it served to emphasize the vital importance of the Lend-Lease program, which was im-The 125 Grade III, the 81 recaps, mediately speeded up. The total williams, Joseph Clark, Ephriam value of Lend-Lease aid for the Wooten, Jr., Jasper Parker, Russell two new truck, two new car and two Grade II tires were allotted as fol-November, 1942, was four times the total for the corresponding three ley Alexander Mason, Willie Alex-Only two new truck tires were issued and they went to the Edgewood months of 1941, and nearly twice the Dairy, Williamston, along with two total for all of 1941. Aid was then being extended at a rate of more Four certificates for recapping truck tires were issued to Carl Brown, Jamesville for hauling lum-States war program. Two new car tires and two tubes

Lend-Lease Policy Proved Sound must be justified and the results of gustus Keel. tube were rationed to the N. C. State the Lend-Lease policy of helping to arm and supply our allies as part of our essential war measures have amply demonstrated the soundness of Harry B. Thompson, Williamston,

The billion and a quarter dollars devoted to Lend-Lease in 1941 was used to good purpose. Our goods and services aided and encouraged Britprice rationing boards is meeting to various factories directly, we b ed Pearl Harbor.

Military Items Top List More than half of all Lend-Lease supplies exported in 1942 were mili-(Continued on page three)

#### TAX LISTING

Property owners are again warned that there'll be no extension of time for listing their holdings in the county this year, that the list-takers will close the books on Satuday of next week. Those listing after that time will be subject to a penalty provided by law for late list-

The listing work is possibly further advanced this year than for any corresponding period in recent years. Values are holding up unusually well in most of

#### Are Chosen Out of Negro Registrants 1 Forty-two Rejected On Ac-

count of Low Literacy Standards

Call Many But Few

The United States Army, intentionally or unintentionally, is supporting the old doctrine that many e called but few are chosen either because it is exacting in its require-ments or because it is being offered some sorry specimens of the human family. Sending some over a hundred colored men to an induction center nearly two weeks ago, the county draft board was notified by official audit this week that 63 of the group were unfit to serve their country as members of the armed forces. Of the 63, 42 of them were called as being below mental and or below literacy standards, or otherwise crazy and ignorant. Eighten were ruled out on account of physical defects. Two had bad criminal records and were sent back home to prey upon the innocent, possibly. Still another was at liberty under a suspended road senence and he too was ruled unfit to help fight and protect his country. Three draftees, Arthur Thigpen, Sir Walter Raleigh Keyes, Jr., and William Morris Griffin, did not even re-

Of the 35 men retained and who are now in active service, one of them barely stuck, the audit showing that he was placed in the 1-B classification.

Names of the men accepted are: Eddie Brewington ,transferred from the Warsaw Board; Chester Sanders, Lorenza Roberson, James Howard Faulk, Levy Council, Eason Idle Tires Expected to Make had an important part in the war effort of the United Nations." We can Aniasnice Thompson, James Lin-Appearance in this Area place a value in dollars and cents on wood Highsmith, Elbert Lincoln the goods and services made avail- Cordon, Alfred Wilson, Arrie D. Wallace, William Henry Saunders, Warren Howard Keyes, Melford Keys, Sellie T. Worsley, William Augustus Rogers, William Russell Moore, Cornelius Brown, Booker T. Washington Griffin, William Ollie Stokes, Vernon Lee Brown, Bosie Clarence Gainer, George Earl Andrews, Hanson Ulysses Rodgers, Wilappeared as if the board was having the reciprocal aid we have received ers, Alton Lee Kornegy, Merlin Joshua Wilson, William Augustus Reed, John Willie Harrell, Johnnie

Names of those men rejected for one reason or another: Oney Hopkins, Willis Barrow, James Johnson, If or were to be recapped.

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It is believed by some that the ra- the United States." Sylvester Evans, Leonard Gray Moore, Walter Corey, Henry Brown, nomic resources fully behind those Nichols, Mayo Simmons, Abraham countries fighting the Axis, we might Bell, Marshall Teal, Jesse Glynn Moore,, John Wesley Phinzy, Geo. Hallis Peele, Harry Boy Carr, Charlie Hardison, Grady Bruce Gee, Le-Roy Brown, William Nathaniel Da-Milton Stuart Slade, Griffin months of September, October and Ollie Teel, C. F. Best, James Goss, George Stanley, William Slade, Berander Rodgers, Noah Brown, Sam Thurmond Brown, Arthur Lee Jones, Hulen Tom Spruill, Charlie than ten billion dollars a year, or Clark, James H. Williams, Luther about 15 per cent of the current rate of spending on the entire United Williams, Jasper Council, Anthony Moses, Boss Alexander, LeRoy Lawrence, Curtis Lee, Simon Short, Jr. Expenditures of such magnitude John Davis Barnes and Jimmie Au-

## By Monoxide Gas

Deather almost overtook a bus load of defense workers as they travain and Russia in their struggle with eled between Everetts and Williamthe Nazis and, at the same time, the ston from their homes in Rocky Board Questioned volume of war orders served to build up our own facilities for producing Edenton early last Wednesday mornweapons and munitions before we ing. Several of the men started nodwere faced by war itself. As these ding and nearly all of them were fin's legislative bill proposing relief orders were channeled through the made uncomfortable as fumes and mediately, but according to reliable for members of county war and Government, instead of being given carbon monoxide gas poured into reports the victim of the attack had difficult war problems that follow- the men reasoned that they were naturally sleepy and little realized their man fired a load of shot across the plight until two of their number keeled over.

The driver, virtually free of the gas in the front of the bus, stopped and the men piled out in a hurry, dragging the two unconscious ones with them. Artificial respiration brought the two men around, and the others just partly overcome by the fumes and gas staggered about in the road for a few minutes before recovering. Taking their seats again n the bus, the 39 passengers, mostly white men lowered all the windows and had an airy ride to the hospital here where they entered the two main victims. The others refused to continue the trip until the leak-ing pipe was fixed. "My hands felt as if they were asleep and almost paralyzed, and I never had such a neadache," one of the victims said while warming in a local cafe that morning. The two victims entered in the hospital were discharged later in the day.



Mominated by President Roosevelt to take the place of Leon Henderson, O. P. A. director, is Prentiss Brown, former senator from Michigan. He known as a loyal New Dealer. The firm the appointment.

#### Red Army Tightens Frederick Slade, Robert Darvin Slade, 1-B; Ernest Elton Harris, Author Victor Slade, Chavon Brown Steel Ring Around the following units have been established: one-half acre tobacco equals Germans At Rostov

Weary United States Marines Are Relieved by Army On Guadalcanal

Entering the tenth week of their great winter offensive, the Russian Armies are still going strong all along the extensive eastern front and particularly in several areas. Pushing forward in the south the Red Army has made marked progress in several sectors. One report states that a ring of steel is being thrown around Rostov, one of the most important Nazi centers. Further to the north a similar threat is being diin all history, the Germans have been pushed back more than one hundred miles, and Russia is rapid-William Lawrence Everett, Gilbert by taking shape for the Russians

During the first eight weeks of the Russian offensive, it is estimated that half million German soldiers were killed, another 200,000 taken prisoners and possibly 300,000 taken prisoners to run the man cost to an even million. In addition to their manpower losses, the Germans have lost 6,000 tanks, 12,000 guns, 3,500 planes and vast stores of munitions and supplies.

There are reports claiming that he Germans are offering a more determined resistance, that they are fighting until death in an effort to check the Russian onslaught. But the Red Army, bolstered by fresh reserves, are continuing their drive.

On the other fronts, the Allies are still pounding Rommel's forces in Libya and United States airmen are pounding the Japs in the Southwest Pacific and the RAF are still ers. Mrs. Robinson is the regional

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### **Woman Booked for** Assault With Cun

Rosa Lee Collier, young colored voman, was arrested this week and placed under bond in the sum of sell last Wednesday noon.

rew particulars could be had im on her front porch, the Collier wostreet, striking near her alleged competitor. One report stated that one or two shot struck the Hardy woman but if they did they hurt her very little. It was also stated that the Collier woman claimed the attack was a meaningful one.

#### LAGGING

Incomplete reports coming from several agencies this week indicate that Martin County people are lagging badly in the purchase of war bonds and savings stamps. No accurate figures could be had immediately, but it is apparent that hardly half the current month quota had been subscribed to date, that only a last-minute buying spurt will push the county over.

Martin County was assigned a
quota of \$57,500 for January.

#### Replaces Henderson | Clarification of New Rulings Awaited By County Draft Board

Encely That Married Men with No Children Will Be Called Soon

News rulings affecting the drafts n this county, but their full meanng cannot be determined or propery interpreted until more definite nstructions are received, it was earned today. Following a detailed study of the new rulings, Board Chairman R. H. Goodmon expressed the opinion that many farmers n this county could qualify for deferment or lower classifications where heretofore they found it imssible to meet the deferment re-

It is fairly apparent, however, that the new rulings will not relieve the farm labor shortage, but it is even more apparent that they will not aggravate the shortage as much as would have been the case had no change been ordered. In other words, quite a few farmers in this county can well expect to be called in the future, the exact number to be determined by the interpretation given the new regulations plus other factors and conditions that must be considered also.

The draft board knows now that one unit, three sows to farrow equal one unit, thirty feeder pigs equal one unit, two acres of peanuts equal one unit, 12 acres of soy beans account for one unit, eight cows or 10 head of cattle equal one unit, three acres of cotton has the same deferment value. In the poultry department, 600 broilers or 75 laying hens, and or 40 turkeys are good for one unit. The milk goat is also recognized, three of them being good for one unit. The farmer can raise 30 acres of hay and add another unit, or he may cut and place in manufacture 10,000 feet of logs to earn another unit. Fifteen cords of pulpwood carry a unit, and 200 cross ties have the ame value when it comes to buildng up a foundation to a claim for a lower draft classification. To add still another unit, the farmer may handle 25 colonies of honey bees on

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#### "Women At War" Is **Topic For Meeting** Held Wednesday

Importance of Buying Bonds And Stamps Stressed By Leaders

By MRS. H. O. PEELE Wednesday, January 20th, twenty-five women met at a luncheon held at the Baptist Church for the purpose of "Women at War." These women represented Martin, Pitt,

Washington, Beaufort, Hyde, Edgecombe and Tyrrell Counties. Mrs. Nancy Roberson, of Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Carl Bishopric, of hairman of sixteen states and has an enviable reputation as a woman

f unusual ability. Mrs. Bishoprice is the state chairnan and is a very able speaker. Mrs. Hodges, of Washington, is

he district chairman and is well nown throughout this district for er interest and support for the Mrs. Paul Roberson, the county

hairman for women, and C. D. Cartarphen, the county chairman of defense, and Mrs. Betty Eason, the town chairman of women, were all n attendance. The meeting was opened by Mrs.

Hodges who in turn asked Mr. Hurby to lead the invocational exer ises. Mrs. Hodges then went directly into the business of the day.

She introduced Mrs. Bishopric, who spoke several minutes on the activities of the women at war in the State. She recognized Mr. Carstarphen and asked for his report and discussion of the county.

Following directly were the various reports of the towns, counties and rural districts.

The highlights of the meeting were centered around Mrs. Nancy Robinson. She has traveled extensively since becoming regional chairman and had quite a number of interesting experiences and helpful suggesions to offer. She urged the women to do all in their power to make the world conscious of the need at hand. To bring before the men, women, and children the importance of buy-

ng stamps and bonds. Lastly, she urged the women to work in close harmony with the men to help bring about a keen awareness of the critical needs of our fighting forces. She said, "Bravery is naught without arms and

equipment."